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After a lifetime of wanting and a few years of searching, Alec and Bonnie Hay find their XK120SE in Virginia. Read Alec's story on page 18. Photo courtesy of Alec Hay.

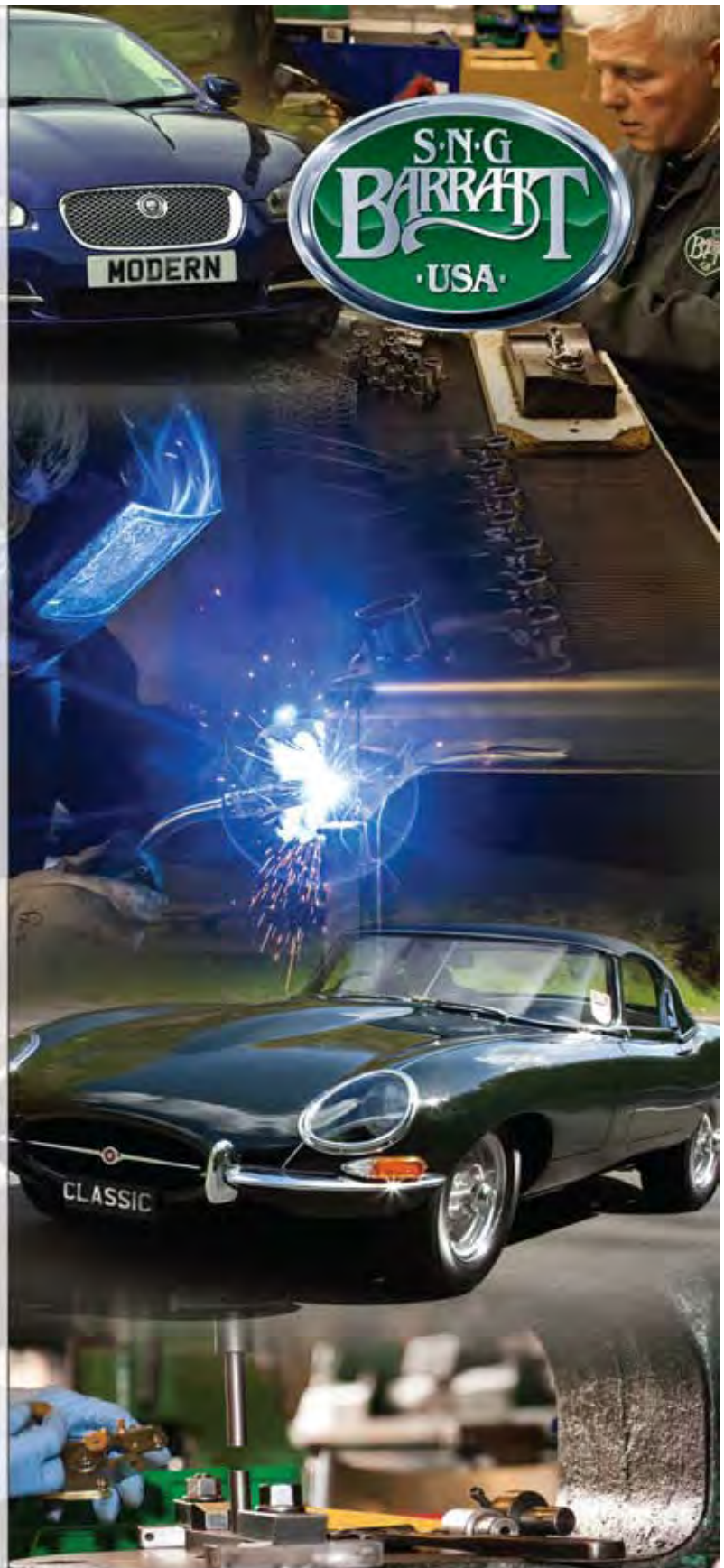
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Club Monthly Meeting Attendance Record Set

With the weather having been in question for the last couple of months, May started off with plenty of promise and ended up not disappointing. The beginning of the month yielded a very comfortable day for our annual Judge's Training and Certification held at Exeter Jaguar, which you can read about on page 16. Following a mere week and a half later, we were off on a weekend road trip to Bar Harbor, lead by Ed and Cheryl Avis. The weather held for most of the tour except for a few hours in the middle of the day on Saturday. What a great trip, and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Ed and Cheryl for putting this all together, and be sure to read about our adventure on page 12.

Just a few short days after returning from Bar Harbor, our annual May monthly meeting was held at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. While not quite fully recovered, our Events VP, Dean Saluti, stepped back up and made sure that we had another fine spread of hors d'oeuvres, main course, and the necessary wine and beer. JANE members brought some fabulous desserts to top off the meal. The weather could not have been more perfect...low- to mid-70's, a light breeze, and an outstanding showing from our club members and their cars. As a matter of fact, we had a record attendance for any monthly meeting to date of 87 club members and 38 cars for display on the lawn. This was quite an appropriate showing considering the theme of our meeting was for new member orientation. Earlier in the month I had asked our board members, as part of our mentor program, to make some phone calls to our newest members and get them to sign up for the meeting. Ed Avis did another fine job with his PowerPoint presentation on the club with all the benefits and opportunities to be had as a member. The meeting closed with some awards being given for work done for the JCNAAGM in April, and then a cleanup by all those in attendance.

At the end of May several members attended the SCDA Track Day at Lime Rock followed by the Empire Club Driver's School. We hope to have an article in the next issue of the Cat about their adventures on the race track and maybe a few photos.

June seems like it is going to be a relatively quiet month considering the recent number of activities in previous months. A group of 5-7 of our judges will be traveling down to the JCSNE Concours in Connecticut on Sunday, the 8th, at the Lyman Orchards. The members of JCSNE have always supported us with coming to participate with both their cars and their judges, and now it is our turn to show them our support for their Concours. For anyone looking to show their car at another venue, this is an ideal opportunity to take advantage of and see how another club runs and judges their entrants. For those who have an interest in other things British, LAAM will be hosting British Car Day on Sunday, the 22nd, and I know that our club will be well represented.

Our June monthly meeting will be held at the Inn at Bay Pointe in Quincy, an entirely new venue for us, and will provide an opportunity to display your Cat on the Boston waterfront. Dean has made arrangements for a wonderful buffet of chowder, fresh seafood, and steak tips. Please visit the JANE website and sign up, as this is not to be missed. Our website is working extremely well in providing an easy way for our event chairs

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to get an accurate registration count, so please take advantage of it to help our club work more efficiently.

Finally, wrapping up the month is the first of two slaloms for this year, combined with a tech and driver's school. If you have never tried slalom but have the urge to push your Cat even a little, then this is the opportunity you have been waiting for. This is a very safe and controlled way to test your driving skills with your car without having to worry about collision damage from a race track. There is only one car on the track at a time, and the speeds attained are no more than about 30 mph. The course is designed to improve the control and stability of your response time on a limited, controlled circuit.

With the help of our mentor program as well as our seasoned veterans, I look forward to seeing continued participation from all of our new members, as this is the only way the club will grow and continue to succeed.

Jim

THE SURVEY IS COMING! THE SURVEY IS COMING!

Okay, so it's not as dramatic as "The British are coming," but I hope I've grabbed your attention and you'll read the rest of this article – what I'm going to talk about is important to the future of JCNA.

One of my jobs for JCNA is serving as a member of the Membership Committee. The Committee was formed last year, with representatives from each of the six JCNA regions, to address the stagnant JCNA membership numbers. Over the last several months we've identified and discussed at length a number of initiatives to help JCNA-affiliated clubs recruit and retain members. Each Committee member will be establishing contact with the President and Membership Chair of all the clubs in their respective Region and will work with them as we implement some of the planned initiatives. One of the first initiatives is to share a paper with all clubs describing the "effective practices" gathered from our collective experiences. I'm happy to say that JANE was able to contribute a large portion of those practices. The Committee's overall goal is to make the local club and JCNA "membership experience" the best of ANY car club!

But before the Committee proceeds too far, it was felt that we needed to understand what current members feel are the strong and weak points of their individual clubs and of JCNA. This "baseline" is important to understand where we are, so the Committee can direct their efforts to those areas of most pressing need.

The Committee felt the best way to gather that information was to take a survey of all JCNA members. A future edition of the *Jaguar Journal* (hopefully the JUL-AUG issue) will have all the details and a link to the electronic survey (on Survey Monkey). To tabulate the results more easily, there will NOT be a paper survey – only the online version. If you have specific comments regarding membership issues there will also be information about who to contact.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY!

It was great to see so many new members attend the JANE dinner at the Larz Anderson Museum recently. I hope you enjoyed the evening and will join us for many more of the monthly social meetings and other events.

Cheers,

Ed Avis

Welcome New Members

Randy & Karen LaBonte	Tewksbury, MA	2000 XK8
Marc & Kimberly DesRuisseaux	Bow, NH	2004 XK8
Nancie Zecco	Holden, MA	2002 XKR
Nicola Anderson & Carl Pearson	Marblehead, MA	2008 XKR

Upcoming Events



2014 JANE EVENTS CALENDAR

You may register for any JANE event online at www.j-a-n-e.org and pay in advance by credit card or PayPal

Date	Day	Time	Event
June 8	Sun	9:30AM	JCSNE Annual Concours, Lyman Orchards @ Jct of Rts 147 & 157, South Street Extension, Middlefield, CT
June 22	Sun	10AM	British Car Day on the Lawn at Larz Anderson Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA
June 25	Wed	7PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Cars on the Ocean, The Inn at Bay Pointe, Quincy, MA. Program TBA
June 28	Sat	9AM	JANE Spring Slalom, In-Control Driver Training Facility, 1600 Osgood Street, North Andover, MA Coordinator: Al Zanengo (alzanengo@comcast.net or 781-799-6868)
July 13	Sun		JCSNE Summer Slalom Papa's Dodge, 585 E. Main St, New Britain, CT Slalom Chair: Ken Haas slalomchair@jcsne.org
July 23	Wed	7PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
July 27	Sun	1PM	JANE at Myopia Polo Club Matches 435 Bay Rd, South Hamilton, MA 01982 Coordinator: Aldo Cipriano (aldoc.esq@comcast.net or 508-481-8806)
August 8-10	Fri-Sun		JANE Annual Concours, Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA Details:TBA
August 23	Sat	2PM	JANE Potluck Picnic, Lawn, and Pool Party at Dennis and Prebble Eklof's Home, 31 Ames Road, Groton, MA Coordinator: Prebble Eklof (prebble.eklof@verizon.net or 617-877-5825)
August 27	Wed	7PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
Sept 13	Sat	8AM	JANE Autumn Slalom, In-Control Driver Training Facility, 1600 Osgood Street, North Andover, MA Coordinator: Al Zanengo (alzanengo@comcast.net or 781-799-6868)
Sept 14	Sun		JDCLI Vanderbilt Concours, Vanderbilt Estate, Centerport, NY Coordinator: Mike Carroll at 516-607-6074
Sept 19-21	Fri-Sun		24 th Annual British Invasion, Stowe, VT Coordinator for JANE: Dennis Eklof (dennis.eklof@verizon.net or 978-448-2566)
Sept 21	Sun	9AM – 2PM	3 rd Annual Boston Cup, Boston Common, Boston, MA Coordinator: JANE Member Tom Larsen (Thomas.larsen@comcast.net or 781-647-9157)
Sept 24	Wed	7PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA Cars on the Lawn, Social Meeting
Sept 27	Sat	9AM	Autojumble, Warren Cossitt's Shop 1 Westinghouse Plaza, Hyde Park, MA Coordinator: JANE Member John Brady

*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.

June Monthly Meeting Wednesday, June 25, 7pm

The Inn at Bay Pointe, Quincy, MA

Join us on Wednesday evening, June 25th for the JANE June dinner meeting event. Bar opens at 5PM and meeting starts at 7PM.

We have reserved a function room at one of the "South Shore's Hidden Gems," the Inn at Bay Pointe on Quincy Bay.

This is a popular seafood restaurant, and our room will have its own private bar and wraparound floor-to-ceiling windows, with a beautiful view of the marina's yachts and sailboats. Our room opens onto our own outside deck, where we can enjoy the ocean view with our cocktails and cigars. There will be a segregated area for Jaguar parking.

Of course, we will have a "surf and turf" buffet, which will include award-winning clam chowder, house salad, marinated beef tips, baked haddock, baked potatoes, seasonal vegetables, apple crisp with vanilla ice cream, and coffee and tea. The buffet will cost \$40 per person, which includes tax and tip. There will be a cash bar. Prebble and Dennis Eklof and Margie Cahn and Dean Saluti went there for lunch and sampled the foods that will be on the buffet. Everything was delicious!

This is an early alert, and the speaker is TBA. This event will be a sellout, so make your reservations on the JANE website, or email or call Dean Saluti, VP Events. Event registration and directions are below.

Registration: http://www.j-a-n-e.org/cgi-bin/members/pm.cgi?action=show&temp=event_flier&event_id=652

Directions from North and West:

The Inn at Bay Pointe is located at 64 Washington Court, Quincy, MA. The main number 617-472-3200.

Proceed down 95/93 (the old Route 128). At the "split," bear right to take Route 3 South to Exit 7 toward Braintree/Cape Cod. Merge onto Burgin Parkway via Exit 19 toward Quincy Center and follow for about 2 miles. Turn right onto Walter J. Hannon Parkway and follow for approximately 0.5 miles. Walter J. Hannon Parkway becomes Mayor Thomas McGrath Highway. Follow this street for approximately 1 mile. Turn right onto Washington Street/Route 3A and follow for about 1.2 miles. Look for the blue oval "Inn at Bay Pointe" sign (just past Wild Wiley's Burgers on the left). Turn left onto Washington Court. Follow Washington Court into Bay Pointe Marina.



Slalom: It's a Great Picnic for Cars and People Alike!

By Al Zanengo

Let me take a moment to tell you about a JANE member who is the embodiment of Slalom's spirit, the charming and lively Victor Cromie. In the past, Victor has brought two cars at a time, his sleek, white XK140 roadster and his bright yellow 1930 Austin open-wheeled racer (a cousin to the Swallow cars, which are precursors of Jaguars). Also in tow is his daughter, Anya, as well as his son-in-law, Steve, both of whom have begun to exercise dad's toys with vigor. As official photographer, Gabrielle Cromie, Victor's charming and lovely wife, has recorded the crew's exploits.

It was truly heartwarming to have Gabrielle approach me at our Larz Anderson lawn event and monthly meeting to tell me that she had saved the course layout and lap sequence, which we published last summer, and was giving serious consideration to registering for our first ever driving school. After extracting her sworn, solemn promise, I couldn't help but wonder if Prebble and some other "Ladies of JANE" might not be tempted to dip in a toe. Certainly Linda Bicknell, Paul's wife, must be contemplating some greater involvement in a passion so dear to Paul.

In case you are not aware of the fact that we are adding a stand-alone driving school to increase familiarity and comfort with the event, which is at the core of our cars and coffee party, rest assured that you get to design and control your experience and go at your own pace.



Whether you are driven around the course or are coached while you pilot your vehicle, it is not speed that is the emphasis. That comes later, almost as a byproduct of correct execution. And yes, for veterans, you can heat your tires and reawaken the driving style that has made for success in the past to garner JCNA national standings. If that's not enough, you can also participate in timed dollar runs after the main event is complete. Paul will also award you with a large Slalom windshield sticker. This is the \$10 antidote to cutting the lawn!

As in the past, we have great food on wheels provided by Bob's "Buns on the Run" that can make you anything from breakfast

Victor Cromie's daughter Anya, in his 1930 Austin, concentrates on the cones at last fall's slalom. Photo courtesy Victor Cromie.

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You can't forget the cars. There will be Jaguars of all types, and we have also invited Alfa of New England and New England Triumph. So whether it's to see your friends, sample some snacks, check out some interesting cars, or test your driving skills, consider yourself invited!

Mark your calendars. We will kick off at the very civilized time of 9AM on June 28th at 1650 Osgood St. in North Andover, MA.

Directions

Located at Osgood Landing, adjacent to 1650 Osgood Street (farthest North parking area), North Andover, MA.

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The Sixth Annual JANE Jaguar Day at the Myopia Polo and Hunt Club South Hamilton, MA



On **Sunday, July 27, 2014**, at 1PM we will be sponsoring, as Event Coordinator, the Club's Jaguar Cup Event at the Myopia Polo and Hunt Club in South Hamilton, MA.

We are taking reservations for the first 30-35 Jaguars to be in attendance.

Space is limited so please confirm on or before **July 11, 2014**, as we reserve specific parking spaces based upon timely response.

Jaguar Motor cars only, please, as this is a Jaguar Dealer-sponsored event.

Pack your picnic basket into the boot, dine and socialize with friends and other JANE members. Watch the "Sport of Kings" at the historic Myopia Polo Club grounds.

Also, there will be no hat competition or contest this year, although ladies are encouraged to wear Ascot or Churchill Downs style hats as part of the event. Each lady who wears a hat will receive a complimentary bottle of wine for the day's event.

Upon the conclusion of the match at approximately 5PM, the Jaguars will be invited on the polo field as part of the awards ceremony. The admission fee is covered by the Club, so come and join us for a relaxing and exciting polo match event.

Also, Pimm's Cup #1 will be served in moderation.

If interested, please contact the Event Coordinator, Aldo Cipriano: cipriani62@yahoo.com or call 508-481-8806 and leave a voicemail.

Only reservations made by July 11, 2014, can be honored, as this is a popular event with limited space.

JANE 2014 Concours d'Elegance

by Jim Sambold

The season is upon us, and with August just around the corner, our 42nd annual Concours d'Elegance weekend is fast approaching. Only a mere nine weeks away, plans are already being made to put things in their proper place, with the venue remaining the same, the Sturbridge Host Hotel, on August 8th, 9th, and 10th.

I am pleased to announce that Bruce McGeoch has offered to be a co-chair for this event to work with Ed Avis and me. Bruce provided invaluable assistance for the AGM in Boston, and I am quite sure that he will continue his outstanding commitment to this club with respect to the Concours. That being said, we are still looking for one more person to step up and join Bruce, Ed, and me to make this Concours another memorable event.

The Hospitality Suite is being chaired once again by Gordon Taylor and Betsy Taylor-Kennedy in conjunction with the British Beer Company providing the beverages. I am sure that we continue to have the best one around. The registration process is also well underway, with Jan Gill doing another exceptional job, and the ladies in the scoring room are also putting together a team to sort out all the judging sheets and catch any mistakes that may come in from the field. Jane Murray has offered to work with the hotel to make sure that we have all the necessary arrangements in place for another wonderful banquet. The entertainment and announcements for the hours of judging and the banquet will once again be provided by DJ Chris Hookie. Chris has been with us for several years now and has always provided us with great service.

Perhaps the biggest part of Saturday's events for the Concours weekend is the field layout for the cars and the judging. Tom Finan and his team are already busy at work putting together this year's layout, and it should be a packed field to keep the judging teams busy for most of the afternoon.

We are still in need of some donations for the Silent Auction, as well as some volunteers to help sell raffle tickets. I would ask each and every one of you to think of a business that might be able to donate some terrific items for either the Silent Auction or the Raffle table. Prebble Eklof has offered to take on setting up the Silent Auction and would like to have some help in pulling these items together. This would provide a great opportunity for someone to learn about another aspect of our big event.

Sponsorship is another area that the committee needs help with in order for the Concours to be successful. I know we have asked a lot of some of our previous sponsors because of the AGM, but if we are able to put together many smaller sponsorships, we will still be able to continue providing a spectacular event for this year and make our annual charitable donation.

Remember, the Concours is only ten weeks away. Check out the usual schedule of events for the Concours weekend on the JANE calendar on the website, and please make your hotel reservations NOW (our special group rate is \$126 per night), and register your Cat for the event online on the JANE website to be able to be on the Concours field the day of the event. This will help facilitate the process for the crew and the entire event.



TRAVELS WITH JANE: WE VENTURE DOWNEAST! May 15-18, 2014



by Ed Avis

In spite of the old Maine adage, 36 JANE members recently proved you **CAN** “Git thay-uh from he-uh”...and do it in style! Although the weather forecasts had been grim for the weekend, the group persisted and was rewarded with beautiful sunny days on Thursday and Friday and only occasional showers for Saturday and Sunday.

Our intrepid group included Ed and Cheryl Avis (1953 XK120 DHC), Mike and Patty Axford (1996 XJS convertible), Josh and Diane Bartlett (1997 XK8 convertible), Dennis and Prebble Eklof (2001 XJ8 VDP), Rob and Leslie Gardner (1962 E-Type OTS), Bonnie Getz (driving a “guest” Subaru Forester), Richard and Jan Gill (2006 XKR convertible), Ed and Kathy Hall (XJS coupe), Carl and Sing Hanson (2000 XKR coupe), Will and Allie Haynes (with their choice of three brand new Jags – more on that later), George and Janet Jones (1966 Mark 2), Howard and Joanne Kalet (2004 XJR), Tom Larsen and Nancy Monaghan (1967 E-Type coupe), Mark and Bev Lenci (1972 SIII E-Type OTS), Bruce McGeoch (1970 E-Type 2+2), Bob Mitchell and Joyce Heck (1949 Triumph TR-2000 – more to follow on this car later), David Moulton (2014 F-Type V8S convertible), Andy and Judy Picariello (1996 XJ12), Wayne and Carol Quimby (2007 XK convertible), and Jim Sambold (driving a “guest” Volvo).

While some folks traveled independently, most joined the caravan at service areas in either Kennebunk or West Gardiner, Maine. From there we proceeded up the scenic Maine coast via Belfast, arriving in Bar Harbor with time to check into the Bar Harbor Inn and have a short rest before our traditional welcome reception. Our rooms in the Inn’s Oceanfront Lodge offered beautiful views of the harbor and offshore islands. In the late afternoon we moved on to the Ivy Manor Inn for the reception, sponsored by Jaguar Scarborough. Our hosts at the Ivy Manor Inn, John and Christine Poole, provided a wonderful offering of Acadia mussels, Swedish meatballs, sesame soy chicken wings, a gourmet cheese platter, and veggie and fruit trays. The food just kept coming – there was no excuse for anyone to go away hungry! Several Jaguars were



Over 60 years of Jaguar were represented during the Bar Harbor tour as seen in this impressive lineup. Photo by Will Haynes.

parked in front of the Inn and represented 61 years of the Jaguar heritage - including members' cars from as early as 1953 right up to three beautiful new cars from Jaguar Scarborough – an XJ, an XF, and a beautiful new F-Type Coupe in Italian Racing Red! By the time the evening was over, Bar Harbor was buzzing about the beautiful Jaguars that were in town. Heads were turning and cameras were snapping all weekend long as our cars rolled through the streets.

On a glorious, sunny Friday morning, participating cars gathered in the parking lot at the Acadia National Park Visitor Center for a group photo. What an impressive sight! Only two cars were missing from the lineup – Mark and Bev Lenci's arrival in their 1972 Series III E-Type was delayed due to a flat tire and, sadly, Bob Mitchell's 1949 Triumph 2000, which died en route in Bucksport and had to return to New Hampshire on a trailer. Since the Triumph was the backup to Bob's XJ6, which was itself the backup to his MK IX, it just proves again that you can never have too many British cars in the stable if you really want to go somewhere!

From the Visitor Center we drove the winding road up to a very windy Cadillac Mountain, the highest point on the U.S. East Coast – and for part of the year, the first place in the U.S. to see the sunrise. The view over Bar Harbor and Frenchman Bay is breathtaking!

Leaving the mountain, we proceeded along the Park Loop Road, with stops at Sand Beach (for a group photo), Thunder Hole, Otter Cliffs, and various other scenic points. We rejoined at the Fabbri Picnic Area for sandwiches and camaraderie. We then proceeded on to one of the bridges on Acadia's famous carriage roads, where our cars paused for individual photos under the triple-arch stone bridge. It was then on to Jordan Pond for a stop in the gift shop before everyone made their individual return to Bar Harbor.

Friday evening was "dinner on your own," but several members took advantage of a special "Taste of Bar Harbor

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First stop on the tour, the Ivy Manor Inn, where Jaguar of Scarborough sponsored a reception. Photo by Ed Avis.

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Happy tourers gathered at Galyn's Restaurant Saturday evening for a banquet and awards. Photo by Ed Avis.

Pub Tour" sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. It was a great chance to sample some regionally-produced beer and wine and find a suitable place for dinner.

Overcast skies greeted the group as we set off Saturday morning for a short drive to the Seal Cove Automobile Museum, arriving just as the rain began. While heavy rain poured outside, we enjoyed a narrated tour of the museum by its Executive Director, Roberto Rodriguez. Although the museum isn't large, it houses a variety of rare, historic cars, including what is arguably the finest collection of "Brass Era" automobiles in the U.S., many of which have won awards at Pebble Beach and Amelia Island, and three that have taken part in the famous London to Brighton Run. "Brass Era" cars are very early automobiles characterized by their gleaming brass headlights and trim. Have you ever seen an

1899 DeDion Bouton Model G, "Vis à vis"? How about a 1904 Knox touring car, built for the president of the company, or a 1904 Curved Dash Olds Model 6C? There's also a 1910 White Steamer Model MM Pullman Touring car that was used to chauffeur President William Howard Taft, a 1913 Peugeot wood-bodied "skiff," a 1914 Stanley "Mountain Wagon" – and the list goes on, including several very early Indian and other motorcycles. Of particular interest to those familiar with the Larz Anderson Auto Museum was a 1911 American Victoria Tourist owned by Larz Anderson when he was Ambassador to Belgium. The Andersons brought the car with them when they returned to the U.S. and it became the favorite vehicle of his wife, Isabel. Researchers were puzzled by the inscription "Captain Ginger" on the side of the car, but eventually found it came from a series of children's books that Isabel had written – the main character was "Captain Ginger"! Richard C. Payne was the discriminating collector who amassed most of the collection, but he kept very few records of where the cars came from or their history. Roberto Rodriguez has undertaken the daunting chore of documenting the history of each car. His detailed knowledge of the cars allowed him to give an excellent tour, with interesting stories about each car. Although visits to auto museums are often "guy" events, the ladies in our group found this to be an exceptionally interesting visit – perhaps the best automobile museum they'd ever visited. Some of them commented that these cars are more like works of art than automobiles! Anyone with any interest in historic automobiles should not miss this museum, a real hidden gem, if you visit the Bar Harbor region.

By the time we left the museum the rain had slowed



Above: Carriage trails and stone bridges pepper Acadia. George and Janet Jones pass under this bridge at Stanley Brook in their Mark 2. Photo by Ed Avis.

Left: One of the most photographed sites in the national park: Jordon Pond with "the Bubbles" mountains in the distance. Photo by Bruce McGeoch.

to occasional showers as we drove to Southwest Harbor, where we enjoyed an excellent lunch at “Sips” Restaurant. After lunch the group dispersed, some to continue exploring the island and some to return to Bar Harbor.

Saturday evening brought the traditional JANE banquet at Galyn’s Restaurant in Bar Harbor. Our host, Gail Leiser, and her staff provided a great menu selection. No JANE banquet would be complete without some awards! The first award, for the longest drive to Bar Harbor in a Jaguar, was a very close competition! Which do you think is farthest from Bar Harbor – South Burlington, Vermont (Bruce McGeoch), or Mansfield, Connecticut (George and Janet Jones)? A quick look at the map showed the distances to be so close we had to employ Google Maps as the final arbiter. The winners, at 357 miles, were the Joneses in their 1966 Mk2 – beating Bruce in his 1970 E-Type 2+2 by only 17 miles! Both are commended for their long journeys. It’s also a testament to the reliability of these old cars if properly cared for. The second award went to Mark and Bev Lenci, with their 1973 Series III E-Type OTS, as the newest members on the tour with a Jaguar. The final award was actually a three-part award and went to Bob Mitchell and Joyce Heck for their 1949 Triumph 2000. Since the car didn’t actually make it to Bar Harbor, it was the hands down choice for the “Broken Spoke” award, and also for the oldest car to attempt the trip, AND as the oddest-looking Jaguar! All participants in the tour also received commemorative engraved pint glasses.



Will Haynes of Scarborough Jaguar with wife, Allie, and the F-Type coupe, one of three Jaguars the dealership sent to Bar Harbor for everyone’s viewing pleasure. Photo by Ed Avis.

Following breakfast on Sunday our group finally disbanded for their individual return home. It was a very pleasant weekend with some great friends. Those who have never participated in a JANE tour should consider joining the next one. You’ll certainly make some new friends and learn more about some old friends – oh, and yes, you’ll have a lot of fun!

This event report would not be complete without another round of thanks to Jaguar Scarborough for their generous support to our Thursday evening reception and for bringing the three beautiful new Jaguars to join the tour. With cars like the XF, XJ, and the new F-Type convertible and coupe, it’s clear that Jaguar is again on the prowl!



The Bar Harbor crew (minus Ed Avis) stop at Sand Beach for a group shot. Look at that spectacular coastal Maine backdrop! Photo by Ed Avis.

2014 Concours Judge's Training

by Jim Sambold

Jaguar of Exeter was once again the sponsor for JANE's annual Concours Judge's Training and Certification on Sunday, May 4th.

Our judges, numbering fourteen in attendance, with one new addition to our team, John Feng, started off with a dose of coffee and cookies, and once settled into place, proceeded to jump right into coverage of the 2014 updates for the judging manuals. Fortunately, this year was very limited in terms of any significant rule changes and was mostly confined to verbiage changes throughout several chapters. After digesting the changes and a review of the scoring sheets to hopefully eliminate some minor errors from the past several years, the group separated into teams to work on the certification exam, which lasted approximately 90 minutes. The ladies dug right in and diligently researched each and every one of the fifty questions, showing the guys that they were every bit as confident in their knowledge of the manual. After the exam, Jaguar of Exeter provided us with a nice lunch consisting of pizza, drinks, and cookies.

Once settled from lunch the group proceeded to score the exams, and I am pleased to report that everyone passed with flying colors. Moving toward the conclusion of the day's session, which usually culminates with some practice judging, the teams were instead treated to a display of original tool kits, owner's manuals, and pouches, and were then tasked with answering more than a dozen questions relating to authenticity. It



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was another successful training session, and I am confident that the JANE group of judges will accurately reflect the intent of the JCNA judging procedure and rule book.

I would like to welcome John Feng to the group of certified members of the judging teams for 2014. John will serve a short term as an apprentice judge before becoming a full team member, and will also bring some valuable experience from his XK120 to the benefit of others. I would also like to once again thank the ladies for their active participation in the judging process. Without their help our club would be lacking in the number of judges needed every year, even with the help of our fellow club members from JCSNE.



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The Search for a Jaguar XK120SE (My Jaguar Experience)

Story & photos by Alec Hay

The search for my XK120SE OTS really began in the 1960s when I was at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York. Another student was selling his XK120 for \$750. The price seemed just right for the most beautiful car in the world. My dad would not allow the purchase, and I respected my parents. The dream was postponed.

My junior year I bought and drove a white 1954 Ford convertible with a V8 engine that drank almost as much oil as gas. Oil was cheap by the gallon, and the trunk could hold a lot of oil.

Blizzard conditions often occurred on the trips between my parents' house in Pelham Manor, New York, in Westchester County to Colgate University in Hamilton, New York. There were actually stories of people driving off the roads in the farm country of Upstate New York and not being found until spring, frozen to death. A car ride to school was \$2.50. That paid for gas, and riders meant security. Six in a car gave manpower to push a vehicle back on the road if needed. Safety in numbers was the rule.

After graduation I got a job at J. Walter Thompson Advertising Agency in Manhattan as a copywriter. One day a friend at work said, "My sister works at J.S. Inskip Rolls Royce and Jaguar. They are throwing out Jaguar press photos and news releases. Let's go." We ran all the way. I grabbed all I could carry. Today I have press releases and a publicity photo of a white XK120 OTS along with a beautiful professional model. She is posed holding a leashed jaguar. The model ... the exotic jungle cat ... next to the namesake car. This picture is truly worth a thousand words.

Miracles happen. One day I discovered a 1960 Jaguar XK150S for sale at Griffin Ford in New Rochelle, New York. The owner had a large family and needed to trade in his Jaguar for a Ford Country Squire station wagon. I marveled at the triple SU carburetors on the OTS and the magnificent XK engine. The driving manual, with its brown, bark-like cover and foldout cutaway line drawing of the car was hypnotic. I was in love.

I bought my 150S for \$2,227, and I drove my Jaguar as my only car for fifteen years when I was in my twenties and thirties. Greenwich Village, New York, Old Town in Chicago, Pelham Manor, New York in Westchester County, and North Scituate, Massachusetts were garage locations over the years.

The best garage deal was in Greenwich Village in New York City, where I persuaded the Mexican who ran the Minetta Garage that my Jaguar was a compact car and should be charged no more than a VW bug. He agreed. My monthly fee was \$32.50, and I was on the first floor, just inside the front door. Very convenient and cheap for Manhattan.



The XK120SE in its Car Coon. Pictured are (L-R) new owners, Bonnie & Alec Hay, and previous owners Sue and Roy Sumner.

The past is filled with memories. The XK150S's three SU carbs were a mystery to most mechanics. A fellow member of the Westchester Sports Car Club synchronized them using a stethoscope. His job? Barnes Engineering. He spent one year making a hatch on a U.S. government satellite to dependably open and close correctly while in outer space. His true love? He loved Jaguars.

Years later, when the frame on my XK150S rotted out, I was in my thirties. No time or cash for restoration. A sad goodbye to my OTS after fifteen years as my only car and joy beyond description.

Two years ago, through my Scottish friend Glen McLachlan, my wife, Bonnie, and I were introduced to the Jaguar Association of New England. The camaraderie and helpful information generously given to us by many members aided in our car search and enjoyment of the Jaguar Experience. I always tell Bonnie, "We learn so much because these members are so generous with their knowledge and experience."

Memories of my XK150S float back from time to time. As the old Scottish song goes, "Those days are gone now and in the past they must remain—but we can rise now and be a nation again."

"A nation again" — heck, I can be a Jaguar owner again. I may be 73 years old by my birth certificate, but I think I'm 20. I have never lost my dream of an XK120SE.

The Jaguar Association of New England is awesome. At the JANE get-together in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, John Feng gave me a ride in his magnificent silver XK120SE. My wife, Bonnie, said the ride she got started out very slowly until she said, "This is not like the run you gave my husband."

John replied, "You want fast and loud?"

Bonnie said, "Yes." She said the next thing she knew she was looking for a grab handle.



The sign says it all! Where Alec's new "toy" will spend winter months, in climate control storage.



Intercity Transport driver offloads the XK120 at its new home in MA.

John told me the story of his long search for an XK120, which included travel beyond imagination. He suggested that I call Tom Jaycox, which I did. Tom knew of a 120 that was owned by a man in Staten Island, New York. He visited the car only to find the owner was not ready to sell because of sentimental reasons. The car had belonged to his dad, who had passed away. Also, the price was out of line for the condition.

At this point, I emailed Roy Sumner in Gordonsville, Virginia, who was advertising his 1954 XK120 Special Equipment. Matching numbers and Heritage Certificate, plus the color combination of cream body paint and red leather interior were exactly what I wanted. Roy gave me references of two men who had known him and his Jaguar for fifteen years. Both had been Jaguar Club presidents and Concours judges. I called them and liked what they said.

My motto has always been — "Do everything right away." Bonnie and I got up at 3:00AM in Scituate, Massachusetts, to take a Jet Blue flight bound for Richmond, Virginia. We rented a car and drove two hours to Gordonsville, which is horse country. Fog, rain, and snow had disappeared, and we found Roy and Sue Sumner at their beautiful home at

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the end of a mile-and-a-half-long gravel driveway. The magnificent cream color XK120SE was in a Car Coon next to an XKE in their garage.

Roy and Sue patiently answered our questions and thoughtfully told us the XK120SE's story in captivating British accents, which enhanced the environment as we admired my favorite example of Sir William Lyons's creations. Next, we tried to control our excitement as we bought our XK120SE.

After paperwork and promises to keep in touch, Roy mentioned he wanted to apply finish to his concrete garage floor. I told him that Dennis Eklof had written an authoritative article on his personal investigation of this very subject in our JANE newsletter, *The Coventry Cat*. When Bonnie and I returned home, I asked Dennis to send the article to Roy. He did and Roy thanked all concerned.

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Wanted: Jag Photos for 2015 JANE Wall Calendars

It may seem a bit premature talking about 2015 calendars when we just hung this year's on the wall. But, like the Thanksgiving Day Parade, preparation for the following year's event must start soon after the current year.

With that said, it's been three years since the last JANE calendar. Since then some members have asked if there would be future calendars. Your Editor wanted to get a year's worth of *Coventry Cats* complete before deciding on whether to take on another calendar since it takes a bit of work to gather, layout and process them.

So with Board approval I will be producing a 2015 wall calendar...with help from you! From now until September I will be taking photo submissions for consideration in the calendar. Members can send hard copies or electronic files of their Jaguar(s). The contact information is below. If you send electronic files, they must be HIGH RESOLUTION. Please no thumbnails or tiny cell phone camera photos. Also, electronic files should be attached to an email, not embedded in the body of the message. Include with each submission the year and model as well as any special designation such as Mark VIIM, XKR-S, etc. If you know the factory color name, that is also helpful. And if possible give a description of where the shot was taken, what you and the car were doing, etc.

Now get out there and get some photos of your beloved Jags! If you go to a Jaguar Club event, take a nice shot in a scenic place. Going on vacation with your car? Take a photo of it along the way or at your destination. Send as many photos as you like; although only 12 will be used, any surplus could go in future calendars.

Please note that hard copies of photos will not be returned so make sure you submit a duplicate copy.

For your own planning purposes, 75 calendars will be available just in time for Christmas 2014. The prices will be \$15 each, 2 for \$28 or 3 for \$40, and this includes shipping charges. Ordering details will appear in a future *Coventry Cat*.

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