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JAGUAR AND NASCAR

By Dave Kirkman

Here is a question that you can use to win a bet with your favorite NASCAR know it all? "Has a foreign manufactured car ever participated in a Grand National NASCAR race?" If he says "NO, only American made cars have participated in NASCAR's top division", collect your bet and tell him of the following story. Not only have foreign manufactured sports cars participated; a Jaguar XK120 won the race!! It only happened once and that race occurred on June 13, 1954 at the Linden Airport in Linden, NJ. This was also NASCAR's first ever road race. The course was a 2.0 mile event laid out over the airport runways. Among the 43 starters were 13 Jags, 5 MGs, and one car

from Austin Healey, Porsche, and Morgan. Buck Baker's '54 Olds 88 was on the pole but by the 23rd lap Al Keller, driving Paul Whiteman's (the famed NY band leader) Jaguar XK120, passed Herb Thomas in Smokey Yunick's '54 Hudson and led the final 27 laps to victory. Jaguars took four of the first six places that day. I have heard that the regular NASCAR boys complained so loudly to Bill France that foreign cars were never allowed to run again...and this still holds true to this day. My information comes from NASCAR and the History Channel. Have your buddy look it up if he still does not believe you!



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We are ending our third year as a JCNA affiliated club with over 80 members and are looking forward to our annual celebration, our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 12th at 6pm at the Vinings Club.

I urge everyone to attend; we will have good food, good music, lots of awards, and best of all good friends to enjoy.

Please get your reservations in to Roy ASAP, as he has to give the Vinings club final counts at least five days ahead of the event. We already have over thirty members who have signed up and paid for the party.

Finally, let me say that this event is not only to celebrate a good year for the North Georgia Jaguar Club, but will be the kick off for the 2005 JCNA CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP to be hosted by us this coming September!

See You There!
Joe

Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance

By Dave Kirkman

Note: The Hilton Head Concours was held on Nov. 6-7, 2004. Dave and Beverly Kirkman have participated in this event with their E-Type for a couple of years.

Isn't the Hilton Head Concours just like any other car show? No, it is quite different in several ways. First, you have to be invited by the selection committee. Second, each class is limited to around ten cars. Third, the class that you show in may have cars from several different marques both foreign and domestic. There were also special classes for this year's feature marque, Rolls-Royce, as well as an excellent exhibit of early race and speed

record cars.

What did you show? Our 1969 Jaguar E-Type Series II OTS. We were assigned to the "Sports Cars 1961-1974" class. The class this year included cars from Jaguar, Ferrari, Lotus, Porsche, Corvette and Austin Healey.

How good does my car have to be? If you have shown in the Championship Division of JCNA and consistently scored 99.5 points or higher, you have a car worthy of taking to the Hilton Head Concours. For example, the winner of our class this year was Dick Gasper's 1962 Jaguar E-Type Series I OTS. Dick's car frequently scores high points at JCNA

concours.

How do I get invited to show my car? General information and entry forms for the concours are available on their web site at: www.hhiconcours.com.

What is the entry fee? There is no entry fee...you are an invited guest.

What do the Judges look for? Originality, excellent restorations, unusual examples of a marque.

What is it like to show your car? When we drove onto the show field we were directed to our assigned group. A placard was placed in front of our car with specific information that I had previously provided about our entry along with a beautiful

commemorative Hilton Head Concours license plate with our names, car type, and date of the show. Judging started precisely at 9:00 am. The three man team asks general information about our car and went about their business like you would expect at any JCNA concours.

What are the people like? Very friendly and helpful. After all, you are their guest. This year's primary sponsors were BMW and GM. The concours is staged by volunteers with the proceeds going to local charities. I can tell you that the Hilton Head Islanders are very proud of the community they live in and they want you to have a wonderful time while you are there.

Was it worth effort?

Absolutely!!! The entire event was top drawer from start to finish! Truly a memorable experience...one that I would encourage any enthusiast of the car hobby to participate in. **Would you tell me more if I called?** Sure, any time. I would love to see more of our club members support and participate in a concours of this magnitude and quality. Believe me many of our club members have cars that would show very well at this event. If you are going to seriously compete in the JCNA Challenge Championship Concours in September then Hilton Head would make a very nice show to finish the year.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2004

January 17 – Tech session on paint at Joe Newell's garage in Ellijay

February 21 – Indoor Tech session on detailing a car at Skip Smith's garage in Atlanta

March 11-14 – Amelia Island Concours

March 21 – Indoor Tech Session on the XK engine by Dick Maury of Coventry West

April 17 & 18 – Drive through Nantahala National Forest – overnight club driving event

April 30 – May 2 – Walter Mitty Challenge and Auto Festival at Road Atlanta

May 8 – British Motor Car Day at Chateau Elan. Please contact member of Event Planning Committee or Roy C. if you are going to attend this event

May 15 & 16 – Smoky Mtn. Jaguar Club concours

located at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School, Gatlinburg, Tenn

May 15 - Joint driving event with classic Thunderbird club and visit to Milton Robson car collection near Gainesville – club day driving event

June 13 – Carolina Jaguar Club concours, Salisbury, NC

July 17 – Tour of Wolf Winery near Dahlonega – club day driving event

July 24 - Indoor Tech session on JCNA club rallying – session 1 – Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett

August 21 – Judges training session for JCNA Concours – Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett

September 17 – Wine South - Gwinnett Cultural Center.

September 26 - JCNA sanctioned Concours at Chattahoochee Country Club in Gainesville

October 9-10 – Music City Jaguar Club Concours and visit by JEC members from England

October 17 – EURO 2004 Auto Festival at BMW manufacturing plant near Greer, SC – club event

November 5-7 - Southern British Weekend in Chattanooga, Tenn. – club driving event

November 20 - Business Meeting in the Atlanta area – location to be announced

December 12 - Annual Christmas Party at Vinings Club, Atlanta, GA.

NEW E-TYPE CLUB FORMED

Phillip Porter, a well known British author, who writes about Jaguars has announced the formation of an E-Type Club. NGJC club member Craig Gustin is planning to join this club and has requested membership forms. Anyone who would like more information should call Craig at 404-321-4225.



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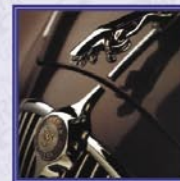
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Report on Annual Business Meeting

A good turnout of members attended our annual business meeting on Saturday, November 20 at the Pappadeaux Seafood Restaurant in Alpharetta. President Joe Newell conducted the meeting and reviewed some of the club's 2004 activities and the group discussed some possible events for 2005. He also discussed the JCNA Challenge Championship which will be held at Chateau Elan in September 2005. Officers for 2005 were elected and they are:

**President - Joe Newell,
Vice-President - Terry Hulsey,
Vice-President for Membership -
Skip Smith,
Treasurer - Roy Cleveland,
Newsletter Publisher - John Yates, and
Secretary - Larry Kludt.**

The job of Vice-President for Activities will be shared by Larry Kludt, Richard Bowers, Tom Koballa and Dave Kirkman. A calendar of the club's planned events for 2005 will be prepared and published in the January 2005 newsletter. If you have ideas or suggestions for events, call one of these members (Larry Kludt—770-641-9249, Richard Bowers—706-636-5879, Tom Koballa—706-353-6670 or Dave Kirkman—770-886-7435).

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Annual Dues for 2005

The annual dues for NGJC for 2005 will be \$45 and are payable by December 15. We have to send a roster to JCNA with dues payments for each member on the roster in early 2005 so it is very important that we have all our dues collected before January 1. Of the \$45 that you pay in dues, NGJC pays \$20 to JCNA. If you were a member at large, you would pay \$28 for annual membership. In effect, it costs you only \$17 per year to be a member of NGJC (\$45 minus \$28) assuming you intend to be a member of JCNA. For this \$17, you receive a monthly newsletter, access to local events, a local club, and discounts from Hennessy Jaguar. We hope that you will decide that your membership has been worth its cost and will continue your membership for 2005. There will many fun events during the next year plus our club will be hosting all of JCNA for the 2005 Challenge Championship. You will definitely want to be part of that.

Many current members have already renewed and we have added some new members effective January 1, 2005. Thanks to all who have already

paid. The checks will not be deposited until January 1 so all of you who practice cash management just go ahead and mail the check.

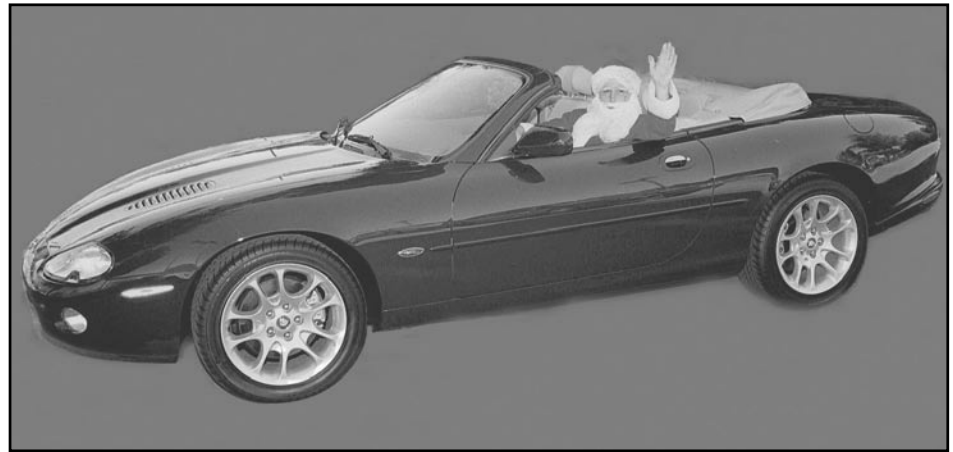
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Christmas Party at Vinings Club—December 12th

The NGJC Christmas Party is scheduled for December 12, 2004 (Sunday) at the Vinings Club in Vinings. Each of you should have received an invitation but if you did not, please call Roy Cleveland (770-538-0858). It is not too late to make reservations but please call or e-mail Joe Newell (706-636-5257 or joe@masseyfair.com) or Roy Cleveland (rmcleveland@charter.net) as soon as possible and follow up with a check for \$55 per person (Mail to P.O. Box 1377, Gainesville, GA 30503).

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be from 6PM to 7PM and dinner will be at 7PM. We hope to see you there!

Directions to the Vinings Club are as follows:

Proceeding West on the northern arc of I-285:
You will cross over I-75 and Hwy. 41.
Take the next exit (No. 18) which is the Vinings exit.
At the end of the exit ramp, turn left (south) on Paces Ferry Road.
Continue for six-tenths of a mile to Overlook Parkway (just past Wyndham Hotel).
Turn left onto Overlook Parkway and continue to second driveway on right.
Turn right into Overlook III (entrance to Vinings Club is in the building on the immediate right after turning).
After turning into Overlook III, continue straight ahead into the parking garage and take the first left in the garage.
Park in the spaces marked for "valet" since there will not be valet parking. Enter building and walk past the elevators on the left and right and look for a small sign on left which says "Vinings Club".

Elevators to the Vinings Club are around the corner to the left. Take elevator down to the Vinings Club which is on Level 2 (marked on elevator button).

To Enter Vinings Club directly from parking garage without going outside: Take the garage elevator to the lobby level and proceed directly into the building

When you reach the elevators in the building, look for signs to the Vinings Club.

Do not take the main lobby elevators—they do not take you to the Vinings Club.

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