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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer is flying by and there's plenty of things coming up for you to enjoy with your Jaguar. Be sure to check our club calendar at www.ngjc.us. In our neck of the woods there is the annual British Car Fayre in historic Norcross on September 8th. There you will find over one hundred British vehicles. They even had a Daimler Ferret armored car there one year! The next weekend we'll be racing in our fall Slalom on September 16th. If you haven't been to one of these, it's a real blast to watch or drive or both. Then it will be time to strut our stuff at our 10th annual Concours d'Elegance on October 7th - one of the most popular events in JCNA. Also, please don't forget our good friends in the JCNA Southeast region. The Carolina Jaguar Club will hold its summer road trip on August 21st and the Smokey Mountain Concours will be just before ours on September 21st.

Thanks to everyone who sent Dick Maury pictures for our website. If you get a minute check them out and put faces, names and cars together.

Finally, we are always looking for fresh ideas on what to do with our cars. Do you know about a neat museum, park, car collection, some unknown person's driveway or overnight place to visit? Please contact Dave

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British Car Fayre Scheduled for September 8th in Norcross

Submitted by British-American Business Group

This event provides a chance for car and motorcycle enthusiasts to gather in a convenient location and admire the unique characteristics of the many distinctive automobiles that have originated in Britain. This is a nicely informal gathering of fellow minded souls, and the organizers encourage all owners of British cars to participate; any car of any age, and motorbikes, too!

There will be music to enhance the atmosphere, this year provided by The True Oldies 106.7 radio station. A couple of specials to note this year:

- The Iron Horse Tavern will be serving fish & chips, wrapped and ready to go if you would like a picnic in one of the downtown Historic Norcross parks.
 - Afternoon cream teas (tea, scones with cream, choice of small sandwiches and finger food) will be served in the Masonic Lodge just two doors down from Taste of Britain from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. Advance reservations are available by calling Taste of Britain at 770-242-8585, for scones & tea cost is \$7.00 per person, for the full assortment cost is \$9.00 per person. Our cream teas are presented and served this Year by the DBE with proceeds benefitting their charity Mountbatten House and the Masonic Children's Home.
 - Car Registration Cost:
 - Online registration cost is \$15 per car, \$10 additional cars. \$10 per motorcycle.
 - 'On-the-day' registration cost is \$20 per car, \$15 additional and \$15 per motorcycle.
 - Online registrations will receive 1 free raffle ticket per car. Thanks :) for registering in advance! www.tasteofbritain.com Click on Car Fayre Registration to register
- Over 200 Classic British cars, and there will also be a section for British Motorcycles.

Raffle Prizes: Last year the first prize was a weekend for two at the W Hotel, downtown Atlanta, with a generous cash donation of \$500 spending money from the Iron Horse Tavern; a gift basket from Taste of Britain; tickets to the Fox Theater; gift certificates from the downtown Historic Norcross merchants and restaurants. An equally grand array of prizes will be offered at this year's Car Fayre. Don't forget that pre-registration for a car includes a free raffle ticket.



Summer Drive To Amicalola Falls Saturday, August 18th, 2012

British Car Fayre September 8th in Norcross



Highlands Motoring Festival Succeeds Despite Dodgy Weather

Submitted by Brian Hernan

Saturday morning broke with pretty poor weather in Highlands and the organizers were wondering what they were going to do about it. But they persevered setting up the display area in the park just off 4th Street and as the morning wore on, things began to look a lot better.

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Summer Drive To Amicalola Falls Saturday, August 18th, 2012

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Back by popular demand is our back roads drive in the north Georgia mountains to beautiful Amicalola Falls State Park. The roads that we have chosen this year are just perfect for a late summer morning drive in the country.

We will gather in the parking lot BEHIND the McDonalds on Keith Bridge Road just off of Exit 17 on GA 400 at 9:00 am. Our leave time of 9:20 for the hour and a half drive to Amicalola Falls.



For Sale 95 xjs with 58,000 miles

Submitted by Marc Smith

Kirkman our VP Activities. Dave is eager to hear from you.

Pat



Welcome new members

Harry and Ronda Edwards of Alpharetta, Cynthia Hill-Jackson and husband Rodney of Stone Mountain, Guy Huffman and Mary Lynn King of Gainesville, Ronald Jansen of Douglasville, and Alex Tapp of Powder Springs, 13-year-old grandson of NGJC member Richard Pobst of Cartersville



For Sale

95 XJ6 with 120300 miles. Silver with a sunroof and the usual power stuff, windows, locks etc, its in sound mechanical condition and I know of no major issues. Has 4 matching Michelins and brakes are in good shape. The inside is in great shape. Asking \$4250.

John Matous pattymatous@me.com



95 xjs with 58,000 miles on it. I paid 19,000 for it in 2004, and have put 10,000 trouble free miles on it. The only problem occurred recently when some squirrels stored acorns it the left blower motor and when I turned on the blower it broke some of the fins off the, well-squirrel cage! Auto cool has quoted me 700 to repair it. I will take \$10,500 for the car. It has Michelin xvg tires and is maroon with camel leather interior. I love the car, but as you can tell 10,000 miles in 8 years, I just don't drive it. It comes with a Jaguar car cover. Thanks, Marc Smith, 404 822 9253



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2012 NGJC Calendar

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

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January

21 – An Evening with Hennessy Jaguar
Sponsor: Pat Harmon
Location: Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett

February

11 – Valentine's Party
Time: 12 Noon
Sponsor: Dave Kirkman
Location: Mamba Jamba, Windward Pkwy

March

9-14 – JCNA Annual Meeting & 2012 JCNA Western States Meet

Location: Phoenix, AZ

10-11 – Amelia Island

Concours Weekend

Sponsor: N/A

Location: Amelia Island, FL

14-18 – Atlanta International Car Show

Location: Georgia World

Congress Center, Atlanta

18 – Spring Slalom

Sponsor: Dick Maury

Location: Chicopee Ag Center, Gainesville, GA

24 – First Spring Drive

Sponsor: Dave Kirkman

Location: TBD

31 – Rain Date for First Spring Drive

April

8 – Easter

21 – Second Spring Drive

Sponsor: Dave Kirkman

Location: TBD

28-29 – Walter Mitty

Speedfest

Triumph vs. MG

Sponsor: HSR/Classic

Motorsports

Location: Road Atlanta,

Braselton, GA

29 – Rain Date for Second Spring Drive

May

12 – British Motor Car Day

Location: Berry College,

Rome, GA

13 – Mother's Day

June

2 – Wolf Mountain Winery Drive

Sponsor: Dave Kirkman

Location: Wolf Mt. Winery,

Dahlonega, GA

6-10 – MG 2012 National Meet

Sponsor: Peachtree MG Club

Location: Dillard, GA

16 – Jags 'n Friends Annual

Picnic

Sponsor: Brian Hernan

Location: TBD

17 – Father's Da02

July

13-15 – Highlands Motoring Festival, Highlands, N.C.

19-22 – Carolina Jaguar Club

Concourse Overnight Trip

Location: Little Switzerland,

NC

August

4 – Tech Session at Marvin Sikes'

Location: Sikes Home, Duluth

18 – Summer Drive

Sponsor: Dave Kirkman

Location: TBD

25 – Rain Date for Summer

Drive

September

1-3 Labor Day Weekend

8 – British Car Fayre

Sponsor: British-American

Business Group

Location: Norcross, GA

16 – Fall Slalom

Sponsor: Dick Maury

Location: Chicopee Ag Center, Gainesville, GA

October

7 – NGJC Concours

d'Elegance

Sponsor: Pat Englehorn

Location: Gainesville, GA

13-14 Euro Auto Festival

Location: BMW Plant, Greer,

SC

28 – Fall Drive

Sponsor: Dave Kirkman

Location: TBD

November

3-4 – Hilton Head Island Concours Weekend

Location: Hilton Head, SC

10 – NGJC Annual Business

Meeting

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: TBD

22-25 – Thanksgiving

Weekend

December

16 – Christmas Party

Sponsor: TBD

Location: TBD

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Highlands Motoring Festival Succeeds Despite Dodgy Weather

Submitted by Brian Hernan

Quite a few of our club members attended the show including Bob and Linda Ray, Roy and Linda Cleveland, Ned and Diane Louder. Cars were entered by Kathy and Glenn Michalski (Alfa Spider), W.L and Carol Wagon (Alfa Junior Zagato) and Linda and Brian Hernan (Series 1 XJ6). Mark and Jamie Lovello from the Carolina Club entered a customer's Series 2 E-Type. Eddie Cole was entered but didn't make the trip. All in all, well over 100 cars were entered in 12 classes including a separate class for Alfa Romeo, the featured marque. Non-member Jaguars included 1950 and 1954 XK-120 Roadsters, an E-Type and an XJS convertible.

Rain was sporadic during the day followed by bright sunny skies, unfortunately the formula for serious water spotting. The XJ6 was wiped off at least five times, as were most of the other cars. I'll be glad to discuss this phenomenon at the upcoming tech session on car care.

Outstanding in Class awards were won by the Lovellos and Hernans. Jamie Lovello and Linda Hernan also won significant prizes in the Ladies Poker Run, a walking tour of downtown merchants. For those of you who either were not at the event, or don't know of the Ladies Poker Run, this is an event begun last year to take the ladies of the participants away from the discussion of "carbs and horsepower". They could

elect to roam the streets of downtown Highlands, visiting merchants, and enjoying the retail side of life. While in each of the participating merchants stores, they would receive a playing card, and once complete, the score of all cards collected would be tabulated. The winners received merchandise and gift certificates at the participating stores. About 30 women were able to excuse themselves from tire kicking for a few hours and had a good time, particularly the ten winners.

Friday and Saturday evenings were spent with cocktails and dining at the Skyline Lodges Altitude Restaurant (4400 ft.) listening to Hal do his magic on the piano. No request went unplayed. Highlands is a great place to get away from the heat of the city and only 1.5-3 hours from most members homes. The proceeds for this show go to the Highlands-Cashiers Humane Society. Pencil this event in for 2013..



Highlands Sunday Rally Takes a Different Twist

Submitted by John Baxa

Due to unforeseen circumstances, my trip to Highlands was delayed to the extent that I didn't arrive at the car show until a few minutes before the 4:00 PM closing, so I missed all but the presentation of awards. However, we did have fun on the road rally which kicked off at 9:30 AM. This event featured a competitive contest (trivia; not timing) and a beautiful drive thru the mountains and landmark features of the area. Each team was handed a list of questions at the starting point based on sights or signs along the route with an odometer reading to help pinpoint the location.

I brought my E-Type OTS to compete along with about 25 other cars. With Peggy Davis as navigator we got started on time but neither of us had participated in this type of event previously, so as "newbies" we promptly missed the first landmark. The questions were varied—some might be answered by the name on a street sign or an advertisement along the way. Others were of a more general nature such as "How many bridges have you crossed?" by the end of the route. And still others were arcane automotive history trivia. Also, it didn't help that my odometer doesn't register accurately with the tires I have on the car.

We stopped for brunch just outside Cashiers which provided a welcome break, then launched again into South Carolina with a brand new list shortly after 11:00. On the second leg there was an opportunity to stop and take a short stroll to an overlook for a spectacular view of a waterfall swollen by recent rains. There was a short downpour which we were able to foresee with enough accuracy to get the top up just in time. After a number of twists and turns, ups and downs, we ended up on the west side of Highlands approaching the town via Franklin Road to our ultimate destination—the Ugly Dog public house for celebration and refreshment by the scheduled end time of 1:00PM.





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Trials and Tribulations of a Hydraulic Car Lift

Submitted by Lynn Newport

My enthusiasm for the classic car hobby was recently invigorated as I finished an expansion to my classic car garage. Altogether, this enlarged space can store eight cars. But only *IF* I take advantage of modern hydraulic lifts. To help make these lifts possible, I made sure the specs included a 15' tall ceiling. You have to make sure there's ample clearance! I'm thinking I'm not the only one who has considered using lifts lately, and I was encouraged to share my story and advice with the Peach State membership.

Currently I have two lifts. There is the new, imported one I purchased about two years ago. That one was made by a Chinese consortium. Then there is my older lift, an Autolifters Model M6000. This American baby recently celebrated its 15th birthday. It was made in the good old USA near Wichita, Kansas. Wichita at one time was thought of as the "Silicon Valley" of United States lift manufacturing. Twenty

years ago there were a half-dozen lift manufacturers located right there in the lift hub of central Kansas. As with so many things recently, though, ridiculously cheap Asian labor drove almost all the U.S. manufacturers out of the automotive lift business.

I am sad to report that Autolifters declared bankruptcy in 2005. The Autolifters Company is no

more... which means no support or parts are available for my "pride and joy." Even though my lift was working perfectly, I knew it was a ticking time bomb. Sooner or later, those hydraulic ram seals would dry out and start to leak. Believe me, we don't want to be walking or working under a lift that has leaky, dried out seals. Maybe it was the dust from the recent garage

construction, or maybe it was just its age, but the bell tolled on my old Autolift. The ram began to squirt oil over everything around it. Not only was it soiling its diapers, the leaks made it virtually worthless as a safe tool.

Fearing this day, I had diligently kept my M6000 shop drawings. Now it was time to pull out these catalog cuts. I soon realized the manufacturer had intentionally omitted the model number for the cylinder mechanism – the key part! I had learned in a former life that many small equipment manufacturers had their



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cylinders custom built, usually out of turned pipe by some local machine shop. It works well, but it can make a part quite unique. I queried the internet to see if someone had taken over the company, or at least had bought up their inventory of parts. Eureka! One of their engineers had tried to take it over, but – bummer for me – had thrown in the towel several years ago. In the end, the internet proved to be a dead end. What? Consign my lift to the crusher? Never! I would pull the cylinder myself and rebuild it... But experience has taught me to look before I leap. So, before I began to yank parts apart I went to YouTube and found several videos that showed how to how rebuild a hydraulic cylinder. I felt I could perform this surgery, but I would need some special tools, and when I was finished I would have no warranty. Serious drawbacks, all. Plus, it would be a nasty, messy job. What would that do to my new, clean, garage?

Thinking the better of rolling up my own sleeves, I started calling every hydraulic shop in our area. I found out that none of them wanted to handle home service. I couldn't even locate someone to accept a walk-in shop job. They all specialized in working on heavy-duty construction or commercial applications, and they had prices to match. "Well," I thought, "if I called all the lift supply companies, maybe I could get one of them to reveal a lead for finding a repairman." I called quite a few suppliers and concluded there was one message they all wanted me to hear: After 15 years you really need to buy a new lift! From us, of course. Of course! When I tried to explain my situation I got nowhere. It was as if they didn't understand: A lift is a hunk of welded steel driven by a motor that turns the hydraulic pump and cylinder. In home applications like mine, a lift would never get enough use to wear out all that steel. But those seals... those are a different issue.

Finally I hit pay dirt when I a friend of mine suggested I call the Gregg Smith & Company's Atlanta outlet. They gave me the name of their installer, Liftman, whose field man turned out to be superb. During the phone call, Liftman's office tried to track down information about the cylinders, unsuccessfully. However, we agreed that whoever made these cylinders must have used over-the-counter "O- rings" and seals. They were booked up for at least two weeks, but soon they called back. A commercial call put them in my area; they would swing by my house the next day!



When Liftman's technician took out the 6-foot long cylinder, he was drenched in oil. In that one step he confirmed my good judgment. I was delighted that it wasn't me taking the petroleum bath. He took the cylinder to his shop, where he disassembled it on the bench. He sent the seals to the supply house and got a perfect match. The next afternoon, back he came with a rebuilt cylinder hanging over the rear of his truck. He installed the ram. Then, to my surprise, he spent another twenty minutes realigning and adjusting the old lift – a task I had not expected him to perform. By now the Autolifter had been moved to a new location with a different floor slope. But he wanted to make the installation right. I have to say, it works perfectly, now. Maybe better than ever. Yes, he charged me \$350. But considering the oily bath he took, having Liftman do it instead of me was worth it!



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