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## North Georgia Jaguar Club Dues For 2009

*Submitted by Roy Cleveland*

The 2009 membership dues for NGJC are \$47 and are due by January 1. Prompt payment permits us to send our roster to JCNA on a timely basis and spend less time sending out renewal notices. If you are going to renew your membership for 2009, please mail your dues by the middle of December. If you know you aren't renewing, a quick e-mail to Mary Ann Kretz or Roy Cleveland would be appreciated so that our roster mailing to JCNA will not be delayed. We have to send a roster to JCNA with dues payments for each member on the roster in early 2009 so it is very important that we have all our dues collected early in January or at least know who is renewing. The dues checks will not be deposited until early January so those of you who like to maximize your cash utilization can go ahead and mail that check.

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**You're Never Too Young to Join NGJC**

*Got a neat shot of our granddaughter trying to steal my car. Pat*

## Visit to Jim Gebhardt's Personal Car Collection, Sunday, January 18<sup>TH</sup>

*Submitted by Dave Kirkman*

Our 2009 club calendar kicks off with a visit to one of the best private car collections in the Atlanta area. Jim Gebhardt is the owner of the California Car Company located on highway 9 in Roswell, GA. Jim specializes primarily in American cars of interest from the fifties through the seventies. I know many of our club members have stopped by and admired the cars that he displays for sale in his store. Now we have the opportunity to visit his personal car collection consisting of over forty vehicles. Jim is also an excellent automotive historian with many fascinating stories to tell. I know you will enjoy Jim's presentation on the unique features of the cars in his collection and his vast knowledge of the collector car hobby.

We have scheduled our visit for Sunday, January 18, 2009, at 2:00 pm. We will gather in the Publix shopping center at the intersection of Houze Road (hwy 140) and Crabapple Road in Roswell at 1:15 pm and plan to leave no later than 1:45 pm for the short drive to Jim's home. There are several restaurants in the immediate area for those who wish to have lunch before we meet for the drive to Jim's house.



## Fall Drive Gets Last of Georgia's Good Fall Weather

*Submitted by John Baxa*

We enjoyed some of the last good warm weather suitable for top-down driving Saturday, November 8th for the scheduled fall drive to the North Georgia mountains. This time, Dave Kirkman built in some flexibility to the drive layout so people could pick segments of the drive that would suit them best. We started out from the GA 400-Hwy 53 intersection in the morning to make our way to the day's destination near Dawsonville—The LaVigne restaurant at the Montaluce Winery.

I heard several very positive comments about the restaurant. The winery is fairly

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## Atlanta Motorsports Park in Formative Stage

*Submitted by Larry R. Kludt*

So you have that relatively fast Cat and despite its model and/or age you've taken pretty good care of it but have never r-e-a-l-l-y driven it the way it was designed to be driven. Sound familiar? Wouldn't it be great to let it out to play on a perfectly designed stretch of asphalt without being joined, in your drive, by an array of blue lights? Soon you may be able to do just that.

Enter the Atlanta Motorsports Parkway (AMP), the concept of Mr. Jeremy Porter, managing partner. This latest country club park is in the planning stages with ground breaking planned for February 2009 and opening slated for sometime in 2009 with a location near Dawsonville, Georgia.

Mr. Porter's goal is to put driving enthusiasts on a road course where testing and learning the limits of your vehicle are safer than on Georgia's highways and byways. The club is modeled after golf country clubs but instead of reserving a tee time one reserves track time. The AMP venue will cater to car enthusiasts with no spectator events planned such as NASCAR races, etc.

Mr. Porter wants to make a positive impact on the community, a place where kids go from karts, to cars and maybe even out in the motorsports racing world. The AMP is designed to be a place where families can get together and bond over a common interest and experience. Amenities planned to attract members include a clubhouse, swimming pool, lockers and

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our Annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14, marks the end of another very successful year for our club. This event is extra special for a number of very good reasons. First, it provides us with the opportunity to look back at the wonderful events that the club held during the year. Next, we can look forward with great expectations to the upcoming events that we have laid out for next year. But best of all it allows us to spend an evening with good friends, good conversation, and excellent food and drink, during the most festive time of the year. What better way to spend a delightful holiday season evening! I sincerely hope that you have made reservations and plan on joining us for this very special event.

As this year draws to a close I want to thank all of the officers of the club who spent a lot of their personal time making sure that our club ran smoothly. Without their considerable efforts we would cease to function at all. Their dedication is most appreciated by everyone. I also want to thank each one of you who came out and supported our monthly club events that were of interest to you. We continued to have excellent participation at

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our events this year and we have a wonderful schedule of events slated for next year where I know you will find something of interest.

I also want to take a moment and express the club's sincere appreciation to the numerous sponsors who advertise in our monthly newsletter. Their financial support helps offset the cost of the newsletter and many of our club events throughout the year.

In closing for 2008 Beverly and I extend our sincere wishes for a joyous holiday season to you and your loved ones and all the very best for next year!

Drive Friendly,  
Dave



*Annual Dues continued from front cover*

Please make your check payable for \$47 to the North Georgia Jaguar Club and mail it to P.O. Box 1234, Gainesville, GA 30503.

In making your decision on renewal, you should consider the following tangible benefits of club membership: (1) discounts on repairs and parts from Hennessy Jaguar, (2) rebates from Jaguar on purchases of new Jaguar automobiles available only to members of JCNA, (3) subscription to the Jaguar Journal published by JCNA, and (4) access to the knowledge accumulated by members of NGJC during years of experience with Jaguars. The discount from Hennessy on a \$600 repair would more than pay for your annual membership dues.



## NGJC Business Meeting Held November 22, 2008

*Synopsis Submitted by Jack Sweeney, Secretary*

President Dave Kirkman called the annual Business Meeting to order at 10:45 AM. Twenty-four members were present. Last years minutes were approved and a count of the 34 votes presented for this years officers was recorded. The recommended slate was installed. Old business included the upcoming Christmas Party and the Gainesville Christmas Parade.

Dave Kirkman asked the membership to be sure to vote for Dick Maury as JCNA Regional Director in the current election.

Even though he is unopposed, we'd like to show him our support. Also, there was a discussion of future Slalom events and it was decided to impose a \$50.00 fee for non-members to participate in order to assert some control on the event and to help fund the parking lot rental.

New business centered on the events, drives and slaloms for this year. Additionally, activity responsibility will now fall under the tasks of the Vice-President. A motion to amend the Bylaws for this change was submitted and approved.

We are in the hunt for a Rally Chairman to reduce the workload for Dave who normally headed up our drives, a consolidation of drives and rallies could be possible. The complete Event calendar will be posted in our "Newsletter" always subject to change due to scheduling conflicts. We will continue to also list important Jaguar events across the country. Returning President Dave Kirkman adjourned the meeting at 12:20 PM.



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# North Georgia Jaguar Club 2008 Calendar of Events

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

# Officers

## January 2008

Saturday, 26th –Tour of Todd Emily's Car Collection \*Tom Koballa

## February

Sunday, 10th – Valentines Gathering  
\* Dave Kirkman

## March

Sunday, 9th –Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance

Sunday, 15th –North Florida Jaguar Club Concours  
Friday, 28th & Saturday, 29th – JCNA 50th General Meeting, Pittsburgh

## April

Sunday, 6th – Spring Drive and Rally  
\* Dave Kirkman Larry Courant

Sunday, 20th –Spring Slaloms \* Dick Maury

Saturday, 26th & Sunday, 27th – Abbeville Opera House Overnight Drive  
\* Ned Louder

## May

Thursday, 1st – Sunday,

4th –Walter Mitty Challenge

Saturday, 17th – British Motor Car day, and Drive  
\* Dave Kirkman  
Tom Koballa

24th, Annual Judges

Training with Pat Harmon

## June

Saturday, 14th – Second Annual Picnic and Car Show \* Brian Hernan  
Pat Harmon

Saturday, 28th – Tech session for Judges covering the XK models\* Pat Harmon

## July

Saturday 12th- Joint Club Drive and Lunch at Wolf Mountain Winery

\* Dave Kirkman

26-27: Music City

Jaguar Club Concours - Belle Meade Plantation -

Nashville, TN (www.jcna.com/library/concours)

## August

Saturday, 2nd – Western

States Car Meet, Grand Junction, CO

Saturday, 23rd. – Tech Session – Storage and Use of Cars That Are Not Daily Drivers \* Terry Hulsey

## September

Saturday, 6th –Car Parade and British Car Fayre Norcross \* Pat Harmon

Sunday, 14th – Fall Slalom  
\* Dick Maury

14: Virginia Jaguar Club Concours - Browns Island - Richmond, VA  
(www.jcna.com/library/concours)

Saturday, 20th &

Sunday, 21st – Southeast British Car Festival at Dillard

## October

5th - Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta

12 – NGJC Annual Concours

\* Pat Harmon

Saturday, 18th EUROfest

\* Dave Kirkman

## November

Sunday, 2nd – Hilton Head Concours

Saturday, 8th Fall Drive with Dave Kirkman

Saturday, 22th – Annual Business Meeting \* Dave Kirkman

## December

Sunday 7th - Gainesville Christmas Car Parade \*Pat Harmon

Sunday, 14th - NGJC

Annual Christmas Party 6:00pm to 11:00pm at Vinings Club

## January 2009

Sunday, 18th –Tour Jim Gebhardt's Car Collection

## February 2009

Sunday, 15th –Valentine's day (after) dinner

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MB2/E-Type etc. flat hub 16 x 7"	£275	\$356	€328
MB2/E-Type etc. curvy hub 15 x 6"	£260	\$333	€310
MB2/E-Type etc. curvy hub 15 x 7"	£275	\$356	€328
E-Type V12 Series 3	£215	\$315	€256
Dayton Wire Wheel Cover	£12	\$13	€14

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# The Best (Worst?) Gummert-Inspired Vehicles

Submitted by John Baxa

The big three American auto makers are back before Congress pressing their case for government help for their industry as we put the finishing touches on this newsletter edition. Those of us with a long memory may aspire to reminisce about other governments' interventions into the auto industry from years past and to some of the resulting products that came of that meddling, to wit:

The Austin Allegro was introduced by British Leyland (the nationalized company that was no stranger to Jaguar owners of the period) in 1973. The box-and-boot design was deemed the 'flying pig' and was deprived of a hatchback which was growing in popularity at the time due to a management decision based on the reasoning that another Austin model would be the only one to possess such a feature. It did have some notable characteristics such as being more aerodynamic going backwards than forwards and the fact that if you lifted

the car in the wrong place with a trolley jack the rear windscreen would pop out. One of the launch cars snapped in half during filming of stunts in a quarry for a television commercial. But perhaps most fondly-remembered is the rectangular steering wheel deemed the Quartic steering wheel. Some owners referred to the Allegro as the "All-Aggro", as in All-Aggravation.

Who can forget the Zastava Koral of the 80s? Marketed as the Yugo in the US, it was subject to a lot of derision by critics noting the use of old-school Fiat technology and many points about build quality and reliability. In 1987, Consumer Reports concluded that it "barely qualified as a car." They advised buyers to look at a good used car instead of the Yugo, produced by the Serbian-owned arms manufacturer. Car & Driver reported its transmission performance was "like trying to shift a baseball bat stuck inside a barrel full of coconuts." The car was voted Car Talk's worst car of the

millennium.

More recently the Chinese came out with the Chery QQ in 2003, a knock-off of the Daewoo D'arts (also known as the Matiz), which didn't make Daewoo owner General Motors very happy. With a very distinct face formed from big round headlights for eyes and a bonnet line for a smile, you can get stick-on appliques that make it look like a Giant Panda. A Singapore-based reviewer noting the lack of fit to the interior trim said, "where the lower part of the centre console and dashboard meet, you get a smooth, flush interface on one side, and a gaping, uneven gap large enough to poke your hand through on the other. Comical." The 800cc engine maxes out at 51hp and crash tests were horrible.

We could go on and on with other examples. Perhaps it is not such a bad fate that Jaguar has recently moved on to other ownership. Here's to the hope we won't see similar examples on the home front in the near future.





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# Atlanta Motorsports Park in Formative Stage

Submitted by Larry R. Kludt

showers, tennis courts and hiking trails to name a few. The road course will not have lighting and will be closed to drivers at night and strict sound limits will be observed. Buffers extending some 200 feet into the

property, currently about 200 acres with an option on another 300 acres, will help control the sound.

At night the road course will be opened up to walkers and bicyclists who want to get some exercise. The buildings will seek LEED certification, built for

energy efficiency and low impact on the environment. A reclaim water system will be used for irrigation, and sanitation systems. Watch this newsletter for future articles as this exciting project progresses.



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# Fall Drive Gets Last of Georgia's Good Fall Weather

Submitted by John Baxa

new and their grapes are still a work in process but they had an excellent choice of Italian wines from a variety of vintners on the menu and the food was excellently prepared. Since we had in excess of thirty people for lunch we had a specially prepared fixed-price menu just for our group. After lunch there was another segment

that ended up at the R-Ranch north of Dahlonega. From there, we split into two groups, one took the "high road" up through Suches and another took the shorter "low road" back toward Dahlonega. Thanks go to Dave Kirkman for his planning and arrangements for an excellent drive.



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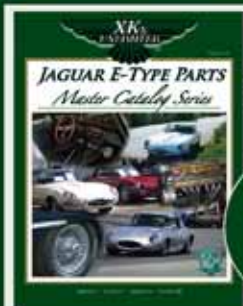
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