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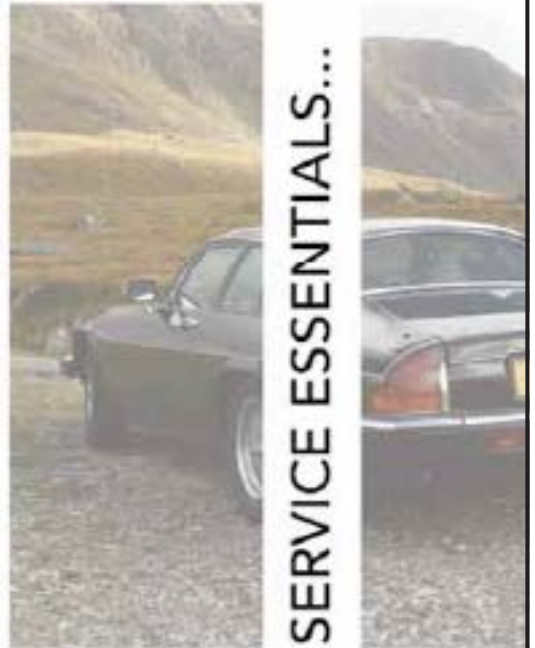
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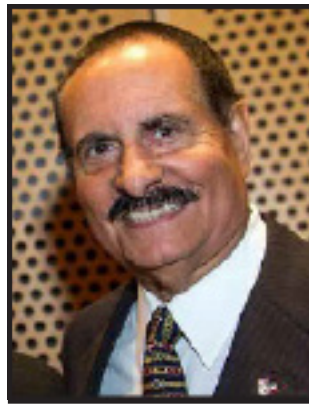
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From the President Dean Saluti



JANE's February 2018 focused on committee activities to keep us moving down the road in the right direction. The weather kept us indoors, but the upside is that we ate a lot of great meals as we worked.

Marjorie and I had the honor of working with JANE 2018 Concours Chair, Daniel Graf, and his brilliant wife, Jeanine. This was a long planning session that forced us to think "outside the box" in order to bring many new, exciting features to this year's Concours. Jeanine had a wealth of innovative ideas. Dan really hit the ground running, as he created an immediate "To-Do List" that he put into motion the very next day. Max Paronich, JANE member and career chef, was matched with JANE member John Romano, a catering professional, and both have agreed to run this year's hospitality suite. This year's Chief Judge, Aldo Cipriano, drove with Dan Graf to Connecticut to attend JCSNE's monthly dinner meeting (JCSNE is our sister Jaguar club in Connecticut). They were warmly received, and we can expect strong support from JCSNE this year. The Grafts and Marjorie and I will travel to Sturbridge this week to begin working out Concours details with the hotel. Stay tuned!

Our new Coventry Cat Editor's second issue was very well done. Editor David Moulton again wrote, collected, and edited articles for this edition, with a picture of JANE Secretary Bonnie Getz's cat on the cover. JANE member Brian McMahon's articles were, as always, fun to read. It was interesting to learn that new JANE Board member Ray Binder and his wife Peggy have been in JANE for nearly 25 years. Pamela Donnaruma and her staff at Boston's Post-Gazette weekly newspaper continue to do an impressive job on layout and printing. We will begin to receive the online edition through Constant Contact thanks to JANE member Ken Lemoine's son, Brett, a Constant Contact executive and great resource for us. We thank JANE member Barbara McLachlan for her "circulation duties," as the printed version hit the mail right on schedule.

Back to committee activities. The JANE IT Committee continues to prepare us for the "future impact of the ever-changing, fast-moving IT environment." Our IT Committee, Chuck Centore, John Brady, Marjorie Cahn, and David Moulton, were joined in this month's working session by Bonnie Getz and me. As Constant Contact's use for event communication is being refined, the IT Committee has begun to analyze further use of this effective communication tool. I will keep you informed

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of this Committee's progress, as it moves ahead.

Thanks to Chuck Centore, JANE VP of Events, we have continued to add new events to our 2018 schedule. Our JANE Valentine's Dinner was a huge success. Chuck and Patt Centore hosted this event at Bullfinchs restaurant in Sudbury. JANE members Ambassador Bob Gosende and his wife, Mary Beth, drove from Albany to join us and stayed at the Publick House in Sturbridge. It was wonderful to be joined by new members Dirk Burrowes and Lysiane Wing. Dirk surprised us with the announcement of his new public TV series on classic cars that is just now being produced. New JANE members David and Ginger Zeller have been working on our North Shore Clambake and Pool Party at the beautiful Kernwood Country Club in Salem. Details to come.

Our Slalom Chairs, Glen McLachlan and Rich Hanley, have begun working on the annual June Slalom. They have coordinated with JCNA and the Slalom venue contacts. In addition, they have received excellent guidance from last year's Slalom Chairs, Rich Kosinski and Paul Bicknell. This should be a fun and exciting event.

I am looking forward to the February Dinner Meeting at Longfellow's Wayside Inn. Thanks to JANE member and renowned classic car collector Tom Larsen, Chuck Centore was able to schedule our speaker, Angus Dykman, from Gooding & Company, a world-class automotive auction house. Angus will introduce us to the auction industry and will share his experiences. Of course, the Wayside Inn promises another great buffet, and who can believe that it costs only \$30, all inclusive - meal, tax, and tip!? Come early and enjoy the camaraderie over drinks in the Tavern, as we all talk "Jags."

Let's "rev our engines" and continue to work together to keep JANE the "biggest and best Jaguar Club in North America."



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JANE Membership Report

by Howard Kalet



I hope many members have taken advantage of the recent break in winter weather, to get your Cats out on the road. I certainly have!

JANE Membership as of February 19th now stands at 240 full members, plus 10 associate members. This is the total number of members that has been registered with JCNA for 2018. For comparison, this total membership count is slightly behind of our JCNA registration in 2017 which was 242 full members.

I am happy to report that we have 4 new members joining this month. Please welcome them at upcoming meetings and events!

My efforts continue to be focused on getting late members to rejoin as well as recruiting new members. JANE Membership runs for the calendar year. JANE extends a 30-day grace period which ended at the end of

January. So, to confirm, as of February 1, 2018 any member who has not renewed for 2018 is no longer an active JANE member. However, his/her profile will remain in our database in case they renew later on.

I am also reporting that we have 9 Guests who are enjoying their 90-day, “free drive” of JANE membership, which includes full website access.

To review, our JANE member list has been sent off to JCNA for our yearly registration. JANE members should be proud of our strong membership level of 240 members, which will be shared at the upcoming JCNA AGM meeting in March. It is possible that JANE will be the largest JCNA club. Our members and delegates attending the upcoming AGM will hear the details soon!

Badges

JANE car badges, as in the past, are available for sale at \$45 each. Please let me know if you are interested in obtaining a badge and one will be on the way to you!

Welcome New Members:

TONY AND SANDY MANGANARO, WAKEFIELD, MA
'95 XJS Convertible, '97 XK8 Convertible

JOHN MULFORD, TURNER, ME

ANTHONY AND KATHY FONTAINE, YARMOUTH, ME
1976 XJC, Series II

LARRY BAITCH, WORCESTER, MA
1997 XK8 Convertible

UPCOMING EVENTS in FEBRUARY and MARCH

- **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH - JANE's February Monthly Meeting at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury. Drinks at 6 PM, Dinner at 7 PM.**

Our speaker will be Angus Dykman of Goodings Auctions. Angus has been working with vintage cars professionally since 2010. In 2016, he was hired by Gooding and Company as their east coast specialist. His expertise centers on post-war sports and racing cars and motorcycles, but also includes pre-war and modern automobiles.

As many of our club members visit Amelia Island events each year, Angus will focus his attention on the Amelia event and some of the special cars being auctioned off this year. He will also try to prepare those of us who might be interested in going but have never participated in an automobile auction, with some tips on proper protocol for being a bidder/buyer at the auction.

Contact Chuck Centore (cpcentore@comcast.net) or call 978 201 9782 to register.

- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, JANE's March Monthly Meeting at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury. Drinks at 6 PM, Dinner at 7 PM.**

Our speaker will be Dean Cusano, of Motorcars Inc. in Plainville, CT. Dean will discuss his restoration of the E-Type Enzo Sez. He'll also tell us about Dream Ride, a fund-raising project that we all might want to participate in. Go to Dreamride.org for some background.

Coordinator: Chuck Centore (cpcentore@comcast.net), 978-201-9782.

- **SUNDAY, APRIL 8, PARKER'S MAPLE SYRUP BARN RALLY IN MASON, NH.
Meet at Johnson's Drive-In, 164 Boston Road, Groton, MA 01450**

Spring doesn't actually arrive *until* we have our traditional JANE tour to Parker's Maple Barn. This year the tour is scheduled for Sunday, April 8th, when the maple sap will be running freely and our Jaguars will also be ready (sort of) to run, ending their winter hibernation.

In order for Parker's to accommodate our group in our very own dining room, the rally doesn't commence until a fully civilized hour is reached. So we will meet at Johnson's Restaurant and Dairy Bar in Groton, Massachusetts at 12:30 PM, and be on our way by 1 p.m., with our maple rally drivers following two different sets of directions to Parker's. We'll arrive about 2 o'clock, leaving a little time to go on the sugar house tour or else go visit the gift shop before we are seated in our JANE dining room at around 2:30. And if you don't want to rally, just meet up with everyone at Parker's around 2 PM. Note that rallymaster Bruce Whitmore needs to get a head count (hint: the first 30 people who register will be in our own JANE event room). Others will be seated in the main dining area on a first-come-first-served basis. So please register, either online, by calling Bruce or by emailing him, no later than April 4th if you plan to attend.

Coordinator: Bruce Whitmore: whitmorebk@comcast.net - cell: 781-307-8560

Event Report

Text by Chuck Centore - Photos by Bonnie Getz and Chuck Centore

Valentine . . . Dinner . . . Bullfinchs . . . Ahhhh!



Bullfinchs in the rain

Veni, vidi, mangiar! We came, we saw, we ate! And it was good!!

While the weather was not perfect, we avoided all the snow we were blessed with last year. This year the weather was tolerable and the camaraderie was superb. A total of 30 members came out this Sunday afternoon to celebrate with their Jaguar friends at Bullfinchs Restaurant in Sudbury, MA.



Schmoozing (too many of us to name – and we know who we are)

While we took over a cozy corner of the restaurant, there was plenty of mingling about and chatting going on amongst old and new friends. It's always a great opportunity to learn more about our Jaguar friends when we sit down together and break bread. An old boss of mine once said that having lunch with a customer is the best sales call you can make all day. I still believe that and know that getting together like this and other times with our Jaguar friends is a great opportunity to learn more about others who share our interest in Jaguar. What good fun.



Steve and Laurel Gilbert discuss SU carburetors



Darby Stokes and Doug Touart consider upgrading to a new E-Type Zero!



Frank Grimaldi slows down to smell the roses with Ann

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Graham and Jane Briggs are actually enjoying February!



Dirk Burrowes and Lysiane Wing evaluate the characteristics of various racing fuels.



Margie and Dean Saluti consider their next snowblower.

We all ordered off of a special menu that included a great house salad, a winter mushroom soup, a really nice salmon, a very tender filet with blue cheese and a pecan-encrusted chicken. Add to that some thoroughly delicious desserts that couldn't possibly be healthy, but hey! Some of us even went off the menu and chose the last of Bob's Raspberry Chocolate Fudge Bread Pudding. What a treat!

By the time the evening was over, the rain had stopped and the weather for the next few days looked a good bit better. It's still just the beginning of February and we certainly have more winter to come, but the atmosphere inside was warm with friendly breezes all night.



Glenn McLachlan and Dean Saluti consider the reliability of Porsches.



Patt and Chuck Centore wonder what the new G-Type is going to be like.



Steve and Jan Wetzel, Bonnie Getz, Dave Moulton, John and Sue Frost discuss emigrating to Castle Bromwich, UK.

THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE XK ENGINE (and accounts of previous celebrations)

Text by Carl Hanson, "XK Club," Northeast USA Representative. Photos by various photographers.



The XK70 Celebration logo

Seventy years ago this October, Jaguar unveiled its new XK engine, installed in the bodywork of a beautiful sports car at the Earl's Court Motor Show in London. The sports car, named XK120, was built on a shortened Mk V chassis, with aluminum skin wrapped around a wooden frame. The car was intended only as a promotional platform for the new engine planned for Jaguar's upcoming saloon cars. However, the public sensation created by the XK120 convinced Jaguar to go into production of the sports car along with its saloons. The rest is history, as they say. Jaguar's brand became iconic for its beautifully designed automobiles. And the legendary Jaguar XK engine would power the company's sports cars and saloons for 40 more years.



The legendary Jaguar XK engine

In June of this year, Philip Porter's "XK Club" is sponsoring a celebration of the 70th Anniversary of that introduction with a truly spectacular Jaguar festival at Shelsley Walsh, near Worcester in the Midlands of England. "XK70" includes a huge range of events with an estimated 700 XKs participating. The early estimate is 220 XK120s, 220 XK140s and 220 XK150s plus 40 racers, altogether an amazing gathering of our classic sports cars. It is expected that many more XK-engined Jaguars will attend.

Center of activities starting June 9th will be Shelsley Walsh, a place famous for its historic hill climb track.



The Shelsley Walsh Speed Hillclimb Course

There will be a competitive hillclimb, cars from all over the world, over 100 vendors, Jaguar personalities, a vintage fashion show as well as a 1948-themed dinner and dance party. SNG Barrett are major sponsors of the event, and our friend Tony Lee from SNG Barrett's Manchester, NH branch will be there in the vendor booth. He is hoping to see JANE members there as well.

A Friday to Monday weekend hotel package, called "The XK70 Platinum Weekend" is arranged at some classic hotels (read "beautiful old English mansions") in the area. For those who want to continue touring after the weekend, an "XK70 Limited Edition Tour" will proceed through the Cotswolds for the rest of the week. Full details of XK70 organized events are available at www.xk70.co.uk.

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Looking Back: The 50th Anniversary Celebration. XK70 continues the series of XK celebrations starting with the 50th Anniversary in 1998. That year, “XK50” was celebrated by Jaguar clubs at Donington Park racetrack. Displays by the factory and vendors in combination with driving tours throughout the country marked the occasion. Although many were focused on the introduction of the XK120, the actual theme of XK50 was the introduction of the XK engine, a remarkable power plant for Jaguars lasting well into the 1970s. A great number of XK-powered Jaguars and Jaguar fans from all over the world gathered for XK50, including 26 JCNA members (10 from JANE).



Start of the XK50 Celebration Tour



Early XK120s at XK50

The 60th Anniversary Celebration. Ten years later, in 2008 for the 60th Anniversary, “XK Club” sponsored XK60 at Goodwood racetrack. This time, the festivities extended over a couple of weeks, including an 11-day tour ending up at Goodwood. The center of activities featured exhibitors, a Bonhams auction, craft displays, an art exhibition, track racing, displays of historic XKs as well as appearances by Stirling Moss and Norman Dewis. More than 600 XKs (XK120, XK140, XK150, XKC, and XKD) plus hundreds more Jaguars gathered for that event. It was called the biggest Jaguar event of the millennium. Perhaps not so, with XK70 looming this year? We shall see.



The XK60 field at Goodwood, 2008



Philip Porter's XK60 display of XKs

JANE Participation. As mentioned previously, JANE members have participated in these celebrations, especially the XK50 in 1998. In attendance that year were Bruce and Donna Cunningham, Gary and Sue Hagopian, Maxine Gould and Tom Giffen, Bob and Paula Alexander, and James and Anita Hadley. Following are two reports from JANE members.

The Hagopian Story. Gary reported on XK50 in the September 1998 “Coventry Cat.” Gary and Sue were part of an organized bus tour associated with the event. Factory visits and special banquets were enjoyed by all. Gary’s story in “The ‘Cat” gave a full accounting of the experience, including the interesting people they met and the fantastic cars they saw. He estimated there were more than 1000 Jaguars present at Donington Park that weekend and remarked, “To have stood on the hill contemplating the seemingly endless field of XKs, was to have been part of an epic, never to be repeated, scene.” Gary summed it up as “...a monumental event, never to

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be equaled relative to Jaguar XKs.” (Note: It turns out, XK50 was just the warm-up. XK60 was larger, and XK70 is expected to be larger still!)

The Cunningham Story. Another interesting story is told by former JANE member, Bruce Cunningham. Bruce and Donna shipped their famous “It’s OK to Touch this Car” XK120 roadster to England for XK50, and continued with a tour of England and Scotland. *(A footnote: Cunningham’s XK120 was featured in a Newsweek magazine article, “A Sign of Civility in an Uncivilized World,” in the 14 February 2000 issue. Contrary to the rules of most car shows, their XK120 features a sign telling people “It’s OK to Touch this Car,” and welcoming children to sit in it. Bruce and Donna believe that making the car approachable will help generate future interest in our classic cars.)* Their adventures were documented in a travelogue you can still read on-line (<http://users.gmavt.net/dcunning/xk50.htm>). It’s a good read even now, 20 years later, especially the parts where Bruce gives driving tips for Americans who drive on the “wrong” side of the road!

Among the high points of Bruce and Donna’s trip were touring the Jaguar Factory at Browns Lane with other XK fans, meeting fellow XK Lovers (a forum of the Jag Lovers website) who were attending the XK50 event at Donington Park, driving on back roads in England and Scotland in the XK120, playing the bagpipes in Scotland (that would have been Bruce, not Donna!), wearing his Cunningham tartan kilt every day in Scotland (again, just Bruce), while also enjoying the hospitality of remarkably friendly people.



The Cunningham XK120 in England

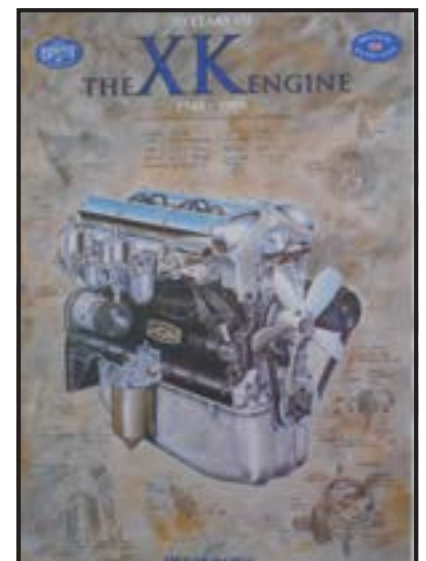
There was a significant low point in their story, however. Most of their luggage was stolen from the boot of their XK120 during shipment to England. Thieves had taken their clothes, including Bruce’s entire Scottish outfit – kilt, belt, sporran, socks, garters, shirt and sweater. All gone. Bagpipes were left in place – no surprise there!

Later, Bruce discovered all his tools, spare parts, and shop manual were missing as well. Lesson to be learned: if you ship your car overseas, don’t expect to find anything left in the boot. Except bagpipes, maybe.

An attentive reader may have spotted an inconsistency here: how could Bruce have worn his kilt every day in Scotland if it had gone missing when the car arrived in England? Well, after refurbishing their daily wardrobe at Harrod’s in London and attending XK50 festivities, Bruce and Donna continued on to Scotland. Their first stop was a woolen mill museum where they were directed to the best place to buy plaid in the Cunningham tartan. There, Bruce re-outfitted himself with the correct material and once again regained his heritage. He proudly wore the kilt for the rest of the trip – and didn’t pack it in the boot for the shipment home!

Closing Comments. With this writing, I have touched on some significant celebrations of Jaguar’s past – XK50, XK60 and now, XK70. The question is: will we, in 2028, have an XK80? I wonder. Futurists tell us that electric cars will dominate the roads by the start of the next decade. Many will be autonomous and rather than driving, we will be sitting back, drinking coffee (and/or scotch) and reading a computer screen while caught in traffic on the way to work or play. The gnarly curves on Route 100 in Vermont will be taken at what computers think are safe speeds. Fossil-fueled vehicles may become banned. Our beautiful XK-engined cars will be relegated to museums or will become rusting hulks in our garages and backyards. Our children, ever more tightly glued to their “smart” phones, will have no clue about carburetors and such. Most will not even have driver’s licenses.

So if you are the owner (or fan) of any of the classic XKs, get yourself (and your car!) across the Pond in June for XK70. Echoing Gary’s words above, XK70 will be “...a monumental event, never to be equaled relative to Jaguar XKs.” You, too, could return with an exciting tale to tell. However, don’t leave your kilt in the boot!



The original XK50 poster

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Triumph to tragedy, and what I learned about LED dashboard bulbs

Text and photo by Jim Coull



Jim's E-Type before he decided to install LED bulbs in the dash.

On July 4, 2016, Crin and I entered our 1967 E-Type in the Amherst, New Hampshire parade, which is a very big deal in southern NH, drawing every SNH politician (local and state) and dozens of cars of various ages and types from all over. We were actually quite surprised at the variety of cars, ranging from a beautiful 1932 Packard Phaeton to a 2006 Maserati, with everything in between. We were put behind the multiple Corvettes and in front of an unrestored 1954 Mercedes two-seat convertible.

The parade started promptly at 9:30 and wound through every street in the center of Amherst, which was packed with spectators. The reviewing stand was on the town common and the auto judges were located just beyond the reviewing stand. As the cars finished the route, they were directed to parking spots around the very spacious common. A few minutes after we were in our parking place, the head judge came by to get an up-close look at my Jaguar, and said to us, "Congratulations! You are the first place winner. The committee will be over with your blue ribbon shortly."

Elation was the only way to describe how we felt, and so we stayed there for the better part of an hour basking in glory as folks came by to admire the car and compliment us on our excellent taste and good fortune.

When we left, I decided to fill up the tank and proceeded to a local gas station. As I pulled up to the pump, I noticed that the gauges in the center console were all registering zero, but that the car was running fine. I then made the mistake of shutting off the ignition and that was that. The starter did not work. So, I rode home in the cab of a tow truck with Crin and our blue ribbon.

The problem was obvious as soon as I opened the center console. A lug on the ignition switch had broken off and the switch would need replacing. Since I was going to have to do some electrical work anyway, I decided to replace my incandescent dash bulbs with LEDs. Boy, did I learn some hard lessons on that decision.

First, I called SNG Barrett for a new ignition switch and found that they do not provide LED bulbs. I then called XK's Unlimited and they have a kit for \$114 that purportedly would provide what I needed. Wrong!

I had to dismantle the dash to get at all of the instruments, and had forgotten what a chore that is, as more and more bits and pieces came apart and the time went on far longer than I thought it would take. I then discovered that the LED bulbs provided by XK's Unlimited were too long to fit in the odometer and speedometer instruments and way too long to go in the casing clips. Because they are screw based bulbs, they were not an item carried by the local auto parts stores as most common LEDs are push bases for modern harnesses.

After much time on the Internet, I located a company that had exactly what I needed and at costs per bulb well below XK's rip-off. Also, part of my harness uses the modern push base bulbs that are made at a Sylvania plant in nearby Hillsboro, New Hampshire. So, I had a nice scenic drive up to Hillsboro and met with a customer service rep who sold me exactly what I needed to finish the job. And, as of today, I only have one under-dash panel remaining to reinstall, which will be finished as soon as my garage gets warm enough to work without gloves.

For anyone interested in installing LEDs in their cars, give me a call and I can advise where to go and what to get and save some money in the process.

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Note: this calendar only lists dates, times, events, locations and some speakers. For details, see the separate, more detailed event announcements as they are posted in the Cat and on the website. At this point, you will also see that we still have some tentative or undetermined dates. Stay tuned.

DATE TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Wed., February 28 - 7 PM	JANE Monthly Meeting Speaker: Angus Dykman, Goodings Auctions	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
Thurs-Sun, March 22-25	JCNA AGM & International Jaguar Festival	San Antonio, TX
Wed, March 28 - 7 PM	JANE Monthly Meeting Speaker: Dean Cusano	Wayside Inn, Sudbury
Sun, April 8 - 12:30PM	Parker's Maple Syrup Barn Rally	Mason, NH
Wed., April 25 - 7 PM	JANE Monthly Meeting Speaker: Daniel Graf. Mark IV Restoration	Bay Pointe Waterfront Restaurant, Quincy, MA
April date TBA	Tech Session	
Sun, May TBA	Concours Judges Training Session	
May date TBA	Belmont Day, Display your car	Belmont Center
Wed., May 23 - 5:30PM	JANE Jags on the Lawn and Dinner	Larz Anderson Museum
Fri & Sat, June 1&2	Empire Drivers, Inc, two days of track time	Lime Rock Park
Sun, June 3 - 10 AM	Larz Anderson Museum Members Day	Larz Anderson Museum
Fri - Sun, June 8 -10	3rd Annual Bristol British Motorcar Festival	Bristol, Rhode Island
Sun, June TBA	JCSNE Annual Concours	Lyman Orchards @ Jct of Rts 147 & 157
Sat, June TBA - 10:30 AM	Spring Slalom	Andover, MA
Sun, June 24, - 10 AM	Larz Anderson Museum British Car Day	Larz Anderson Museum
Wed, June 27 - 7 PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Display Your Jag	Wayside Inn, Sudbury
Sun, July date TBA - 1PM	JANE at Myopia Polo Club Matches	
Wed, July 25 - 7PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Display Your Jag	Wayside Inn, Sudbury
Sun, August 5 - 9 AM	Tutto Italiano Day	Larz Anderson Museum
Fri - Sun, August 10-12	JANE Annual Concours	Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge
Sun, August 26 - 2:30	North Shore Ride, Clambake & Pool Party	Kernwood County Club, Salem, MA
Wed - Sat, September 6-8	Road Trip To The Glen (Fun 'n Frolic)	Watkins Glen, NY
Sat, September TBA 10:30	Autumn Slalom	Andover, MA
Fri-Sun, September 14-16	27 th Annual British Invasion	Stowe, VT
Sun, September 23 - 9AM -2PM	7 th Annual Boston Cup	Boston Common, Boston, MA
Wed, September 26 - 7PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Speaker: TBA	Wayside Inn, Sudbury
Sun, October 7	Columbus Day Parade	East Boston
Fri-Sun, October 12-14	Martha's Vineyard Weekend	
Wed, October 24 - 7 PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Speaker: TBA	Wayside Inn, Sudbury
November date TBA,	Tech Session	
Wed, November 14 - 7PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Speaker: Innkeeper	Wayside Inn, Sudbury
Sun, December 2 JANE	Holiday Party	Location TBA

Wanna Go to Watkins Glen in September?

By Dave Moulton

Kevin Murphy and Howard Kalet have suggested that we organize an informal JANE road trip in early September, to the Watkins Glen Grand Prix Festival, where Jaguar is the featured marque this year.

The preliminary plan is that we would caravan out to the Glen on Wednesday, September 5, participate in the FLX Jag Car Show And Journey to the Top on Thursday, September 6 (see details below), participate in the Watkins Glen Tour de Marque on Friday the 7th (see more details below), and drive home on Saturday the 8th. Sound like fun?

The Thursday event is a Jaguar-only car show including a special competition between participating Jaguar Clubs. This event also includes a scenic Rallye/Tour called The Journey to the Top which ends at the Top of the Lake Restaurant in Penn Yan, NY.

This year the Friday event, the Watkins Glen International Tour de Marque for Jaguars will start out at the Chateau Lafayette Reneau Winery, where drivers will meet for coffee 'n stuff to start their day. Then they



will get to do an 85-mile rally, ending at Watkins Glen International Race Track, where the drivers will be hosted for brunch, followed by paced laps of the world-famous 3.4 mile racetrack. The cars then line-up for the drive into town, where they will stage at the original Start/Finish line for the 1948 Grand Prix, and then take their two laps of the 6.6 mile Old Course. The cars will finish at Lafayette Park in downtown Watkins Glen, where they will be parked on display, while the drivers get to enjoy the rest of the festival.

We need to register ASAP. We'll need a show of hands, so that we can register the group for the events as well as find suitable lodging. Each entry fee for Thursday is \$35 and \$145 for Friday. Meals and lodging, of course, will be extra.

Call or email Kevin Murphy (617-699-0943, xpertcool@aol.com) if you're interested in this. We'd like to make a go/no-go decision no later than March 5th, so have at your calendars and see what you can do. Oughta be a hoot.



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from The Editor's Pit

Well, I feel like I'm making progress with the Coventry Cat, and it is actually turning out to be quite a lot of fun. I'm particularly gratified by all the members who have stepped up and contributed stuff for publication. I hope you've noticed and enjoyed Brian McMahon's quirky and funny pieces and event reports. And I hope there are lot more to come!

In this issue, Carl Hanson did a great piece on XK70, and Jim Coull reminded us of the very thin, amorphous and sometimes very sudden boundary that exists between glory and ignominy.

Coming up in the March issue will be great reminiscences by Stu Forer (about his various adventures in vintage racing) and Frank Grimaldi, who will tell us about a D-Type that he came to know and love back in the day when cars were cars and Castrol was, well, Castrol.

Then, in April, we'll have a hilarious tale by David



*The editor,
thinking about Balvenie.*

Clarke about cruising through the heartland in a V-12 E-Type, and Gary Hagopian's introduction to what I call "The Hagopian Four-Step."

After that, the article bin is open. Whatever you feel like submitting is OK with me. You'll never get a better (easier!) opportunity to become a world-renowned author. Give me a call (978-448-6828) or email me (d18@moultonlabs.com) to discuss your ideas and intentions. No pressure. Much fame!

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Don't be shy. Also, I'd still like some Letters To The Editor, and I'll print almost anything. And once again, all I can say is, thanks for helping and thanks for reading! This is fun!

See you again in a couple of weeks.

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