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## From the Driver's Seat



**Dave Brill, President**

Boy, I tellya, go away for a few days and it seems like you have weeks of work to catch up on when you return. Gayle and I had a short weekend trip the Berkshires planned from about a year ago. Then, our niece and her fiancé let us know that their wedding would be in Las Vegas.. a week after our trip to the Berkshires... so, I was away from work for almost 8 days in a two week period. Now I'm trying to put all the work I missed in those 8 days into the first few days back in and it simply isn't working.. anyone who has taken a vacation surely knows the feeling.

So, what to talk on this time around? I have a few things to mention and hopefully I don't forget them by the time I'm done writing.

At our last Jags N Java (if you haven't come out to hang out on the third Saturday of each month, you really must) Paul Angelico, your VP, came in raving about how the most recent Hartford Courant had a piece written by local folks on the state of Jaguar and especially the newly introduced XF (they had done a test drive/review on it). I finally found some time to sit and search out the article on line and he was right. They had great things to say about the XF and Jaguar in general. My point relates to the "new" Jaguar and its cars (and soon to be an SUV too). Our club has roughly 150 members, give or take. Recently, I noticed that over the last few events, we had quite a few "newer" Jags out with us.. the XK8s. There have been more of those showing up recently than any other model, in general. I guess what I'm getting at is that hopefully, with the introduction of more Jaguar models and ones that more folks can afford, there will be some interest from those new owners to join up with a great group like ours and come out and enjoy all Jags along with their own.

In the last newsletter, I bemoaned the fact that in the couple of months that I had spoken about Alta stepping away from her position of 26 years as the club newsletter editor no one had stepped to the plate to assist. We have nearly 150 members and among all of us there wasn't ONE person who felt they could assist. Well, there still isn't one member ... I rec'd an email shortly before the Alden Sherman Classic from Starr and RJ Lorenzi about a lady who does design work and also happens to do the Ferrari regional newsletter.. and she would be interested in assisting us in producing the newsletter. I met her at the car show and we spoke for a bit. She has a great attitude, loves cars, loves design and is always looking for a way to promote her work. She said she would like to attend our next meeting and a week later I introduced her to our BOD (via email). Her name is Ann Fletcher. She attended the last meeting and we all got to

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**Monthly Meetings - Second Tuesdays**  
Olympia Diner, 3413 Berlin Tpke, Newington  
In the attractive dining room at rear  
7 p.m. Meeting - 6 p.m. Dinner off Menu (full menu)  
COME at 6:00 to SOCIALIZE OVER DINNER

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LOOKING IN the lower half OF OUR STATE FOR A RESTAURANT  
WHERE WE COULD HAVE 2-3 MONTHLY MEETINGS & PROGRAM DURING THE YEAR (W/ MIN. ROOM CHG)  
**PLEASE CHECK OUT ANY OPTIONS THAT MIGHT BE IN YOUR AREA & GET INFO.**

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Our Calendar of Events is also online at JCSNE.org

**Nov 22 Sun JCSNE ANNUAL HOLIDAY & ELECTIONS DINNER - Brazi's, New Haven**  
**See below - Form on inside back page if needed**

**DECEMBER, 2015 - NO MONTHLY MEETING OR EVENTS - ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS**

**JANUARY, 2016:**

Jan. 12 Tue. JCSNE Monthly Meeting - Olympia Diner - details above - All Members Welcome

Jan. 16 Sat. JCSNE Jags & Java - Mozzicato's Bakery, Rt. 5, Wallingford see info on page 5

Our crack team of Magicians & Planners is working on the schedule of Events for the coming year.  
Keep your eye glued to our Calendar - online and in print - because it's constantly being updated!

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**Come Join Us for a Fun Evening with Fellow Club Members!**  
**Great Food, Great Conversations, Great Evening!**  
**And Jaguar Hats for all who attend!!**

**JCSNE'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER**

**& Election of Officers for 2016**

at

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201 Terminal Food Plaza, New Haven  
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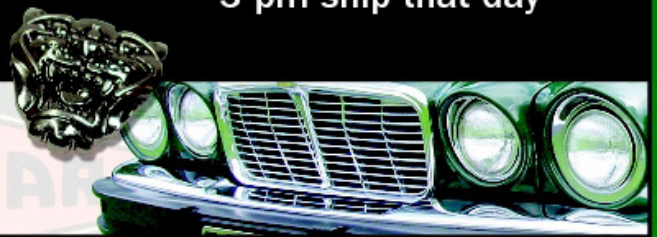
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### **A BRIEF PARTIAL RECAP OF THIS YEAR in JCSNE, 2015. . .**

**Two Car Shows: June, JCSNE Concours d'Elegance - Sept, British Wheels on the Green. Three wine tours: Southwestern, Southeastern, Northwest CT. Battle of the Brits Go-Kart Challenge - MG, Triumph, Jaguar, Wallingford. Trip to Donovan's Motor Car, Lenox MA. Annual Spring Dust Off & Judging School. Tech Sessions in Groton and Wallingford. Jags & Java 3rd Sat. monthly. Participation in Lime Rock's Labor Day Historic Festival & Gathering of the Marque and the Dream Cruise/Dream Show to benefit Special Olympics & much more.**

### **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER - SEND 'EM!! [Editor@JCSNE.org](mailto:Editor@JCSNE.org)**

Articles, photos, how-to's, tips on doing it easier, the story of your life, your first car, etc. etc.

Working on a car restoration or rebuild? Tell us about it.

Rebuilt your engine or rear end, or discovered a good way to do a particular project. Share it.

Tell us how you found your Jaguar. Or better yet: WHY JAGUAR? What got you into Jaguars??

Selling your Jag OR looking for a Jag - give us a Classified

Any and all contributions are welcome. You write it, we'll polish it. Just tell us about it! **Puleeze!!!!**

## **Jags & Java**

Join JCSNE the 3rd Saturday of the month  
for coffee, cars and conversation  
Very casual - come & leave at will

At Mozzicato's Bakery, Wallingford  
731 No. Colony Rd (Rt 5)

**Next Gatherings: Sat. Nov. 21st - Sat. Dec. 19 8:30 - 11 AM**

## **PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS! For the Year 2016**

President - David Brill  
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2nd VP - Paul Angelico  
Secretary - Martha LeClair  
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Thanks to Nominations Chair Elmar Kessler  
Election will take place at the Holiday Dinner and Nominations will  
be accepted from the floor

# British Wheels on the Green !

Saturday, September 26th, 2015  
On the Beautiful Madison Town Green

Another opening! Another show! As they say on Broadway! Well, 2015 was our 7th annual British Wheels on the Green. Another great day, weatherwise, and another great field of only British Cars AND GREAT WORKERS! It does take a few folks to put on this show. To the guys who set up the field, thanks. Very special thanks to **Angela Hill** & **Martha LeClair** who did Day of Show registrations in short order, **Rich Blum** who did Pre-reg, **Steve Hill** who assessed the entrant's and collected money, **Steve Gallant** whose windshield cards/registraton data made everything flow. Special thanks to **Bill & Dale Carson** for providing tables, chairs, trash barrels and lining up food vendors. And thanks to Bob Aldridge who chaired the show and did the behind the scenes work. Every person and every task accomplished so efficiently was what made a smooth running show. And thanks to all who came!!!

It was a bit chilly but very sunny that day. Fall is busy in New England, i.e. the Durham Fair that same weekend. But we persevere and end up being able to make a nice charitable donation to "**Friends of Hammonasset**" who help keep the beach in excellent shape. If you have not visited Hammonasset lately, do so. You'll be pleasantly surprised at how easily you can access the beach itself. Our other charitable donation is to "**Are You Dense**", a program that makes women aware of how to truly investigate the possibility of breast cancer. A few of our club members are active in that cause and it was brought to our attention by Jan & Hal Kritzman. Jan has been very instrumental in bringing this to the attention of our legislators and other prominent authorities. Bravo to Jan and for her for caring. **Below is just a glimpse of what shows up at BWOTG.**



Tom Jaycox's (Canaan CT) 1953 racing C-type. Inset, the C-type's amazing power plant! Beautiful even when still.

Top-clockwise: club member Rudy Zimmerman's 1956 XK-140; a field of Minis. And just above: Best in Show Non-Jaguar was an outstanding 1949 Triumph 2000 owned by Don Miller of Guilford. A spectacular car in design and simplicity.

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### 73 XKE

Anyone owning a '73 XKE that would be interested in owning this CT license plate, above, should contact Bill Longstreet at LGST3@aol.com

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meet her in person. We made her an honorary/associate member and she has already been working with Alta. In return for doing our newsletter, we will run an ad for her design studio, free of charge. She brought some samples of her work along and I for one was duly impressed. I feel that she will be a change and take the newsletter in a new direction, just as great as Alta has been producing for the last...26 YEARS!! Thank you Alta! Hi Ann!

With our new editor however, will come some new duties for us, all of us. Where Alta was out on events and could easily peruse the web site and knew what was happening and could add that point of view to the newsletter, Ann will not be in the same position to be able to do the same. WE will NEED to funnel stories, photos, etc. to her so she can create a great newsletter for us. It will be our responsibility to make sure the newsletter stays full of content. Also, we will need to make sure our current advertisers are paid up and that we contact new companies/services to advertise in our newsletter.

The season for doing car stuff isn't over either...there are still some great driving days out there, even if it's a little cold, the cars love that fresh, cool air. Keep your eyes posted to our calendar - online and in print - for upcoming events. Dinner meetings in the Fairfield area, possibly a tech session or two, maybe even another bus trip to an auto museum. Steve and I will be feverishly plotting and planning an exciting winter season.

Last to mention, our Holiday Dinner is coming up on Sunday, November 22nd at Brazi's on Long Wharf in New Haven. Please visit our web site [www.JCSNE.org](http://www.JCSNE.org) to register and pay online [or you may use the form at the end of this issue of the newsletter].

I think that's it for now...so,

**With Grace, Space and Pace....  
David Brill**

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## Movies With Cars

Bob Brow-

Do you know the author Mickey Spillane? He created the fictional detective Mike Hammer and plotted Mike thru a series of highly successful novels in the '50s and '60s. One of them, ***Kiss Me Deadly***, became an atmospheric 1955 movie. It is filmed in black and white, has a distinctive film noir look and shows its cast of characters in a series of vintage Los Angeles settings that you might appreciate seeing; many of them are now gone. Of even more interest to JCSNE members, the cars of the time...and they get a fair amount of time on the screen.

In the evening, as the movie opens, Ralph Meeker/Mike Hammer is driving his Jaguar XK-120 roadster on the Pacific Coast Highway. He encounters a distraught Cloris Leachman/Christina, nearly running over her. In short order, they are overtaken by a group of thugs who believe that Christina knows the whereabouts of a mysterious package that they want. Hammer objects, but is outnumbered and the Jag (you'll love the cheesy substitution) is pushed over a cliff. An MGTD replaces Mike's Jaguar and then an early Corvette replaces the MG. Mike's mechanic bites the dust. There is much mayhem and Mike (and Velda, his beautiful, faithful secretary) barely survives.

If you have never seen this Robert Aldrich (not our Bob Aldridge) film, or if you haven't seen it in ages, it is worth finding. The original print has been carefully restored and the DVD version is of excellent quality. #

## Why Jaguar FORD???

Ed Rubacha

*Why Ford?!!* Whoa! Isn't the newsletter series entitled *Why Jaguar?* Normally that's true; however, let's interrupt your stories about how you became Jaguar enthusiasts, and then Jaguar owners, in order to tell a slightly different tale. This one began when our featured member was about twelve. His older brother owned a 1936 Ford coupe. Big brother decided that he, our now longtime JCSNE member, should learn to drive. The perfect car was the Ford. The perfect venue was a home-made "race course" around their family neighborhood. The lessons began and a new driver (and car enthusiast) was born.

Fast-forward in time to May, this year. Our member, **Ken Haas**, was in Indiana racing his MGB in an SVRA competition at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's infield track. He learned that there was a car auction during that weekend. He casually surveyed what was being offered. He liked a 1936 Ford coupe. A lot. It looked just like the car his brother had owned decades earlier. He bid on the car, won it and had it shipped back to his Connecticut home. When Ken told his brother about buying the Ford, his brother remembered that Ken was such a small driver that he could barely see over the dashboard. Thus, Ken had to look between the top of the instruments and under the rim of the steering wheel. Then there was the tricky business of completing the circuit without hitting a big oak tree in their backyard - no small task for an under-sized driver.

While the 1936 Ford coupe is Ken's new favorite set of wheels, the Haas barn also contains some Jaguars that he also favors, including his XK8 convertible show car and an XJC12 that he runs in the JCNA Slalom series when he isn't running the MGB. There is an XK-140 that Ken has owned for many years and some XJ project cars that await his attention. Why Ford? Now we know. Why Jaguar? We're still waiting for Ken to tell us about that. . .

***[Ed. Note: it really is interesting to hear people's stories about (A) a special car that means a lot to them, (B) their very first car, (C) their first Jaguar, (D) why they got hooked on Jaguars in the first place and more. So grab a pen and tell us about one of the above topics. It doesn't have to be perfect English; we'll polish it up for you and you'll be another Hemingway! Winter is coming. Resolve to do that and email it to Editor@JCSNE.org. With no winter car shows (except if you're in Florida!), your story will make good winter evening reading.]***

## Are You Worki-g o- a Car Project This Wi-ter?

Interested Club Members want to know!! Doesn't have to be a whole car restoration. Maybe you're rebuilding a rear-end. Or maybe working on some electrical aspect. Or maybe deciding to do some interior work. Or replacing or updating some aspect of your car, such as a gearbox. Whatever. We'd like it if you would share that information with us. Maybe a few photos and an explanation would be terrific. This is your publication and a great way for all of us to be interactive on Jaguar projects, as well



# Looking for help/info?

*Here are some resources...*

**We now have a forum on our JCSNE website - JCSNE.org - check it out !**

Also on the INTERNET: [www.jag-lovers.org/](http://www.jag-lovers.org/) Billed as the world's largest internet Jaguar club with tech info, chatrooms, pictures, etc. This site has gigabytes of info to keep you happy for hours!

[www.JCNA.com](http://www.JCNA.com) Our own Jaguar Clubs of North America website has TECH BULLETINS that you can read, download, print out, etc. Here again, a tremendous amount of info and links covering many aspects of Jaguars by those in the know.

And of course, when your problem goes beyond DIY, then you need to seek out reputable service people like the guys at Motorcars, Inc. in Plainville where honesty & integrity are who they are.

A British spares (parts) company in England that Ed Messikian has been dealing with and seems very reputable is SC Parts. They have an online shop at [www.scparts.co.uk](http://www.scparts.co.uk) and from time to time even advertise FREE delivery worldwide.

As always you can go on the Forum on the JCSNE web site at [www.JCSNE.org](http://www.JCSNE.org) for help.

If you attend some JCSNE events, you will most likely get to meet club members, Starr and RJ, owners of . . .

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## Thinking Out Loud - alta

**Nothing is more constant. . .**

**than change!**

Just when we get used to something or someone, or a job, a career, a car, where we live, where we shop, the road we travel, etc., etc., Life changes the plan!

Some of the above is pretty big stuff. So let's look at the small stuff. Do you have a favorite supermarket that you like to shop at frequently. You know where everything is; you can dash in and grab something quick or do the week's shopping in a jif. Perfect! Then the corporation decides to shift just about EVERYTHING around. It's like YOUR store was dynamited. You have to start all over again! Yikes! [ Don't mind me. I've always said - and it's true - I can handle the big stuff (and have had to) but the little stuff drives me over the edge. Like chalk on a blackboard...do you remember that!]

Well, the little stuff still drives me crazy but I like to think that I can deal with change pretty well at this time in my life. (This is NOT a request for a test, please.) Hmm, though probably not so much when it comes to computers and their determination to mess with my sanity. A certain 'bomb' word has crossed my lips more in the last year than in all my life to this point!

Which is probably a good time to mention that with regard to computers, graphics and composition, we have welcomed Annie Fletcher of Fletcher Design to accomplish these tasks for us. Annie will be doing this gratis for us which we very much appreciate. But it will be our job - as a club - to be sure that she has all the necessary information. If you have a car-related event or show that you want us to know about (i.e. the Valley Collector Car Club in the Simbury/Avon area that puts on a huge car show in July, YOU need to make sure that it gets on our

calendar. That information will still go to Editor@JCSNE.org. For now, I will be working with Annie on the next issue, and our phenom Club President, Dave Brill and Events VP Steve Hill will be coming up with great events for this coming year. Help them out with your ideas too.

**SPECIAL MENTION AND THANKS** needs to be said right here for all that Steve Hill and Dave Brill (it's a new firm: Brill & Hill, Inc.) have done over the last few years for our club. We have had all kinds of events, from the technical sessions to seeing outstanding car collections, to wine tours, to the inception of Jags & Java on the 3rd Saturday of the month which is low key and casual. All this and more, thanks to these guys.

And thanks too to VP Paul Angelico for arranging our November Holiday Dinners the last few years. Such a great time to get together over great food and conversation in a comfortable atmosphere.

I know I've said it time and again (but if you let it go right over your head, then I feel badly for you) that we have a **great** Jaguar Club among all those on the roster of JCNA (Jaguar Clubs of North America). You get so much for your membership dollar IF you put some effort into it - otherwise, you just get the basics. You are missing out on getting some good technical advice, if you need it; on getting to see some really outstanding cars, not only in the club but in collections that not just anybody has access to; on learning about resources for parts and services, equipment and more. And there is nothing more enjoyable than friendships among car fanatics. Bob and I have made really special friends in the 40 years we've belonged. So be a member in body as well as spirit. You won't regret it! - alta

# Welcome!

**TO ALL WHO HAVE  
JOINED US -  
THIS PAST YEAR,  
JCSNE  
IS PLEASED THAT  
YOU ARE A PART  
OF THIS JAGUAR CLUB**

**IF YOU HAVEN'T  
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**that really**

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**smile and laugh ~**

**filled with family**

**and friends,**

**and all the**

**important things in life.**

# HOLIDAY DINNER - RESERVATION FORM

Return Not Later Than November 16th, Please!!

Register & Pay Online at [JCSNE.org](http://JCSNE.org) OR Mail form & check to address below

Member's Name & Phone #

Member's Companion's Name

Select Entree Per Person: All entrees are priced at \$36 each

_____ Prime Rib	\$ _____
_____ Filet of Sole Francaise	\$ _____
_____ Brazi-style Chicken	\$ _____

Check Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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