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L-R: Dick Whyte, E-Type, Gary Hagopian, E-Type and Greg Hagopian, WRX
at Roebing Road Raceway, Savannah, GA

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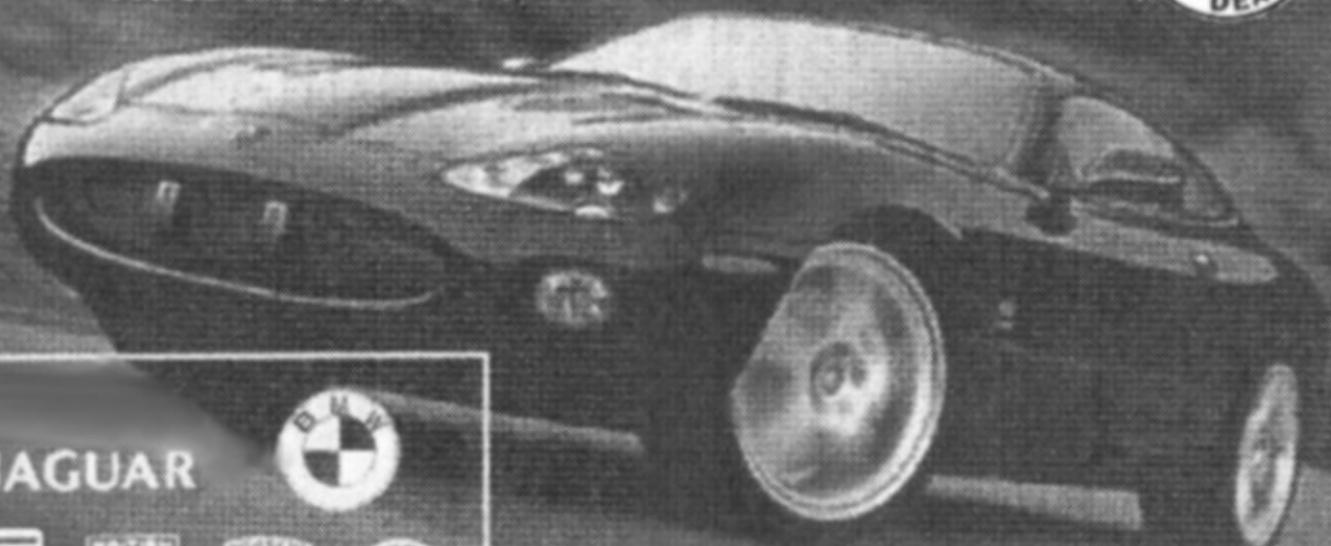
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2006 Calendar of Events

Events for the year which JANE will host, co-host or participate in as a club. Contact Dave Randall at 978-887-9616 for details

March 2006

- JANE, Upholstery, Marlboro, MA.....Mar 11**
- JANE meeting, Skip's, Chelmsford, MA.....Mar 21**
- Larz Anderson Dinner, Brookline, MA..... Mar 24**
- JANE Tour, Parker's Maple Barn, Mason, NH...Apr 2**
- Have an idea for an event ? Give Dave Randall a call**

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President's Notes – March 2006

By Carl Hanson

We are getting closer to spring, I can feel it! Soon we will be rolling out those sleeping cats. With that salvo of good cheer, I have to admit that March is one of the most frustrating months. Warm, snow-melting days serve as a teaser... then, BLAM, another snowstorm. But I shouldn't be too anxious because my car isn't quite ready for prime time yet. I will be a busy beaver during March to get ready for



driving season starting in April.

So what have we got for March? Dave Randall, our Events Chair, tells me that we have three important events this month: a tech session on the 11th, the Larz Anderson Auto Museum's Platinum Dinner on the 25th and the annual LeMans night for our monthly meeting.

The tech session is on interiors, with a few other interesting things extra: Jonathan Chase of Skin & Bones Restoration Shop in Marlborough will host us in his new shop. Jonathan specialized in upholstery and woodwork for antique cars (including many Pebble Beach and Amelia Island winners!), aeroplanes, classic boats and period furniture. In addition, he rebuilds harpsichords and other antique musical instruments! I am looking forward to getting advice on veneering and leather work.

JANE has reserved a table for 10 at the museum's annual dinner. Besides an outstanding dinner, the auction is not to be missed if you value automobilia --- posters, books, paintings, and donated weeks at beautiful vacation houses. On top of that there is a live auction for rare items. This is one great evening. If you want to attend as one of JANE's representatives, please let me know. Our table is nearly filled, but we can reserve another one!

Then our monthly meeting features the Brady Brothers slide show from last year's LeMans 24-hour race. Our March meeting traditionally gets this fun report, and every year we learn something new about that great race. I won't reveal too much, but the Bradys and Stirling Moss became friends this year! Come to the meeting and hear all about it. The usual – Skip's Restaurant in Chelmsford, fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:00 start time.

Looking forward to the summer, I see some great times ahead! The Tour of Nova Scotia is coming together and it looks like we will have a sizable group of JANE members going. If all goes according to plan, there may be at least five XK120's on the trip!

February's meeting was fun – a short business meeting followed by a movie on the fundamentals of a JCNA slalom and Dennis Eklof's slide show from last year's Monterey Historics. As I mentioned before, we are going to try to maintain a schedule of one full business meeting per quarter, with the other two meetings more social oriented. The next full business meeting will be in April.

See you at the March events!

Carl

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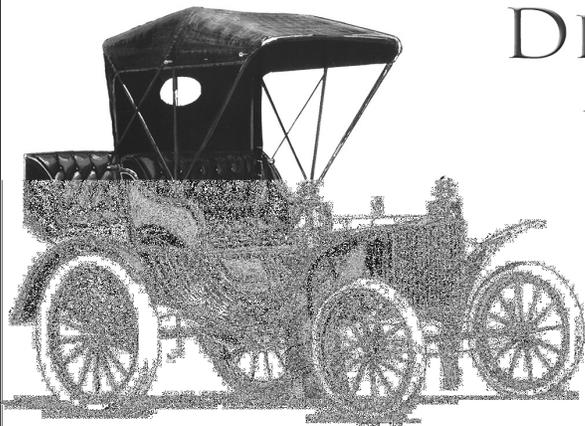
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JAGS AT THE DRAGS
FRIDAY, THE 19TH OF MAY

Hi Harry

A quick note to you that Mike and I are planning Drag night this year. We have reserved a lane at the drag way Friday May 19th, gates open at 5 pm, the races start at 6 pm. We are investigating the available restaurants in the area for dinner after the races. I will keep you informed.

We will have an area secured at the track where we can gather and discuss (sometimes heatedly) who will drag who, this will be the place that we will use to regroup after each run and grab a snack. I am hoping that we can get Andy and Chuck to race their Italian stallion machines.

The drag ways site is <http://www.newenglanddragway.com/> All interested drivers should to visit this page and click on the street night rules <http://www.newenglanddragway.com/trackinfo/handbook/streetprograms.html>

Here are some of the rules for drivers

No slicks allowed. Street tires required (DOT Approved racing tires acceptable).

No bald tires or open exhaust allowed.

Co-driver allowed in all vehicles running 14.00 seconds or slower

Seat belts, overflow can and battery hold down bracket are required

0.500 second Full Tree using manual start

Vehicles must comply with safety and equipment requirements as outlined by the current IHRA Rule Book.

Vehicles must be street legal and able to pass state safety inspection.

Nitrous oxide permitted and must be installed according to the provisions outlined in the current IHRA Rule Book .

Factory (OEM) installed computers allowed, but no lap top computers are allowed while in competition.

Valid state driver's license required. Learner's permits are not acceptable.

Helmets (Snell 90 or newer) required for all vehicles running 13.99 seconds or quicker.

Drivers and co-drivers are required to wear long pants, a shirt, socks and shoes.

Refreshments and snacks will be served at the track by Mike and myself.

Last year we had a great time and fabulous weather. We would like people to call or email their intentions to race. If they have any question we welcome those as well.

We hope to see you there.

Regards, Brenda & Mike

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Nova Scotia, here we come!

Save the dates around the end of June and beginning of July! You will want to be a part of JANE's Tour of Nova Scotia (TNS)! JANE members Bruce and Anna Cake and their friends at BATANS and the Dartmouth Yacht Club will be hosting JANE for a rousing event in Halifax connected with Canada Day on July 1st. Adam Owens, a Past President of JANE, has agreed to organize our trip from this end.

JANE will visit us again in 2006, and the tentative schedule is as follows:

Thursday, PM, 29 June arrive at the Ramada Inn in Dartmouth.

Friday AM depart for a tour of Annapolis Valley
Friday PM return to the Dartmouth Yacht Club for a Hip of Beef or Pig Roast

Saturday - proceed to Halifax for a car show at Bishop's Landing 1 to 4 PM

Sunday - take in the Halifax International Tattoo matinee performance

Monday - depart for Cape Breton.

This schedule was approved and will be included in the list of events that BATANS will participate in. BATANS will host a reception at the Ramada Inn on your arrival. One of BATANS members has volunteered to be the tour guide to the Valley. We are suggesting the Valley as that is the home of the Acadians so much in the news with New Orleans and all. For the dinner on Friday evening, any input that you might have as to meat preference would be appreciated. For the Saturday car show, this location is on the Halifax waterfront and is in easy walking distance of all the activities scheduled for the waterfront in conjunction with Canada Day. Bishops Landing is a condo/apartment complex right on the water. They have a large court yard ideal for showing the cars. Its is located about half way between the Casino and Pier 21 (our Ellis Island). We would head back to the Yacht Club for boat rides down the harbour to view the fireworks. Sunday would be the Tattoo in the afternoon.

Bruce and Anna Cake

This event is likely to be **THE EVENT OF THE YEAR!** We already have 8 or 9 couples ready to go, some of us in our antique Jaguars! Check out The Coventry Cat and JANE website for updates.

Carl Hanson

JANE "South" Update by Garry Hagopian

In case you were wondering what JCNA members do in FL all winter, consider the following varied and interesting way that we "snowbirds" pass the time.

I ran into Dick DeVito from Weston, the other day. Hadn't seen Eileen and Dick up north in several years.

George & Carolyn Parker, JCCNY, who always attend our JANE concours, are wintering in Bradenton, and entertaining other FL visitors who may be in Florida for only a short time. George is always there to help when a project comes up for "Jaguar Camp".

JANE's Herb & Barbara Strachman are in Bradenton, taking it easy and golfing, while George and Janet Jones, JCSNE, hit and run for only short vacation periods, in Sarasota.

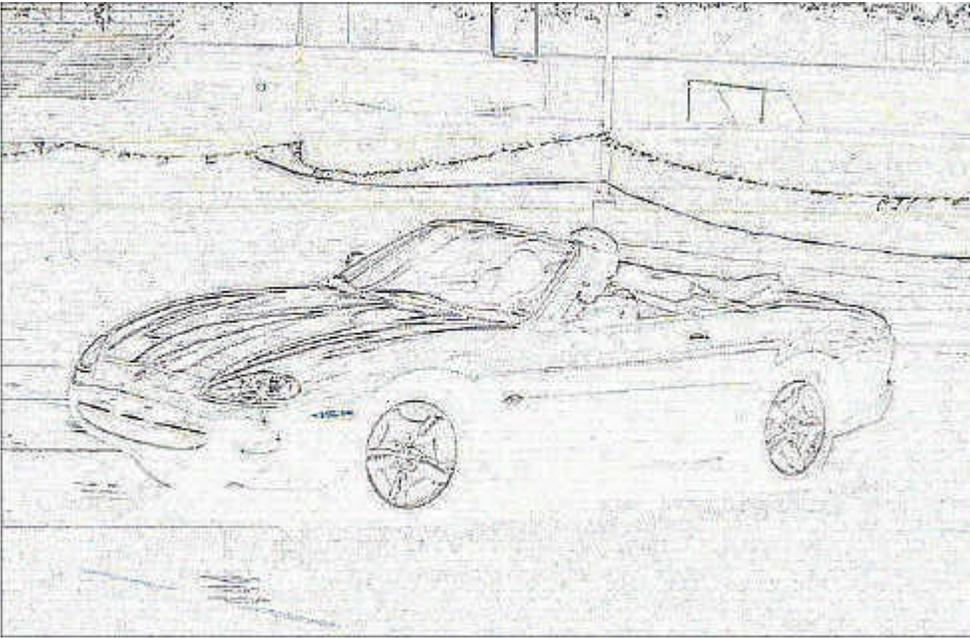
George J. has "ants in his pants", so can't sit still for too long a stretch. Last winter, "Moe, Larry, & Curly" (Gary, George P. & George J) installed a new wire harness in David & Elsa Roth's MK-2 (340) George's most recent visit was no exception. After arriving in Sarasota on Sunday, he showed up for work Monday morning at Ray David's home in Brooksville, to help George Parker and me remove, clean and strip Ray David's engine from his '69 E Type FHC. You remember Ray & Dottie, who moved to FL permanently, but retained their JANE membership? The job, which started out as an installation of Medatronics 5-speed transmission, has somehow turned into that, plus an engine overhaul including speed mods! Working in Ray's garage with minimal tools and no engine lift, we removed the engine by methods that would have embarrassed a cave man! George'll have to come back soon, to help us re-unite the engine with the car!

All's not just dirty work however. Dick Whyte, JANE, and I ran our E Types for two days last weekend at Roebing Road Raceway, in Savannah Georgia, with the Citrus division of the PCA. (That's the "Porsche Club of America") Dick, no shrinking violet, got started by slaloming with JANE, then entered the "Empire Jaguar Club at Lime Rock" a few times, and has since, kept buying faster Jaguars until he found his present '66 E Type FHC. With Bassett's doing his mods, he's now got a "tiger by the tail"!

While we were doing HPDE (high performance driver's education) several other JCNA "snowbirds" were doing a JCNA slalom in Tavares, FL at the FL State Police Training facility. Along with their large skid-pad where we slalom, they have a mini road course to which we've been given free access! This facility has a shooting range where all the "right-wingers" with guns, like Dick, go to hone their trap-shooting skills.

Now, Sue and I are looking forward to early March when we are scheduled to attend the Amelia Island Concours & Auction, with David & Elsa Roth. This high end event is the east's answer to the west's Pebble Beach Concours.

So, my fellow Jaguar enthusiasts, you really ought to quit your jobs and come down to enjoy this life before it's too late! Remember: **"Too soon old, too late schmart, too long dead!!!"**



JANE Slalom Program for 2006

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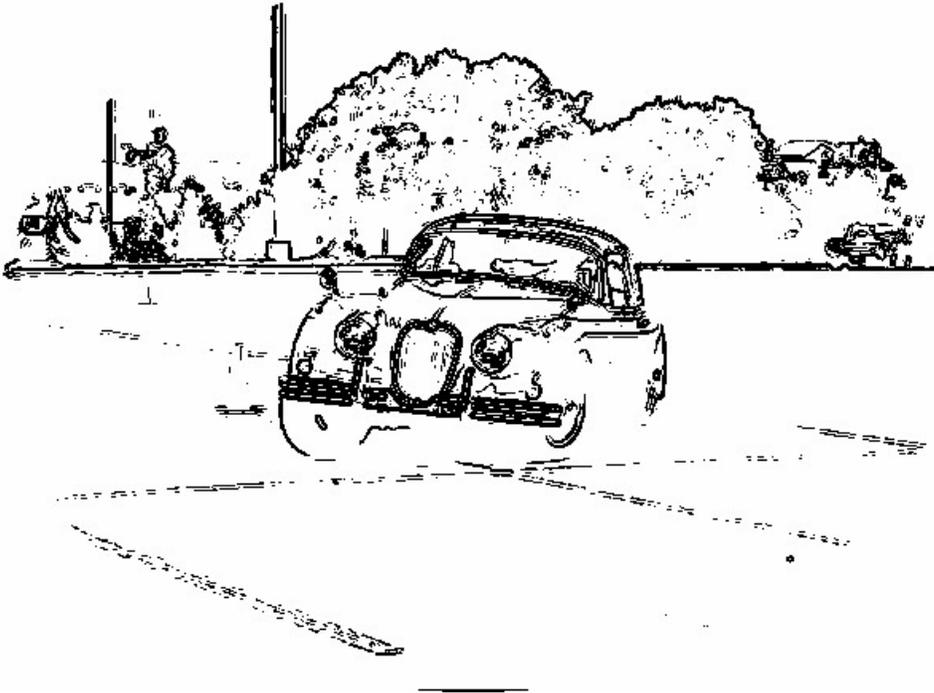
Course Description

Driving Tips

Thanks to all the Slalomers and supporters. Our goal in 2006 is to increase the number of JANE participants and get everyone behind this exciting and fun activity. This “Slalom Insert” will get you started. For other questions, contact your Slalom Chairman and check the Coventry Cat or Web site. JCNA.com and the Jaguar Journal are also “chock full” of great slalom information. See you on the Slalom course!

Your Slalom Committee

Introduction: Slalom is one of three National programs provided by JCNA paid for by your dues. The other two are Concours and Rally. JANE runs two "JCNA sanctioned" slaloms each year and submits your fastest time to JCNA. You compete nationally with the best drivers from any of the JCNA affiliate Jaguar clubs. JANE provides trophies as does JCNA at the AGM.



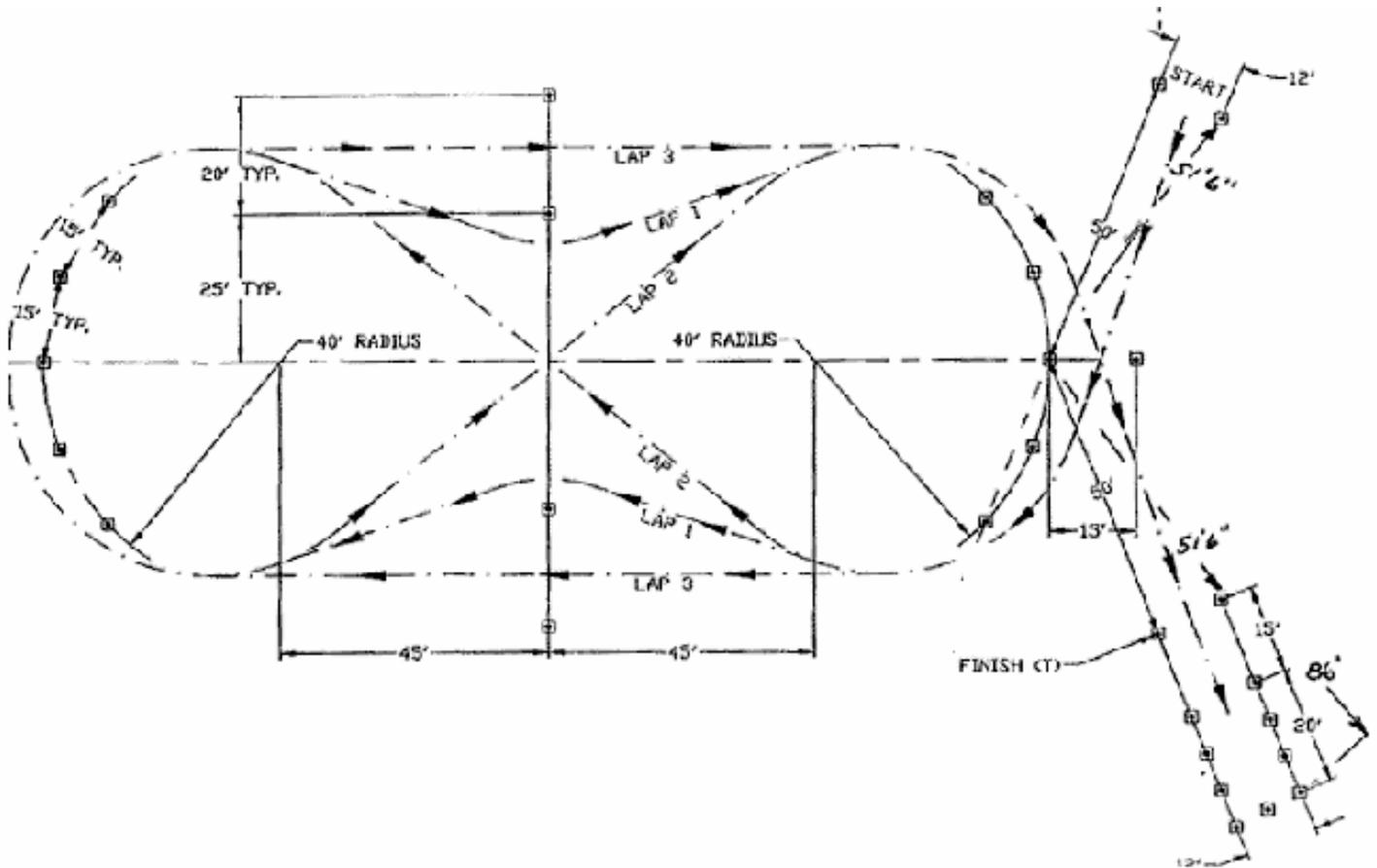
What is a slalom? A timed run through a field of cones. **Why compete?** Because Jaguars are fun to drive at all levels. **What's required?** A highway safe car with a driver's seatbelt. **Classes?** Yes. You'll compete with like cars. Older cars can have radial tires. **Experience required?** Heck no! We want all JANE members to give slaloms a try. You'll quickly learn the course and how to best your times.

On the following pages we'll describe the course layout, discuss the JCNA required Tech Inspection of your car, and give some "driving" tips. Non-Jaguars are welcome too.

Slaloming is **FUN, EXCITING**, and **SAFE**. JANE provides new Bell helmets and the latest timing gear. Get out and drive your car! This is the year to slalom! Be part of the group. Join us!!

Safety Information:

All drivers must provide a current license, registration, and insurance card. A portion of your \$20 entry fee (\$25 non JCNA members) provides JCNA insurance for the lot owner and his equipment. Your car will be Tech Inspected to ensure the front end is tight, brakes are good, no excessive leaks, secure battery, and loose items removed. Tires should be inflated to their max safe operating press (normally 4-6 PSI over normal). Drivers will walk the course for familiarity. Flags will be explained: "Green" signifies it's OK to enter the course; "Black" waving flag means exit in a safe, conservative manner; "Red" flag says STOP NOW in a responsible fashion- the course steward sees something dangerous.



JANE's tentative events calendar

Event	Place	Date	Contact
JANE tech session, Upholstery	J Chase's, Marlboro, MA	Mar 11	Carl Hanosn
JANE meeting, LeMans trip	Skip's, Chelmsford, MA	Mar 22	Tom/John Brady
Larz Anderson Dinner	Larz Anderson, Brookline, MA	Mar 25	Carl Hanson
JANE Tour.Brunch	Parker's Maple Barn, Mason, NH	Apr 2	Harry Parkinson

Driving Tips: This a reprint of Steve Weinstein's article "The Cone Zone" from the Jan 2005 Jaguar Journal. Steve is our JCNA Slalom Chair and has done an excellent job promoting slaloming, making rules revisions, and keeping the program vigorous and growing. Steve has also borrowed here from JANE's Gary Hagopian who has many slalom laps to his credit and is always helpful. This year, we will be raising money to benefit Children's Hospital at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

In prior articles, I've talked about some of the things you can do mechanically with your car, either basic maintenance or modifications, that can help you go faster. But what about driving technique? Here are some of the basics you need to keep in mind to get around the course as fast as possible. First, know the course. That sounds obvious, but if you're thinking about where to go next, you can't concentrate on driving fast. While I'm waiting "on deck" for my run, I like to visualize the course and run through it as I'd like my run to be. But knowing the course is more that just understanding the configuration. You need to be conscious of where you make your turns, when to accelerate, when to brake and where to look. Get in line early for your turn, make sure your seatbelt is on and tight, helmet on and comfortable, gloves on if you use them. Be sure your engine is well warmed up, especially if it is cold outside. Getting in line early allows you to slow down, think about what you are going to be doing and settle your mind to be able to really concentrate on the run. If you're rushed, you won't be able to settle down at the start line and give the course and your driving your full attention. As you approach the start line, think about the first three turns and what you want to accomplish. The first lap of the slalom course is the slowest and the hardest to steer, so it allows for the greatest potential improvement in your time (advise I got from Gary Hagopian). Pull up to the start line, be sure that your car is angled properly and that you are to the left of the start box to get the best approach to the first turn. Take a few deep breaths and relax. Remember, you don't have to start when you are given the okay by the starter. The timing does not start until you start to move, or in the case of electronic timing equipment, when you cross the line. Settle yourself and start as soon as you are comfortable. If you have a manual transmission, bring your rpm's up to get a good clean start. If you have an automatic, hold the brake with your left foot and bring rpm's up a bit, then release the brake as you press down on the gas. Avoid "burning rubber" as you pull away. Slipping tires waste acceleration. DO NOT concentrate on the end cone of the first turn. If you do, you will hit it. One of the most important principles in driving, any driving, is that you will go where you look. If you look at the cones you are passing, you will hit them. You will also slow yourself down, because you now have to find the next spot you need to go to. As you drive, keep your eyes up, look to the next place you need to be, not where you are now. So as you approach the first turn, you should be looking at the next turn (the center cone for the "dog bone"). Use your peripheral vision and sense the edge of your car to get around the turn you are at. If you set it up right by looking ahead, the turn will take care of itself. Start your turns before you reach the turning mark. Don't turn AT the corner, start turning BEFORE the corner. And don't pull tight to the corner cones. Stay out a bit so that your turn is smooth and rounded, not sharp and angular. Most importantly, drive smoothly. Over-acceleration, skidding, squealing brakes, smoking tires may look really fast. But it's not. The fastest runs you'll see look smooth and effortless.

Automobile Interiors Tech Session on Saturday, March 11th

by Jonathan Chase at his "Skin & Bones" Restoration Shop

Jonathan Chase of "Skin & Bones" restoration shop has invited JANE members to a two hour session on classic car interiors. He opened a new shop last fall at 75 Lincoln Street in Marlborough, MA, and he tells us it is large enough to accommodate a sizable JANE group. Jonathan is well know as a trimmer to the stars --- many of his projects have shown well at all the great car shows, including Pebble Beach and Amelia Island. Besides cars, he works on antique aeroplanes and classic boats. And even more interesting, he restores harpsichords and other antique musical instruments! You will find this session to be fascinating and informative.

We will start at 10 a.m. at his shop, with morning refreshments (voluntary contribution, please) and witty repartee. There will be a door prize for the person who drives the furthest in a Jaguar! Session should end around noon and we will collect our thoughts in a nearby restaurant.

For planning purposes, we would like to get a head count (so we don't run out of donuts!). **Please call Carl Hanson at 781-275-2707 (or email at chansonjag@aol.com by Friday morning, March 10th if you are coming.**

Directions: 1: Set your GPS navigation system to 75 Lincoln Street, Marlborough, MA. 2. Consult Mapquest. 3. Follow these rough instructions: From the west: take Rt 20 through Marlborough. Left on Rt. 85 (Bolton Street). 4th right is Lincoln Street. From the east: take Rt 20 toward Marlborough. When 20 turns sharp left, Lincoln Street goes straight ahead. If you miss this turn, follow 20 until the intersection with Rt 85 and turn right on 85. 4th right is Lincoln Street.

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Background: In the restoration of both my Mk 2 and E Type Jags I had trouble finding a chrome plater who was within driving distance, who was reliable, who produced quality chrome work and whose prices were reasonable. I had four E Type front and rear light bezels (pot metal) re-chromed at Nu-Chrome in Fall River, MA with some trepidation as to the quality of the work I would get back. I received the pieces back finished to a high standard.

In contemplating the re-chroming of my "E" door window and rear quarter window frames plus other miscellaneous parts, I mentioned to some club members that I was going to use Nu-Chrome, but received the advice that s they had had a bad experiences there. It prompted me to make a visit to Nu-Chrome which I did on Feb 27. The following is my report for others looking for a chrome plating company. Please note that I am not lobbying for Nu-Chrome but simply recording my findings from my visit.

Report: Nu-Chrome business is almost one hundred percent serving the automotive restoration trade. They have customers from every state in the US and many foreign countries. They have over five hundred customer orders in process and are currently running a six to ten week lead time.

Nu-Chrome is located in Fall River MA, located in a large metal industrial building in an industrial park. First impressions on entering the work area is that the place is full of clutter with chroming racks and work pieces everywhere, and old defunct machinery and stuff filling the front half of the building. I guess it prompts one to wonder how in the hell top quality work can emanate from such a workshop.

I saw much evidence of the high quality of their work during the shop tour and inspection of the items awaiting packing and shipping. I also saw hundreds of items in both their receiving area and repair area dubbed "The Hospital" which bore out their claim that they can take items one step from the scrap heap and make them new again. I saw hundreds of pieces going through the process and was impressed with the quality of the finished product.

Things to consider if you want to send them work to be plated. They take a digital photo of all the pieces of every order as it is received. The photo accompanies the pieces as they are routed through the workshop and serves as the work order showing the work order number. This helps to keep pieces from different customers identified and is their system to control the pieces going through the shop.

Frank, who runs the shop staffed by 12 employees, provides the cost estimates, enters the orders, answers customers queries plus a dozen other things Jack, the outside salesman will provide relief to Frank.

I found these two men pleasant to deal with, enthusiastic and sensitive to the need to provide good customer service and relations, and are straight shooters.

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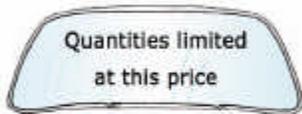
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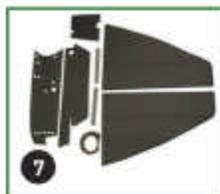


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