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## *Built For Speed*

*This bad boy is the late Jim Roberge's 1972 Jaguar V12 7.3L E-Type with 6 Webers, 600 HP, 575 ft lb torque and only 2,700 lbs curb weight. Stew Jones submitted this photo for one of the JANE calendars several years ago. Photograph by Bob Pirla.*

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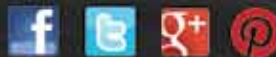
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## Early Driving Season in Sight?

Despite having sub-zero temperatures several weekends ago, followed by early summer highs, and combined with the slim chance that a groundhog named Phil could even possibly be correct, it is really beginning to look like we will be having an early driving season. The long-range forecast is starting to look pretty fair, even factoring in a high degree of error. Just the thought of this will bring out the smiles on so many faces as our Cats begin to roar back to life.

Once again, Chuck and Patt Centore made the arrangements for our Valentine's Day Dinner on Sunday, February 21st, at Bullfinch's Restaurant in Sudbury, Massachusetts. Despite a small timing issue, the bartender graciously allowed us in early and the libations began to flow, accompanied by generous conversation. Another excellent meal was had in the company of good friends. Many thanks to Chuck and Patt for putting this all together.

Our February meeting was well attended and started with a short remembrance of Dave Randall by Carl Hanson and Dennis Eklof. Dave was a long-time club member, going back to the days of NEXKA, New England XK Association, the predecessor of JANE. Serving as a long-time Board Member and as an AGM Delegate for a couple of times, Dave always brought a great perspective to what it was to have fun at the meetings and to driving our cars. He will be missed.

The main program treated us to the wonderful racing adventures of our own Frank Grimaldi. With a combination of still photos, in-car videos, and follow-along narration, the track experience was brought to life almost as though we were in the driver's seat. Frank has been able to achieve what some of us only think and dream about, but very rarely get the opportunity to do.

Our March events will start off with a MK 2 tech session at Eric Kriss's garage in Waltham, Massachusetts. Eric has been working on a 2.4 Mark 2 since June 2014, and according to our own MK 2 expert, Bruce Murray, this one is really in tip-top shape with many appropriate upgrades. If you like MK 2's, or just want to see what is possible in your own garage with a little time and effort, then you certainly don't want to miss this event!

The British Beer Company in Walpole, Massachusetts, will host our March monthly meeting, as the "Rust Brothers," John and Tom Brady, will take us on an adventure of their last couple of years, detailing the great treasures they have encountered and squirreled away for future use. They may even succumb to special orders for parts if you contact them before the meeting, and you might be lucky enough to acquire that fine piece of unobtainium you have been looking for. Make sure that you go on the website and register early for the monthly meeting so that Dean and Margie can have a timely accurate count for the restaurant.

Wrapping up our events for March will be the AGM in Scottsdale from the 31st through April 2nd. Howard Kalet and I will be JANE's delegates, accompanied by Dennis and Prebble Eklof, as well as Howard's wife, Joanne. Dennis is continuing on as one of our Northeast Regional Directors for JCNA, and we are very fortunate to have him. There are some pretty interesting special events planned for the weekend that will allow us to take in the flavor of the American Southwest, and I think we are all looking forward to being there.

The Quebec City trip has been shaping up quite nicely, and the June travel time will soon be here for one of the longest driving events in the history of our club. If you haven't signed up yet, you should contact Ed Avis

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or Mark Lenci to see if it is at all possible for you to go. Hopefully, they may still be able to squeeze you in.

We are very fortunate, as a club with such talented membership, to be able to hold the number and quality of events that we do every year. The event chairs are always ready to welcome new participation and support, so please don't hesitate to reach out and ask someone how you can help make this club even more of a success. I hope to see as many of you as possible at our upcoming events.

*Jim*



Frank Grimaldi receives a plaque of appreciation from Jim Sambold at the February meeting. Photo by Bill Richardson.

### Welcome New Members

Keith & Peggy Richardson	Londonderry, NH
Joe Skorupa	Milford, MA
Tom Kurtz	Spotford, NH
	1964 XJ6
	1966 E Type



JANE Membership as of February 28 is now up to 260 after three new members have joined, a number of late renewals, plus a member rejoining from Sydney, Australia! This compares quite favorably to last year, when JANE reached 253 members by the end of February. I expect a few more members will sign up after a mailing was sent out to encourage members with overdue memberships to renew for another year. Whatever our membership totals are, I will be proud to share our latest strong JANE membership levels at the upcoming AGM in Scottsdale.

Please encourage any of your friends who have any interest in JANE to attend an upcoming event as a guest. Brochures about the club are available at any of our meetings. Additionally, the JANE website is a great place for prospective members to sign in with a guest membership and see the full calendar of activities held year round. And of course they can sign up there as well!

Once again, if you have not renewed yet, please do so at your earliest opportunity. If you have not done so, as of February 1 your JANE/JCNA membership has expired. You may miss out on communications about our events.

Lastly, if any of our JANE family have news to share about personal events or your favorite pastimes, our Jaguars, please let us know. We would be happy to share your stories with our "extended" JANE family.

Our mild winter has given us a few opportunities to get out early. I am looking forward to even warmer weather to get our Cats out to play.

Cheers,  
Howard Kalet

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## JCNA Member Benefits

Here is an announcement from Jaguar on the new XE:

Pre-Order an XE: In addition to the anticipated JCNA discount, any member who reserves an XE now will receive complimentary built-in navigation. In addition, Jaguar Financial Group will offer a First Month Payment Waiver up to \$800 to customers who reserve a new Jaguar XE. For details go to <http://www.jaguarusa.com/all-models/x/x-reservation.html>.

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Here is an exciting offer from Jaguar on the new F-PACE (plus the video is really great):

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# Upcoming Events

## 2016 JANE Events Calendar

You may register for any JANE event online at [www.j-a-n-e.org](http://www.j-a-n-e.org) and pay in advance by credit card or PayPal

Date	Event	Location
March 12	Tech Session – Restoration of a Mark 2	Waltham, MA
March 23	JANE Monthly Meeting	British Beer Company, Walpole, MA
March 31-April 6	JCNA AGM & International Jaguar Festival	Scottsdale, AZ
April 10	JANE Maple Tour & Luncheon	Parker's Maple Barn, Mason, NH
April 27	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
May 15	JANE Concours Judges Training Session	TBA
May 25	JANE Monthly Meeting	LAAM, Brookline, MA
June 2-6	JANE Tour to Quebec City	Quebec, Canada
June 9-12	2nd Annual Bristol British Motorcar Festival	Bristol, RI
June 12	JCSNE Annual Concours	Middlefield, CT
June 18	JANE Spring Slalom	North Andover, MA
June 22	JANE Monthly Meeting	Inn at Bay Pointe, Quincy, MA
June 26	British Car Day on the Lawn at Larz Anderson	LAAM, Brookline, MA
July 24	JANE at Myopia Polo Club Match	South Hamilton, MA
July 27	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
August 12-14	JANE Annual Concours	Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA
August 20	JANE Potluck Picnic and Lawn Party	TBA
September 10	JANE Autumn Slalom	North Andover, MA
September 16-18	26th Annual British Invasion	Stowe, VT
September 18	5th Annual Boston Cup	Boston, MA
September 28	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
October 1	JANE Lobster Tour in Maine	TBA
October 14-16	JANE Martha's Vineyard Weekend	Martha's Vineyard
October 26	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
November 16	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
December 4	JANE Holiday Party and AGM	Vesper Country Club, Tyngsboro, MA



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## Upcoming Events

**JANE March Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 23**  
**British Beer Company**  
**85 Providence Highway (Route 1), Walpole, MA**  
**02081**



Based on popular demand, we are bringing back the Brady Brothers (Tom, John, and of course Don!) for "The Rust Brothers Revisited." We all love the History Channel shows about barn finds and American Pickers. The Brady Brothers have lived this life for eight years, as they travel throughout the country in search of hordes of Jaguar parts in junkyards full of abandoned Jaguars. The Bradys intend to update us on the last three years of their exploits in backyards and chicken coops.

6:00PM Cocktails

7:00PM Dinner

Cost: \$30 for Buffet Dinner (including tax and tip). Cash Bar

We will have an outstanding British Beer Company buffet dinner with Shepherd's Pie, fish 'n' chips, salad, vegetables, and dessert. The cash bar will be open early and throughout the evening, and we can try a huge variety of draft and bottled beers.

**RSVP:** Register on the JANE website or call/email right away.

Dean Saluti or Margie Cahn

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Directions: Route 128/93 S to Exit 15B to merge onto U.S. 1 S/Boston-Providence Turnpike toward Norwood. Continue for about five miles, and the BBC will be on your right.



### **Tech Session – The Restoration of a Mark 2 Waltham, Massachusetts Saturday, March 12, 10am**

The Mark 2 Jaguars are a favorite of many people, but they suffer from a rather low market value that means they are not always kept in the best of health. The cost of professional services for full reconditioning far outweighs a collector's appraisal, and so it is left to competent owners to keep the cars in fine fettle.

Eric Kriss has taken on the complete rebuilding of a Mark 2 with a meticulous (or perhaps obsessive) approach to the task. It is being done with an extraordinary level of thoroughness and has been completely documented. Eric has made certain changes from the original, including a major revision of the electrical wiring and the fitting of a modern electronics multi-function display with a backup camera.

At the time of this event, the car will essentially be complete except for the final outer body painting and interior upholstery. The project has progressed very quickly, having started only in June 2014.

Eric's blog may be seen at <http://fairislepress.com/WP/>. This website not only details all the work and tribulations encountered, but also provides interesting background information on the original vendors of some components.

The car is being built in a very well equipped garage that has room for a good number of visitors. Street parking is very limited, but there is a municipal parking lot between Common and Lexington Streets that is only a short walk away (see map).

Kriss's garage location is at **10 Middle Street Court, Waltham, Massachusetts**.

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### **JANE Spring Maple Syrup Tour to Parker's Maple Barn**

Spring officially arrives on March 20th! But it doesn't really begin until we have our traditional welcoming of spring, the JANE tour to Parker's Maple Barn in Mason, New Hampshire. The tour is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th, when the maple sap will be running freely and our Jaguars will be ready to run out of their winter hibernation.

Parker's is one of our area's most popular destinations for breakfast and lunch at that time of year. When we visit, Parker's Sugar House will be in full operation, their rustic barn restaurant will be doling out sausages and stacks of pancakes swimming in real maple syrup, and their Corn Crib Gift Shop will be featuring good stuff. There's a lot of information about Parker's on their website at [www.parkersmaplebarn.com](http://www.parkersmaplebarn.com).

The maple touring season will be in full swing by that weekend, so in order for Parker's to accommodate our group in our own dining room, we plan to arrive a bit later in the day. We will meet at Johnson's Restaurant in Groton, Massachusetts ([www.johnsonsdivein.com](http://www.johnsonsdivein.com)) at 12:30pm, and be on our way by 1pm, with our maple rally drivers following two different sets of directions to Parker's. We'll arrive about 2pm, leaving a little time to take the sugar house tour or visit the gift shop before we are seated in our JANE dining room at around 2:30.

For those who prefer to meet the group at Parker's, go to Parker's website for directions.

Bruce Whitmore is organizing this event, and for planning purposes, Bruce needs to get a head count in advance for Parker's. The first 30 people who register will be in our own event room. Others will be seated in the main dining area on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register online on the JANE website or call Bruce (cell: 781-307-8560) by April 5th if you plan to attend.



### **JANE Member Charles Centore To Receive the 2016 Prestigious “I Migliori in Mens et Gesta” (The Best in Mind and Deeds) Award**

Long-time JANE member and former Board member Charles “Chuck” Centore will be honored by Boston’s Pirandello Lyceum on Saturday evening, April 9, 2016, at the Airport Hilton in Boston. This will be an elegant, high-profile banquet event that is always covered by the media. Chuck is receiving this award for his lifetime achievements as a high-tech entrepreneur. Tickets are \$75 per person for the meal and wine at the table. There will be a cash bar, and it is business attire.



JANE members are invited to attend this Awards Banquet to support the Centore family.

For more information and ticket purchase, contact Dean Saluti at [djsaluti@aol.com](mailto:djsaluti@aol.com) or call 617-285-6565.

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### **JANE Tour to Quebec City**

**June 2016**

Ed, Cheryl, Mark, and Bev had a WONDERFUL visit to Quebec City last month to finalize hotel arrangements for the JANE tour there in June. It appears that everyone on the hotel staff knows about JANE’s trip, and they are very excited that we were going to have our cars there. Mark and Ed were particularly happy to get a thorough review and approval of the plan details by their spouses. They were really pleased with the hospitality and attention to detail by the hotel staff, which gave us confidence we have made the right call on the hotel. This trip is going to be a great experience!

If you are considering this trip and have not yet signed up, we recommend that you decide before mid-March. The trip is approaching the maximum number of people we can handle. In April we will be asking for final headcounts for events. If you wish to join the trip or have questions, please call Mark (617-515-8050) or Ed (207-737-8258), so we can personally handle adding you to the activities.

We and the hotel staff recommend that you check out the “Quebec City and area” website to get an idea in advance of what you may want to do during the times that we do not have organized events. You will also find the hotel staff extremely helpful in advising you. The website is found at: <http://www.quebecregion.com/en/>. We are organizing small group, two-hour walking tours of the old city on Friday and Sunday. Most of the details, such as final headcounts for various activities and meal selections, will be addressed in a detailed communication to participants at the beginning of April.

If you plan to join the group driving up from Waterville, Maine, on the morning of June 2 and wish to spend the night of June 1 there before the rally, please make your reservations NOW at the Fireside Inn & Suites in Waterville. Call the hotel (207-873-3335) directly. Tell them you are with the Jaguar Association of New England for our group rate of \$74.46. June 2-5 is also Reunion Weekend at nearby Colby College and all rooms in the area will soon be booked!

That’s it for now - watch for more information in April!

Mark and Ed

### JANE Community Loses Another Long-time Member and Friend

By Dennis Eklof

It is with a heavy heart that I report to you that Dave Randall passed away at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston on February 9 at age 64.

Dave had been in and out of the hospital (mostly in) since being diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in July 2014. He was undergoing treatment to prepare him for a bone marrow transplant, his only hope for recovery. Sadly, time ran out.

Dave and his wife, Becky, were two of the first people Prebble and I met after joining JANE, nearly 15 years ago, and a nicer, friendlier, more outgoing, and more giving couple could not be hoped for. Dave was also a real “car guy.” He worked for Grappone Toyota for 26 years, and lived and

breathed cars, especially Jaguars. Before retiring and moving to the Dallas, Texas, area a few years ago to be closer to family and farther from snow, Dave and Becky were among JANE’s most active members and maintained their attachment to JANE and many of its members even after the move, when they also joined the Jaguar Drivers Club of North Texas and resumed club activities there. Dave was also a member of VSCCA and the SCAA.

When I say Dave was a long-time member of JANE, that is an understatement. The picture at right is of Dave and Becky before they were married, at a meeting of the New England XK Association, JANE’s predecessor, in November 1969! Dave was an active JANE member till the end. He attended one of our monthly meetings and the October Lobster Tour last year despite his grave illness.

Dave and Becky were active members throughout. Carl Hanson, who knew Dave well, recalls two incidents in particular. One revolves around a TSD rally – yes, we used to do them. Dave and Carl teamed up, but came in dead last because they were so busy talking about cars they lost complete track of time and speed.

The other was a harbinger of things to come for JANE. Back when Carl was president (not sure whether it was his first or second two-year stint), when JANE used to meet at Skip’s Diner in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Dave spoke up and said “These board meetings are boring. Who wants to drive all this way to hear a secretary’s report, a treasurer’s report, old business, new business? We should have speakers and talk about Jaguars.” We all know where that has led, with JANE meetings almost always featuring some sort of Jaguar-related entertainment, and meeting attendance averaging three or four times what we could expect in the Skip’s days.

And of course Dave loved his XK120, drove it everywhere, and often slalomed it, as in the photo on the next page. Recently Dave and Becky bid farewell to the 120 and switched to more modern Jaguars, including an



XK8, and most recently an XKR, but his enthusiasm for everything Jaguar never waned.

Dave maintained his warm and optimistic attitude throughout the long ordeal that both he and Becky, who was almost simultaneously diagnosed with ALS, have been through. Several JANE members visited him in the hospital over recent months, and it was always the same. Dave was optimistic, upbeat, and, as usual, wanted to talk about cars. I hope that if ever I face similar circumstances I can be half as warm and gracious as Dave was over the last year.

We will all miss Dave very much.



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## Upcoming Events

### JANE's Concours d'Elegance and Jaguar Festival

August 12–14, 2016

Are you thinking summer yet? Be sure to include plans to participate in JANE's Concours weekend in August. Enter your Jaguar for judging, or merely for display. If you don't want to enter your Jag in the competition, just come on out for the camaraderie of the weekend.

It's fun to arrive at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on Friday afternoon for an evening of socializing and helping to set up for the big day on Saturday. Saturday is a full day, beginning with the beautiful Jaguars driving onto the show field in the morning and all the meticulous detailing of the cars going on until "rags down" at noon, when the judging begins. In the meantime, music will be going all day. We expect some dealer and vendor displays, along with a display of JANE regalia. There will be the usual Raffle in the gazebo on the show field and the Silent Auction in the Hospitality Suite. The winners of the Raffle and Silent Auction items will be announced mid-afternoon as the judging is winding up. Then there will be cocktails, awards, and dinner under the tent, followed by more schmoozing in the Hospitality Suite in the evening. The event will conclude with the usual Poker Run Sunday morning.

It takes the contributions of a lot of people to make this fun event the success it has always been. Think about what you can do to help. Here are just a few suggestions:

- We are still looking for someone to host the Hospitality Suite for the weekend.
- Contribute some food items for the Hospitality Suite.
- Donate some items for the Raffle and Silent Auction.
- Help with setting up the Raffle and Silent Auction.
- Volunteer to sell Raffle tickets.

Check out the full schedule for the event on the JANE website, or contact our Concours Chair, Jane Murray, at 781-729-1886 or mszahna@hotmail.com, to volunteer to help or to ask any questions you may have.



Photo by Seth Phoenix

## JANE Valentine's Dinner

By Dennis Eklof

Photos by Chuck Centore and Dennis Eklof

JANE once again celebrated Valentine's Day (albeit a week late) with a festive dinner gathering at the always-excellent Bullfinch's Restaurant in Sudbury, Massachusetts. About 30 JANE members joined the fun, with cocktails at about 4 o'clock and a very leisurely dinner beginning about 5:30. As with last year, we had a large section of the restaurant set aside for our private party.

Many thanks again go to Chuck and Patt Centore for arranging this event.



**Clockwise from above: Event hosts Chuck & Patt Centore. Linda & Paul Bicknell. Brand new member Doug Touart and his friend Darby at their first JANE event. At the bar are Dean Saluti, Frank Grimaldi, Margie Cahn and Margie's daughter Suzanna. Bill & Phyllis Powell, Judy & Andy Picariello, and Jim Sambold share a table.**



### New Features on the JANE Website

By Dennis Eklof

We have introduced several new features on the JANE website in recent weeks that you might want to check out:

#### Post Your Own News Stories:

Ever see a Jaguar-related news story on the Internet that you wanted to share with fellow Jag lovers? Well now you can do it easily through the JANE website! You can see instructions for doing this in the February 2016 issue of the *Coventry Cat*.

#### Member News Stories:

Several months ago we remodeled the main part of the JANE home page. In the past, it has been the place to go for the monthly President's Update, but we thought it would be much more useful to expand its content and bring more information about the club's activities right up front. So we remodeled accordingly. The updated Home Page is now divided into four sections, some of which contain several items. For each item, only the title and the first paragraph or so are shown. Articles that exceed that length have a *more* link at the end, and clicking on that link reveals the entire article. When the entire article is visible, there is a *less* link that will close the article back to the title and leading paragraph.

The four sections are:

- **President's Update:** This section contains the President's Update, as usual.
- **Coming JANE Events:** Shows the next four JANE events on the calendar. Clicking on the title jumps immediately to the detailed event flier. Clicking *more* reveals much of the same information without ever leaving the Home Page.
- **Club News:** This is what is really new. It is designed to be a place for non-specific stories of general interest to club members, e.g., the recent story on the Jaguar Performance Driving Tour. Got something to say to fellow members? Write it up and send the story, and a photo if relevant, to the webmaster and we will add it into this section.
- **Recent Event Reports:** Contains summary information and links to detailed event reports for recent events.

#### New JANE Classified Ads Procedures:

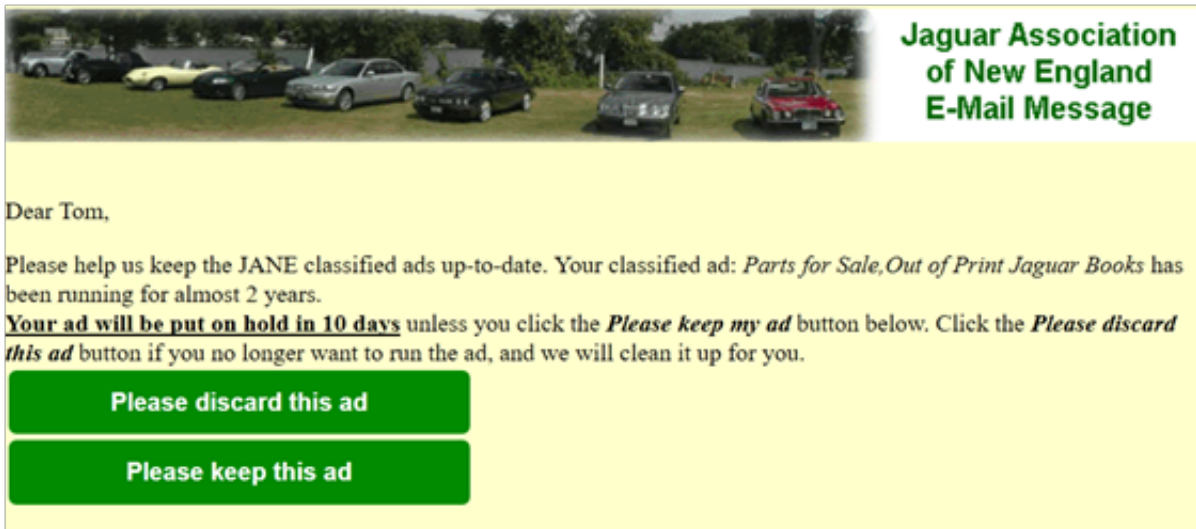
We've revised the handling of JANE classified ads to try to keep the content of the ads page up-to-date and relevant.

Periodically, the JANE Classified Ads Manager (currently Carl Hanson) will initiate the sending of emails to all classified advertisers on the JANE site.

If your ad is less than four months old, you need do nothing and your ad will continue. However, if you are through with your ad, you can click on the big green **Please discard this ad** button, and our web server will now take complete care of removing your ad. You no longer have to login to the website and manually remove your ad, just click the button on the email. What could be easier?

If your ad is over 120 days old, you will be given the choice of either continuing or discarding the ad, with a button for each option. As above, you don't need to login, just click the appropriate button. If you do not click

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Of course, you can add new ads and edit or delete old ads just as before by logging in and going to either **My JANE>Add/Modify/Delete Ad or Classified Ads>Add/Modify/Delete Ad**, and as always, ads are free for JANE members.

Also, members can run ads indefinitely if they choose, only now an extra click is required periodically to confirm continuation unless you contact the webmaster and request perennial status for your ad. This will avoid future confirmation emails.

### New Event Email Opt-out Option

JANE has always provided a mechanism for members to opt-out of receiving JANE emails on events and other news. There are two ways of doing so. The first is to login to the JANE site and then go to **My JANE>Update Profile**. On the second of the five pages of information in your personal profile, there are radio buttons toward the bottom for opting out of event-related and business-related emails.

The second means of opting out completely from JANE emails is the opt-out link at the bottom of each email we send out. Clicking that link generates an email, and sending that email notifies us of your wish to no longer receive our emails.

What's new is that **you can now easily opt-out of getting emails on an event-by-event basis**. In the past, whenever you got an email promoting a JANE event, it usually had a **Register Now** button. Clicking that button automatically logged you on to the JANE site and took you directly to the event registration form.

That feature has not changed. Now, however, there will be a companion button, the **Won't Make It** button. Clicking that button will send an instant message to the JANE web server that you no longer want to get emails about this particular event. No need to log on, no emails to send, just click the button and we will no longer add to your inbox about this event. Receiving emails about other events or other JANE business will not be affected.



### This One Didn't Get Away



Story & photos by Dennis Eklof

I am happy to report that we have kept one of the finest E-Types on earth within JANE. Eric and Gary Hagopian recently purchased Ben Sava's Regency Red 1971 V12 E-Type 2+2.

Until recent years, when health issues interfered with his ability to drive the manual-shift car, Ben was a perennial competitor and frequent class winner in JANE's annual Concours d'Elegance, with scores typically in the high 99's. The car also won the JCNA national class award in 1985 and 1989, so you know the car is beautiful.

Ben bought the car new, and it has traveled a total of only 52,000 miles in all those years. For many years the car sat proudly atop a Persian rug in Ben's Arlington, Massachusetts, garage and was lovingly tended and rolled out for car shows and short sunny-day drives. But finally, late in 2014, he made the difficult decision to part with his treasure.

When it comes time to sell our prized collector cars, most of us end up selling to relative strangers and the car passes out of our lives completely. But not this time. Eric Hagopian first became enamored with Ben's car when he saw it at a show at Larz Anderson Auto Museum sometime in the early 1980s. Over the years both he and Gary saw the car many times at various shows in New England and always admired it, but of course it was never for sale. When you buy something as beautiful as an E-Type, the longer you have it the more difficult it is to part with it.

Thanks go to another JANE member, Aldo Cipriano, for putting seller and potential buyer together, and thus began the lengthy negotiations that finally culminated in the sale a few weeks ago. During the negotiations Eric never even went to see the car, and Gary was in Florida for the winter. He knew the car and Ben well enough, as fellow JANE members, that it was never felt necessary to actually see the car.

So one day recently Eric took a trailer to Ben's house to pick up the car and the parts. It turns out that over the years of ownership, Ben had accumulated a basement full of parts for the car – NOS bumpers, entire exhaust systems, and much more – and the parts were part of the deal. Packing up the parts in the basement took about three hours, during which time Ben and Eric were able to share many things about the car, and

Ben had a story about how and when he acquired just about every single part. Eric says he learned a great deal about the new Hagopian acquisition, and perhaps it was Ben's way of bidding goodbye to his old friend.





Ben now laments that when he opens his garage, all he sees is the rug.

But the car is going to a good home and will be around JANE hopefully for many years to come. It is now down at Dean Cusano's shop (Motorcars Incorporated) for a checkup, and Gary already has travel plans for the car, possibly on the JANE tour to Quebec City in early June. The car will definitely again be at the JANE Concours d'Elegance in August, hopefully with Ben in his folding chair at the rear, as was the case for so many years.

And what about Eric? He is waiting in line for his turn at the wheel.



Previous page top: Ben Sava's 1971 E-Type was for sale in the Coventry Cat for over a year before the Hagopians bought it. Bottom: Under the bonnet is a well-maintained V-12. This page above left: This is what only 52K miles of seat wear looks like! Above right and right: This is what 45 years of E-Type replacement parts looks like. Below left: Ben and Eric seal the deal. Below right: This is the end of one journey for the E-Type but a new one will begin with the Hagopians. Ben has left it in good hands.





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This is a low mileage, 100% rust-free, matching numbers 1969 XKE Jaguar 2+2 Coupé, Series 2, with rare factory air and automatic transmission. Manual and jack included.

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