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Submitted by Pat Harmon, Chief Judge

All Members – If you are a Concours Judge, want to be one, or just would like to learn more about the JCNA Concours d' Elegance

Please read this.....

The Concours d' Elegance is our club's biggest event of the year and a qualified judging team is critical. As the CJ for our club, I'm required by JCNA to annually train and certify our judges so we may continue to improve and be aware of the latest rulebook changes. This is also the perfect opportunity for any of you that (1) would like to become judges or (2) become more familiar with the Concours Rule Book and procedures. Like any sport, the Concours is much more enjoyable if you know the rules and this is your chance to do just that.

We'll be holding two training sessions on Saturday, April 17th. The first session, starting at 10:00 will be only for folks who have never judged before and want to take that first step. We'll be going over the JCNA Rule Book in detail, discuss the proper techniques of judging and judge a car together. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A JAGUAR EXPERT TO BE A JUDGE.**

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British Motorcar Day Saturday, May 15 Berry College, Rome GA

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Berry College will play host to the British Motorcar Day event again this year. This annual charity event is now in its 27th year and typically draws over 300 British cars from both the well known and the obscure UK companies. This is not a judged show but rather a celebration of British automobiles both new and old.

WHERE: Berry College is located just north of downtown Rome on US 27. Most of us will be taking I-75 to the Cartersville area and then US 441 towards Rome. Take SR 1 (Rome Bypass) around to US 27 (you will cross highway 293 and 53). Turn right on US 27. Turn left at the stop light into Berry College and follow signs to British Motorcar Day.

WHEN: Saturday, May 15 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Most of us plan to arrive around 11:00 am or so in time to browse a bit, visit with friends, and see what other folks have driven in the for the day before having lunch. After lunch take a leisurely stroll and enjoy the wonderful cars on display.

FOOD & DRINK: There is no need to bring food unless you just want to do so. Chick-fil-A will be there along with the Boy Scouts cooking up burgers. It is best to pack a cooler with water and your "favorite beverages" as the day may be warm and liquid

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CONGRATULATIONS:
On behalf of myself and the North Georgia Jaguar Club I would like to congratulate Dick Maury on his election to the role of President of the Jaguar Clubs of North America. We are looking forward to Dick's leadership and guidance and we look forward to working with him. Well done Dick..
Larry



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Mother Nature is really not interested in cooperating with the NGJCs activities calendar!

We can't catch a break! However, I do want to thank George Haldane for taking the time to plan the drive that we had to cancel on Sunday, March 28 due to impending rain. Perhaps we can add the drive later in the year.

Maybe the weather will be more cooperative in a few weeks. On the positive side at least we had ample time to clean and service our cars.

So, don't give up hope as we will cruise the roads again. In fact, Dave Kirkman has a Spring drive planned for us on Saturday, April 24th and I hope to see you there.
Larry



April Spring Drive to Wolf Mountain Vineyards Saturday, April 24th

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Final arrangements have been made for a back roads spring drive with Wolf Mountain Vineyards being our final destination this year. Karl Boegner, Wolf Mountain Vineyards Proprietor, will meet us at 11:30 for a personal tour of the winery prior to a noontime lunch. Wolf Mountain Vineyards has always been a popular place to gather with our club members and Karl was pleased to hear we were coming.

The weather should be warming up in the north Georgia mountains and be just perfect to get the cat out for a leisurely drive. We will gather behind the

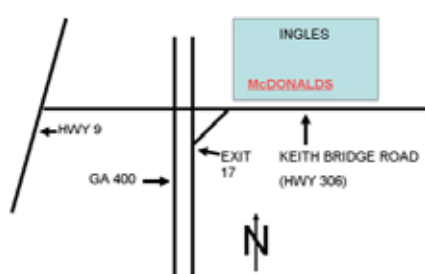
McDonalds just off exit 17 on GA 400. This is the Keith Bridge Road exit. (see attached map) at 9:30 AM with a leave time of 10:00 for the hour or so drive to the winery.

After lunch the afternoon is free to visit Dahlonega or continue on the Spring Drive as we take the scenic route back to the Cumming area.

If you know you are coming please let me know so that we can give the winery an approximate headcount for lunch. Because of so many club activities this spring the drive will be a RAIN OR SHINE EVENT



DIRECTIONS TO APRIL SPRING DRIVE TO WOLF MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS



THE ALLURE OF THE AUTOMOBILE at the High plus "Jags and friends picnic"

...A very special weekend for NGJC members and quests

Submitted by Brian Hernan

The second session, starting at 12:30 will be for all of our Judges, old and new. Here we'll be giving everyone an update on any new rule changes, review how we did on our last Concours, and spend time on polishing our judging skills.

Judge

Be sure to bring a current copy of the JCNA Concours Rule Book to this session.

Mark this date:

**Saturday, April 17th,
Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett,
3393 Old Norcross Road, Duluth 30096**
(Pleasant Hill to Satellite to Old Norcross)

New Judge Training: 10:00 - 11:30 (Hennessy Conference Room)

Lunch (optional): 11:30 – Bugaboo Creek Lodge, 3505 Satellite Blvd NW

Judge Training: 12:30pm – 2:30 pm (Hennessy Conference Room)

IMPORTANT: Please contact Pat and let him know if you will be attending. This is especially important for the new judges so we can prepare for the training. All NGJC judges need to attend this annual training to maintain your certification. If you are not able to attend this session, Pat will hold a make-up session at his house at a later date to be determined.

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Wow! What a weekend do we have in store for our club members on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 11, 12, 13. Mark your calendars now as this is one weekend that you will not want to miss any of the special events we have planned.

For the past three years, the North Georgia Jaguar Club has had a barbeque picnic as part of a mini car show on a Saturday in mid- June at the Roswell Area Park in Roswell GA, about 20 miles north of Atlanta. The first year it was just Jags, then Jags and Alfa Romeos, then Jags and Friends. The Friends idea is for a member to be able to invite a friend with an interesting and or showable non-Jaguar to join in the fun. The park is a wooded shady area with three covered pavilions. Our catered lunch is only \$10.00 per person and the first 100 cars will receive a commemorative dash plaque. Pre registration is required as we have to arrange with Smokejack Barbeque in advance. There will be NO judging of the cars. All will be considered equally perfect.

Now for 2010, we are making this event the tail-end event on a weekend of great car related activities. As many of you know, Atlanta's High Museum of Art (www.high.org). Is presenting THE ALLURE OF THE AUTOMOBILE from March 20-June 20,2010.

This is the first exhibition to consider the stylistic development of automobiles in the context of prominent design movements such as Art Moderne and Postwar Modernity. The exhibition will present 18 of the worlds rarest and most brilliantly conceived cars ranging from the 1930s to the mid 1960s, including Bugatti, Duesenberg, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Ferrari and of course Jaguar (the XK-SS). These cars combine state of the art engineering, meticulous craftsmanship and ground breaking design to create works of rolling sculpture.

Our club, as well as neighboring JCNA club members will visit the Museum on Saturday morning June 12th. The picnic will be Sunday the 13th from 9-3. We are planning an additional activity for Friday afternoon the 11th as well a reception on Friday evening at the home of members Vail and Linda Frost, and a Price Fixe dinner on Saturday evening at a local restaurant. Thanks to members Bob and Linda Ray, we have arranged accommodations at their Hilton Garden Inn, centrally located to our events. Mark your calendar and plan to join us in Atlanta for a great weekend of car fun. Further details and registration forms will be in next month's newsletter as well as our website: www.ngjc.us.



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North Georgia Jaguar Club 2009 Calendar of Events

Contact Pat Harmon (pat@patsjags.com) with questions or changes *Club Member Facilitator

Officers

December 2009

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

Sunday, 20th – NGJC Annual Christmas Party *I. Kludt

January 2010

Saturday, 16th – Tour GMP model manufacturing in Winder GA *B. Hernan

February 2010

Saturday, 13th – NGJC Valentines Day Luncheon – Pearl Lian Restaurant – Duluth, GA *D. Kirkman

Saturday, 27th – Tire Tech Session *I. Ruiz

March 2010

Friday-Sunday, 12,13,14th – Amelia Island Concours – possible overnight – *need someone to sponsor trip

Sunday, 28th – Early Spring Drive *G. Haldane

April 2010

Saturday, 17th – Concours

Judge Training (new and current) – Hennessy Jaguar Winnett *P. Harmon

Saturday 24th – Spring Drive *D. Kirkman

Saturday 24th – Jaguar Club of North Florida Concours

May 2010

Saturday,1st – The Mitty Historic Car Races – Road Atlanta *P. Harmon

Saturday, 15th – British Motorcar Day – Rome, GA *D. Kirkman

Saturday, 22nd – Tour Milt Robson's Steel Horse Ranch car collection. Gainesville. *Marv & Carolyn Sikes

Sunday, 23rd– Spring Slalom Racing – Chicopee Center Oakwood *D. Maury

June 2010

Saturday, 12th – High Museum of Art Car Exhibit – Atlanta *B. Hernan

Sunday 13th – Jags 'N Friends Picnic – Norcross *B. Hernan

July 2010

15th - 18th – Overnight CJC Concours d' Elegance – Little Switzerland NC *P. Harmon

Saturday, 31st – Tech Session – XJS Model Jaguars – Duluth *C. Engelhorn

August 2010

7 - 8th – Smokey Mountain Jaguar Club Concours

Saturday, 21st – Summer Drive – Need someone to sponsor

September 2010

Saturday, 11th - British Car Fayre – Norcross *P. Harmon

Sunday, 26th – Fall Slalom – Chicopee Woods Gainesville *D. Maury

October 2010

Friday – Saturday, 1-2nd – Petit Lemans – Road Atlanta *P. Harmon

Sunday, 10th – NGJC 9th Annual Concours d'Elegance – Gainesville *D. Maury/P.

Harmon

Saturday, 16th – Euro Auto Festival – BMW Plant SC

Saturday, 23rd – Fall Drive *D. Kirkman

November 2010

Friday-Sunday, 5-7th – Hilton Head Concours Overnight *D. Kirkman

Saturday, 13th – Annual Club Business Meeting *L. Kludt

December 2010

Sunday, 19th – NGJC Annual Christmas Party (tentative) *L. Kludt



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It's a Mexican Road Race! Driving the Carrera del Golfo al Pacifico

Submitted by Mary Ann Kretz

Part One – Getting There

The translation is “Race from the Gulf to the Pacific” and it consists of about 650 miles of twists and turns on central Mexico’s highways and back roads with days of parties before and after. Someone who drove with us said it has been described as a moving party with a road rally in between. This year was actually the ninth running of this version of the rally and was one of the first official events of the year marking the bicentennial of Mexican independence. The rally also has a long history as rallies of this type have been run in Mexico since the early 1950s. There are about 30 official races and rallies scheduled for 2010. As racing is only a small part of the scheduled festivities, it’s sort of like Cinco de Mayo for an entire year.

The whole event started for us last spring when we attended the JCNA Challenge Championship in San Antonio Texas. That was where we met Brian Blackwell and Victor D’Souza, both veterans of the Carrera and enthusiastic promoters. Their tales of camaraderie and the graciousness of the Mexican hosts piqued our interest. The idea of touring Mexico with a group of Texans who knew the routes and the pitfalls made the idea even more compelling. It was mid December when we actually made the commitment to go and there was much to do before the early February departure date.

The first order of business was completing all of the paperwork. This included the registration and application for a Mexican sport driving license, Mexican insurance for the car, copies of American driver’s licenses, passports, titles, registrations, and insurance forms. Each car is also required to have a current first aid kit, fire extinguisher, and road flares. Our travel group also required that we carry two-way radios, some spare parts and tools, and a full sized spare tire to replace the space saver spare fitted in our XK8. Many sections of the rally require both driver and navigator to wear approved helmets. Brian provided us with a very helpful list of items to bring. When we looked at the list and the size of the XK8 coupe, we knew some compromises were in order. After much packing and re-packing, we found a place for everything including driver and passenger and were on our way to San Antonio to meet our fellow international road racers.

We arrived in San Antonio three days later. Victor’s Service Center provided us with the perfect place for everyone to meet, perform last minute check-ups of cars, equipment, and drivers and apply all of the required race and advertising decals to the cars. The whole place took on a party atmosphere. How many Jaguar repair shops do you know of that include a bar as a permanent fixture? Pizza was ordered for lunch and the decal competition began in earnest with each arriving car vying for the most or most outrageous race decals. It seems this competition has gone on for several years and has now become so great that a professional artist was hired to provide and apply the selected signs and emblems.

We were truly amazed at the kindness and graciousness of the Mexican organizers of the event. One of our Mexican hosts personally delivered our



per hour (120mph), certainly faster than we are accustomed to driving on our US roads. We found Mexican drivers to be generally more courteous than American drivers, quickly moving to the right to allow faster traffic to pass. Absent were the inconsiderate drivers, ambling along in the left lane, in their SUVs, cell phones in their ears. We did, however, see horses, cows, burros and goats grazing in the medians and along the highways. One farmer, with a herd of goats, appeared to be waiting for a chance to shepherd his entire flock across the busy highway. Everywhere we went, people waved and shouted. The American racers were on their way!

All gas stations in Mexico are full service with polite attendants to pump the gas, wash windows and provide services that we have forgotten existed. The gas prices are set by the government so pricing is the same throughout the country. The restrooms often have an attendant who rations the toilet paper and keeps the restroom clean. Both gas and restroom attendants work for tips and are eager to please.

Our destination for the first night was San Luis Potosi, about 600 miles from San Antonio. This was the first real town we had seen all day and it turned out to be a large city. Our route took us through the surrounding mountains with all the city lights below, a quite impressive sight. We arrived at our hotel at about 8pm, just in time to see the last minutes of the American Superbowl, a delight for the New Orleans Saints fans among us. Another party, dinner, drinks and camaraderie completed the evening.

The next day started with breakfast at 7am, and all cars were on the road just before 9am. Our route took us around Mexico City with its legendary smoggy air and a huge valley full of oil and gas refineries. The road through the mountain pass topped out at about 8900 feet elevation, surrounded by snow capped peaks, which seemed a strange sight at this Southern latitude. We had settled into our routine of fast driving, toll booth, fuel, and bathroom stops. We passed several groups of “Federales”, the renowned Mexican Federal police, in their black Dodge Chargers. Most had their lights flashing and waved us on as we passed at speeds well above the posted limits. We were slowed only by the occasional double truck passing another double truck on the side of a mountain. Nearly all trucks in Mexico are full sized doubles, not the small dual trailers that we see in the US. It’s quite impressive to fly by a double fuel truck at 100+ miles per hour while watching the two trailers flex in the middle!

Our final destination for the day was the Fiesta Americana Hotel in Veracruz on the Gulf coast, the official starting point of the rally. Just as we entered the city, Brian had some trouble with his fan clutch and car overheating. We all stopped at an abandoned gas station while he and Victor pondered what to do. Earlier in the day, Bob Koop, driver of the Jaguar S-Type, had cleverly placed a bottle of champagne in his cooler for an arrival celebration.

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Here Comes The Mitty

Submitted by Pat Harmon

Who:

Everyone that likes to drive, watch car races, eat and kibitz with friends.

What:

A day at Road Atlanta - our own parking area, vendors, Formula 5000 races, Classic car races, take our cars on the track for parade laps

When:

Sunday, May 2nd, 9:30 am

Where:

Meet at Cracker Barrel
(I-85 exit 129 at Hwy 53).

Drive as a group 6 miles to Road Atlanta

Please note:

The date of this event has been changed from Saturday May 1st to Sunday May 2nd due to race schedule.

Here we go! Another fun thing to do with our cars. Every year Classic Motorsports Magazine sponsors a three day racing event at our own Road Atlanta in Braselton. On Sunday, May 2nd we'll meet-up for a fun day at Road Atlanta Racetrack for the 34th Annual Classic Motorsports Mitty, the largest historic racing event on the East Coast. The guest of honor will be Peter Brock who penned the original Corvette Stingray concept and designed the Cobra Daytona Coupe back in the 60's with Carroll Shelby. He created Brock Racing Enterprises in 1965 and his team of BRE Datsun race cars quickly began winning trophies and championships across the country.

This is actually a three-day event (details can be found at www.themitty.com) but we've picked Sunday as the races that day will be more fun to watch for our group. The real highlight for all of us is to actually get on the track with our cars and drive several laps on this world-class Formula One race track. We won't be racing or anything like that but it's the next best thing to it and it doesn't matter what kind of car you have.

First, we'll all meet up at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant located right on I-85 at the Hwy 53 intersection. You can either take I-85 to exit 129 (Hwy 53) or I-985 to exit 16 (Oakwood, Hwy 53) and travel south on Hwy 53, past Road Atlanta, to the Restaurant. Plan on being there before 9:30. At that time we'll all drive together about 6 miles to Road Atlanta.

You will need to purchase tickets with infield access. You can either purchase them at the gate (\$35.00) when you arrive or on-line at www.themitty.com (\$30.00). If you can't meet us at the Cracker Barrel then just come to the track, purchase your ticket and drive in. Once past the ticket area, continue up the hill to the right and turn left over the Yamaha overpass. Drive several hundred yards and you should see the Classic Motorsports tent on the left. They will have a reserved parking area for us. You will then need to go to track registration and complete a waiver form to allow track access for your car. The Classic Motorsports guys will direct you where to go. I understand we'll be given a time for our parade laps. Other than that you'll be free

to walk around the paddock area, look at the race cars, perhaps meet Peter Brock, and visit any of the vendor booths. Food and drinks will be available or you can bring your own.

Bring lawn chairs and pick a spot to watch the car races. There will be two featured races on Sunday. First will be the Formula 5000 group which are 80's era Formula One type cars except with big block American engines. The second will be the Concours d'LeMans - we love classics in all shapes and sizes, so they wanted to find a way for some of the orphaned and unknown to enjoy the spotlight. This event promises to be a light-hearted highlight of the weekend for lovers of underappreciated classics.

So, clean the winter dust off the Jag, put on your Italian racing shoes, scarf and helmet and MEET US AT THE MITTY!



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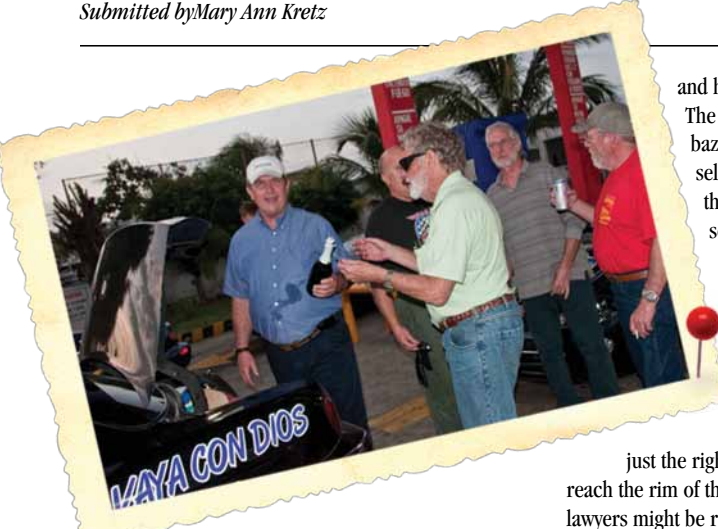
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and has a definite tropical air about it. The entire city center is a large shopping bazaar filled with local merchants selling their wares. We found a café that featured native dancers and also served the famous café con leche (strong black coffee laced with hot milk). The coffee is presented at your table with much flourish, the hot milk issuing forth from a large copper teakettle held about three feet above the serving glass. The waiters pride themselves in adding

just the right amount of frothing milk to precisely reach the rim of the glass. We mused about how many lawyers might be required to perform the same pageantry in our country.

We didn't have any glasses or cups but we did have enough empty water bottles to cut in half for makeshift champagne flutes. We celebrated our arrival while Brian's XJS cooled enough for the final ride to the hotel. At the hotel, the real party began with free Corona, (one of the race sponsors) and a real beach party complete with music and beautiful dancing girls.

On Wednesday, the race organizers had arranged for a "technical check" at a local car dealer. Lifts were available, all the cars were checked and washed and yet another decal applied advertising the car dealer. The non-technical among us opted for a tour of downtown Veracruz. The city is Mexico's oldest and largest port

chance? We didn't even have matching shirts!

Late in the afternoon all of the cars were escorted to the city plaza for a parade and city festival. The parade was lined up for miles and hundreds of children had come to participate. They wore brightly colored costumes and elaborate make-up and were eager to pose for photos. They all seemed to love to dance and each group had an adult leader helping with the dance routines. Their smiles and dances were absolutely precious. Two hours later, the race cars lined up to drive by for the end of the parade. We drove for about six blocks past spectators lined up about 6 deep on the sidewalk, everyone waving and smiling. It must be how it feels to be a rock star.

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Visit To Milt Robson's Car Collection Saturday, May 22

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 22nd and plan to join the Thunderbird "Little Bird Club", Cadillac La Salle, Studebaker, and others for a rare opportunity to visit one of the very best private car collections in the Southeast. Complete details, directions and maps will be in our May Newsletter. 


Amelia Island Concours 2010

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

This year's Amelia Island Concours was, once again, a stunning collection of the rare, the beautiful, the ostentatious and the outrageous from the automobile world. With somewhere over 220 cars displayed on the golf course at the Golf Club of Amelia Island, just outside the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, this event now truly rivals the very best concours in the world.

Where to start? Beverly and I take the path of least resistance and find ourselves visiting the Pre War Rolls-Royce class. I quit counting at ten of these wonderful classics as the half dozen or so Duesenberg's were drawing my attention. On and on we went from Ferrari race cars to exquisite Talbot Lago's, Bugatti's, and Delahaye's.

Then I see something not in the official catalog. Could it really be the Jaguar XJ13? YES! It had been shipped over from the Heritage Collection and looked even better in person than the many pictures I have seen over the years. Jaguar also was represented by a C-Type, D-Type, XK120's, XK150S, E-Type, and a SS 2.5 Liter DHC.

Wandering through the show we ran into several club members enjoying the day. Ben and Jan Brashears were at the E-Type, John and Arlene Hollier were admiring the Cords and Packards, the Terry Hulsey family was just leaving the Ritz Carlton after lunch, Ivan and Myrna Ruiz were visiting with friends who had a Maserati Ghibli on display, and John Wagner served as a class host again this year. If you have a chance, and don't mind walking several miles on a beautifully manicured golf course admiring classic cars and still only see part of what is on display, then be sure to visit the Amelia Island Concours. 

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British Motorcar Day Saturday, May 15 Berry College, Rome GA

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

refreshments are in order. Don Hart plans on having a large shelter again this year under the shade trees for all Jaguar owners and guests to gather and mingle.


REGISTRATION: Those who have attended in the past should receive a Registration Packet in the mail. You can also get registration forms at www.atlantabritishmotorcarday.com or at Berry College the day of the event.

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After a few wrong turns, we found our way back to the hotel. It was time for the official registration to begin. We received all of our credentials and the long awaited "Route Book" which contains the instructions for the race. Brian said "The Book" is usually available much earlier than the night before the start to allow some time for study and for the experienced rally drivers to help us rookies with some strategy. This year it had been delayed by last minute route changes due to roads washed out by floods and the fact that the hotel had been without power all day which prevented copying and binding of the books. With the all 120 pages of "The Book" finally in hand, we retired to the bar to ponder the tome. The start of the race would come early, the first car out scheduled for 8:30am. 

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