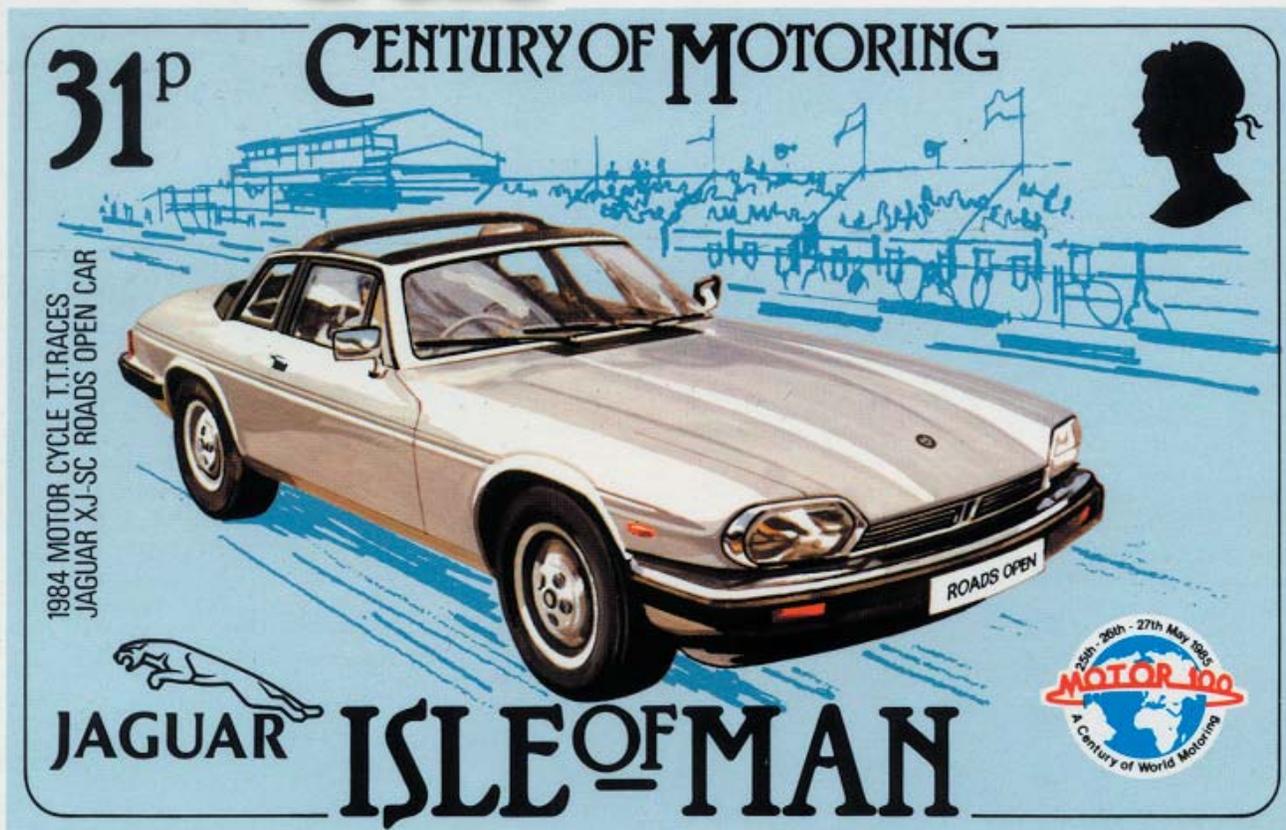


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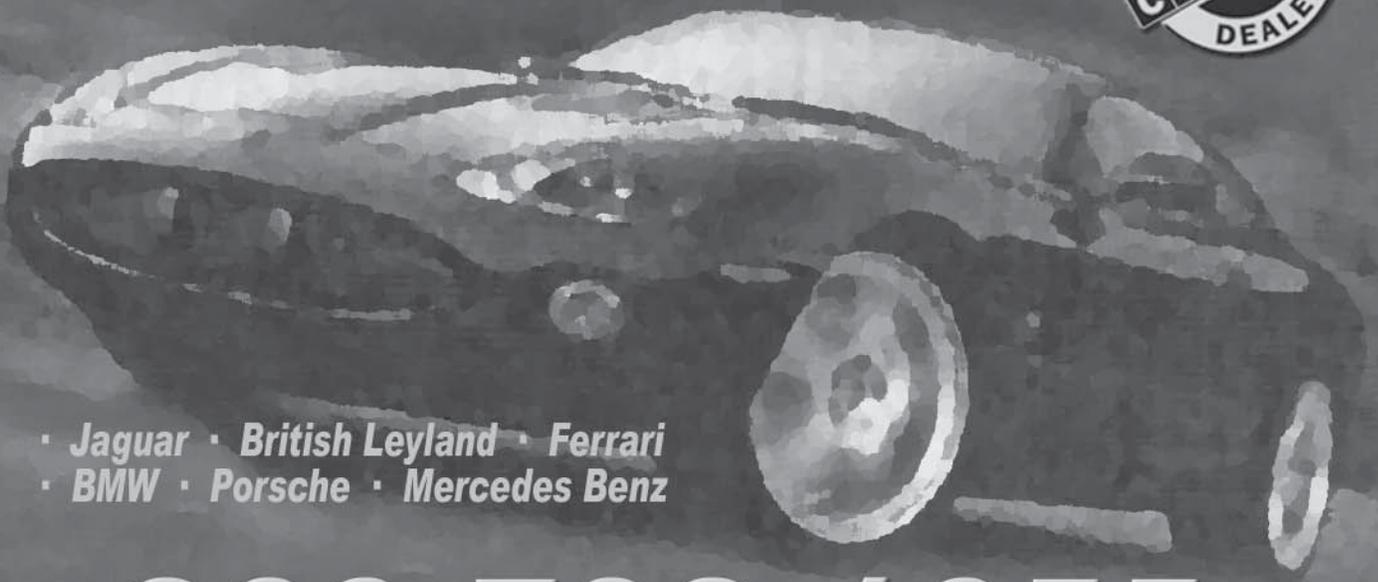
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April is the Cruellest Month

April 2007

April is the cruellest month”—so starts a famous poem that we were supposed to read in high school. Although the poem was set in England, I have always associated that line with the variable weather we have here in New England. April is when we are teased by Mother Nature with sudden snowstorms just when we are getting excited about our JANE driving season. And what a driving season it is going to be! Take a look at the schedule of events published here in *The Coventry Cat*. The summer is chock full of events, and more are being added all the time. Also check the JANE website for the most up-to-date schedule, as well as details.

Speaking of driving events, we had a great one on April Fools Day—a tour to the Sugar Shack in Barrington, NH. Harry Parkinson planned a scenic drive through the back roads of NH, ending up for brunch at this famous destination for maple syrup and pancakes. Later in April, we have a JANE “Dyno Day” at KTR Motorsports in Ayer, MA. Dyno Day is when our Jaguars will be placed on a four-wheel dynamometer testing rig to determine how to improve performance. Besides being instructive for your own car, it is fun for spectators to watch and learn about performance tuning.

Another April event is our annual Judges Training Workshop at Hoppe Tool in Chicopee, MA. Judges training is a key element in maintaining high-quality judging skills for our concours. I want to encourage everyone who has an interest in concours quality to attend the training. You will learn a great deal about Jaguar authenticity and originality, including models other than your particular favorite. JANE’s concours is well known for being a top-quality event, but we cannot continue to hold national class concours

events if our judges are not qualified. What is especially fun about our training session is the fact that we share the class with the Jaguar Club of Southern New England (JCSNE). This is a good time to meet and exchange ideas with our neighbors to the south.

Looking forward to May, let me remind you of our Spring Slalom on Sunday, May 6th, followed soon after by a new and exciting event, “The Magical Mystery Tour”. And then there is our annual May meeting, lawn show, and BBQ on the grounds of the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. The schedule for the rest of the summer looks like we should have something for everyone! Come to an event that appeals to you and be sure to introduce yourself to your fellow JANE members. We want to meet every one of you!

Our April meeting is a quarterly business meeting, at which we run through the complete agenda, with reports from all committees and discussions of club business items. However, as an added attraction, we will have a driving school presentation in advance of a driving school demonstration at the Spring Slalom. We hope to encourage people to attend in order to learn how to improve their driving skills—something that should be a high priority of any member of a car club.

I want to tip my hat to Dave and Elsa Roth, whose 1967 Jaguar 340 Saloon was featured in the ‘Escape Roads’ column of the March 26th issue of *Autoweek*. The Roths, now living in Florida, have been active JANE members for many years—Dave is a Past President and both have served as Co-chairs of our Concours Committee several times. Great story! Great car! Congratulations! 🏆

Carl

The Press Sez

By Carl Hanson



Next Events

JANE Calender of Upcoming Events

DATE - DAY	ACTIVITY OR EVENT	LOCATION
April		
1 - Sun	JANE April Fools Day Tour to the Sugar Shack for brunch	Southern NH
19-20 Thu-Fri	Bonham & Butterfield's Preview Days	Larz Anderson Auto Museum
21 - Sat	Bonham & Butterfield's Auction	Larz Anderson Auto Museum
25 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting: Driving school presentation - see Page 5	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
28 - Sat	JANE Dyno Day at KTR Motorsports - see Page 5	Ayer, MA
29 - Sun	Concours Judges Training Session - see Page 6	Hoppe Tool, Chicopee, MA
May		
5 - Sat	Auto Jumble and Car Corral - see Page 6	Larz Anderson Auto Museum
6 - Sun	JANE Spring Slalom - see Page 6	Westford, MA
12-13 Sat-Sun	VSCCA Hunnewell Hill Climb	Wellesley, MA
19-20 Sat-Sun	JANE Magical Mystery Tour Weekend - see Page 7	?????
23 - Wed 6pm	JANE Night on the Lawn at Larz Anderson Auto Museum - short monthly meeting	Larz Anderson Auto Museum
26-28 Sat-Mon	Newport, RI, Concours	Newport, RI
June		
1-2 Fri-Sat	Empire Jaguar Club / VSCCA Track Day	Lime Rock Park
8-10	Manchester, VT Fun Run with the Rolls Royce club including the VSCCA Equinox Hill Climb - see Page 7	Manchester, VT
15-17 Fri-Sun	VSCCA Races	Watkins Glen International, NY
TBD	Elm Bank Preserve Cars-n-Blooms Car Show	Wellesley, MA
24 - Sun	British Car Day	Larz Anderson Auto Museum
27 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
July		
7-8 Sat-Sun	BeaveRun Historic Races by PVGPA	
21 - Sat	JANE Tour to Bob Bahre's Car Collection	Paris, Maine
25 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
27-29 Fri-Sun	Vanderbilt Cup Concours	Newport, RI
31-Aug 4 - Tues-Sat	JCNA Challenge	Indianapolis, IN
August		
5 - Sun	Tutto Italiano: Italian Car Day	Larz Anderson Auto Museum
10-12 Fri-Sun	JANE Annual Concours - see Page 8	Sturbridge, MA
Thurs TBD	Ice Cream and Cruise Night at Kimball Farm	Westford, MA
17th or 24th Fri	JANE's Friday Night at the Drags	New England Dragway, Epping, NH
22 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
September		
Aug 31 - Sep 3 - Fri-Mon	Jaguar Car Corral at the Lime Rock Vintage Festival	Lime Rock Park Race Track
9 - Sun	JANE Autumn Slalom	Westford, MA
13-16 Thu-Sun	15th Annual British Invasion	Stowe, VT
26 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
TBD	JANE at the LAAM Platinum Dinner/Auction	Larz Anderson Automobile Museum
October		
5-6 Fri-Sat	VSCCA Vintage Races	Lime Rock Park
6-7 Sat-Sun	Owls Head Foreign Car Day in Maine	Owls Head Transportation Museum
7 - Sun	JANE Tour to Chauncey Creek Lobster Pier	Kittery, ME
13 - Sat	JANE Fall Foliage Tour / TSD Rally	Lakes Region, NH
24 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
November		
14 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
December		
2 - Sun 3pm	JANE Event - AGM and Holiday Party	

Know of something else happening that would be of interest to our members? Have an idea for an event? Want to run an event? Questions about an event? Contact VP/Events Brenda Soussan at ideacounselo@earthlink.net or 617-338-8747.

GET THE LATEST EVENT INFO AT WWW.J-A-N-E.ORG!

Driving School Presentation at the April Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, April 25th

The April JANE Monthly Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, the 25th, starting at 7:00pm at Skip's Restaurant in Chelmsford, MA, will be a business meeting, with a special added feature.

Representatives from Stevens Advanced Driver Training and the Lovering Family Foundation will give a short presentation on SkidSchool US's "Beyond Driver

Education" course for teen drivers (and parents too!). It's what we all missed in high school! These kids are learning straight-line braking skills, practicing slalom maneuvers, conducting tailgating drills, and making emergency lane changes in brand new Volvo S-40s. It's an eye-opener! The Lovering Foundation is working with Stevens to make this course affordable to all and fun. The

mission is to train smarter, better drivers. Don't miss it! More pre-meeting info on the school can be found at www.skidschool.us. (Rumor has it that we'll see some of these runs at Nashoba after the slalom!)

Skip's is easy to find—it's located on Route 110 just south of Exit 34 off I-495 on the right. The address is 116 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford, MA, and the number

is 978-256-2631.

JANE monthly meetings allow you to get together with like-minded Jaguar lovers in a low-key setting any time you choose to. Why not come out on the 25th, participate in the meeting, take in the driving school presentation, and grab a bite with your Jaguar friends? 🍷

MORE EVENTS→

Dyno Day at KTR Motorsports

Saturday, April 28th

JJANE will be holding a **Dyno Day at KTR Motorsports** in Ayer, MA on Saturday, April 28th, starting at 9:00am. You can either sign up to have your car dyno'd, or just show up as a spectator to observe the action and drool over the many sports, vintage street, and race cars that KTR maintains.

If you'd like to dyno your car, **PLEASE CONTACT STU FORER ASAP BECAUSE IT IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!** We can accommodate 15 cars for dyno testing, which includes three dyno runs per car. Go to KTR's website (www.ktrperformance.com) for more

information on the dyno and some examples of dyno graphs. The dyno at KTR also measures the stoichiometric (air-to-fuel) ratio over the entire RPM range. The correct ratio, neither too rich nor too lean, will improve drivability. It will also ensure that you do no engine damage. Running too lean can cause burnt valves and overheating; running too rich can cause fouled plugs and poor gas mileage. You'll get a graph of power and torque versus RPM. Stu's XK120, which had its engine built by noted Jaguar race engine builder Tivvy Shenton, was too lean. At the last dyno session, they had both Tivvy's and Stu's cars dyno'd by KTR, and repaired a lean condition in each of them.

If you're coming as a spectator, **PLEASE CONTACT STU FORER BEFORE APRIL 14TH SO WE CAN GIVE KTR A HEAD COUNT!** There are many things to see

at KTR. It has a 32,000 square foot building, which is huge for an automotive service facility. KTR is owned by Bob Jett, who was a principal and founder of Cambridge Technologies, a large software company. Bob is a vintage racer and a car and motorcycle collector. He bought the business from John (Jay) Geils of the Jay Geils Band. Although Jay is and was a successful performer, he is also a mechanical engineer who raced a vintage Ferrari TdF Berlinetta. There are numerous rare cars being restored, race-prepared, and serviced at the facility. KTR is also a distributor and assembler of the Noble M400 high-performance sports car.

KTR has two divisions: KTR Performance, which modifies and tunes street high-performance and late-model racing cars for more horsepower and better handling; and KTR Motorsports, which restores, race-prepares, repairs, stores, and provides trackside assistance to imported, classic, and vintage racing cars. If you've attended vintage sports car events



throughout the Northeast, you've surely spotted KTR vehicles, trailers, and cars sporting KTR logos.

Our Hosts: KTR Performance

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Email: info@ktrperformance.com

Cost: \$75 per car (\$8 refunded if we get 15 cars)—includes lunch.

Spectators are asked to donate \$5 per person for lunch.

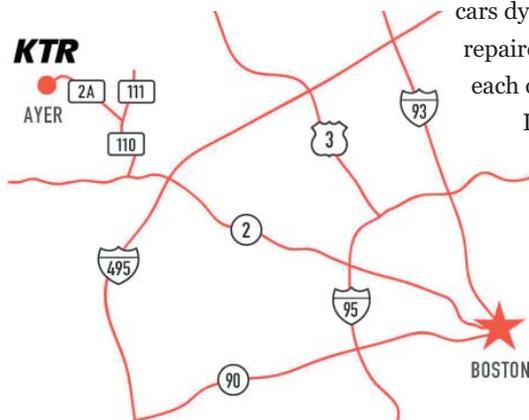
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Directions: KTR is located at 99 Fitchburg Road (Route 2A) in Ayer, MA, 1.3 miles north of the center of town. 🗺️



Next Events (cont)

JANE at the Larz Anderson Auto Jumble / Car Corral

Saturday, May 5th

The Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, MA, will be holding an Auto Jumble / Flea Market / Car Corral on May 5th from 10am – 3pm. The Museum will be offering a variety of items that have been donated to them for sale, including vintage automotive parts, memorabilia, brochures, and many vintage collectibles.

But also, the Museum is providing 10' x 20' spaces to rent for the day, and JANE member

Ray O'Brien has grabbed a space for our club! For a \$10 donation, members may bring any auto-related items to the flea market to sell in the JANE space. Also, for a \$30 donation, there will be a car corral for those interested in placing a car on the field for sale.

Limited space is available, so please contact Ray at 617-460-2970 or raymondobrien@comcast.net with an approximation of what you will be bringing. Ray will need this info to reserve enough

space. **We need to pre-register before April 10th, so do it now!** Checks for the Auto Jumble and/or Car Corral should be sent to Raymond O'Brien, 72 Rawson Road, Brookline, MA 02445.

LAAM is located at 15 Newton Street, Brookline, MA 02445 and can be found on the web at www.mot.org.

This is a great opportunity to clean out the ol' garage of unwanted parts, tools, and cars, and have some fun to boot! 🍀

The JANE Spring Slalom

Sunday, May 6th

Okay, all JANE drivers—we have new helmets, the latest electronic timing gear, and we will be back again at last year's great slalom site, the Nashoba Valley Ski Area!

Slaloming is a low-speed run through a field of cones. You make three passes per run (egg-shell shape, a crossing X, and oval) before exiting through the stop cones. Times generally run between 40 and 50 seconds per run. The course is easy to learn and becomes second-nature to drive. Each driver has five timed runs. Your best run determines your finish that day. Instruction is available.

The dates for the 2007 Slaloms are May 6th and September 9th, with the first car off at 10:00am—rain or shine. Please arrive a bit early for tech inspection and to walk the course. The events should conclude at about 3:00pm. Be sure to add 4 to 6 PSI to your tire inflation pressures!

The cost will be \$20 for JANE members and \$25 for non-members for each date. Cars (not drivers) are charged the entry fee, so that husband and wife, for example, may each take a turn behind the wheel!

Jaguars will compete in classes

so that you compete against like cars. Any model or make, including the family Buick, is welcome. All Jaguars and other "sporting" makes are encouraged.

The Tech Inspection will assure that licensed and insured drivers are operating street-legal automobiles with secure batteries, no loose items aboard, good front ends, safe tires, and the like. JANE provides helmets (S, M, L, XL) or bring your own.

For those who would like more information about slaloming, check out the excellent articles in the March 2006 issue of the Coventry Cat or check out the Slalom section of the JCNA website. For more information on our event, contact Slalom Chair Adrian Curtis at 603-293-4938 or ascurtis@metrocast.net.

The Nashoba Valley Ski Area is in Westford, MA, two miles inside Route 495 off Route 2A at 79 Powers Road. The lot's great, the location's beautiful, and the clubhouse will be open for our use. This event will be a blast! 🍀

Concours Judges Training Session

Sunday, April 29th

The Concours Judges Training Session will be conducted by Aldo Cipriano on Sunday, April 29th, commencing at 10:00am at Hoppe Tool, 107 First Avenue, Chicopee, MA. Breakfast and lunch will be furnished, and the session will include the annual judges' test, seminar, and actual judging of several club members' vehicles.

This year, we are seeking a greater number of judges than usual, because it is the 35th anniversary of the JANE Concours and we are expecting an expanded field. This year also marks increased collaboration between

JANE and JCSNE in conducting the judges' seminar and reciprocating with the use of judging teams at both clubs' Concours events. We will also invite other judges outside of the New England region in an effort to expand cooperation and create more uniformity in on-field judging standards.

If any of you wish to participate as new judges, please contact Aldo at AldoC.Esq@comcast.net or 508-481-8806. Participating judges will be furnished with an official monogrammed Concours Judge polo shirt that will make you stand out from the crowd and is yours to keep! 🍀

The JANE 2007 Magical Mystery Tour

Saturday-Sunday, May 19th-20th

Hold these dates for what may be one of the best JANE events of the season!

Saturday, May 19

Departure: From Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford (possibly one other departure location)

Route: Follow the "clues" over approximately 200 miles of beautiful New England back roads that have been discovered by over 20 years of back-road touring—beautiful scenery, minimal traffic, all paved, no dirt!

En route: Tour at your own pace. Stop for lunch, to shop, to view the scenery. This is not a TSD rally—all you need to worry about is not getting lost and showing up in time for the festivities. For those who do get lost, a sealed envelope of bail-out instructions and maps will be provided, but we won't be held accountable for the verbal abuse to which you may be subjected if you show up with an open envelope!

Destination: A beautiful New England country inn in a picturesque New England area. Only your tour masters know the location, so you'll have to trust us to have selected well. You will not be disappointed! You must find it by following the route clues!

Upon Arrival: Cocktail reception and award ceremony for the day's experiences, including a "bent spoke" award, of course.

Dinner: We will share an excellent dinner in our own private dining room at the inn's elegant



restaurant. Your tour masters dined there twice recently and the meals and service were both excellent.

After dinner: Adjourn to the cozy pub at the inn for the remainder of the evening for more socializing. If we're lucky we may be treated to live classical lute music!

Sunday, May 20

Breakfast: Set up just for JANE in the Garden Room (included in room rate). Your tour masters breakfasted there recently and it was as good as the dinners.

Departure: At your leisure, and your own route home. Or stay on another night on your own (\$125 for Sunday night). Lots of things to do in the area.

FLASH!!! We need to commit to the inn with our reservations by April 19th! Visit www.j-a-n-e.org to get all the details (menus, costs, etc.) and send in your checks before that deadline! Contact Dennis and Prebble Eklof at webmaster@j-a-n-e.org or 781-641-3537 with any questions.

The JANE Magical Mystery Tour is waiting to take you away! 🌸

Manchester, Vermont Fun Run 2007

Friday-Sunday, June 8th-10th

Our club has been invited to join the Rolls Royce Owners Club for a fun-filled weekend in southern Vermont! This is also the weekend of the Hildene Car Show and the Mount Equinox Hill Climb in Manchester, VT. The town will be brimming with antique cars and car-related events.

The weekend activities will start Friday morning in South Deerfield for shopping, tire-kicking, and lunch. We'll then caravan north to Manchester, VT, with a stop along the way at Hemmings Motor News. Friday evening will feature a welcoming reception and dinner at the Inn at Willow Brook.

Saturday will begin with a detailing session in the parking lot, after which there will be many choices that include a Vermont back roads tour, the Hildene Car Show, the Mount Equinox Hill Climb, and simply exploring all

that Manchester has to offer. In the afternoon, we'll assemble on the front lawn of the world-famous Equinox Resort to view the Antique Car Parade as it passes by. On Saturday evening, there'll be a very special dinner and cocktail party.

On Sunday morning, we'll tour Robert Todd Lincoln's Hildene and share a country picnic on the lawn. Afterward, we'll think about wending our way homeward.

Contact Michael Gaetano at 508-435-8007 or mgaetano@maa-inc.com as soon as possible for a registration package, as the 35 rooms on hold will go quickly. You may also visit the RR club website at www.rroc-mcs.org for many more details, menus, and complete, downloadable registration information. 🌸

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The JANE Concours d'Elegance

Friday-Sunday, August 10th-12th

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There is a class for your car no matter what year or condition it is in. Drive it right off the dealer's floor or pull it behind you on a trailer—we want to see it! Meet people who are as interested in and dedicated to the beauty of this fine marque as you are. Spend a glorious summer weekend in the company of the best of British automotive styling. Share anecdotes, mystery engine lights, no-start problems, your knowledge, and a Guinness with fellow Cat lovers

and admirers.

Each month in this column, we'll be highlighting a different aspect of Concours Weekend. This month we'll start with:

Call For Volunteers

Volunteers are needed! All ages and skill levels can become part of our fun Jag squad:

- **Scrutineers:** People who check the judges' score sheets for omissions and legibility.
- **Greeters:** Welcome all the participants and solicit their input.
- **Runners:** To make sure that score sheets get to the tally room.
- **Judges:** Have you ever wanted to judge at a Concours? See the Judges Training Session write-

up on Page 6.

- Are you willing to help sell or call winning raffle tickets?
- Can you help set up the field?
- Can you bring an item to be raffled?
- Could you bake something for the hospitality suite?

To volunteer for any of these efforts, please contact Brenda Soussan at 617-953-1457 or ideacounselo@earthlink.net.

We have planned a fun and leisurely weekend for you and your family. More info on the location, schedule of activities, and other aspects can be found on the JANE website. Come enjoy JANE's once-a-year gathering of the best and finest! 🇺🇸

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Event Report

By JANE Delegates
Dennis & Prebble Eklof

The JCNA Annual General Meeting

The Jaguar Club of Houston did a terrific job of organizing a successful event this past March 23-24. Everything went smoothly, the accommodations and food were first class, and Friday night's outing was awesome. The meeting venue was the Hilton Houston Post Oak near the famed Houston Galleria and it was a first-rate venue all around.

Friday business consisted of two technical sessions covering new Judging Guides, one covering the Series III E Type, the other the 1976-91 XJ-S. Both judging guides can be found on JCNA's website or through the 2007 AGM event report on JANE's site.

The Friday night social event was fantastic—a visit to a private collection of over 900 cars owned by John M. O'Quinn. A well-known figure at recent collector car auctions, his collection is extensive, quite eclectic, and growing rapidly. His long-term plan is to establish a permanent museum in the Houston area to house his collection, but Gayla Miller, the Executive Director of the collection, said that would take three to five years. In the meantime, you can visit the collection only by special arrangement, and we were told that only one more group would be allowed to visit before the distant grand opening. It was easy to appreciate their concern about crowds—the cars are closely packed into a giant warehouse and most are in pristine condition.

The collection had some really fine classics, including a recently-acquired 1938 Talbot-Lago (\$3,350,000), several stunning Delages and Delahayes, at least a half dozen Deussenbergs, numerous Packards, Cords, classic Chryslers, and at least two Hispano Suissas. There were also several E Types and XKs, three or four 300SLs, etc., etc. There was

also a pretty impressive collection of real antiques from the brass era.

At the other end of the spectrum was a collection of beautifully-crafted but weird hotrods and custom cars that could have been (and probably some were) right out of the Oakland Roadster Show. In the middle was a seemingly unfocused assortment of American cars from the 50s and 60s. And of course there was one of the Batmobiles. Cameras are not allowed, so there are no photos.

Following the tour of the collection, we were taken to a local brewing company for free beer and some excellent Texas barbecue. It was a really memorable outing and the Houston Jaguar Club is to be commended for putting on such a good show.

Saturday was devoted to business, with the morning occupied by the usual committee reports and the afternoon by delegate voting on proposed rule and bylaw changes. Full details on all of these can be found on JANE's website. Some highlights include:

- Jaguar North America reported on its poor 2006 sales results and its plan to reemphasize Jaguar performance and luxury. What happens to the X Type? Look for an all-aluminum XK in 2008.
- Membership chair Doug Ingram reported a slight decline in total

JCNA membership in 2006 and renewed JCNA efforts to work with affiliated clubs to boost club numbers and initiate new clubs. Also, a new "Young Enthusiasts" membership class for 18-to-25-year-olds was introduced with reduced JCNA dues to promote younger members.

- Concoirs Chair Dick Cavicke reported on continuing efforts to standardize judging through the preparation of JCNA Judging Guides for various models (two new ones were adopted by delegate vote), support for multi-club training sessions, and tighter JCNA sanctioning standards for judging.
- Several significant concours rules changes were ratified, including a split of concours classes C16 and D9; establishing separate classes for the XK8 and new 2007 XK; procedure changes regarding large cleanliness/condition deductions; new rules on the authenticity of pin stripes and license plate brackets; and limitations on the display of club badges and dash plaques.
- Two significant new rally rules were adopted. First, JCNA members can get JCNA approval to count points earned in non-JCNA rallies toward the JCNA rally championship. The procedures for this don't appear to be clear yet. Second, rally scores will accrue to both driver and navigator rather than by team.

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Saturday night's guest speaker was Marti Eulberg, Executive Vice President for Marketing and Sales for Jaguar of North America. She delivered an enthusiastic talk about Jaguar's return to its roots, i.e., emphasis on the high-end cars and on performance.

About fifty awards were given out, so it was impossible to keep track of them all. A couple of the more important were the Andrew H. Whyte Award for long-term service to JCNA, which went to Kurt Rappold from the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club, and the Slalom Award, which went to Karen Jones for her fastest-ever slalom time in Jim Roberge's Series III E Type. 🏁



At the March Monthly Meeting, JANE's Bruce Murray treated us to a show he'd put together depicting his escapade copiloting a 1932 Maserati 8C3000 Grand Prix race car in the running of the 2005 Mille Miglia. He'd had the good fortune of being invited to participate in what is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. After a refreshingly brief introduction by President Carl Hanson, Bruce started off his presentation wearing the traditional racing cap and goggles that adorned his cranium in the actual event. His show comprised an assortment of video clips, still photos, maps, charts, and graphics that drew and kept the crowd's rapt attention. Bruce narrated with his usual humor and aplomb, and by the end we all had a great feeling for what it was like to wend through Italy's city streets and countryside in a cramped, hot, but classic race car, accompanied by a few hundred other significant world-class classic automobiles that included some fantastic Jaguars, for three days and 850 miles, dodging normal traffic in some places and waving to cheering throngs in others. Thanks, Bruce—it was fascinating, thrilling, and entertaining! 🏁

Member Spotlight Update

Last month, we announced a new feature to be starting in *The Coventry Cat* entitled "Member Spotlight" that will feature profiles of our fellow members, to share with you their personal stories about their love of Jaguar. But, now that Spring is here, it suddenly became clear that the *Cat* is going to be crammed full of event announcements, plus reports of events our club has done, throughout the entire driving season. So we decided to use the fair-weather months to interview members, take photos, and compile the info, and then publish the Member Spotlight columns during the not-so-fair-weather months, when space won't be at such a premium.

We still need volunteers to help with this project! If you own a digital camera and don't mind visiting with a member or two in your area once in a while, please contact David Lusteg weekdays at 800-268-2985 or anytime at david_lusteg@ml.com to find out more. Geographically, a volunteer in New Hampshire/Maine/Northeastern Mass, one in Greater Boston, and one in Rhode Island/Connecticut/Southeastern Mass might work best (David lives in Western Mass).

Let us know what you think about this plan, or if you can help, or to nominate a victim—er, we mean candidate—to be the subject of a Member Spotlight! 🏁

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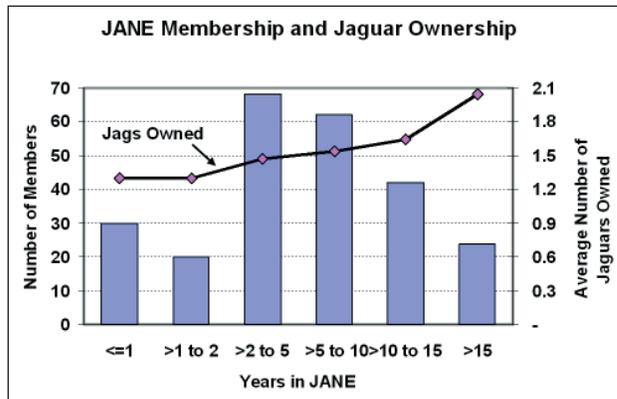
By Dennis Eklof

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Who is JANE?

We all know the expression, “What’s in a name.” Well, this article is about what’s in a number, or, more specifically, what’s in a bunch of numbers.

What can we glean about JANE’s membership from the data we have in our Membership Directory? Quite a bit, actually.



First, we are a strong and vital club. As of late March 2007, we have 262 active members. Based on our past experience, we expect to return to the magic 300 mark by the end of the year.

The club is a mix of long-time members and relative newcomers. On average, each member has been a part of JANE for 6.8 years (see chart).

We’re also really into Jaguars—we own a total of 375 of them—almost 1.5 for each active member! Two members are currently tied for the most Jaguars

JANE Jaguar Ownership			
Sports		Saloons	
SS 100	1	Mk IV	2
XK120	48	Mk VII	3
XK140	3	Mk VIII	2
XK150	12	Mk 2	17
C-Type	1	Mk IX	7
D-Type	1	Mk X	3
XKSS	1	S-Type	6
E-Type S1	63	XJ6	36
E-Type S2	36	XJ12	4
E-Type S3	21	XJ6C	4
XJS	39	XJ12C	1
XK8	20	XJ40	5
XKR	4	XJ8	13
07 XKR	1	XJR	7
		S-Type	9
		X-Type	5
Total	251		124

owned with five each. Dean Edmonds of Naples, FL, has a collection including a Mark VII, XK120, E Type Series 1.5, XJ6 Series 3, and an XJS. He has owned all of them since new. The other poker hand holder is William Cove of West Springfield, MA, with an XK120, C Type replica, E Type Series 2, XJS, and XJ8L. Bill may

just a poor college student trying to coerce my dad

JANE Members by State	
MA	151
NH	51
CT	14
NY	12
ME	11
RI	10
VT	4
Other	9

into helping me buy a Bugeye Sprite as a practical car for commuting to college. (Ha!) It didn’t work—I continued to drive a sickening green 1952 Studebaker. The E Type was then a world away.

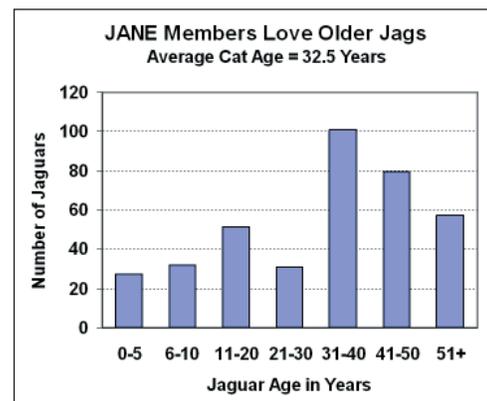
Despite the sports car lust of our youths, a third of our Jaguars are saloons, including 40 pre-XJ sedans (see table). How can you not love the traditional lines of these cars and long to ride in their rich leather and wood-lined interiors?

Geographically, we are, of course, concentrated in New England, and a large portion of our fellow members are located in Massachusetts, and particu-

scheduled for expansion in the near future. After the 5-car guys, there are 13 members tied for second place with 4 each!

Also, the longer we are involved, the more Jaguars we seem to accumulate (see sidebar chart).

We also own an incredible variety of Jaguars, running the gamut from Donald Wing’s SS 100 to Margaret Caruolo’s brand new 2007 XKR. The



most popular in the club are, of course, E Types and the XK120. I guess many of us still remember the excitement of the completely unaffordable dream cars of our youth. Having been a certified car nut since the age of 13 (I still have car magazines I bought in the middle 1950s), I can still remember when the E Type came out. It was stunning! At the time, I was

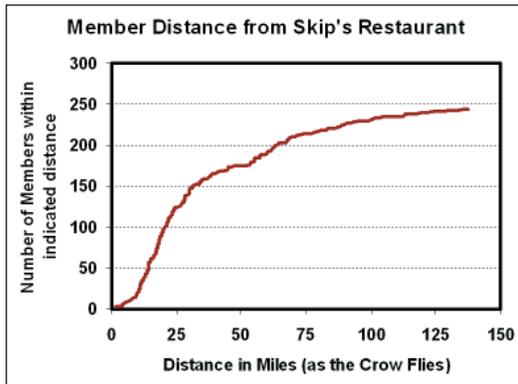
larly in Middlesex County (see table). Despite the scattering of members across New England, the geographic center of our club is actually about seven miles southwest along Route I-495 from Skip’s Restaurant, where we have our regular monthly meetings! In fact, as the crow flies, the average distance to Skip’s for all members in New England is 37 miles, and

there are 145 members within 30 miles of our meeting location (see chart). So if you fall in that range and have not recently attended a JANE meeting, why don't you come out to one soon?

Beyond looking at members' locations and cars, things get a bit sketchier, as our data are incomplete. With the launch of the new website late in 2006, we made provisions for a lot more information about each member so that other members, particularly new ones, could get to know the membership more easily. Unfortunately, much of that expanded information is still incomplete. For example, we have occupational notes on only 177 out of the 262 active members. Even these limited data reveal some interesting

aspects of our membership: President/Vice President is mentioned 17 times, Retired 36 times, Engineer 14 times, Manager/Director 16 times, and Doctor/Lawyer 6 times. We are certainly a mature and accomplished group!

In coming issues of the *Cat*, I hope to provide more insights into our membership, for example an age profile and a profile of other hobbies. But I need your help—please contribute by visiting www.j-a-n-e.org and adding to/correcting your personal profile. 🐾



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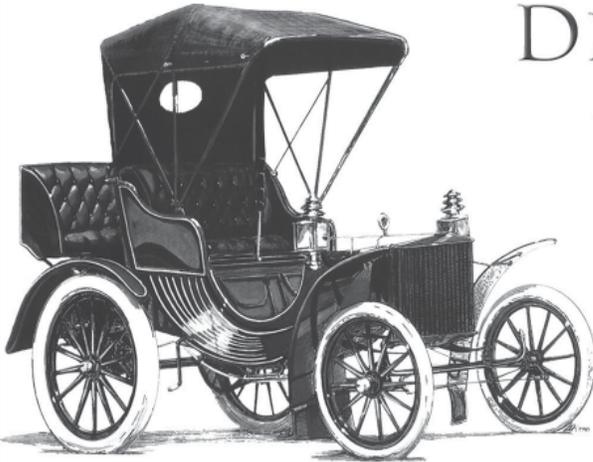
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