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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Tired of all the doom and gloom news on the television? Do we have a solution to brighten up your outlook! Two very special events are scheduled for this month and one the first weekend in May.

First, Pat Harmon has put together an excellent "Bonnet to Boot" training session on E-types. The event is being hosted by Vail and Linda Frost at their beautiful home on the Chattahoochee River. You don't have to own an E-type so come on and enjoy the beauty of these classic Jaguars with other club members on the afternoon of Sunday, April 19. (See Pat's article in this newsletter for complete details.)

Next, the Spring Drive to Reynolds Plantation and the Lake Oconee area is scheduled for Sunday, April 26. Marvin

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## Reserve a Place for E-Type Tech Session

*Submitted by Pat Harmon*

Please RSVP no later than April 12th to Pat Harmon (pat@patsjags.com or 678-450-6728) if you plan to attend the E-Type "Bonnet to Boot" Tech Session Sunday, April 19th so we know how much food and drinks to bring.

Vail and Linda Frost have graciously opened their home for us to give everyone a very rare opportunity to see and learn more about the fabulous Jaguar E-Types. Produced from 1961 until 1974, there were a total of five series E-Types produced and we will have one of each on display at the Frost's for you. You will probably NEVER have such an opportunity to not only see all the models together at one place but also listen to short presentations by each of their owners telling you what makes their car special.

Don't let the word "Tech Session" turn you off.... This will be a party for everyone in our club regardless what model you own. We've scheduled food, beverages, short presentations and even a shopping spree for the ladies who only want to kick the tires once and then go help support our struggling economy.

If you recall, we did this last year at the Sike's home where we presented the XK series cars, watched Marv burn some burgers, and heard reports that the Forum posted it's biggest sales day of the year. From all reports everyone had a blast and asked we keep these events

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## NGJC GOES TO "THE MITTY"

*Submitted by Pat Harmon*

Calling all Jaguars, Calling all Jaguars! Join us for what could be the largest-ever collection of Jaguars and their owners at Road Atlanta, Saturday, May 2nd. With Jaguar as the featured marque, dozens of legendary cats will be attending – everything from the D-Type to the Group 44 IMSA GTP prototypes. This is one you don't want to miss.

Our club is teaming up with Classic Motorsports Magazine and will have a special parking area for our cars. We will spend the day looking at the cars, watching fantastic vintage auto racing and....are you ready for this.... we'll receive free parade laps in our cars courtesy of The Tire Rack.

Some very special cars will be on the prowl at The Mitty 09. Group 44 dominated racing in the 70's and 80's – largely thanks to their awesome E-Type, XJS and XJR racers – and we'll get to see these cars close up at The Mitty and meet these famous drivers.

This is actually a three day event – Friday through Sunday but, as a club, we thought it would be best to pick one day to go as a group so Saturday it is.

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## Reserve a Place for E-Type Tech Session April 19th

## Spring Drive To Reynolds Plantation Sunday, April 26



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## Spring Drive to Reynolds Plantation Sunday, April 26

*Submitted by Dave Kirkman*

The destination for this year's Spring Drive to Reynolds Plantation on Lake Oconee is shaping up to be quite an exciting event. Our first stop will be the Ritz Carlton for lunch followed by a visit to Cissy and Joe Boyd's beautiful new home on the lake for some of Carolyn Sikes' homemade dessert. The Ritz Carlton is officially booked for the weekend but thanks to the Boyds (Marvin and Carolyn's daughter and son-in-law) we have been able to make arrangements with the Ritz Carlton management to seat our group for lunch overlooking the lake. Our reservations are for noon sharp and I am asking that you RSVP to me by Wednesday, April 22 if you know you are coming. Of course we will always make room for you if your decision to attend is last minute.

### WHERE TO MEET AT LAKE OCONEE

Marvin Sikes will meet us in the Publix parking lot at the intersection of Highway 44 and Linger Longer Road at 11:30 am for the short drive to the Reynolds Plantation and the Ritz Carlton. There are two choices for a route to the Reynolds Plantation area. You can take the direct route by going East on I 20 or you can join Beverly and me and take the backcountry roads.

### DIRECT ROUTE

Take I 20 East approximately 60 miles from the I-285 interchange to the Highway 44 (Greensboro, GA) exit. Exit Right and then Turn Right and take Highway 44 approximately 6 miles to the stop light at the intersection with Linger Longer Road. Turn left on Linger Longer Road and the Publix shopping center will be immediately on your right (see attached map). Marvin Sikes will meet us there. Please try and arrive by 11:30 as we will leave for the Ritz Carlton at 11:45.

### BACKCOUNTRY ROADS

We have laid out a beautiful backcountry drive to the Lake Oconee area. The drive is approximately 75 miles and is perfect for both the new and older cars. We will gather

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## 26th Annual British Autocar Day Berry College Saturday, May 16th

*Submitted by Dave Kirkman*

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this annual charity event sponsored by every British auto club in the Atlanta area. Typically over four hundred British cars from a wide variety of marques attend. This is an event that our club strongly supports and is our May outing. Complete details and entry form will be published in the May newsletter or look on the web at [www.atlantabritishmotorcarday.com](http://www.atlantabritishmotorcarday.com).



and Carolyn Sikes will play host to this event. A lunch, overlooking the lake, at the Ritz Carlton has been arranged that I know will please everyone. Complete details are in this month's newsletter.

The first weekend in May brings the MITY at Road Atlanta. This year Jaguar is the feature marque and the famous Group 44 cars will be there. I understand that plans have been made for Group 44's SCCA winning E-type from Jaguars' Heritage Collection to be in attendance. Pat Harmon is heading up our club's participation in what I know will be a very exciting event indeed. (For details see Pat's article in this month's newsletter.)

Put a smile on your face, get the Cat out for a little exercise, and enjoy a beautiful spring day with other club members at these special events.

Drive Friendly  
Dave K



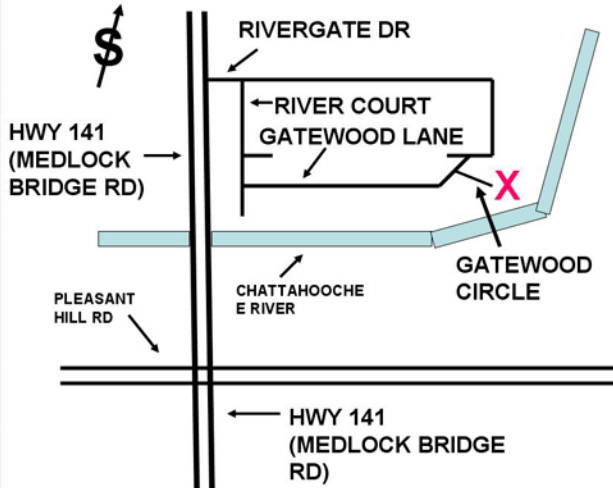
going. Actually, there is a method to our madness here since one of our club's main goals is to promote interest and knowledge in Jaguars. Sooo, our plan is to hold one of these events each year, highlighting

a specific model series. Last year it was the XKs, this year the E-Types and next year it will be the XJS's turn. If you miss this session, it will likely be a very long time before you'll get a chance to see all the

fabulous E-Types corralled in one place.

So, RSVP now for Sunday, April 19th, 2:00pm (Rain date May 31st- same time) See the map for directions.

### MAP TO VAIL & LINDA FROST'S HOME 4603 GATEWOOD CIRCLE DULUTH, GA



DIRECTIONS: GOING SOUTH ON HWY141 TURN RIGHT ON FIRST STREET (RIVERGATE DRIVE) AFTER CROSSING THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER. TURN RIGHT AT RIVER COURT. TURN LEFT AT GATEWOOD LANE. GATEWOOD CIRCLE WILL BE ON YOUR RIGHT



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# North Georgia Jaguar Club 2009 Calendar of Events

Submitted by Larry Kludt lrkludt@kcc.com \*Club Member Facilitator

## Officers

### January 2009

Sunday, 18th – Jim Gebhardt's Personal Car Collection, (Jim is the owner of California Car Co) \* d. kirkman

### February 2009

Saturday, 14th – Valentine's Gathering \* d. kirkman

Saturday, 21 – Leatherique Tech Session, \* i.ruiz

### March 2009

Saturday 7th – Ron Green's Classic Car Collection, \* d. hart

13th, 14th & 15th – Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance

19th, 20th & 21st – AGM, Denver, Colorado, \* d. maury

Sunday, 29th Spring Slalom \* d. maury

### April 2009

Sunday April 5th - South Florida Jaguar Club Concours.

Saturday, 19th – Tech Session (E-Types... Bonnet to Boot) (Rain date - May 31)\* p. harmon

Sunday, 26th – Spring Drive to Reynolds Plantation

(Rain or shine) \* d. kirkman

### May 2009

1st, 2nd, 3rd – Walter Mitty Historic Races, Road Atlanta, (Jaguar is the featured marque at the Mitty), \* p. harmon

Saturday, 16th – British Autocar Day, and Drive \* d. kirkman

15th, 16th & 17th – JCNA Challenge Championship, S. A., Texas \* d. maury

Saturday, 16th – Smoky Mountain JCNA Concours

### June 2009

Saturday, 20th – Annual Club Picnic & Car Show \* b. hernan p. harmon

June 19-21 - Jaguar Club of Florida Concours

### July 2009

Saturday 18th – Club Overnight and Carolina Jaguar Club Concours to Little Switzerland NC\* d. kirkman

17th, 18th & 19th – Carolina Jag Club JCNA Concours

### August 2009

Saturday, 8th – Summer Drive, \* d. kirkman

Saturday, 15th – Annual Judges Training, \* p. harmon

### September 2009

Sunday, 20th – Fall Slalom, \* d. maury

Sunday, 20th - Virginia Jaguar Club Concours

Saturday, 12th – Norcross British Car Fave \* p. harmon

### October 2009

Sunday, 11th – NGJC Annual Concours \* p. harmon

Saturday, 17th – EURO, BMW Plant, Greenville, SC

Saturday, 24th – Fall Drive \* d. kirkman

30th & 31st, – Hilton Head Concours, \* d. kirkman

### November 2009

Sunday, 1st – Hilton Head Concours, \* d. kirkman

Saturday, 21st – Annual Business Meeting \* d. kirkman

### December 2009

Sunday 6th – Gainesville Christmas Car Parade \*p. harmon

Sunday, 20th – NGJC Annual Christmas Party \* 1. kludt



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# Amelia Island Concours Another Great Event

Submitted by Ivan Ruiz

The 2009 Amelia Island Concours D'Elegance took place on March 15th at the Ritz Carlton in Amelia Island, Florida. This show is now considered the second most prestigious invitation-only concours in the USA, just after Pebble Beach. Like in previous years, the cars seen on the fairways of the Ritz are seldom seen anywhere else. Emphasis is on rare, unique, elegant and sometimes bizarre cars. A visit to this concours should be on the list of every car enthusiast.

Both Jaguar clubs from Georgia were well represented. NGJC members in attendance included Dave and Beverly Kirkman, Carolyn and Marvin Sikes, Brian and Linda Hernan, Dick Preston, Roy and Linda Cleveland, plus others that perhaps attended and we did not see. Jaguar was well represented on the show field with several cars from the Group 44 racing team.

Myrna and I were honored to have been invited to show a 1968 Maserati Mistral Spyder which we planned to drive to the event. Unfortunately I discovered a

potential issue with the head gasket and the day before our trip. Dick Maury and the Coventry West folks came to the rescue and provided a trailer. Luckily, I was able to drive the car on the tour, which was about 60 miles, without any issues. To my surprise on concours day my car was chosen for one of the awards, so Myrna and I got to drive the car to the winner's podium.

The Amelia Island Concours seems to get better every year and should be added to your list of "must go to" events.



Amelia Award for Sports & GT Cars (1958-1968)  
1968 Maserati Mistral Spyder  
Ivan and Myrna Ruiz, Dawsonville, GA



# Spring Slalom Skirts Area Thunderstorms

Submitted by John Baxa



While the temperatures were cooler than anticipated, the track was dry by Sunday morning and the NGJC spring slalom event took place as scheduled. It was a welcome break from the series of storms we experienced the previous several days even though the chill kept some of the

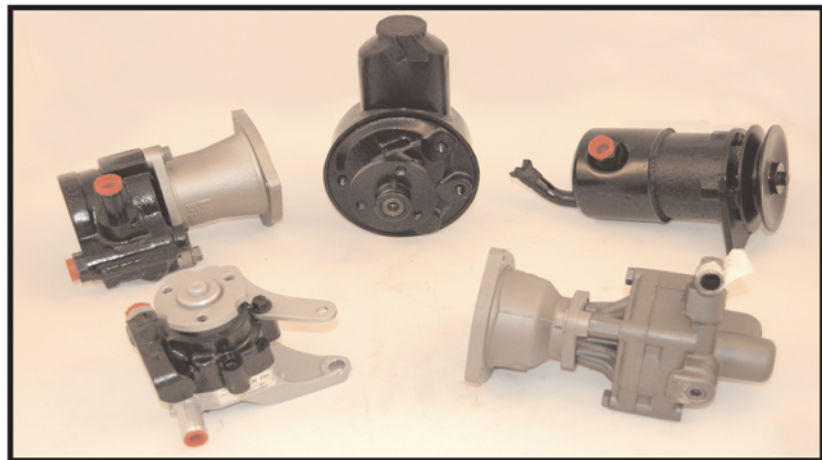
usual attendees at home. The hardy contestants were still fighting the clock and it turned out to be a good day of fun. We'll be looking forward to next fall's event and hope for a little warmer weather as well.



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# Jaguar and Buick Rated Tops in Dependability

Submitted by John Baxa

Jaguar and Buick tied for the top ranking in J.D. Power's 2009 Vehicle Dependability Study Results released in March. They supplanted Toyota Motors' Lexus brand which had held or tied for the number one spot for 14 years in a row. The study focuses on problems experienced by owners of 2006 model-year vehicles, gathering information from over 46,000 original owners. It looks at a total of 202 problems in eight categories: exterior, the driving experience, features, controls and displays, audio,

entertainment and navigation, seats, HVAC, interior and engine & transmission. David Sargent, VP of automotive research at J.D. Power, told the Detroit News, "Making improvements in long-term quality not only satisfies customers who are holding on their vehicles longer, but it will also influence their decisions when they return to the new-vehicle market or are seeking to purchase a preowned vehicle."



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# Spring Drive to Reynolds Plantation Sunday, April 26

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

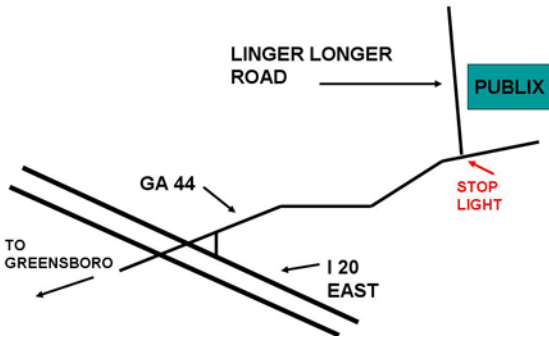
in the parking lot of the Gwinnett Civic Center located on Sugarloaf Parkway just west of Satellite Blvd (see attached map) at 9:00 am with a leave time of 9:30 sharp. We will rendezvous with those club members who have taken the Direct Route in the Publix parking lot on Linger Longer Road and motor to the Ritz Carlton as a group.

**RUNNING LATE?**

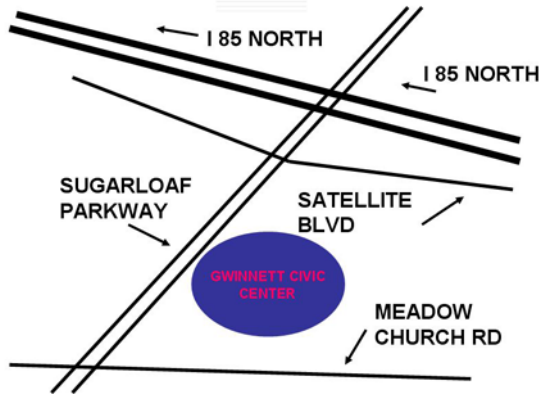
Marvin can direct you to the Ritz Carlton and Gaby's Restaurant: (404) 210-1011

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## SPRING DRIVE MAP TO PUBLIX (GA 44 & LINGER LONGER ROAD)



## SPRING DRIVE MAP TO GWINNETT CIVIC CENTER



# NGJC Goes To "The Mitty"

Submitted by Pat Harmon

Plan to meet at 9:00 am at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant at the intersection of I-85 (Exit 129) and Highway 53 in Braselton. We'll leave there as a group at 9:30 sharp and proceed to Road Atlanta which is 5.5 miles west on Highway 53. There we'll meet up with Greg Voth from Motorsports Magazine who'll take us to the car corral area.

You'll need to purchase tickets for the event. You can get them online at [www.themitty.com](http://www.themitty.com) or purchase at the gate. The website also has quite a bit of information about the event so be sure to check it out. If you buy them before April 18th there is a good discount. Be sure to purchase the tickets with infield parking. If you will be arriving later, go through the main gate, go left over the Suzuki Bridge and drive to the car corral area. We will be parking closest to the vendor area.

If you're planning on attending please let me know - Email to [pat@patsjags.com](mailto:pat@patsjags.com) or call at (678) 450-6728. If you have issues or need directions the day of the event you can reach me on my cell phone at (678) 677-4954.

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# Visit to Green's Collection Well-Attended

Submitted by Dave Kirkman



Members from both the North Georgia Jaguar Club and the Atlanta Jaguar Society had an opportunity to see a wide variety of classics at Ron Green's "garage" (if you can call it that) March 7th. Nestled in the woods off of Heards Ferry Road, the building houses some 20-plus cars including a Jaguar XK 220 and an outstanding example of an early E-Type. There were lots of other magnificent cars to feast the eyes on as well. Thanks to Ron Green for the opportunity to enjoy his collection.





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