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From the *Top* of The Scratching Post

By Dave Moulton



It's that time again . . .

Autumn arrives. Autumn leaves. Pumpkins. Frost. Foliage forays. First world open cars with heated seats and steering wheels. Blankets and hot thermoses for our more vintage rides.

Hot cider with cinnamon. Country inns? First evening by the fire? Islay single malt for those of us who . . . ?

As the Danes say, "Hygge!" Yes, autumn can be a fabulous season.

In this issue of the Cat we dwell on the past: Memories of Myopia. Chronicles of Concours. Also, sadly and fondly, we must carry in our hearts and memories both Signe Hanson and Tom Larsen, great

JANE members who have now left us.

Further on in the issue, Brian McMahon shares recollections of what happened when MIT invited Aston Martin to visit. Then there are also our usual columnists, who have numerous thoughts to share with you as well. And sprinkled about our pages, you'll find our usual monthly little tidbits, with the addition of Geezer Humor by Brian McMahon. What would we do without Brian?

Have fun. See you in November.

Dave, your humble editor



The President's Message

By Gus Niewenhous



Veni, vedi, vici!

Our 50th Concours d'Elegance came upon us, we saw a successful event unfold – one that did conquer all expectations!

Words cannot express how well the event unfolded. Daniel Graf and his team are to be congratulated for an outstanding event. The Judging Team headed by Chief Judge Aldo Cipriano played a huge role in the success of the day. A special mention is in order to Margie Cahn and the scoring team who were a big part of the success of the day.

David Moulton was presented The Aldridge Award for 2023 at the Concours Award Ceremony. This is a well-deserved honour that defines service and dedication to JANE.

I see this style of this enthusiasm and increased participation in all our events, and classic automobile events in general, heading in the right direction.

I also see membership heading in the right direction with both new and lapsed members joining JANE. There are still some obstacles to overcome in this process, however. I encourage all the membership

to reach out to anyone you know to join or rejoin. Special thanks to Jeanine Graf and Margie Cahn for their efforts as membership Co-Vice Presidents. Please let me know if I can reach out to anyone in this effort.

I am thrilled to announce that Tom Brady's 1952 XK 120 Coupe won the Best in British Classic Award at this year's British Invasion, sponsored and selected by J. E. Robison Service and Enfield Restorations. Praise from these two figures in the classic car world is a very important recognition for Tom, as well as JANE. Congratulations!

On a sad note, we mark the passing of Signe Hanson and Tom Larsen, two very active and long term JANE members. Our most sincere condolences to Carl and Nancy.

I hope to see all you soon and often at our events! Our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party will be upon us soon.

Best Regards,

Gus Niewenhous, President



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JANE Tailgate Picnic at Myopia Polo Club

By Dave Moulton, Photos by John Romano and Sue Wolff



Our summer finally began to cool off a bit by late July, and July 23rd was a lovely summer day for JANE at the Myopia Polo Club in South Hamilton, MA. Aldo Cipriano made sure we had the Jaguar Cup on hand. Note the traffic cones, just in case and we all settled in for a great afternoon of noshing, sipping, chatting, telling lies, cheering and occasionally watching the polo match.



**Aldo Cipriano
Keeps An Eye On
The Jaguar Cup**



**The Grafs, a Zeller and the Salutis
discuss polo mallets . . .**

I think it was Glen Farms that beat Kingswood Reagan, but I'm not sure. In either case, I had a lovely time. We all were spread out in the shade along the western side of the field, complete with tailgates, tables, chairs and . . . lots and lots of provisions. The good life. Ahhhh . . .

But everybody seemed to have provisioned themselves adequately and I observed no food insecurity, nor any significant loss of hydration as the afternoon wore on.



**. . . while Bob Dilisio and Paul
Douglass tell alternating lies
about fish and cars.**



**A good
view of
our left
flank.**



**Vin and Pat Greco, as well as
a friendly neighbor, seem very
happy with both the weather and
their provisions.**

In addition, we had lots of food, and sometimes it was even well guarded.



**Meanwhile, our competitors got off to a vigorous start and Glen Farms
(I think) got off to an early lead.**



**Even some of our cars
watched the match with
considerable professional
interest.**

Meanwhile, we socialized . . .

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Bonnie Getz seems very happy to be out and about with her beloved Mark II, Grace.



More polo, going away . .



. . . and, well, everywhere . . .



. . . and coming back . . .



At the break, they brought out the foxhounds for a brief run.



Ingrid and David Kelly of Kittery had a great spread . .



. . while Liz Karagianis and Steve Wetzel seemed to be really enjoying the small feast.



A Kingswood Reagan rider presses on, regardless.



Debbie Ward and Neria Douglass also seem to be enjoying things . . .



As the shadows lengthen along our right flank, we're all getting pretty mellow, except for Daniel Graf and Gus Niewenhous, who are having what appears to be an excellent argument about the fuse system on a Mark V.

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Finally we line all our cars up on the field for the presentation of The Jaguar Cup.



Gus Niewenhous graciously presents The Jaguar Cup to Glen Farms.



Glen Farms, in turn, poses proudly with The Jaguar Cup for 2023. See you next year, in 2024! These things are a lot of fun!

THE NEXT GENERATION AT MYOPIA: JAGUAR CUP DAY WITH MADISON

By: Aldo Capriano

This July, marking at least a dozen years after the inaugural event at Myopia for the JANE Jaguar Cup, I witnessed the beginning of a new era. Traditionally, Club members have attended with their Jaguars and friends and beloved pets. But this year was truly unique and special.

Instead of pictures of Club members and their Jags, picnicking on the reserved side of the field and watching polo action from a few feet away (think of it, we are in the front row!), we were all treated to meeting Madison, the granddaughter of our Club members Debbie and Greg Ward, who was resplendent in her polo outfit and hat, observing the action in front of Club members' Jaguars.

This youngster was also pictured on the field with her grandparents' modified red E-Type OTS, together with a most memorable picture of her looking out of the driver's side while on the event field. My favorite picture is Madison with a well-mannered Myopia hunt hound. I will call him Jimmy. This was the day to display the battalion of hounds trumpeted on the field by the captain of the hounds.

I have had my special moments for this event, which I envisioned so many years ago, after training for arena polo on the Myopia fields. But this set of pictures of Madison with the E-Type and hounds best portrays the personal nature of the event. Thank you, Debbie and Greg Ward and family for sharing Madison and this exceptional group of photos, making JANE's Jaguar Cup 2023 so very special.

Cheers,

Aldo A. Cipriano



Madison takes in the action



Madison and the E-Type



Madison in the E-Type



Madison meets Jimmy



And finally, Madison meets a horse. What a day!

Help Wanted: Associate Editor!

Help! The *Coventry Cat* needs an Associate Editor who is willing to consider becoming the Editor by the beginning of next year (January, 2024! - Yup, that soon).

The Situation: The current Editor (that'd be me) is really beginning to slip and desperately needs replacement SOON (December, 2023)! So, while the sun is shining and *The Cat* still purrs, now is the time to step into this interesting work and save *The Cat*, JANE and some of Western Civilization.

About You: You need to be able to deal with emails, Microsoft Word and photographs. You need to be kind to and communicative with people, able to avoid nervous breakdowns every time there is a deadline, and be able to enjoy having fun. And humor, oh yes, humor is something that you definitely should have a sense of.

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Welcoming Remarks at JANE's 50th Concours Banquet

By: Stephen Ring



Welcome JANE members and guests to the Jaguar Association of New England's 50th Concours Banquet.

In the early 1980's, Jaguar Clubs of North America, our national organization, came up with the idea that a National Concours should be held every two years and creatively they called it the JCNA Biennial. In 1987, JANE took on the task of

hosting the 3rd JCNA Biennial, in Boston. The guest of honor and dinner speaker was Lofty England, who had just retired as CEO from Jaguar Cars, after a long and very successful career.

Well, Lofty began his talk with a description of his first day on the job, working for Sir William Lyons and Jaguar Cars. He then proceeded to talk for what seemed like an eternity, but was actually only 2 1/2 hours, describing what appeared to include every single day of his long, long career at Jaguar. Well, I'm not as tall as Lofty . . . maybe that is why they called him Lofty . . . nor do I have the stamina to talk for 2 1/2 hours, so don't worry – dinner will indeed start very shortly.

I was born and raised in New York City, Jamaica Queens. Being there, as a kid, I never became a car guy. This changed when I started college. I met my wife Barbara, in our college cafeteria, over a cup of coffee, discussing the art of driving my old MG TF. After college, we got married and the TF became a used Volvo P1800, which required a new "foreign car mechanic." This mechanic invited us to join a group he was organizing called EJAG of Queens, which we did.

EJAG was founded by Wolf and Laurie Toepel of Carlisle, Mass, as an association of Jaguar drivers. While our group in Queens put on some events, EJAG in Boston was the place to go for bigger and better events. So, several times a year, Barbara and I would pack up our car and head North up I-95 – what a horror that was – to Boston. It should be of no surprise that at these EJAG events many future JANE members were present: Norman and Selma Sherman, Ben Sava, Jim Sambold and Harry Parkinson, to mention a few.

During this period, Mass native Peter Gould experienced a mid-life career change and with his wife Maxine established British Auto/USA, a Jaguar parts distribution and restoration business in Manchester, New Hampshire. Peter was a great Jaguar promoter and way before Leno and Osborne, he founded the Newport Jaguar Festival. Every Memorial Day weekend, Barbara and I would pack up our Jaguar and with our young son in tow, head up I-95 – still a horror – to Newport. Peter put on a great event. I even found a video of one of these events by a Boston news station on YouTube, where Peter was interviewed.

During the same period, after attending a New England MG event, a Medway Mass Jaguar car guy named Bernie Yurt came up with the idea that there must be XK Jaguar enthusiasts, like the MG owners, who would be interested in forming a Jaguar XK club. Bernie called this club the New England XK Association – NEXKA, limited to XK owners. However, Sir William Lyons had created Jaguar Cars as a sedan manufacturer and only used sports cars and racing as a sales tool to attract buyers to his sedans. So, while NEXKA grew fast at first, by the late 1980's it became apparent that there was a large group of non-sports car Jaguar owners who were interested in joining a Jaguar club. At this point, a group of NEXKA members, Peter Gould, Herb Strachman and Carl Hanson, stepped in and re-branded NEXKA as Jaguar Association of New England – our JANE.

JANE, as you all know, is a member club of the Jaguar Clubs of North America. So, I would also like to acknowledge three individuals who kept JCNA growing through some very difficult times for the Jaguar Car Company: Fred Horner, Karen Miller and Mike Cook. Two JANE members' contributions should also be noted: Gary Hagopian, who served three terms as JCNA president and Jim Sambold, who was president of our club for five years. Along with Southern New England's Dean Cusano, they continue to preserve the history of the Jaguar marque at the newly established Coventry Foundation.

The first JANE Concours Barbara and I attended was the 1987 Biennial, as representatives of the Jaguar Touring Club NY/NJ. At check-in we were directed to the JANE hospitality room. From the very first moment we entered the room, we knew that this was going to be a great show. While we knew a few JANE members from previous events, most JANE members there were new to us . . . this changed in a flash, and before we knew it we had become old friends and fellow Jaguar drivers. This feeling of camaraderie has endured to this day.

Friday and Saturday nights, at a JANE Concours, seemed to never end – we all would stay up way too late, as Stew Bailey would unload his repertoire of Jaguar tales, all ending with his loud and infectious laugh. Additionally, it was always great talking to and enjoying the company of members . . . Jack and Nancy Capocéfalo, the Roths, Carl and Signe Hanson, Tom Larson and Nancy Monaghan, Margaret Cloud Caruolo, David Moulton, Bonnie Getz, Gary and Sue Hagopian, Chuck and Patt Centore and just so many more.

So, when I volunteered for this talk, I had two objectives in mind. First, to thank all you JANE members for all the great times we have shared, and second, to encourage newer members to participate in JANE events put on by Daniel and Jeanine Graf, Dean Saluti, Marjorie Cahn, Aldo Cipriano and their co-workers, so that they too can accumulate more of these fabulous memories.

Thank you.

50th JANE Concours d'Elegance – 2023

By Marguerite Dennis. Photos by John Romano, Chuck Centore and the Editor.



... and this shy little number just arrived in style from Connecticut ...

In a world where AI and Chat GPT threaten to upend how we live and communicate, some things don't change. One of those things, in my life, is the gathering of JANE members every August to celebrate camaraderie and friendship. There is some reason why Jaguar owners not just from the local area, but from Ohio, New York and Maine traveled to the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, Massachusetts on August 12th. As Daniel Graf, Chairman of the Concours, told me, "The best part of the Concours is the enthusiasm of our club members." With no hint of the average age of those in attendance, Daniel also said "This is our first 50th Anniversary."

At 8:59 am, under a sky that promised a day of sunshine, nearly 60 Jaguars began moving into the staging area for later inspection by a team of JANE judges. Watching the cars gracefully make their way to their designated spots, I defy anyone with an appreciation of cars not to acknowledge the timeless elegance of Jaguars.

I believe every participant and car is a "winner." However, there were some unusual cars that merit some special attention. Gerry Menke's spectacular 1950 XK 120 OTS with an unusual color – pastel green metallic, caught my eye.



Also, Patrick Hergenroeder's silver C/2 XK120, which received a perfect score from the judges. Patrick traveled all the way from Ohio to attend

JANE's Concours and promises to come back next year.

My conversation with Graham Briggs was revelatory not because of the Jaguar he drove, rather because his son and grandson also attended the event. Graham's grandson, Peter, is 19 years old, and when I asked him why he came to



the Concours, he said "I really like the old cars. They are not computerized."

This is important, because I believe that

after we are either too old to drive or else are driving our Jaguars in heaven, it will be critical to create the next generation of Jaguar lovers.

Throughout the day I spoke with several people who shared their thoughts about the Concours, including:

Bonnie Getz – "Today is special because I am reuniting with old friends."

Linda Bicknell – "These are the most beautiful cars and what a great time to see friends."

Tom Finan – "A nice getaway from the Cape."

Karen Maheau – "I look forward to the Concours. The people are so friendly and share a passion for their cars and the history of Jaguars."

Jim Collins really couldn't talk because, "I am busy cleaning my 150 S."

Throughout the day we all have an opportunity to turn back the clock and listen to the music of our youth. What would the Concours be without our DJ, Joe Fasci? He told me: "I play the best music. That's why I come." His assistant, Mark Flynn, came to the Concours to "Assist my friend of 60 years." Thanks to you both for making us feel just a little bit younger. Actually, a LOT younger!



Concours Chair Daniel Graf's 100 point 1948 Jaguar Mark IV Drop Head Coupe

There are many people who made this event possible. With the hope that I do not exclude anyone, I would like to thank Daniel Graf, Concours

Chair, Chief Judge Aldo Cipriano, Gus Niewenhaus, JANE President, Dean Saluti, JANE VP of Events, Margie Cahn, Jeanine Graf and Patt Centore for all the behind-the-scenes

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50th JANE Concours

work that made for an easy registration. Special thanks to Chuck Centore and John Romano for capturing the spirit of the Concours with photos we all enjoy in the this issue of "The Coventry Cat."

I would be remiss if I failed to mention that the Aldrich Service Award was presented to our editor-in-chief, Dave Moulton. A well deserved recognition for our humble editor.

With the awards ceremony complete, we gathered for dinner at the Wayside Inn and continued sharing stories and

laughter. And, as always, we promised to again gather next year to celebrate another JANE Concours.

Editor's note: I received about 300 photos covering this event. Thanks very much to John Romano, Chuck Centore and Bob Doyle. I even took a few snaps myself. Anyway, here are a couple dozen photos, with captions. I hope I got all the names right. Results follow the photo gallery.



Jim and Gena Collins' lovely XK150



Nancy Coombe-Smith's E-Type scored 99.5 in The Championship Class



Some people need Advil just to look at this, but it sure is gorgeous!



Bonnie Getz gracefully pulled in, driving none other than, well, GRACE.

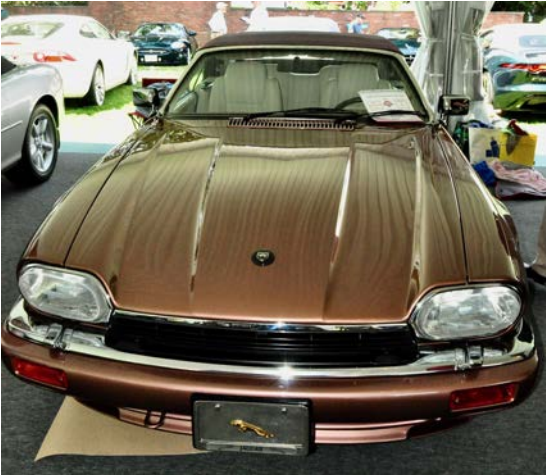


Jags lounge by the pond, as the judges take a break.



Our Chairman patrols the grounds in his Mark IV, stirring up no small amount of envy.

d'Elegance – 2023



Paul Angelico visited us from Connecticut in his lovely 1995 XJS



Steve Kalmin brought this lovely E-type Coupe all the way from North Carolina.



David Kellogg and Karen Maheu seemed to enjoy the festivities.



Ed Marut also joined us in his exquisite E-Type coupe.



As judges sometimes point out, it can get a little difficult to understand exactly what you're looking at.



Judges stare at an F-Type, and wonder – what is the world coming to? – how can they discontinue this?



Frank Grimaldi, John Brady and Chuck Centore hydrate while sharing stories, a few of them even containing some grains of truth.



Even Chief Judges can get a little puzzled sometimes, and have to revert to the rulebook.

50th JANE Concours

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE



David Zeller's JAGDOG and Bonnie Getz's GRACE hang out in the shade, waiting to win their trophies.



We just don't make 'em like we used to.



John Brady arrives in his XK120.



Graham Briggs wondered about the pinstriping rules.



Dean Cusano presents the Best in Special Class to Hans Deamer, for his gorgeous C-Type replica.



JANE President Gus Niewenhous presents the Aldrich Award to your startled editor, who is pleased and honored as well as surprised. Thank you.



Patrick Hergenroeder's 1949 alloy-bodied XK120 receives the Best In Show award from JCNA Governor Dean Cusano, with a perfect score of 100.



And finally, those of us with resilience hung out in the dining room and tucked into a first-rate banquet, just as soon as Chuck Centore got done taking pictures. Great Show! See you next year for #51!!

d'Elegance – 2023

2023 JANE Concours d'Elegance Results

Name	Home Club	City	Class	Year	Model	Style	Color	Total Gross Score (1000-Tot. Deducts)	Champion NET (Div. 170)	Driven & Special NET (Div. 170)
Daniel & Jeanine Graf	JANE	Marshfield, MA	C1/Pre	1948	MK IV	DHC	Blue	1,000.00	100.00	
Patrick Hergenroeder	Ohio	Richfield, OH	C2/120	1949	XK120	OTS	Silver	1,000.00	100.00	
Jim & Genaa Collins	JANE	Amherst, MA	C4/150	1958	XK150S	OTS	OEW	995.50	99.55	
Russell & Marguerite Dennis	JANE	Naples, FL	C4/150	1958	XK 150S	OTS	OEW	993.10	99.31	
Eric Hagopian	JANE	So. Deerfield, MA	C5/E1	1967	E-Type	FHC	Red	999.80	99.98	
Rick Ollis		So. Walpole , MA	C5/E1	1966	E-Type	OTS	Gunmetal	998.20	99.82	
Nancy Coombe-Smith & Matthew Dunham	JCSNE	Wethersfield, CT	C7 E3	1974	E-Type	OTS	Silver	995.90	99.59	
Larry Goldberg	JCSNE	Glastonbury, CT	C9/XJ	1983	XJ6	Saloon	Black	999.60	99.91	
Christopher Cutie	JANE	Lexington, MA	C11/J8	2002	XJR100	X308	Black	999.10	99.91	
Scott Meersman	JANE	Charlton, MA	C11/J8	1999	XJ8	VDP	Moroon	999.80	99.98	
Paul Angelico	JCSNE	Berlin, MA	C13/JS	1995	XJS	Cornvertible	Rose-Bronze	1,000.00	100.00	
Robert Silvestri	JCSNE	Hamden, CT	C14/X8	1998	XK8	DHC	Meteorite	1,000.00	100.00	
David Kelly	JANE	Kittery, ME	C15/XK	2013	XK-R	Coupe	Blue	999.10	99.91	
Clifford & Anette Lewis	JANE	Wayland, MA	C17/PN	1953	XK120	DHC	Blue	997.50	99.75	
Gus Niewenhous	JANE	Stoneham, MA	C18/PN	1986	VDP	Saloon	Blue	988.80	98.88	
Martha LeClair-Worley	JSCNE	Old Saybrook, CT	C20/F	2019	F-Type	Convertible	Brg	999.50	99.95	
Vincent & Marion Barre	JCSNE	Westfield, MA	D3/E2	1970	E-Type	Coupe	BRG	999.10		9.991
Dan Scharpf	JANE	New London, NH	D3/E2	1969	E-Type	OTS	Cream	986.50		9.865
Edward Marut	JANE	Methuen, MA	D3/E2	1969	XKE	FHC	Silver	985.00		9.850
John Champagne	JCSNE	Wallingford, CT	D4/E3	1971	E-Type	2+2	BRG	999.60		9.996
Bonnie Getz	JANE	Nashua, NH	D5/SLS	1967	Mk 2/340	Saloon	Black	998.80		9.988
Robert, Chad & Joseph DiLisio	JANE	Swampscott, MA	D9/XJS	1993	XJS	Cornvertible	Red	999.60		9.996
John & Nancy Budenas	JANE	Townsend, MA	D10/K8	1997	XK8	Coupe	BRG	999.20		9.992
David Zeller	JANE	Lynn, MA	D10/K8	2001	XK8	Convertible	Blue	995.50		9.955
Dirk Smith	JANE	Hollis, NH	D11/XK	2007	XK	Convertible	Silver	985.00		9.850
Gordon Taylor & Betsy Taylor- Kennedy	JANE	Bolton, MA	D11/XK	2007	XK	Convertible	Green	997.50		9.975
Mark Massey	JANE	Winchester, MA	D11/XK	2007	XK150	Coupe	Porcelain	978.60		9.786
Donna Downarowicz	JANE	Winchester, MA	D11/XK	2009	XK150	Convertible	Porcelain	992.30		9.923
Graham Briggs	JANE	Needham Heights, MA	D12/J8	2004	XJR	Sedan	White	977.00		9.770
Robert Doyle	JANE	Franklin, MA	D13/SX	2003	S-Type	Saloon	Black	999.20		9.992
Tom & Mary Finan	JANE	E, Orleans, MA	D14/FJ	2009	XF	Sedan	Indigo Blue	995.80		9.958
Kurt Ehler & Tia Garcia	JANE	So. Kingstown, RI	D15F	2015	F-Type	Coupe	Black	989.00		9.890
Donald & Susan Holden	JANE	Amherst, NH	D1/PRE	1956	XK140	OTS	BRG	999.50		9.995
Andrew & Nancy Leader-Cramer	JANE	Swampscott, MA	D1/PRE	1958	XK150	DHC	BRG	1,000.00		10.000
Steve Kalmin		Hendersonville, NC	S2/MOD	1971	E-Type	Coupe	Red	999.80		9.998
Hans Deamer		Cranston, RI	S3/REP		C-Type Replica	Open	Green	999.90		9.999

Marguerite Dennis' Gift To JANE

By The Editor

At the end of the 50th Concours Banquet, Marguerite Dennis formally presented her remarkable needlework JANE logo to the JANE membership. Below is some information about the project.

Needlepoint Information, in Marguerite's words:

In March 2019, the margins of my life changed, as I am sure it did for most of you, with the arrival of the COVID virus. Because my husband Russ and I could no longer travel to Jaguar events, and mindful that in 2023 JANE would celebrate its 50th Concours d' Elegance event, we decided to do something special for the club.

Russ drew the JANE Jaguar logo and from October 17, 2021 to May 30, 2023, I worked on a 18"x24" needlepoint canvas to be presented to the club president on August 12, 2023.

In an authentic Navajo rug there is always one clear imperfection woven into the pattern because the Navajos believe that is where the Spirit moves in and out of the rug. Well, I think my Spirit was moving all over this needlepoint because there are mistakes on nearly every line. A total of 141,700 stitches took 631 hours to complete the canvas and the needlepoint has traveled with us back and forth to Florida twice.

Every single stitch includes a piece of my heart and speaks to the affection I hold for this club and its members.

Marguerite J. Dennis



Marguerite Dennis' Needlepoint of the JANE logo.



2023 JANE Concours d'Elegance Thanks

By Daniel Graf



The Concours d'Elegance is usually considered the Grand Finale of yearly car events for most car clubs. JANE's Fiftieth Anniversary was anticipated to be a more memorable event than preceding years, some of which were also quite memorable. Of course, weather conditions will always enhance or hinder a favorable outcome. Fortunately, this year, we were all grateful that Mother Nature blessed us with bright sunlight throughout our Concours weekend.

A JANE Concours goes beyond being just a competition of cars. It is a culmination of dozens of hours of work by many volunteers, before, during and after the event. The results are a day and a half of camaraderie and entertainment, closing with a Saturday evening banquet in one of the lovely dining rooms in the historic 300-year-old Wayside Inn.

The spirit of JANE goes beyond Jaguars, as substantiated by long-time member Stephen Ring, who drove over five hours to attend and address dinner guests with his knowledge of Jaguars and JANE history. To top it all off, Marguerite Dennis, whose contribution represented two years of devoted work, presented us with a beautiful 18" x 24" needlepoint tapestry of our JANE logo. This "Chef d'Oeuvre" (French for Masterpiece) will continue to demonstrate and exemplify the spirit of the JANE Club for generations to come.

Thank you everyone for sharing in such a pleasurable weekend.

Daniel Graf
Concours Chairman



Editor's note: And thank YOU, Daniel, for making this happen!

Membership in JANE Leads to a Labour of Love!

By Marjorie Cahn and Jeanine Graf, Co-VPs of Membership



50th Anniversary Concours. She raced against the clock, working hours every day, to complete the project by the Concours date. She did it!

For those of you who don't know Marguerite, let us tell you a bit about her. She had a very successful 22-year career as Vice President of Suffolk University. She has expertise in International Recruiting and Strategic Educational Planning, and is a published author and consultant on the subjects. She is a Member of the Board of Trustees of Regent's University, London. She is also a writer on car events here and abroad, and her work appears in British journals as well as in our *Coventry Cat* and Jaguar Clubs of North America's *Jaguar Journal*. We call her "Our Chronicler."

Needless to say, we are honored by Marguerite's membership in JANE, and forever grateful to have her "Labour of Love" to put on display at our meetings to remind us again that JANE is "More than Just a Car Club!"

Margie and Jeanine

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Astonishing Past Predictions

Curated by Bonnie Getz

Here we encounter examples of why
it is an excellent practice to
NEVER predict ANYTHING!

This is especially true if you are well-known.
You may become famously wrong!

For September and October,
a very wrong
Past Prediction is:

**"The abdomen, the chest, and the
brain will forever be shut from the
intrusion of the wise and humane
surgeon,"**

– Sir John Eric Ericksen, British surgeon,
appointed Surgeon-Extraordinary to
Queen Victoria 1873.

For Sale, 2015 Jaguar F-Type R Coupe

I am looking to sell my 2015 Jaguar. It is in excellent condition with 18,000 miles. I am the second owner and it has always been garaged and never driven in acclimate weather (Sunday cruiser). It has brand new Michelin Pilot Sport rubber with less than 500 miles on the tires. It is an F-type R with every option available at time of purchase. \$49,500.

*A gallery pf photos can be obtained through
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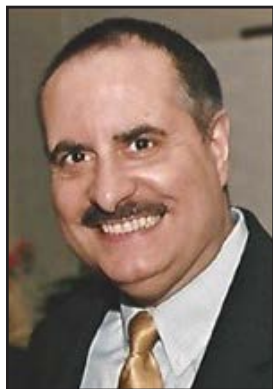
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September and October 2023 Events

By Dr. Dean Saluti, VP Events



JANE's Fall Slalom and then our 50th Anniversary Concours Recap Dinner at the Wayside Inn . . .

October Dinner Meeting, 10/25/23, Wayside Inn

For the October Dinner Meeting, we will feature Herman Wiegman, a JANE member who is a renowned authority on electric vehicles. He has had an impressive 20-year career with GE, hybridizing industrial

products, and spent the last 6 years with BETA Technologies, making electric aircraft. He has designed, built, and driven EVs for many years.

Rescheduled Rained-Out Fall Slalom, Saturday, 11/11/23, In Control Driving School, at the former Air Base, Weymouth, MA

Slalom Chair, Rich Hanley, already has excellent interest in this event – 8 participants have contacted him. Contact Rich Hanley at 508-317-3474, rhanleyxk150@gmail.com, for more details, and sign up on the website. Margie and I love the Slalom. It is held at the former U.S. Marine Corps Weymouth Air Base, off Route 18, on the South Shore. It is right off Route 3. There is an excellent all-day breakfast stop near by. The date is Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11.

November Traditional Early Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting, 11/15/23, Wayside Inn

We have traditionally had the Innkeeper as our guest

speaker at this early Thanksgiving event, held the week before Thanksgiving. Any personal input on the menu should be directed to Margie immediately.

Annual Holiday Party, 12/3/23, Wayside Inn

We will celebrate the Holiday season with a party with all the trimmings. Contact Margie with any suggested party activities you would like us to consider.

Trip to David's House

We seek guidance from Chuck Centore and Dave Moulton on this event.

Meanwhile, Jan and Dean are already registered and they are trying to make up for the Jag that didn't make it at "Dead Man's Curve." Stay tuned for more exciting fall events!

Dean

UPCOMING EVENTS

**October Dinner Meeting,
Wednesday, October 25nd**

Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

**Fall Slalom,
Saturday, November 11th**

former U.S. Marine Corps Weymouth Air Base

**Early Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting,
Wednesday, November 15th**

Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

**Annual Holiday Party,
Sunday, December 3th**

Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

Signe (Sing) Hanson

By John Brady



Long-time JANE member Singe Hanson, wife of former JANE President Carl, has left us, and she will be missed. She is shown with a hat given to her by her friend and JANE member Nancy Monaghan.

Singe Hanson passed away at noon on Saturday, August 12, 2023, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. Her final days were spent at home with hospice workers coming every day until the end. She was surrounded by Carl and her family.

Singe was in and out of the hospital for the past 8 months as her health declined, but always returned to the comforts of home with Carl as her main caregiver, with help from their daughter Siri and outside nursing help during the day and some weekends.

Singe lived a full life with many interests and friends. She maintained an art studio in Concord at the Concord Umbrella for the Arts and also had a home art studio in Bedford where she and Carl lived for over 50 years. She worked in the design department at Boston Children's Museum for 35 years, retiring as Director of Exhibit Design in 2001.

Singe was well known by JANE members and was always there to help at many events hosted by Carl and herself during the past 25 years. She was a Concours worker in many roles and will be fondly remembered for her involvement and help.

An Aston Martin Is a Smart Investment

Story and pictures by Brian R McMahon, Aston Martin Owners Club



My DB9 got me into MIT

MIT's Sloan School of Management partnered with the British Consulate in Boston, the Aston Martin Formula One Team, and the Aston Martin Owners Club to participate in a reception and panel discussion on "Sustainability in Extreme Innovation." AMOC's assignment was to provide the Eye Candy, as attendees strolled up the concourse into the building.

From all accounts, we did our job well, though it did require me to drive DUBLO8 through a rain shower, among



Eye Candy. Quite.

belligerent drivers and over Cambridge roads that were severely potholed and could be unfavorably compared with a Manhattan driving experience. I never ran hard aground but may have "fetched" during this trip, so annual maintenance may require front pan repainting; and I also knew I'd spend part of the next day washing the brake dust from my DB9's wheels and clearing off the water spots.



Brooklands in 1926.

This may be the oldest Aston Martin in America, and Mitch and Wendy trailered it down from New York to attend this event. Unloading it two miles away, they had hoped to

drive it to the MIT concourse but the engine quit when there was 8/10 of a mile left to go. But that didn't stop them. With Paul Varadian's help, they pushed the car – through a rain shower – to the conference venue. That was a classic British car experience (determination conquering adversity) for all of us to appreciate.



Paul was also responsible for assembling a team of volunteers (including Sonig Varadian, Scott Carlic and Aaron Small) who helped us guide our Astons into their appropriate spots and guard them while we attended the conference. With admirable foresight, they brought their brollies.



This event was very successful and featured artful hors d'oeuvre and delicious drinks that included very smooth Highclere gin, made from oats grown on Lord Carnarvon's estate

that was the Downton Abbey setting.

Among the automotive luminaries in attendance was Donald Osborne, CEO of the Audrain Museum in Newport RI (l), shown here with Audrain's Nic Waller (c) and Mitch Gross, the stalwart 1925 Aston owner (r).

The panel discussion began with brief introductions by Peter Hirst of MIT (c), British Consul General Peter Abbott, (l), Donald Osborne, CEO of the Audrain Museum, and to the right, Jeff Slack, AMR F1's worldwide director of sponsorships, Dame Fiona Murray of MIT, and Shergul Arshad, the head of North American sponsorship development.



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In addition, Chris Skidmore, MP, joined Peter Hirst, Consul General Abbott and Dame Fiona Murray in advocating a cooperative technological alliance between the UK and America to solve common environmental problems facing both countries.

Dame Fiona Murray (c) observed that sports can encourage technological development and pointed



to aerodynamics as an example. Formula One racing and America's Cup yacht racing have heightened interest in the effects of wind on objects that move, and what is learned on the F1 race track and the America's Cup sailing course may help aircraft designers build faster and more efficient passenger jets. Wind is wind ... whether it's flowing over an America's Cup jib sail, a "whale tail" of an F1 car, or a Dreamliner, so an advance in any one of these areas prompts an advance in others.



Jeff Slack (l) and Shergul Arshad (r) discussed the business side of Formula One, a sport

that has grown enormously in recent years. Jeff Slack praised Liberty Media for producing Drive to Survive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSLTXPefVGE>, a continuing series about F1 that not only covers the races but also spends time in the paddocks, garages and team offices to develop the human side of running a racing team.

Formula One racing is bigger than NFL football, so Jeff Slack and Shergul Arshad have a powerful message to local businesses that want to have a worldwide market: Join the Aston Martin F1 Team. Why sponsor a local team and have your name seen only in New England and less so around the US?

Let's look at the numbers. In 2022, the New England Patriots played 17 times, had 65,878 spectators in the stands at each game, with 16.7 million people watching on TV at home. In the same year, there were 18 Formula One races around the world, with an average of 294,767 spectators at each event, and an average worldwide TV viewership of 70 million. So, if you're running an international business and want to promote it through sports marketing, Formula One needs to be considered.

Cognizant saw the wisdom in allying itself with Aston Martin. A Forbes Magazine article explained last year that Cognizant, as a New Jersey advisory company in the business of technological consulting, needed the same kind of refreshing that they provided to their client companies.

Joining Aston Martin in a multi-million dollar, multi-year sponsorship contract had many goals; the first one was announced by Gaurav Chand: "The ultimate goal is to make that car go faster." He continued, "The biggest reason for us to invest is because racing is a sport that is so historically conducive to technology. We're doing it now with the Aston Martin F1 Team by delivering services across 12 different powers."

It has already started to pay off, as Chand explained that when he attended an F1 event in Amsterdam, Dutch clients had only recognized the Cognizant brand after joining AMR F1's team. Now they are fully aware of Cognizant's capabilities.

Going forward, Cognizant is looking forward to their AMR F1 partnership to benefit the team by assisting in the data analytics of the team's driving simulators that will show drivers how to adapt to changing track conditions.

Whew! A heady night. When the time for "Carriages" approached, we all prepared to depart. All of us were grateful that Rhiannon – shown here with Deanna Chandonnet-Binotti (r) – and the event organizers were able to have Fernando Alonzo lend us the trophy from his podium finish at the Saudi Arabia race.

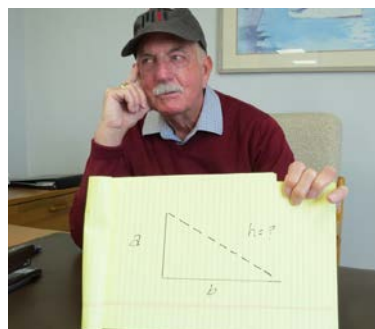


Rhiannon and her team had also thoughtfully provided swag bags for all of us that included an AMR ball cap, a scented candle, a demi-bottle of cabernet and a notebook with Aston Martin, Cognizant and Aramco embossed on the leather. Very welcome, in

case I wake up in the middle of the night and need to jot down an important revelation. Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones said that the basic theme for "Satisfaction" came to him in the dead of night and he was able to log those introductory notes of their classic rock song on a bedside notepad before they would have been lost forever. My reading public will be relieved and grateful to the organizers of this event.

Another gift was an MIT "Thinking Cap" that is guaranteed to raise the IQ of its wearer by 20 points or more.

"Hippotamoose? What's that – some kind of zoological freak?" I'll keep wearing the hat for a week and hope that a pair of degrees from a Jesuit university combined with my MIT "Thinking Cap" will enable me to solve a problem that has bedeviled theologians for years: how many angels can dance on the head of a pin?



A Question For Readers Of The Coventry Cat

By Sue Hagopian, Weeki Wachee, FL

Editor's note: An Hysterical Virtual Shout Out goes to Bob Doyle, who correctly answered Sue's query about the first official White House Car, which was a 1909 Stanley Steamer, ordered by President Taft.

So, once again, the first JANE member to submit the right answer to the Editor (send to d19@moultonlabs.com) will get another hysterical virtual shout-out from the entire staff of the Coventry Cat, in the November/December Coventry Cat, at which point we will also share Sue's answer with you. Naturally, the opinion of the Judges is final. Good luck! Have fun!!

Question for September:

True or False?:

The 1953 Corvette came in white, red and black.

Jaguar Parts For Sale

Hello David,

My wife and I have an antiques business based in western Mass, and I have come into possession through the estate of a Jaguar restorer/enthusiast of multiple components and boxes of Jaguar (mostly XJ) parts, NOS and used. Are there any folks within the club who may be interested in acquiring these?

Best regards,

Chris Pichette
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Deerfield, MA
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Editor's Note: Chris sent me six photos. I'm happy to forward them all to whoever would like to see them. Two are shown here.



FOR SALE 1987 XJS convertible

1987 XJS convertible, black with tan top, for parts or repair, not running, interior needs work. 55,000 miles, in southern Maine, from Oklahoma and has not been on the road in Maine. Make an offer.

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An Engine For The Coventry Foundation

By Gary Hagopian

Hello from Gary Hagopian, your Coventry Foundation's liaison. Below is an update on developments at the Foundation's museum.

Attached are pictures of the most recent addition to the Foundation's museum, a refurbished Jaguar engine mounted and running on a custom-built engine stand. Prepared over the past several months, it debuted at the 2023 International Jaguar Festival in Columbia, SC in September, becoming a permanent display at the museum.

It was assembled with its major elements from my personal stash, and was supplemented by donations from several Jaguar enthusiasts, ranging from Dr. Mike Mueller in Texas to SNG Barratt in New Hampshire.

The display's purpose is to showcase Jaguar's world-beating XK engine, the one that powered LeMans-winning race cars as well as elegant Jaguar saloon cars, for more than 40 years! Closely resembling those of the series I E-type, it epitomizes both the beauty and functionality of

the XK engine. We expect it to be an admired addition to the museum and to be used for tech sessions on SU carburetors, valve adjustment, and distributor electrical systems.

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GEEZER HUMOR

*By Brian McMahon,
Greater Boston, MA*

Editor's note: I am not responsible

*When one door closes and
another door opens, you
are probably in prison.*

HONKU

by Aaron Naparstek

A sign up ahead –

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Ha! And now? Leaving

From the *Bottom* of The Scratching Post



This past week, I broke down and bought a new Jaguar. My last new car, probably.

About a month ago, my F-Pace began to make some seriously new and different, even exciting, noises, the kind of noises that usually make us feel like we may be soon encountering rather complex work orders as well as significant redistributions of wealth. Uh-oh!

So, after duly procrastinating for my mandatory four-week period of indecision, I booked the car into Jaguar Peabody for some diagnostic work, gently drove it down there, and, while the boffins in the shop puzzled over what those serious noises might possibly signify within their diagnostic range of "What noise?" to "Holy S__t!," I wandered around the showroom and found, down at the far end, past all the Landys and the lone I-Pace, sales guru Fritz Bonaventure (who sold me my original F-Pace back in the day) as well as a brand-spanking new 2023 F-Pace with both the new engine and the upper middle-class interior I've been lusting after for some years. What a coincidence!

After some chit-chat, not entirely idle, Fritz kindly murmured to me, "Wanna drive that new F-Pace? The black one sitting right there behind you?" And with that kind, thoughtful and no-obligation offer on the table, I was done. Not quite lambs to the slaughter, but close.

Long story short: by the following Tuesday we'd arrived at a price that my bank advised me was probably possible for me if not quite what Consumer Reports might recommend with enthusiasm. By Thursday noon, we'd passed a variety of documents and dollars around, amid smiles, bonhomie and pledges of eternal camaraderie. And then! Lo and Behold! The new F-Pace was, as Daffy Duck used to point out with his sthpluttering listhp, "Itsth mine! Itsth mine! Itsth all mine!!!"

As you may recall, I wrote about this new engine in the Cat a couple years back. It's a double overhead cam 3-litre in-line six-cylinder engine with variable valve timing, a turbo-charger and, driven by a belt-driven 48-volt electric generator/motor, a supercharger that fills in the soft spots in the turbo's boost curve, especially at low engine speeds.

Said 48V electric generator/motor also starts the engine and performs other housekeeping chores as needed, while also regenerating electrical energy on the overrun. This qualifies the car to be called a "mild" hybrid. To my way of thinking, it's not really, but no matter. What it all is, really, is a VERY high output engine with great efficiency. **3 litres displacement**, remember, generating 395 hp at 5500 rpm and 406 ft./lbs. of torque across a very broad band from 2,000 to 5,000 rpm. As a result, it pushes the 4,400 lb. F-Pace to 60 mph in a little over 5 seconds, they say. I haven't tried that stunt (yet).

I'll craft a more expansive write-up in a future issue of the Cat, but so far, the car is, when compared to my 2017 F-Pace, very quiet, smooth and luxurious, with a plethora of nice details. It's also all black, including blacked out rear windows, wheels and chrome, so all I need now to establish my image of serious mien is a full-time driver named something like Helmut, Viggo, Giuseppe, or possibly, Big Max. Dressed in black, of course. Dark shades, of course. Folded arms. Of course! Bad Dude! Of course!! (Meanwhile, I'll lounge inconspicuously in the blacked out luxurious back seats, imagining I'm a tycoon or something.)

Thanks for reading this. Happy Leaf-Peeping, Halloween and Veterans Day. I'm good to go, as they say.



A new 2023 F-Pace named Jefedos (Jefe #2, get it?), our latest addition to the Moulton Fleet as well as the Greater JANE Jaguar Range. One of the last Jag ICE's, I suspect. Seems like a really good one, too. Wish me luck!

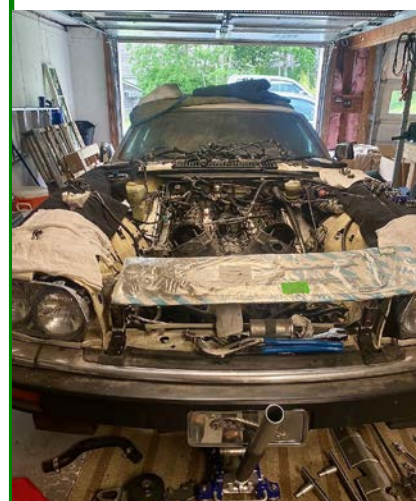
Your Humble JANE Editor

HELP!

Editor's note: I received this email, and just had to run it in the Cat. We've all been there. Can anybody help her, or at least provide guidance?

Hello.

I am trying to find a home for a Jaguar. My husband bought the car at an auction and drove it for a couple of years. Then something went wrong with it and he, a mechanic, started pulling it apart. Then he passed away. So the car is sitting in the garage. All the parts still there, all the manuals too. Photos attached. It is a 1986 XJS V12.



I am looking to sell it for a little bit of money because I cannot find anyone in the area to put it together.

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Rada Valkova
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