

# Coventry Cat

The Newsletter of the



Jaguar Association of New England



*First Driving Event of the Season -- JANE Maple Syrup Tour*

*Above: Jaguars gather early at Johnson's Restaurant for the tour to Parker's Maple Barn in New Hampshire*

*Below, Row 1: Carl Hanson's XK120 and Ken Loring's XK150 ready to roll  
Mike and Patty Axford and Richard and Jan Gill in good spirits for the tour*

*Below, Row 2: Part of the tour group awaiting route sheets  
Awaiting our Maple Syrup Brunch at Parker's Maple Barn*

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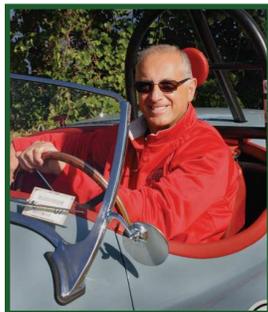
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# President's Update - May 2012

## Lots To Do, So Little Time!

By Michael Kaleel



**I** know that some of our members or their mechanics are still fixing or preparing their cars for the season, while others have already been out and have started to appreciate their Cats during this beautiful spring weather. And the best way to enjoy your Jags is to attend one or more of JANE's activities.

We at JANE try to have a variety of events for all our members' tastes. These events are centered on the purpose of our club. And that purpose is the pleasure of a shared interest with pleasant and wonderful people, and using our Jaguars in a positive, spirited, and fun way with like-minded individuals. Those shared interests might be working on cars, discussing the technical aspects of cars, or participating in the adventures and social side of our tours. Some may want to come only to our monthly meetings to see friends, while others can't wait for that party at someone's house. All in all, we want to foster deep and long-term friendships springing from our common passion for beautiful cars. And based on the strong numbers of participants who have been coming out to events, I suspect that many share my feeling about JANE. Nevertheless, there are still many who have not attended any of our happenings this year. So please look at the calendar in this month's *Coventry Cat* and plan to come have fun at some of our events. Life is short, don't wait ... make the time and you will be happy you did.

The month of May appears to be a busy month. The first weekend began with the vintage races at Lime Rock May 4th and 5th, ran straight into the Autojumble on May 5th at Warren Cossitt's shop, and finished with Jim Sambold, JANE's Chief Judge, conducting this year's Judges' Training session at Woburn Jaguar. Coming up, we have the Adirondack Tour, organized by Carl Hanson, the weekend of May 18th to 21st. And remember, our May meeting is being held at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum on Thursday (not Wednesday), May 24th, at 6 p.m. This lawn event at the Museum, run by Ray and Sanda O'Brien, is always a cheerful evening that should not to be missed, and again this year it will have a new member focus, which was really popular last year. And finally, a very special opportunity for you non-racers who would like to take your cars out on a real race course under controlled conditions ... Lime Rock Park in Lime Rock, Connecticut. This is an opportunity to participate with other Jaguar owners in their Jags or other road cars in a group of people with similar levels of experience. It's not too late to sign up. As you can see, we are starting our season off with a variety of events.

I want to extend many thanks for all of those who have volunteered to put on each event. Without their dedication and willingness to step forward we would not exist. If you have not volunteered but want to, and don't know where to start, please call any member of the Board, anyone chairing an event, or just call me. Let's all jump in to make this the best car club of any marque in the Northeast.

All of our other events for the summer seem to be well under control by our able chairpeople. Bruce Murray and Ed Avis are moving right along with plans for our signature event, our Concours and Jaguar Festival, and you can read monthly updates about the Concours planning in each issue of the *Coventry Cat* from now until the event takes place in August. And I know that Dean Saluti, our Events Chair, has several new gatherings for later in the summer and early fall. Be on the lookout for articles as these events are confirmed and placed on our calendar. In the interim, please read our calendar on page 6 in this month's *Cat* to see all the activities taking place within our club and with our partners' organizations.

I am pleased to welcome Gus Niewenhaus to the JANE Board of Directors. Gus was elected in April to fill the remainder of Dave Randall's term after Dave and Becky moved to Texas in March. Gus has already attended his first Board meeting.

In closing, my Jaguar XK120 OTS is now ready for the track and road. The engine is finished and installed, the engine bay is cleaned up and painted, and the car looks and sounds great. Lime Rock, here I come!

Happy Motoring! 

Michael

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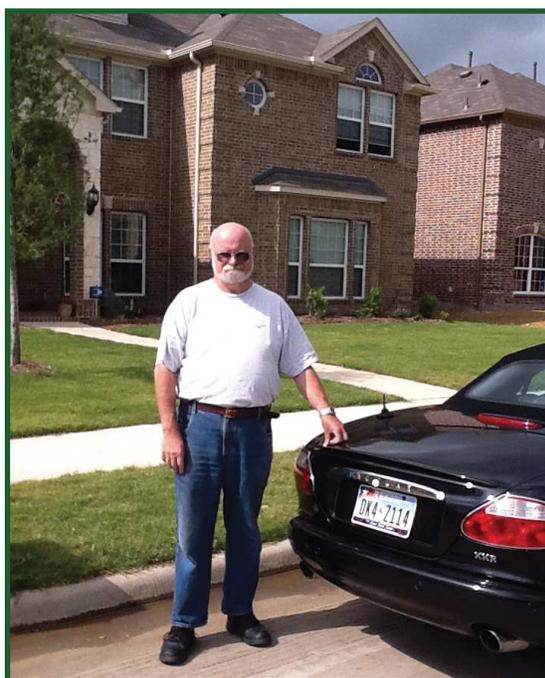
**From the Editor**



**JANE members Dave and Becky Randall have reported that they are now settled into their new home in the Dallas suburb of Frisco, Texas.**

Although it's not clear in the photo to the right, their XKR already has a new Texas license plate, and Dave is getting new tires for the car, but not even thinking about all-seasons or snow tires!

The snow shovel that Dave has had since he was 13 years old even made the trip to Texas, though he looks forward to retiring it now. (A snow shovel lasted that long in New England?) Quoting Dave, "We love it here!"



*Prebble*

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# From the Membership Corner

By Ed Avis

## Where Does JANE Live?



Ed Avis

**D**id you ever wonder where your fellow JANE members and associate members live – not just those members you see frequently, but ALL the current members (238 full members and 6 associate members)? Here are some facts you may find interesting based on the mailing addresses provided during registration or from updates I've received:

JANE members list their hometowns in 12 U.S. states (1 in AZ, 13 in CT, 6 in FL, 1 in KY, **138 in MA**, 16 in ME, 33 in NH, 1 in NJ, 14 in NY, 8 in RI, 1 in TX, and 8 in VT).

Four members live outside the U.S. (3 in Canada and 1 in Australia).

Weston, MA has more members (6) than any other town.

We've even created a Google map that will let you see the hometowns of all current members. For the map, if you are logged in to the JANE website, select About JANE from the left column on the JANE Home Page and click on "see member location map" in the first paragraph. For anyone who does not use the JANE website, the URL is <http://g.co/maps/g6t83>. You should see a list of places on the left and a map. If you don't see the list, make sure you select "Show Panel" in the upper left corner of the screen. Click on any of the locations and the map should zoom in to the selected location. You can make the map smaller or larger to see any particular area.

That's it for now! 🇺🇸

Cheers (and happy motoring),  
Ed Avis

## New JANE Members Who Joined in April

### Welcome to:

**Bill Goldstucker**

**Albert and Sandra Slauenwhite**

**Franklin, MA**

**Kingston, MA**

**2000 XKR Convertible**

**1956 XK140 OTS**

### Welcome Back to Former Member:

**David C. Reilly**

**Sudbury, MA**

**1968 E-Type OTS Series 1 1/2**

## Long-time JANE Member Carl Doane Passed Away Last September

Carl Doane passed away in Peterborough, NH, on September 27, 2011, at the age of 96. Carl was one of the first members of JANE, and continued his membership until 2005. Archival photos show Carl enjoying many JANE events and dinner meetings. His antics at these meetings along with his friend Barry Breen are legendary. JANE wishes to convey sympathy to his family. 🇺🇸

*(Information provided by Carl Hanson.)*



Carl Doane showing a badge collection at a JANE event in 1991

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

## May

05 - Sat - 10 am	Autojumble at Warren Cossitt's Shop	Hyde Park, MA
06 - Sun - 10:30 am	JANE Judges' Training	Woburn Jaguar, Woburn, MA
18-21 - Weekend	JANE Adirondack Tour	Saratoga Springs and Lake Placid, NY
24 - Thurs - 6 pm *	JANE on the Lawn at Larz Anderson	Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA

## June

01-02 - Fri-Sat	Jaguar Club Empire Division Drivers' School	Lime Rock Park, CT
03 - Sun - 10 am	British by the Sea Auto Show	Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford, CT
10 - Sun	JCSNE Concours d'Elegance	Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT
15-17 Weekend	Berkshire British Motorcar Festival	Lenox, MA
22-24 - Weekend	VSCCA 2012 "Nooks and Crannies Tour"	The Heritage Hotel, Southbury, CT
27 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

## July

15 - Sun	JANE Summer Slalom	Pequot Parking Facility, Hartford, CT
22 - Sun	JANE at Myopia Polo Match	Hamilton, MA
25 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

## August

04 - Sat	JANE Picnic on Scituate Harbor	Scituate, MA
10-12 - Weekend	JANE Jaguar Festival and Concours d'Elegance	Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA
22 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

## September

14-16 - Weekend	British Invasion	Stowe, VT
26 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
30 - Sun - 9 am	JANE Fall Slalom	Devens Air Base, Ayer, MA

## October

06-07 - Weekend	Owls Head Foreign Car Show	Owls Head, ME
07 - Sun	Boston Columbus Day Parade	Boston, MA
24 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
27-28 - Weekend	JANE "Pilgrim's Path" Tour of Cape Cod	Cape Cod, MA

## November

14 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
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## December

02 - Sun - 3 pm	JANE Holiday Party and Annual General Meeting	TBA
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**\* Note that this May Monthly Meeting will be on Thursday evening rather than our usual fourth Wednesday of the month, and that it will be at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum rather than at our usual Wayside Inn meeting place.**

# JANE Monthly Meetings



**M**ost of our monthly meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury, Massachusetts. The Wayside Inn is a Massachusetts historic landmark, the oldest Inn still operating in the United States, serving travelers along the old Boston Post Road for almost 300 years. The Inn's Old Bar room represents the oldest room in the Inn. It is still in use today, and that's where you'll always find members already gathering by around 6 p.m. on our meeting nights. Our dinner meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are followed by a program. It's an opportunity to visit with your Jaguar friends, for new and existing members to meet each other, have a nice meal, and enjoy a good, car-related program.

At our April meeting Keith Carlson gave a presentation about his recent trip to the U.K. for the Goodwood Revival. Photos below, left to right, are Keith talking about the event, Keith donning a long "period" coat often seen at the Revival, and Michael Kaleel thanking Keith for his fine program. Keith's presentation may cause some of us to give some thought to making reservations for the next Goodwood Revival! 🇬🇧



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# Upcoming Events

## May Monthly Meeting - JANE on the Lawn at LAAM Thursday, May 24th



Ray and Sanda O'Brien

**O**ur May monthly meeting at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum has traditionally been our dust-off, show-and-shine event. The Museum is a beautiful setting for this event on a spring evening. The building and the grounds are beautiful. And in case you don't know this, the Museum is also home to "America's oldest car collection."

The timing is perfect this year in that the Museum's new exhibit, **Britain Can Make It -- Postwar Progress Through Determination, Innovation, Exportation** ... featuring British cars ... will have just opened,

so we will be among the first to see the new exhibit. Check out the Museum's website at [www.larzanderson.org](http://www.larzanderson.org)

for directions and more information about the Museum.

This meeting is geared especially to all members who have joined JANE during the last two to three years. Many of our newer members (as well as some longer-time members) don't really know what some of our recurring annual events are all about. So here's your chance to find out everything you ever wanted to know about JANE, maybe things you didn't even know to ask about! For example:

What goes on at a **Slalom**? What is a **Tech Session**?

What is the **Magical Mystery Tour**? What is the **Myopia Polo event**?

Why should I take my Jag to the **Jaguar Festival and Concours**?

Is my car good enough for the **Concours**? Furthermore, what is a **Concours**?

Should I take my Jag to **British Car Day at Larz Anderson Auto Museum**? How can I become a Museum member?

What is the **British Invasion** in Stowe, VT? What about the new **Berkshire British Motorcar Festival** in Lenox, MA?

What goes on at the **Vintage Festival at Lime Rock Park** over the Labor Day weekend?

(Hint: This year Sir Stirling Moss will be at the Vintage Festival at Lime Rock!)

What's this about the various tours we schedule each season?

This spring it's an **Adirondack Tour**, and this fall it's a **Cape Cod Tour**!

Where can I actually run my Jaguar on a track?

What happens at our regular monthly meetings at **Longfellow's Wayside Inn** in Sudbury?

As they have for several years now, Ray and Sanda O'Brien are again our hosts for the evening. The event will start at 6 p.m., but many members always arrive early to socialize and get up-to-date with what's going on with the club and other members. Bring your Jaguar and park on the lawn. Weather permitting, we will have plenty of time to "kick the tires" and schmooze. A very reasonable cash bar will be inside the Museum (no drinks are allowed outside per the Town of Brookline), and our catered dinner, this year by Catering by Chumley, will be served inside the Museum. So the event will be held RAIN or SHINE!

### Here's the menu

**Bacon-wrapped Scallops and Chicken and Black Bean Wontons for appetizers**  
**Roasted Beef Tenderloin with Red Wine Sauce and Shrimp stuffed with Gorgonzola and wrapped in Prosciutto**  
**Garden Salad and Grilled Vegetables Platter**  
**Chocolate Banana Cream Pie**

The food must be ordered and the caterer paid in advance, so please do not just drop in on the evening of the event.

**Please send your check for \$35 per person, made out to JANE, by May 17th, to:**

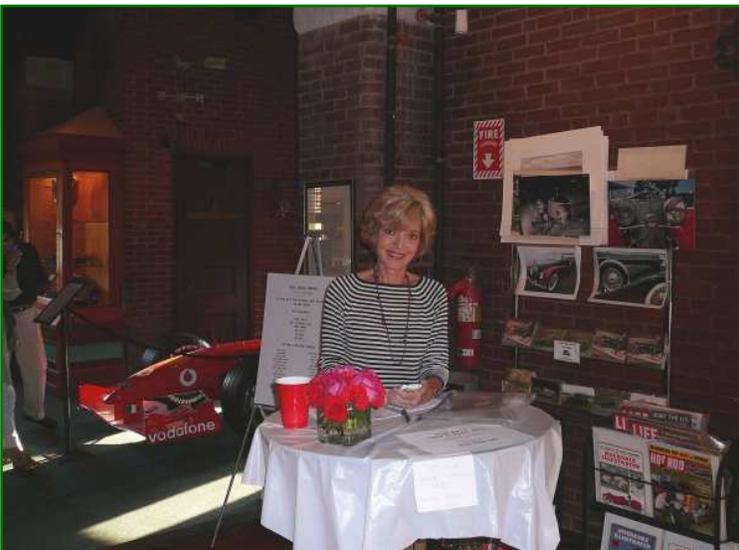
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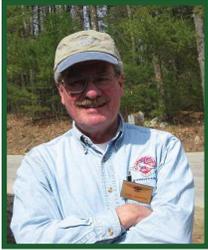


# Scenes from Previous May Meetings at LAAM



# Adirondack Tour

## Saratoga Springs and Lake Placid, NY - May 18 - 21



**Carl Hanson**

**I**f you've not yet made plans to join our Adirondack Tour to Saratoga Springs and Lake Placid, you may just have to read in the June Cat about the good time we will have had!

The blocks of rooms that were being held for our group at special rates have all been booked or released, but if there is still anyone out there who is not signed up but would really like to do this tour, call Carl Hanson, who may have some suggestions on other hotels in the areas that we are staying that you may try to book.

For those adventurous members who are signed on, here's your last reminder to be packed up and ready to roll on Friday morning, May 18th. Hook up with other members to caravan, or go your own route at your own pace, but plan to be there by Friday evening.

We will spend Saturday, May 19th, at the Saratoga Auto Museum for their "Spring Invitational Foreign Car Show," where our Jaguars will be parked together on the grounds.



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### Car Show at Saratoga Auto Museum

Check out their website at <http://saratogaautomuseum.org/invitational>.

On Sunday, May 20th, we will drive scenic back roads through the Adirondack Mountains to the Lake Placid area. We'll be at the Crowne Plaza Resort and Golf Club in Lake Placid Sunday evening, and a group farewell dinner is being planned for that evening.

If you've not already done so, please let Carl Hanson, our tour organizer, know your plans, what car you will be taking, and a mobile number contact so we can keep in touch along the way if we need to. **Carl is at [chansonjag@aol.com](mailto:chansonjag@aol.com) or 781-275-2707.** 🇺🇸



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## Jaguar Club Empire Division Lime Rock Driver's School Lime Rock Park, CT - June 1 - 2

**O**ne last reminder that this year's event will be the weekend after Memorial Day, Friday and Saturday, **June 1 and 2**. If you want to participate but have procrastinated, get in touch with Charles Bordin immediately to see what you need to do about getting in (cbordin123@aol.com, home phone 914-725-1274, or office phone 914-968-5700). 🇬🇧

## JCSNE Concours Middlefield, CT - June 10

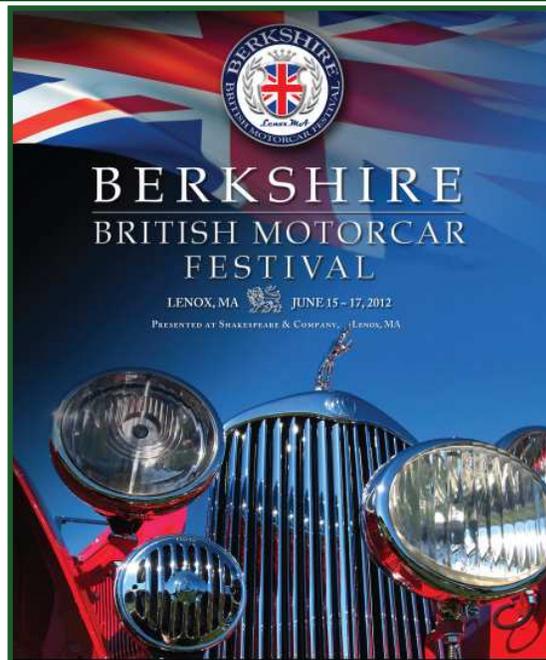
**T**he Jaguar Club of Southern New England will have its 38th Annual Concours on Sunday, June 10th, at Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT. More information is available at JCSNE's website, www.JCSNE.org. 🇬🇧

## Berkshire British Motorcar Festival – A Celebration of All Things British Lenox, MA - June 15 - 17

**I**t's bigger and better this year. Make your plans now to attend the Berkshire British Motorcar Festival. It will be held on the grounds of Shakespeare & Company in Lenox, MA, in walking distance of downtown Lenox, on Father's Day Weekend, June 15 - 17.

You are cordially invited to participate in this newest celebration of British Motorcars and lifestyle. There will be something of interest for just about everyone throughout the weekend -- back roads touring, a British marketplace, a Registrant's Reception. A street party on Friday night will feature a live band. The Shakespeare & Company staff, the Lenox Chamber of Commerce, and the staff of the Berkshire British Motorcar Festival will be working hard to make this truly a "Most Significant Motorcar Event" and one that is sure to be recognized and to grow over the coming years.

In the meantime, you may find much more information about the festival ... a complete list of events, rules/fees, registration packet, directions, etc. at [www.berkshiremotorcarfestival.com](http://www.berkshiremotorcarfestival.com), or you may email Michael Gaetano, the event's organizer, at [mgaetano@berkshiremotorcarfestival.com](mailto:mgaetano@berkshiremotorcarfestival.com) for any additional information you may need. 🇬🇧



## VSCCA "Nooks and Crannies" Tour Southbury, CT - June 22 - 24



**T**his year's VSCCA Tour will revolve around the Heritage Hotel in Southbury, CT, a beautiful area of Connecticut. As always, you do not have to be a VSCCA member to join this tour. A vintage sports car is preferred, even recommended, though any sports or touring car is welcome.

For information about the event, including the dinner menu and registration information, contact:

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or 860-355-1804,

or

Bob and Cindy Webber at [rednelf@aol.com](mailto:rednelf@aol.com)

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# JANE 2012 Jaguar Festival and Concours

August 10 - 12 - Sturbridge, MA



Bruce Murray and Ed Avis  
JANE Concours Co-Chairs



## Update

By Bruce Murray and Ed Avis

### The Concours Website Is Nearly Ready for Prime Time

**M**ohan Rao has bought the [www.janeconcours.com](http://www.janeconcours.com) domain for five years. The web-page designer will have migrated the site from its present location and also set up credit card and PayPal payments by the end of April. Mohan, Ed Avis, and Bruce Murray will test the transactions by the first week of May to make sure all is well. There needs to be some coordination work to ensure that JANE gets the money from the credit card companies, and with any luck we should be on the air by mid-May.

## Sponsorship

Our list of sponsors continues to grow, and we now have four commitments:

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John Brady and Carl Hanson are approaching other past and potential sponsors and gift-givers this month. This will help us have a substantial event this year.

## Mailings

With the move to online registration, our mailings for the Concours will take a different format this year. Instead of a multi-page brochure with schedule, registration form, division and class information, etc., we will be sending out a single postcard-sized mailing with instructions on where to find all the information and how to register (and pay) via the website. This will streamline the registration process, reduce mailing and printing costs, and save many hours of laboriously stuffing envelopes. Those who prefer to send a check in the mail have two options -- either print the form from the website and mail it in, or contact Ed Avis and he'll send you a complete registration package as in previous years. 🐾

## CONCOURS RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION

**Don't forget, we need items for the raffle and the silent auction.  
Jaguar-related items are preferred,  
but other good-quality and special interest items are accepted and appreciated.**

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## Clean That Car!

Part 2 of a multi-part article on everything you need to know about our annual Concours

By Tracey Levasseur



Tracey Levasseur

Last month I briefly explained the JANE Concours with its three divisions that members can choose to enter based on their particular car and intestinal fortitude. Now let's move on to preparing the car for that big day.

So you've decided to show your car in the JANE Concours. Congratulations! Regardless of what division and class you enter, your car must be clean inside and out. Cleanliness is checked in almost every area by concours judges, and the maximum deductions can be quite high. This emphasizes the importance of a pristine entry. A car can be perfect with all original equipment, no dents or scratches, wood in flawless condition, seats look as though they'd never been sat in, but if the owner fails to vacuum the carpet properly, leaves wax residue on the trim, or neglects to clean brake dust off the wheels, this can mean the difference between first place and not placing at all. After all, it wasn't dirty when it rolled off the line in Coventry.

In the interest of space in *Coventry Cat* and the readers' attention spans, this article will brush upon only the important areas on the car to clean and suggest various tools and techniques to get the job done. I will refrain from going into depth on any particular process, and I will not recommend any particular product brands. This I may save for a future article (but I could probably write a whole book on that subject).

### EXTERIOR DETAILING

The first thing the judges see is the outside of the car. So make believe you're a judge and evaluate your car. Do you have minor paint scratches, dusty wheels, dirt piled up in the back edge of your rocker panels, bug carcasses stuck to your windshield and headlights? Even if you think you are the most meticulous car detailer, you'd be surprised at what you may find. Now, there's a quick way to get most of the job done, and that is sending the car to a professional detailer. They'll do a satisfactory job (and it will cost you), then you can touch up little things the night before the show.

But for those of you who are gluttons for punishment and wish to do it yourself, a thorough detailing can take up to three hours or more to achieve a concours finish. Here is the proper order for cleaning the exterior:

**Wash.** There are hundreds of shampoos on the market. Get one that you like or is recommended by a reliable source, and use a sponge or wash mitt, a soft-bristled brush, and a couple of buckets. Follow by rinsing and drying with a lint-free towel or super absorbent chamois cloth so you won't get water spots. *Note:* Wash the wheels and tires last so brake dust won't transfer to the rest of the car from the brush.

**Clay.** Detailing clay exfoliates contaminants on the paint surface that won't come off with soap and water. Clay is mildly abrasive but won't damage paint surfaces when used properly. This step is important to do to remove harmful residues as well as prep the paint for a flawless polish

and wax. *Note:* Detailing clay should be used only once or twice a year depending on the car's use and exposure to the environment. Using clay more frequently will dull clear-coat finishes.

**Polish.** This step is necessary to remove minor scratches, scuffs, swirl marks, and pitted areas. Polishing can be done by hand or with a power polishing tool, but the end result should be a perfectly smooth paint finish.

**Wax.** The final step toward that ultimate shine. Waxes don't have abrasives or cleaning properties, they serve to give paint depth and appear liquid while repelling rain and other contaminants. Waxes may also be applied by hand or with a polisher. They come in natural forms, like Brazilian carnauba wax (not to be confused with a Brazilian wax job), and synthetic, made from polymers and acrylic resins.

Now the paint looks good, but that's only a part of the exterior. If your car is a soft-top convertible it should be cleaned and protected with an appropriate product. Canvas tops need different protectants than vinyl tops, but both should look factory fresh when you are finished treating them: no tears, stains, or faded spots.

Tires and wheels also have to be clean. Those of you with wire wheels know how hard it is to keep those spokes clean. Too bad! The judges will see if mud and brake dust are present, but they will also deduct if you did clean and polish those wheels but left globs of compound between the spokes. Get that soft-bristled brush in there and make those wheels sing. Also, make sure if you apply some tire-shining product that it doesn't run all over the wheels.



**Trim.** On some Jaguars, there may be more trim than paint! Trim consists of chrome bumpers, chrome embellishments, window molding, door gaskets, hood ornaments, windshield wipers, etc. With all these different materials, you will need several products to enhance and protect them. If your car's trim is fairly new and in good condition, simple protectants will make them stand out.

For example, if the rubber door gaskets look good, simply clean them off, spray on a vinyl and rubber protectant, let it sit a few minutes and then wipe off the excess. This will not only make them shine, it will prolong their life by keeping them from dry rotting. This same protectant can be sprayed on plastic and rubber trim all around the car. If the black plastic or rubber trim of your car is faded there are products that, when applied, will bring back that new black appearance ... at least temporarily.

Chrome, when in good shape, needs only a polishing with a chrome detailing product applied with a clean dry cloth. But what about those minor scuffs or that white chalky oxidation that can happen? The answer: steel wool. No, that's not a typo. Automotive stores carry various grades of steel wool. Ask for grade 0000 (that's four zeros). This super fine steel wool will not scratch chrome, but works like detailing clay to remove contaminants on the chrome's surface. Once the contaminants are gone you're left with clean, super shiny chrome.

## INTERIOR DETAILING

The inside of your car, depending on the model, may have even more parts to clean. But since a judge also inspects all visible areas inside the vehicle, it's essential that it looks as clean as it did when new, sitting at the dealership.



Judges at work at our 2011 Concours

Before cleaning anything, purge the car of any objects that were NOT part of the car when it left Coventry. This includes the ice scraper, the paraphernalia hanging from the rearview mirror, and any objects in plain sight. You can stash them in closed cubbies or the glovebox, where judges don't go, if they fit. If you're entered in Champion Division don't put your junk in your trunk, because that needs to be cleaned and judged as well!

Since a complete interior cleaning can take up to five hours it's best to split the tasks over a couple days. Also, as with exterior, interior cleaning should be tackled in proper order:

**Vacuum.** Use a good plug-in vacuum to clean carpets, under the floor mats, and in between the seat piping (where applicable). Don't forget the headliner! You'd be surprised at the stuff that sticks to a cloth headliner. Vacuuming these areas helps assess where you may have to use a rug shampoo or other liquid cleaner to remove stains.

**Overall wash.** Next, fill a bucket with water and an all-purpose cleaning product mild enough to use on plastic, leather, wood, and metal. Using a cloth rag, go over all surfaces, dashboard, door panels, door gaskets and door sills, roof pillars, seats, pedals, steering wheel, and occasional tables (where applicable). These areas are judged, so should be spotless. For those heater vents, first blow them out with compressed air (the kind to clean computer keyboards). It may be necessary to take q-tips dipped in cleaner and remove dust from the vent veins.

**Protectants.** These products have two purposes: to protect their intended surfaces and to give a shine or like-new appearance. Jaguar interiors have various materials requiring several different products.

Leather is most prevalent, and there are several products available to keep it soft and supple. Use a leather conditioner to maintain that newness and prevent future cracking and tearing. Conditioner is like hand lotion, apply it liberally to the surface (remember some Jaguars have leather on the dashboard, door panels, and steering wheel, so condition those as well), and let it soak in for a few minutes before wiping off excess with a lint-free cloth.

Wood veneer resides in most Jaguars, and as we know, over time the clear finish begins cracking. It's unavoidable. However, this doesn't mean the wood is beyond protection. Whether your car's veneer is cracked or not, it should be treated with a product that offers UV protection and sealant to keep cracks

from forming or widening for as long as possible. The same wax you use on your car's paint can serve the same function on the wood trim without buying additional product. Application is the same as on the paint, just make sure to avoid getting wax on other surfaces or carpet.

For all the plastic bits, a vinyl and plastic protectant with UV protection works best to achieve that shiny, new look. This kind of protectant can be very slick when applied liberally. Make sure to spray or wipe it on, let it sit on the surface for a few minutes, and then thoroughly wipe off excess.

**Glass.** When your car is judged, all windows must be up. So it's important to assure all glass is clean inside and out, free of protectant overspray, bug guts, bird droppings, and streaks. A good cleaning should be done after all the interior and exterior work is complete, and a touch-up upon arrival on the show grounds, especially if you drove it there. And don't forget to clean those headlights as well.

If you're entered in Champion or Special Divisions you'll need to clean your engine and boot compartments. In Champion, not only is the condition and originality of your engine judged, but cleanliness is also scrutinized. Your boot compartment must be clean and contain only those items that came with the car from Coventry: spare tire, tool kit, operator's manuals, etc. For Special Division, the judges will inspect the boot and engine compartments for condition and cleanliness, not authenticity. So these spaces will also need careful attention.



This sounds like an awful lot of work, and it is. But if you get a regular cleaning routine going on your car, then most of this stuff may not need to be done, leaving you with just touching up on the morning of the show. If you follow these cleaning tips, your car will be immaculate and you will have an edge over your competition at the concours. 🇺🇸



Jim Sambold, JANE's Chief Judge, conducting his review meeting with the judges prior to the judging getting started at our 2011 Concours

# Event Reports

## Maple Syrup Tour to Parker's Maple Barn

By Bruce Whitmore - Photos by Dennis Eklof



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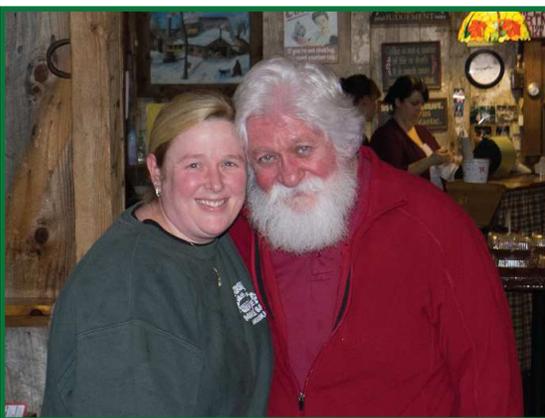
The meteorological gods smiled down upon our band of merry motorists once again, as our annual "dust-off" event to Parker's Maple Barn took place this year on Sunday, April 1st ... ya, no foolin', April Fools Day. Yes, the starting point was the same, at Johnson's Restaurant on Rt. 119 in Groton, MA, and yes, the destination remained the same, Parker's. However, this year we had some new routes, new old roads, with lots of twists and turns and scenery, and some fun points of interest for questions. So for those of you who said, "been there, done that," you missed a good one this year.

Our presence was ingratiated by a cameo appearance by none other than our own Top Cat of JANE, our President, Michael Kaleel. Michael had a prior conflicting engagement, so couldn't join us for the tour, but he came to chat with us at Johnson's and then saw us off on our journey.

We had two groups, each group following a separate set of instructions and answering different questions. Team B followed Carl in his 1950 XK120 coupe, taking the more southerly route. The only complaint I heard was trying to keep up with Carl. It's a Jag and it's a sports car, it's supposed to be driven "briskly"! Team A followed me and my daughter, Victoria (Tori, as she wants to be called now), in our newly-acquired ultraviolet-colored 2005 X-Type Wagon, just arrived from Michigan the day before with only 33,000 miles on it. Sorry, I digress! We twisted and turned our way through many back country roads, crossing over and passing by several scenic covered bridges, eventually converging on Parker's, meeting up with our other teammates.

As usual, we had our own dining room, which has now become part of the annual experience, so we can talk and laugh and answer the rally questions, and just enjoy our camaraderie uninterrupted by the rest of the guests. The winners of this year's rally questions were the undaunted Eklofs, Dennis and Prebble, with, I believe, one wrong answer. They were the recipients of the coveted Parker's Maple Barn 1/2 pint of Grade A Amber maple syrup (and sometimes automatic transmission additive, for a "sweet"-running transmission). We had two second-place finishes, one from team A, the Taylor-Kennedy clan, and the Richardsons on Team B, both receiving the FAA-approved, carry-on luggage size for liquids, in the collectable tin.

This year we had a surprise appearance by that jolly old elf, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick. Yes, Santa and Mrs. Claus were relaxing from their whirlwind job back in late December, and decided to go incognito (actually Bill and Deb Richardson) in their bright red XJS convertible, with white interior no less,



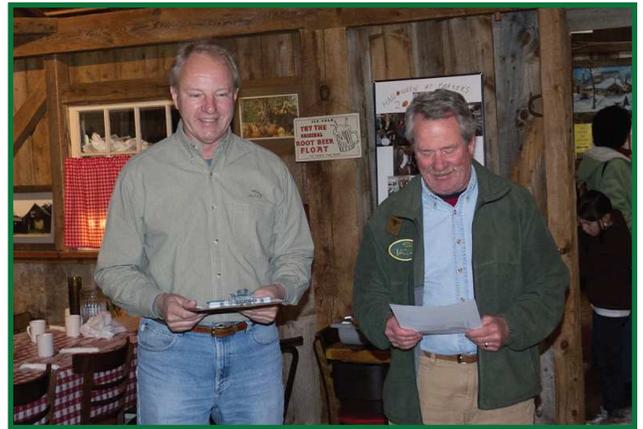
Michelle, owner of Parker's, with "Santa," our own Bill Richardson

rather than use their sleigh and reindeer. Michelle, the owner of Parker's, told Santa she was a very good girl this year, and had her picture taken with Santa.

We also did something new this year and presented Michelle with a framed certificate of appreciation from JANE, which

she said she'd mount on her wall of fame for all to see. She thanked us and invited us back for next year.

So there you have it, another great start for JANE's calendar of events this year. Many thanks to Carl Hanson, my mentor, friend, navigator, and all-round nice guy for helping me put this event together. 🍁



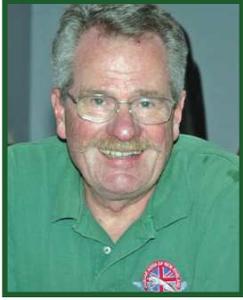
Bruce Whitmore and Carl Hanson announcing the winners of the rally questions



Bruce Whitmore presenting Michelle with a Certificate of Appreciation from JANE for their hosting this event for several years now

# What a Coincidence! Copy of JANE Logo Spotted in France?

By Carl Hanson



Carl Hanson

**L**ong-time JANE members from Long Island, NY, Stephen and Barbara Ring, were surprise attendees at our March meeting. We always enjoy seeing them at our annual Concours, but it is unusual to have them attend a monthly meeting, coming from a good distance. As a knowledgeable expert on Jaguar collectibles, Stephen generally shows up with something interesting. This time it was a whopper ... a grille badge from a French Jaguar club that is very similar to JANE's logo!



Stephen and Barbara Ring

As Inspector Poirot would say, "Very interesting." Is it a coincidence, or is it an imitation? How should we react? Call out our lawyers? Cipriano, Moses, and Gordon all stand ready for our defense. Or should we be proud of our logo? As the sage once said, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery."

A little sleuthing on the Internet finds the website of the club, "Jaguazur French Riviera Club," at [www.jaguazur.com](http://www.jaguazur.com). It appears to be an active club with beautiful Jaguars and events much like ours ... rallies, parties, polo matches ... all along the French Riviera. It doesn't get much better than that! The website reveals that Jaguazur was founded in 2007, a relatively young organization compared to JANE. (Our club, JANE, is a reorganization in 1986 of the original New England Jaguar club, NEXKA, founded in 1968.)

This discovery raises the question of origin of our own logo? Who designed it, and when? Some more sleuthing was required to find out this piece of history. Telephone interviews with JANE veterans yielded nothing, but everybody said, "Ask Gary." Yes, Gary Hagopian knew where to go to get the story ... Barry Breen from Windham, NH. Barry was one of the original members of JANE when it was reorganized and renamed by Peter Gould and others. Peter was the owner of British Auto, now SNG Barratt, in Manchester, NH. Barry said that he commissioned a commercial artist to come up with the design in 1986 as part of the reorganization. He didn't recall the name of the artist, but did say he paid her a small fee for the design.

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Grille Badge from Jaguazur French Riviera Club  
Photo by John Romano

The design was good enough for a version of it to be used for the JCNA National Concours hosted by JANE in August 1987. An original patch and a keychain with this logo resides in the JANE archives.

Harry Parkinson updated the logo in June 2001, replacing the "blue leaper" with a white one and cleaning up some of the details. Today's logo has been unchanged since then.

So what should we do about the imitation? One suggestion is that our esteemed President, Michael

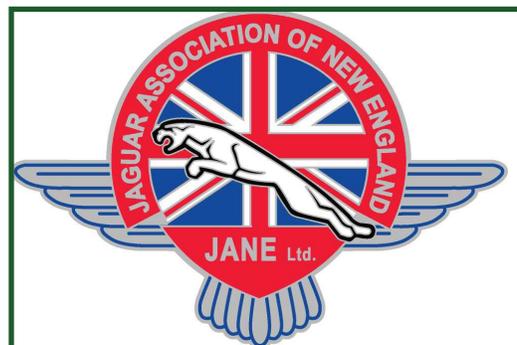
Kaleel, should contact their club president and arrange for joint meetings, preferably somewhere on the Riviera. What about it, Michael? Plunder our club treasury? Here is their address: [Jaguazur@yahoo.com](mailto:Jaguazur@yahoo.com). Our bags are packed! 🚗



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Original 1986 version of JANE logo  
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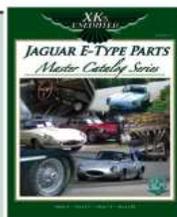
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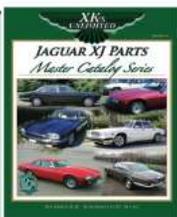
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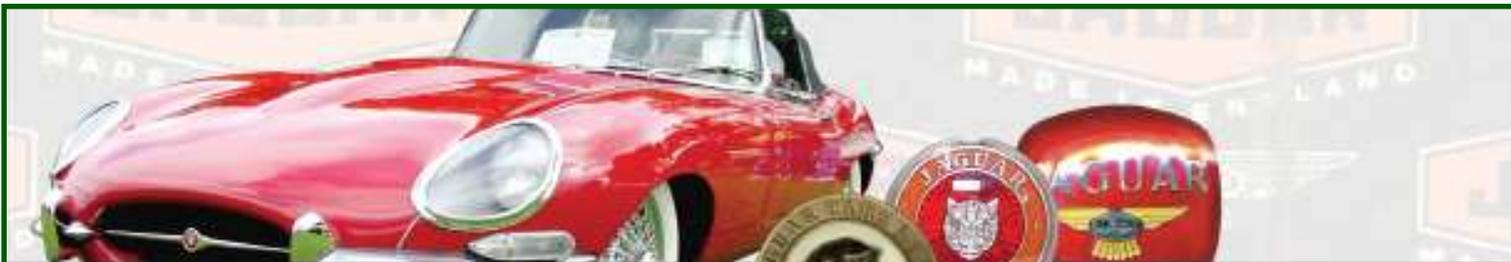
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