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Jaguar Performance Driving Academy

Driving season may be over here in the northeast but we can still reminisce until spring. David Moulton starts us off with his tale of transcendental experience at Jaguar Performance Driving Academy Level 2 on page 12. Photo courtesy Jaguarusa.com.

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President's Update 2015

With one swift turn of the pages of the calendar, we find ourselves ushered into another month and a brand new year. The year 2014 was one of our busiest and most successful, and I have no doubt that 2015 will provide us with many more opportunities to enjoy fellowship, our cars, and new venues.

The days are already starting to get longer, and winter has started off being kind to us, not having to deal with mountains of snow and cold temperatures. This should have allowed most of us to get an early start on making our lists of things we need to get done on our cars for spring and the first driving events. Our Board of Directors will be meeting in late January to put some finishing touches on the rest of our program and goals for the year. As always, the website will be updated as soon as any of the event details are finalized, be sure you keep checking there so that you don't miss out on any opportunities.

Our January monthly social meeting will start us off on Wednesday, the 28th, at our usual venue, the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, Massachusetts. The featured speakers will be Bruce Vild and Faith Lamprey of the *British Marque Car Club News*. They will provide us with a very interesting overview of their history, covering all of the various marques and 100+ participating clubs.

February will follow with our Valentine's Day Dinner on Sunday, February 15. This is always a "sell-out" event, so make sure that you take the first available opportunity to register online at the JANE website. You don't want to miss out on a wonderful evening. Based on last year's F1 Boston event, the enthusiasm has been exceptionally high and we are once again looking forward to another day of track time to feed the need for speed.

This year's JCNA AGM will be held in March in Philadelphia and should be an interesting historical venue for our delegates. The March monthly meeting will once again present the Brady Brothers with their overview of their 2014 Le Mans trip. This presentation about their annual trek to Europe is always a well-attended meeting as everyone looks forward to seeing the new race cars as well as the beautiful "scenery."

Continuing with the calendar, the MMT, or Magical Mystery Tour for the long version, is on once again for 2015. Dennis and Prebble are busy coordinating a date and destination for this extremely popular event.

This year's Concours committee will be headed by Jane Murray, and she will be looking for some volunteers to fill in some of the available positions needed in order to ensure our usual success. If you have ever thought about assisting with any of the component parts of our largest annual event, please make sure you contact Jane and let her know that you are willing and able to be a part of the team.

Tracey continues to do a fantastic job as editor of the *Coventry Cat*. As with any club newsletter, content is key to keeping the club growing and the members interested. That being said, it is also key to have our members provide frequent and valuable content for her to add into the mix of regular club happenings. In listening to some of the conversations at our social gatherings, I know there are many of you who have interesting stories about a road trip, the purchase of a beloved classic, a calamity of breakdowns and/or repairs.

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President's Message continued

We would all like to read about your adventures, and Tracey would certainly appreciate the opportunity to use your stories in the *Cat*, so please consider taking the time to tell us about them.

I hope to see all of you over the coming months.

Jim

JANE Car/Grill Badges a Go

With 56 pre-orders for badges, we have reached the minimum order number and WILL be placing an order. The badges should arrive in late February or early March. We'll order a few extra badges, and for those who did not preorder, the extra badges will be available for \$45 per badge until the supply is exhausted.

2015 JANE Calendars a Success, Still Available

Thanks to all who purchased one or more (or 40!) JANE calendars before the holidays. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm over them. I hope you're all enjoying them on your walls.

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Happy New Year to all! Thanks to everyone's efforts, JANE continues to grow, and we ended 2014 with a total of 305 member families, up from 299 at the end of 2013! The 305 total includes 37 new members and 20 former members who rejoined. So, overall we lost 51 members who started 2014 with JANE ($299 - 51 + 57 = 305$).

JCNA hasn't released the 2014 club numbers yet, but I'm confident that JANE will still be one of the largest clubs (if not THE largest AGAIN) in North America. Being #1 AGAIN would make for good "bragging rights" for JANE at the AGM! But even with this good news, everyone needs to be a "recruiter" in 2015. We always lose a few members and gain a few members – but if we want the club to continue to grow, we need to make sure the gains exceed the losses! I'd like to see our numbers reach at least 325 by the end of 2015. I hope everyone has a few JANE brochures to hand out to prospective members – if not, I'll be happy to provide some to you. You'll also find a 2015 new member application in this issue that you can print and hand out – keep some on hand!

We're off to a great start for 2015, thanks to the 196 members/families who renewed by December 31st. That's the good news – the not-so-good news is that 109 members/families have NOT renewed for 2015. Of those 109, I know of 5 who have indicated they will leave JANE for various reasons – but that leaves 104 who still need to renew! If you're among those, please don't wait – renew before the end of January so you won't miss out on the fun and can also be counted on the 2015 roster for the JCNA AGM. You'll find a renewal form in this issue.

Sometime in February I'll be mailing letters to everyone who has not renewed. We'll ask WHY they haven't renewed and will use their feedback to address any identified issues and to improve the overall JANE membership experience.

As usual, one lucky member or family who renewed their membership before the end of December will receive a free basic membership (\$60) for 2015 at a drawing to be held at the January JANE social meeting. Club officers (2015), Associate Members, Life Members, and new or rejoining members whose membership already extends through 2015 are not eligible for the drawing, but that leaves a total of 166 members/families who will be entered in the drawing. Good luck!

Cheers,

Ed Avis

Welcome New Members

Alan Paglierani North Reading, MA 2009 XF Supercharged

...And Former Members Who Rejoined

Chris & Ellen Allen	Groton, MA	1971 E-Type SIII OTS, 1987 XJ6, 1993 XJ-S
Cynthia Dareshori	Boston, MA	2001 XK8

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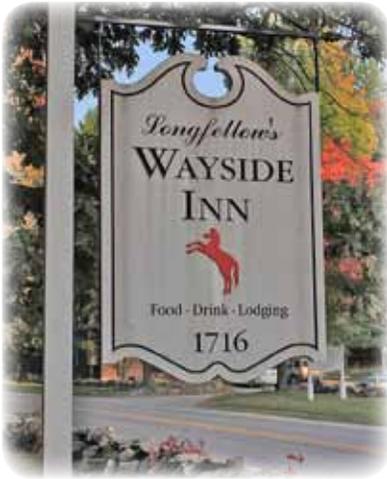
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Upcoming Events

January Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 7pm
Guest speakers Bruce Vild & Faith Lamprey

Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

An Enthusiast's Guide to the British Marque



Faith Lamprey and Bruce Vild, publishers of *British Marque Car Club News*, will explain the newspaper's mission and how it came to be. Included in their presentation will be an historical overview beginning with the very origins of the newspaper some 25 years ago, examples of recent articles, and an outline of the benefits that come from participation in its publication with club involvement and member subscriptions. You'll see how the newspaper has grown from a rather humble beginning with 11 clubs onboard to today, with over 100 participating clubs coast to coast, and both print and online editions. The future of the newspaper, and of the British car hobby in general, will also be discussed and there will be an opportunity at the end to offer your own thoughts as to what you'd like to see reported and how the clubs may be more intimately involved.



JANE Calendar 2015

- Jan 28** JANE Monthly Meeting, presentation by Bruce Vild and Faith Lamprey, with British Marque Car Club News Magazine. Wayside Inn.
- Feb 15** JANE Annual Valentine's Day Dinner, Bullfinchs Restaurant, Sudbury, MA.
- Feb 25** JANE Monthly Meeting (Program TBD). Wayside Inn.
- Mar 20-21** JCNA AGM in Philadelphia.
- Mar 25** JANE Monthly Meeting, annual Brady Brothers presentation on Le Mans. Wayside Inn.
- Mar 28** JANE Annual Spring Tour to Parker's Maple Barn for Brunch. (Tentative)
- Apr 6** SCDA Track Day at Lime Rock.
- Apr 22** SCDA Track Day at Thompson Speedway.
- Apr 22** JANE Monthly Meeting (Program TBD). Wayside Inn.
- May 3** JANE Judges Training Session. (Tentative)
- May 8** SCDA Track Day at NHIS.
- May 23-24** JANE Magical Mystery Tour. (Tentative)
- May 27** JANE Picnic on the Lawn at Lars Anderson Auto Museum.
- May 28** SCDA Track Day at Lime Rock.
- May 29** Empire Club Drivers School at Lime Rock.

*Dates above are only those confirmed at time of publishing.

Check this page for updates each month and for the most current events check the Calendar page at www.J-A-N-E.org.



Happy New Year!

I thought I'd start the year off with a few words, since I was so quiet in 2014. And what better subject than New Year's resolutions.

My observation of resolutions is that most people resolve to either not do something because it is bad, or do something that will offset something bad. The top resolutions are usually to go on a diet, exercise, or quit a bad habit. And it is this negative aspect of resolutions that inevitably ends in failure. How many people do you know who've resolved to do something in those three generalized categories and stuck with it through the whole year? A small percentage, I'm sure. So why not resolve in 2015 to make more positive resolutions? They would be easier to keep. And if you're organized and like to plan out your days, weeks, and months, then positive resolutions would fit nicely into your itinerary. Let me explain.

Resolve to appreciate art ___ times this year, the blank being the number of times you would resolve to do this. This is a broad category, but it's exactly what makes it positive. Pick an easy amount of time – say, once a month – and figure out how to enlighten yourself artistically. Maybe you'll start reading a book. The next month you might drop by an art gallery. After that there might be a local theater you've never been to that is performing a play you've heard of before. Mix it up (don't just read a book a month) and you may just find you enjoy art galleries and performing arts more than you expected.

Resolve to eat foods you've never had before. I'm not saying you have to travel the world like the *Bizarre Foods* guy and eat insects and entrails with the natives. If you enjoy cooking you might pick a recipe with a particular ingredient you've never tried, such as an unusual vegetable or meat. Or if you don't care to cook, you might choose an ethnic restaurant you've never been to. Many people don't eat certain foods because they were not raised on them, either because their parents didn't like a particular food or they didn't live where certain foods were available. And interestingly, our tastes change over time, so what was nasty tasting as a child may now be delicious.

Resolve to go to a new place. Again, this is a broad category which you can tweak for the best bang for your buck. Many of you travel at least once a year anyway, and perhaps you choose a new destination every time. If so, good for you, but that won't count for your resolution! One good way to fulfill this resolution is to take the town, state, and/or region you live in and visit a place within that area you've never been before. It's sometimes called a "stay-cation."

I'm a good example of someone who doesn't even know her own backyard. I've lived in the same town for 22 years and never visited Willowbrook Living History Center (<http://www.willowbrookmuseum.org/>), which is

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15 minutes from my house. I know about it, it has one of the last surviving, working steam-powered carousels. But it wasn't until I joined a re-enacting group that I actually visited the center. What an amazing place! I won't take up space with details, suffice to say that you needn't travel hundreds or thousands of miles to enjoy a new place. And with the convenience of the Internet you just might find an interesting local place to take a day trip.

Resolve to do something Jaguar. Saving the best for last! Actually I could go on, but you most likely got the idea if you've read this far. For this final resolution, plan to do something with or about Jaguar. Again, this could be monthly or quarterly or even just once. If you plan to attend the 2015 JCNA Annual General Meeting (AGM), for example, that would be just one occasion. But maybe you want to attend more JANE meetings or more JANE events. There's normally something going on every month, so a regular peek at the JANE website or calendar in the newsletter will fulfill this resolution. If location is a factor and you can't attend meetings, there are other things Jaguar you could do. Read a book about Jaguar, watch a movie with Jaguar cars in it, or while you are resolving to go to a new place, go in your Jag. And of course take photos and send them to me with a little story so I can share with JANE members in the *Coventry Cat*. Oh look, that takes care of three resolutions in one shot!

Enjoy 2015, resolve to do something new and fun, and for goodness sake do it in a Jag!



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More Driver Ed at Jaguar School – Dave Goes To Level Two!

Story by Dave Moulton, photos courtesy Jaguarusa.com

Now Where Were We?

Alert readers of the *Coventry Cat* may recall that last summer I wrote about attending Level One of Jaguar's High Performance Driving Academy. I mentioned then that I had signed up for Levels Two and Three, just for the sake of science. Well, I completed both of those courses in early October and feel they merit your attention.

Level One, if you recall, was five hours of track instruction with a bit of class at the beginning, held at the Monticello Motor Club. This instruction is intended for adult drivers (that'd be us) who mostly have little or no experience with driving, er, fast (which is one of the things Jaguar cars are quite capable of, as we've all noticed). Good of Jaguar to help us out here.

Level One included a classroom session, an autocross exercise, a 180°-turn exercise, an array of lead-follow exercises on Monticello's main track (3.6 miles, 18 turns) and some exposure to enthusiastic hot laps by the faculty. (They strap you in the passenger seat, *really tight*, and then take off at what they think of as *full bore*, overjoyed that they *finally* no longer have to *go so friggin' slow*. *Aieeeeeee!*, as my Japanese in-laws sometimes have said.) A busy, full afternoon, and they actually brought us along quite quickly, so that by the end of the day we had progressed in our car control skills by a lot. We knew PLENTY more than we had when the afternoon started.

On To Level Two

Level Two is a full-day affair (about nine hours, all told). You'd think that Level Two would start up where Level One left off, but you'd be wrong. Level Two goes right back to the beginning, for the same set of adult drivers with little experience with fast (as well as some accumulated rust since partaking of Level One). The same exercises are presented, approximately the same way. The difference is that expectations are a little higher and the exercises get repeated over and over, so we began to really build up a fund of experience in car control. And, as Tom Brady (you know who he is, right?) has pointed out repeatedly, you can never get enough reps.

The Zen of Lead-Follow

After the autocross, the handling oval, and the skid-pad (now a figure 8, just like mid-section of the JCNA slalom course), we went to work on lead-follow exercises, five or six laps (18-21 miles) per session, switching cars and instructors for every session. This is *the* key instructional component for this sort of training and it is marvelously effective. You and two others follow the instructor in a sort of "monkey-see, monkey-do"



progression of cars, with the instructor in the front car guiding you via radio instructions all the time – the radio chatter becomes a sort of pleasant, comforting on-going traffic advisory: "Eeeeasy on the brakes, now go right and, oops, a quick left through the corkscrew and right, use the curb a little – very nice, very nice – roll on the throttle – good, good – more to the left– now watch for the yellow pylon – excellent – Dave, you're a little wide at the apex – tighten it up, please – verry good . . ." You learn where to place the car, where to look, where to brake, where and why the car "feels funny," and where and how much to accelerate. Every session goes a little faster,

and little by little the track comes together for you. Toward the end of the afternoon we're beginning to feel pretty good about this – the cars mostly go where we ask them to and it *feels* like we've got some reasonable control of what's happening. What used to seem fast now seems fairly leisurely, and turns that were mere bends in a straight road earlier now begin to really occupy our attention and challenge us as *turns*.



Interestingly, there's little sense of how powerful these cars are (510-550 horsepower) or how big they are (for the record, we were driving XJRs, XKRs, XFRs, and F-Type R coupes – all pretty prodigious and luxury street cars – their general capability for these sessions is a great credit to Jaguar). We left the traction control on, of course, and I, for one, spent a fair amount of time trying to figure out how to keep it from reducing engine power and interfering with my progress as I exited from some of the tighter turns watching the instructor disappear off into the distance. Ah, the joys of a light foot on the throttle!

It was all progressive, smooth, safe, and increasingly fast. And, Lordy, did we learn!

I won't bore you with how much better I got during this Level Two session (aside from noting I wuz awesome, simply awesome). Instead, I'd like to share with you two of the highlights at the end of the day for me.

The Scandinavian Flick as a Way of Life – Morgan Kavanaugh gives me a hot hot lap

Most of the instructors come from racing backgrounds, but some have extensive instructor backgrounds as well. I drew Morgan Kavanaugh for my so-called hot lap, and Morgan has been an instructor and developer of curriculum at the legendary Bridgestone Winter Driving School for a long time (buy me a scotch and ask me about my adventures there, if you really want to hear some stories sometime). Morgan *loves* driving on ice, and he *really, really* loves to drive a car when it is going sideways (he says he started doing this when he was about eight and he's never been able to stop doing it ever since!). The best way to do this is by using a maneuver called the Scandinavian Flick to get the slides going. Morgan would finesse these into long, lurid, sideways drifts, initiated as he would flick the car hard toward the outside of the road (the Scandinavian part of it) and then pitch it sideways pointing in toward the approach to each corner, letting the car snap back as

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we passed the apex into a fresh sideways drift the other direction for the next turn. So we went around the track sideways, all eighteen turns, looking at each approaching turn through the side windows, Morgan very rapidly counter-steering and correcting the steering wheel with hands that were a blur, to maintain the slide right to the apex of each turn, where the car would then rotate and begin its next sideways slide toward the next turn, rear end held out with throttle and lots of smoky rear wheel-spin. And, weird as it sounds, we were going just about as fast as all the more tidy, civilized instructor-types on their hot laps. The only boring parts were the straights, where we just went, you guessed it, straight. Boring.

This is how the rally guys do it, and when you see them on TV it looks immensely graceful – long, slowly rotating slides that end up with the car pointing in just the right direction, rooster-tails of snow or gravel spraying off all four wheels as the car finally gets traction and exits *post-haste* from the turn through the next poor suffering village. Beautiful and totally awesome (except for the villagers). From inside the car, though, it is really different – not particularly graceful. It doesn't feel fast so much as extremely busy while you are frantically peering sideways through the driver's door window at the approaching right-hander and then quickly snapping eyes right to look through the passenger-side window for the ensuing left-hander, also snapping the steering wheel back and forth, modulating the throttle and car direction in a continuous, ongoing tight-rope tap dance of automotive inertia, velocity, and friction. Keeps ya busy.

So, this is not really for street use. But, if you learn how to do it, you can control virtually any car virtually anywhere. And, if you've taken your motion-sickness pills, it really is an awful lot of fun. Beats a roller-coaster all hollow.

A Master Class with Roberto Guerrero

However, for me the high point of the day was a one-on-one session with Roberto Guerrero. Roberto has had an illustrious career in Formula 1, Indy cars, and in off-road racing. He is an immensely talented and experienced driver. He is also the smoothest, most graceful driver I have ever encountered.



Think of it this way: you are an enthusiastic amateur cellist, you attend a cello-playing workshop, and all of a sudden you find yourself in a private room with Yo Yo Ma for a master class, working on one of J. S. Bach's Unaccompanied Cello Suites, say, the Prelude from Suite #2. Yo Yo says, "Now, David, listen to me play this, all the way through. Then I want you to play it, exactly as I did." He plays. Whoooooa, was *that* beautiful, or what? He then hands over his \$2.5 million 1733 Montagnana cello to you, and asks you to play. Gulp!

This is an experience that is just about as good as it ever gets, especially for a rank amateur like me. Really especially when he says, during one of the episodes in that gorgeous Prelude, "Lovely line there, David. Just lovely."

I have no idea if Roberto drove fast when he showed

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me the way around Monticello. He must have, because we seemed to be back at start/finish in about five or six seconds. Or else, time had just simply stopped for me. But what it was, was a transcendental experience, the smoothest and most graceful driving at speed I've ever experienced. I had no idea cars could do this! When I grow up, I wanna be able to drive like him!

Man, it was beautiful.

This is why we mess around with cars.

And *that* was Level Two.

Next month I'll tell you about Level Three. Oh boy!

Thanks for reading.



Editor's note: If you are interested in Jaguar's Performance Driving Academy go to Jaguar USA's website at <http://www.jaguarusa.com/news-and-events/jaguar-performance-driving-academy/index.html>.



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DRIVE ALIVE: 2016 JAGUAR F-TYPE TO OFFER 6-SPEED MANUAL AND AWD

From www.jaguarinteractive.com November 19, 2014

Jaguar is giving F-TYPE customers exactly what they have been asking for - manual transmission and all-wheel drive. Tim Philippon, Product Manager, Jaguar Sports Cars runs through the key 2016 model year changes.

Give us the highlights of the 2016 model year Jaguar F-TYPE.

The big news is that we're offering a brand new six-speed manual transmission on V6-powered rear-drive models. We also have a new Instinctive All Wheel Drive® system that will be optional on F-TYPE S automatic and standard on F-TYPE R models. We're also replacing the previous F-TYPE V8 S Convertible with a sensational new F-TYPE R Convertible with 550 horsepower and all-wheel drive. With no fewer than 13 models to choose from, there really is going to be a Jaguar F-TYPE for every driving desire.

Enthusiasts rejoice, there's now a manual-transmission F-TYPE. How big is the demand?

No feature has been more requested by customers and the media alike than a manual transmission. Ever since the unveiling of the F-TYPE at the Paris Auto Show in 2012, customers have been telling me they love the car, but wouldn't place an order until there was a manual. Yes, manual transmission cars are a diminishing part of the premium sports car market these days, but the people who ask for it are our most passionate, most enthusiastic customers who rightly feel a manual is the purest connection between driver and car.

Fewer and fewer sports car makers are offering manual transmissions. Why is Jaguar?

It really is what the Jaguar brand is all about. So much of our messaging these days is about being "alive". Many of our customers feel a manual transmission enhances that feeling of the car being more alive. They are not looking for the ultimate in performance - an F-TYPE with an eight-speed QuickShift automatic, against the stopwatch is definitely quicker. They get a completely different kind of joy from executing the perfect heel and toe downshift, and feel an even closer connection with the car by "rowing their own".

On which Jaguar models will the new six-speed manual be available?

We'll offer it on rear-wheel drive F-TYPE Coupe and Convertible models powered by either the 340-horsepower or 380-horsepower supercharged V6 engines. We're not offering it with all-wheel drive, or the 550-horsepower R models which, for 2016 will be equipped with all-wheel drive as standard.

How will all-wheel drive enhance the F-TYPE driving experience?

It will simply transform the F-TYPE into a true all-year-round, all-season sports car. We know that many of our owners like to use their F-TYPE vehicles as daily drivers. They're forced to think twice before they head out when there's snow in the forecast. Even customers who buy an F-TYPE just for weekend fun will tend to keep it in the garage during winter months. What Instinctive All Wheel Drive® does is let them enjoy the car a full 12 months of the year.

Is there a risk that all-wheel drive will make the F-TYPE feel less alive?

A remarkable feature of the Jaguar Instinctive All Wheel Drive® system is Intelligent Driveline Dynamics (IDD) technology. What it does is make the F-TYPE drive just like a rear-wheel drive car. In standard driving, 100 percent of the engine's power goes to the rear wheels. However, if traction is lost at the rear, a central clutch closes and up to 50 percent of the power can be diverted to the front wheels. IDD can also detect and counter oversteer or understeer for a heightened feeling of safety and security. For our owners in Chicago,

New York, Boston and all points north, all-wheel drive will help make sure they'll pretty much always be able to get home.

Tell us about the awesome new flagship for the F-TYPE Convertible range.

We're replacing the previous 495-horsepower, rear-drive V8 S model with a new 550-horsepower R Convertible with standard all-wheel drive. With the top down, few other convertibles on the planet will sound quite like this. It truly has to be heard to be believed. For the 2016 model year, we're making the Convertible line-up symmetrical with the Coupe.

How long will we have to wait to see this 2016MY line-up?

We are still working on firm dates but we will unveil the new range at the Los Angeles Auto Show this week, then the plan is for a staggered launch with the all-wheel drive models arriving in late spring 2015 followed by the manual transmission models in early summer. They can't come soon enough.



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