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SPRING FEVER PRACTICE RALLY / DRIVE SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2007

Submitted By: Larry Courant and Dave Kirkman

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As John Baxa notes elsewhere in this issue, the Spring Slalom was a lot of fun. Jim Anderson and Dick Maury made their first official runs of the season in "The Green Rocket" and were achieving some pretty impressive times. For those of you who don't follow the slalom event, Jim and Dick achieved the second and third fastest times nationally, respectively, in the 2006 JCNA slalom season. Check out the photos on our web site (www.ngjc.us) under "Event Pictures" or click on "Slalom" in the introductory letter to see a video of what it is like to complete the slalom course in "The Green Rocket" (The Green Rocket is a FHC E-Type which has been constructed specially for slalom competition). A number of other members took their stock Jaguars (and a few non Jags) through the course and turned in respectable times and had a lot of fun.

Dave Kirkman and Larry Courant have planned a short drive/rally and lunch for us on Sunday, April 15. If you have been

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Do we have a marvelous event planned to kick off the spring driving season. We have searched out the best country roads in North Forsyth, Cherokee, and Dawson counties for your Jaguar driving enjoyment. The weather will be warming up nicely and the countryside getting very green...just right for a spring drive! We will start to gather behind the McDonalds in the Ingles parking lot on Keith Bridge Road (Hwy 306) just East off GA 400 Exit 17 (see attached map) at 9:30 am on Sunday, April 15, 2007. We will conduct a short basic rally class starting at 9:45. Both the drive and practice rally will follow most of the same route with the drive being slightly longer. The selected roads and speeds are perfect for those who wish to drive their older Jaguars. Larry will lead those who wish to do the drive only starting at 10:00. Those participating in the practice rally will start at two minute intervals five minutes after the last of the first group leaves. The practice rally is approximately 55 miles and will take about an hour and a half to complete. We are encouraging everyone interested to participate in the rally and discover what a fun event these can be. We will provide detailed instructions and maps to make sure that you have an excellent experience. All you need to bring is a watch with a sweep second hand, a pad of paper and a pencil. No detailed math will be

required on the practice rally!! Those participating in the drive will also receive detailed instructions and maps.

Next, we have made arrangements for a private room at the Gold Creek Country Club for lunch. The first, second, and third place finishers in the rally will receive \$20.00, \$15.00, and \$10.00 respectfully

towards their meal courtesy of our club (we have checked and this will not affect your amateur college sports status if you should have any NCAA eligibility remaining!). Gold Creek's Cathie Waddell has prepared a separate menu for our club to help make sure that we can all have lunch at the same time. The Gold Creek Country Club also has the only full bar open in Dawson County on Sundays. If you know you

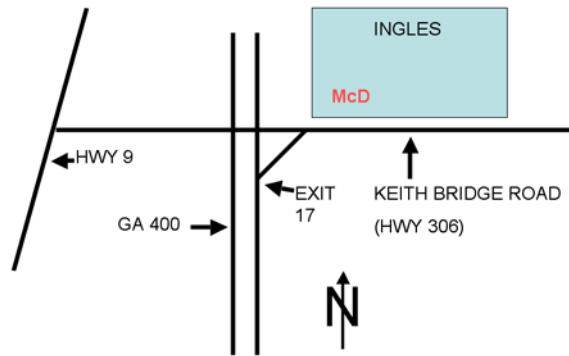
are coming please RSVP with Larry at 770 394 6489 or Dave at 770 886 7435 by Wednesday, April 10, so that we can give the country club an approximate number of people that they can expect for lunch. You are also most welcome if your decision to attend is last minute.

After lunch the afternoon is free to visit, drive the short distance to Dahlonega or to the Outlet Malls on GA 400. This is a rain or shine event so let's hope for a 10 on the Mellish Meter!

See you on Sunday, April 15!!



DIRECTIONS TO SPRING FEVER PRACTICE RALLY / DRIVE



Last Chance To Learn Concours Judging

Submitted By: Pat Harmon, Chief Judge

We held our annual Concours Judge's training session on March 10th at Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett. We have a great team coming together for this year's JCNA Concours season with ten attending this session and eight more coming to the make-up session on May 31st. Now, this training is not just for our qualified judges but is open to anyone in the club who thinks they might enjoy being one or just wants to know more about what Concours d' Elegance judging is all about. If you're planning to show your car at one of these events this is an excellent opportunity to

"learn the rules." Primarily, the training is centered around the JCNA Concours rule book (which can be downloaded from www.jcna.com) but we also cover judging techniques and hands on judging practice. If any of you are interested, we'll be holding the make-up on Saturday, March 31st starting at 10:00 am. We'll be meeting at Lorena's Restaurant, 22 Prestige Lane, Dawsonville, 30535. Lorenas is located on Georgia 400 just North of Highway 53 next to the Super 8. "We'll Keep The Light On For Ya"



on one of Dave's previous drives, you will know that he has some good driving roads planned for us. A small group of members have made their hotel reservation for the Charleston overnight trip (28th through May1) and our hotel has released the additional rooms they were holding for us. If you would like to make your own arrangements for accommodations and convoy

down with us, we would be happy to have you. If any of you are planning that, please let Larry Kludt know. Unfortunately, the Walter Mitty is held the same weekend as the Charleston trip so some of us will be unable to attend that but if you are looking for a good car event that weekend, the Mitty is an interesting one.

Cheers,
Roy



Spring Slalom Draws Record Crowd

Submitted by John Baxa

If you missed the club's spring slalom March 18th, you missed a really good time. We had more people show up for this event than any of our other slaloms outside of the Challenge Championship. This was the first pre-spring slalom for the club and temperatures were a little more pleasant since the weather was near

perfect with sunny skies and moderate temperatures. If you left early you might have missed some of the floor show "Smokin' Mike" Trafford put on. Don't worry though, there's another one coming up in September, so mark your calendar and be there for a great time.



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North Georgia Jaguar Club 2007 Calendar of Events

Submitted by Tom Koballa (tkoballa@uga.edu) *Club Member Facilitator

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January

16-21-Barrett-Jackson
Classic Car Auction
Scottsdale, AZ

21 - Tech Session on
E-type and XJS, Coventry
West, Lithonia [Sunday,
1:30-3:30]

* Dick Maury

February

17 - George Bugg's Car
Collection, Athens

* Tom Koballa

March

9-11-Amelia Island
Concours d' Elegance
10-18 - AJC Auto Show
at the Georgia World
Congress Center

10- Concours Judges
Training

* Pat Harmon

18 - Slalom, Chicopee

Woods, Gainesville

* Dick Maury

23-24- JCNA General
Meeting, Houston, TX

April

15- Rally/Drive in
Georgia Foothills

* Dave Kirkman

28 - May 1 - Overnight
drive to Charleston SC

26-29 - Walter Mitty
Challenge, Road Atlanta

May

5-Orphan Car Show,
Snellville

19 - British Motor Car
day, Berry College, Rome

TBA - Old Car Drive

* Dave Kirkman

June

9-10 Overnight drive
in North Georgia and
Carolinas

* Pat Harmon

TBA - Athens Car Show

* Tom Koballa

July

TBA - Overnight drive to
Highlands, NC

* Roy Cleveland

July 31-August 1- JCNA
Challenge Championship,
Indianapolis, IN

August

TBA - Overnight drive
to Ashville, NC and Blue
Ridge Parkway

September

8-Concours 101
(Introduction to
Concours Judging and
Car Preparation)

* Pat Harmon

16 - Salom, Chicopee
Woods, Gainesville

* Dick Maury

TBA - Old car drive

* Dave Kirkman

30 - NGJC Sanctioned
Concours d' Elegance,
Gainesville

* Pat Harmon

October

TBA - Eurofest, Greer, SC

* Dave Kirkman

November

TBA - Overnight drive
to Hilton Head, SC
in conjunction with
Concours d' Elegance

16 - NGJC Annual
Business Meeting

* Club Officers

December

TBA - NGJC Annual
Christmas Party at
Vining's Club Atlanta, GA

* Joe Newell

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New Members

We would like to welcome our new members since the last newsletter. They are **Robert & Joyce Briggs, Mike & Cindy Miller and Jim & Kathy O'Dell.**



Is your Jaguar a labour of love,
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From over 25 years of experience we know that just like their cars, Jaguar drivers are incredibly diverse. Many just like to drive, loving nothing more than a blast down the motorway or the challenge of a winding B road.

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QUIZ ABOUT JAGUAR

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Jaguar's story is a story of not only legendary cars, interesting events, and fascinating people, but also one of sheer survival against often incredible odds. The following is a short quiz about some of the more common, and occasionally lesser known things about the marque along with some "did you know" about the events and people surrounding the times. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for the answers. Part Two will be published next month.

1. The predecessor to Jaguar was the Swallow Sidecars, Ltd. What did they make?
2. The first sporting cars, produced prior to WW2, were the S. S. 90 and later the S. S. 100. What did the "90" and "100" stand for?

Did You Know: There is considerable debate about what S. S. stood for. Some say that it stood for Super Swallow others maintain that it stood for Standard Swallow because motors from the Standard Motor Company were used. Apparently Sir William Lyons never said specifically what the initials implied. The name "Jaguar" was first used with the 1935 cars when they were introduced to the market as S. S. Jaguars. Once WW2 was over the initials S. S. signified something completely different

than what Sir William originally had in mind and the company name was changed to Jaguar in 1945.

3. The Le Mans 24 hour road race has often been a focus for Jaguar racing cars. How many times has Jaguar cars won this famous race?

Did You Know: Speaking of racing, Jaguar is the only foreign manufacturer to win a Grand National Stock Car (now NASCAR) event. It happened on June 15, 1955, at the first road race staged by this group. An XK120 took first place. This will probably change now that Toyota has been admitted to run, but until they win, Jaguar is the only one.

4. Jaguar designated its sports cars of the late 1940's through the 1950's as XK (XK 120, XK 140 and XK 150). "X" is frequently used to designate "Experimental". What does the "K" signify?

Did you Know: Jaguar was the first to use four wheel disc brakes on their road-going cars.

5. Like the S.S. 90 and S. S. 100 before them, the XK 120 and XJS 220 were so named because?

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Atlanta Auto Show Not Just About New Cars

Submitted by John Baxa

This year's Atlanta Journal-Constitution Auto Show gathered more than 500 cars from some 40 manufacturers on the show floor. There was a lot to see including luxury vehicles, sports cars, limited-production cars, vans, light trucks—all from the familiar to the exotic. But there were also some vintage vehicles, too, as you can see from the pictures. It took about three hours to make the circuit without spending much time at any one booth or any one vehicle.

This was the 25th year for this show and it seems to get bigger every year.



News Bites from the Automotive Press

Survey indicates Jaguar draws older shoppers... CNW Research which measures traffic at dealer showrooms reports the average age of Jaguar "lookers" jumped to 65.8 years in the fourth quarter of 2006, up from 60.3 in the same quarter of 2005. Jaguar took the lead

from Lincoln, another Ford marque, which had claimed the lead for most of the last several years. The youngest shoppers were looking at Kia, who averaged 33.9 years.

Ford lines up buyer for Aston Martin...

To free up cash for its North American business unit, Ford has agreed to sell most of its Aston Martin brand for \$848 million to an investor group in the UK led by international racing entrepreneur David Richards along with Kuwait's Investment Dar Co., a holding company, and Adeem Investment Co. Also part of the consortium is John Sindors, an avid Aston Martin collector and a backer of Aston Martin Racing. Some analysts say a sale of Aston Martin could allow Ford to reposition Jaguar as more of an up-market niche brand.

Meanwhile what about Land Rover and Jaguar? The Wall Street Journal reports that "deep-pocketed investors are taking increasing interest in the automotive sector," buying up distressed parts makers, a controlling stake in General Motors's GMAC lending arm, and now Chrysler possibly in play. Spinning off Jaguar and Land Rover would effectively dismantle the Premier Automotive Group which the paper reports is expected to show a profit for the first time in four years in 2007.

European car sales rose only slightly last year even though economic growth advanced at the fastest rate since 2000. Stronger sales from Germany and Italy barely compensated for slowdowns in Britain, France and Spain. U.S. automakers also failed to cash in, with Ford Motor Co. sales flattening while German luxury carmakers reported better news



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Submitted by Dave Kirkman

ANSWERS

1. Motorcycle side cars. The company started production in 1922. After forming Jaguar Cars, Ltd. in 1937, William Lyons sold the sidecar production company to The Helliwell Group of Stratford-upon-Avon for 10,000 pounds in 1945.
2. It is said that the S.S. Jaguar 90 and S. S. Jaguar 100 were so named because their top speed was reported to be 90 MPH and 100 MPH. These were quite remarkable speeds for the times.
3. Seven. 1951, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1988, 1990

4. The engineering and testing on the eleventh, or "K" motor was finally approved for production.

5. Their top speeds. The XK120 was the fastest production sports car when it was introduced in 1948. A top speed of 139.59 MPH was achieved in 1949. Dash plaques to commemorate this event were fitted to many of the early XK120's by the factory. The XJ 220 was first conceived in 1988 and achieved a top speed of 220 MPH. The final production cars were a modified version of this car and were introduced in 1991.



British Motorcar Day Saturday, May 19

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

British Motorcar Day is one of the annual highlights on our club calendar. This charity event is in its twenty-fourth year and typically draws over 400 automobiles from a wide variety of British marques. Berry College, located in Rome, was the host site for the first time last year and will host the event again this year. All of our club members who attended gave the College's

quaint English countryside setting rave reviews. This year's event promises to be even better. Entry forms are currently being finalized and will be mailed out in March. Additional information will be in our May newsletter as we finalize club plans to attend this unique event.



Historic Sportscar Racing at Road Atlanta April 27-29

The Mitty Challenge will again offer an incredible variety of historically significant race cars - both on display in the paddock and racing once again at Road Atlanta. Sanctioned by the Historic Sportscar Racing association, the Mitty will include

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Submitted by Pat Harmon

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Ordering items has always been a bit of a hassle as you had to find Pat Harmon at one of the events to look at our catalog and make an order. But now, thanks to Dick Maury developing our web site, we have been able to put a greatly expanded catalog on-line. We now offer polo shirts, long and short sleeve button-down, denim shirts, ball caps, jackets, tote bags, coolers, blankets, car badges and lapel pins. Man, we are struttin in tall cotton now!

OK – Here’s how it works. We will be making orders with our supplier three times a year; April 15th, August 15th and December 1st. Anytime prior to these dates all you need to do is go to our web site at www.ngjc.us and click on the Merchandise tab. There you will find our multiple page catalog and an order form. Select your items including size, color, quantity etc., complete the form and mail it (with your payment) to Pat Harmon (address is on the form). Items should then be available for pickup three weeks after the cut-off date. Pat, or another club member, will then bring the items to our scheduled events. Pat will also have them at his home for pickup if that is more convenient for you.



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