

*Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett
Saturday, January 21st*



*2012 Membership Dues of \$47
Payable Immediately
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Multi-Modal Fall Trip

Submitted by John Baxa

The club's fall trip this year was a bit of a departure from what we've done in the past with more than one mode of transportation involved. We were responsible for driving to Blue Ridge, Georgia on our own Saturday, October 29th to catch the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway to McCaysville, Georgia for lunch during a stop-over of a little more than an hour. McCaysville is right on the border with Tennessee and is virtually inseparable from the Tennessee town of Copperhill except for a painted blue line that crosses the streets demarking the border. In fact, the state line runs right through Patrick's Pub & Grill on Ocoee Street, and since the Georgia town is dry, and the Tennessee town is not, you can see how things might get complicated.

We pulled out of the station promptly at 10 AM and most of us were in the same enclosed car, which was fortunate as the morning was brisk and even though the train never goes more than about 15 miles per hour, the breeze can be pretty bracing.

We had reservations only for a specific car and then found whatever seats were available. Our coach was #150, built as an 82-seat commuter coach by Pullman Car & Manufacturing Company in 1924 for the New York Central Railroad. Later it was used on the Boston & Albany and numbered 2511. Retired from commuter service in the 1970's it was then sold to the Gettysburg Railroad for use in excursion service. In 1999, the car was bought by the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway for use as an air conditioned coach.

The train route consists of a 26-mile round trip through historic Murphy Junction along the beautiful Toccoa River where you can watch trout fishermen in their hip waders angling for their prize. The railroad was built over 100 years ago as the narrow-gauge Marietta & North Georgia Railroad. Construction began in Marietta in 1877 and reached Blue Ridge in 1886. Northward, the line splits a few miles from Blue Ridge with one branch going to Murphy, NC and the

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Business Meeting Confirms Officers for 2012

Submitted by: John Baxa

Our annual business meeting held at the Alpharetta Hilton Garden Inn Saturday, November 19th confirmed the election of the nominating committee's recommended slate of officers as published in last

month's newsletter. The recommended change to the by-laws also published last month passed as well. Take a look at Pat Harmon's President's Corner in this issue for more details.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Pat Harmon

As we approach the end of 2011 I am very proud of what our club has accomplished. My goal for 2011 was to get the NGJC Board more actively involved in club management and activities and increase member participation and numbers. For the first time our Board has met on a quarterly basis and was key to our successes. As club Vice President, Dave Kirkman gave us a full plate of activities thus driving us to our goal of increased participation. People join the NGJC because we do neat things and pulling off events month after month was no easy task. Thanks Dave and Bev for your fantastic support. Our unsung heroes of the year go to those folks who do all the hard work behind the scenes that nobody sees. Our Treasurer, Roy Cleveland, has kept perfect track of our finances again posting a profit for 2011. When he wasn't counting the coins he was a key player in our most successful Concours ever from arranging the country club to a masterful job of scoring all the cars and we have to take our hats off to Roy and Linda. Speaking of behind the scenes, what about what it takes to put out a monthly, multi-page newsletter. John Baxa our Editor and John Yates our Publisher have done a masterful job of getting the word out and we can't thank them enough. And, when John Baxa wasn't

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Announcing An Evening With Hennessy

Submitted by: Pat Harmon

Everyone mark your calendars for Saturday, January 21st as we join our friends at Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the E-Type. There will be more details in the January newsletter but we are planning on meeting at the Hennessy dealership from 5:00 until 6:30 pm. starting with hors d'oeuvres followed by presentations from the Hennessy sales team highlighting Jaguar's great new product line. Of course, our celebration of the E-Type would not be complete without some of our club's cars on display as well. Following this reception we are then planning on continuing fellowship at one of the local restaurants. This will be a RSVP event to allow us to calculate food and make reservations so watch the January newsletter for details.



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is the
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month.
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are nonbinding and
subject to approval.*

North Georgia Jaguar Club Dues For 2012

Submitted by: Roy Cleveland

The 2012 membership dues for NGJC are \$47 and are due by January 1. JCNA is intent on improving its administrative area and part of that is more timely issuing of new membership cards. To do that, they must have our rosters more promptly than in prior years. If you are going to renew your membership for 2012, please mail your dues by the middle of December. If you know you aren't renewing, a quick e-mail to Roy Cleveland or John Baxa would be appreciated so that our e-mailing of the roster 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 2012 so it is very important that we have all our dues collected by January 10. **Please make your check payable for \$47 to the North Georgia Jaguar Club and mail it to P.O. Box 1234, Gainesville, GA 30503.** If your

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Pat Harmon

thinking up articles he was expert as our Vice President for membership. Because of his efforts our club is now over 136 strong! With Jack Sweeney stepping down as our Secretary mid-year John Hollier answered the call to take over the difficult job of keeping track of Board activities including putting his twist on our deliberations. I actually look forward to reading his minutes with "Did I really say that?"

For those of you who could not attend our annual meeting mid-November there are a couple of things you

renewal check does not reach us by January 10, you will be dropped from the renewal roster which we send to JCNA. If you rejoin later, we have to reinstate your membership which takes the time of people who are doing all this voluntarily. **Do your part and mail your check when you read this.**

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 \$500 repair would more than pay for your annual membership dues.



need to know. First the club approved an amendment to our Bylaws essentially changing our Officer and Board Structure. With emphasis on the Board directing club activities, we re-instated the Vice President for Activities and Club Vice President. Whereas before the Club Vice President had no assigned duties (other than taking over for the President) we added the responsibilities of the Vice President Concours to this position. So, the officers are now President, Vice President, Vice President Activities, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.

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North Georgia Jaguar Club 2011/2012 Calendar of Events

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| <p>January 22 (Saturday)
-Streetside Classic Cars,
Time: 12:30 PM
Sponsor: G. Haldane*
Location: Lithia Springs</p> <p>February 12 (Saturday)
- Valentine Gathering,
Time: 6:30 PM
Sponsor: D. Kirkman*
Location: Duluth</p> <p>March 13 (Sunday)
-Amelia Island
Concours,
Sponsor: N/A
Location: Amelia Island, FL</p> <p>March 26 (Saturday)
- Tech Session-Dent
Repair
Time: noon
Sponsor: I. Ruiz*
Location: TBD</p> <p>March 26, 27, 28
(Fri/Sat/Sun)- JCNA
Annual General
Meeting
Sponsor: D. Maury*
Location: Richmond, VA</p> | <p>April 3 (Sunday)
- Slalom
Time: TBD
Sponsor: D. Maury
Location: TBD</p> <p>April 9 (Saturday)
- Judge's Training
Time: 12:30 - 2:30
Sponsor: P. Harmon
Location: Hennessy Jaguar
Gwinnett</p> <p>April 16 (Saturday)
- Spring Drive
Time: 9:30 AM
Sponsor: D. Kirkman*
Location: TBD</p> <p>April 30 (Saturday)
- Rain Date for Spring
Drive
Time: 9:30 AM
Sponsor: D. Kirkman*
Location: TBD</p> <p>April 29, 30, May 1
(Fri/Sat/Sun)
- Walter Mitty Historic
Races
Sponsor: P. Harmon*
Location: Road Atlanta</p> | <p>May 14 (Saturday)
- British Motorcar Day
Sponsor: D.Kirkman,G.
Haldane*
Location: Berry College</p> <p>May 22 (Sunday)
- Late Spring Drive
Time: 9:30 AM
Sponsor: D.Kirkman*
Location: TBD</p> <p>May 29 (Sunday)
- Rain Date-Late Spring
Drive
Time: 9:30 AM
Sponsor: D.Kirkman*
Location: TBD</p> <p>June 11 (Saturday)
- Start of Great
American Race
Sponsor: Coker Tire
Location: Chattanooga, TN</p> <p>June 18 (Saturday)
- Jags 'N Friends
Annual Picnic
Time:TBD
Sponsor: B.Hernan*
Location: Roswell Area
Park</p> | <p>July 7, 8, 9
(Thu/Fri/Sat)
- Challenge
Championship
Sponsor: D.Maury*
Location: Columbus, OH</p> <p>July 21, 22, 23
(Fri/Sat/Sun)
- Blue Ridge Parkway
Overnight Drive
Sponsor: D.Kirkman*
Location: NC</p> <p>July 22, 23 (Sat/Sun)
- North Carolina
Concours
Sponsor: D.Kirkman*
Location: Little
Switzerland, NC</p> <p>August 5, 6, 7
(Fri/Sat/Sun)
- Highland Overnight
Drive
Sponsor: B.Hernan*
Location: Highlands, NC</p> <p>August 6 (Saturday)
- Make-A-Wish Car
Show
Sponsor: B.Hernan*
Location: Highlands, NC</p> | <p>August 27, (Saturday)
- Summer Drive to
Amicalola Falls
Sponsor: D. Kirkman*</p> <p>September 10,
(Saturday)
- British Car Fayre
Sponsor: TBD
Location: Norcross, GA</p> <p>September 18,
(Sunday)
- Fall Slalom
Sponsor: D. Maury*
Location: Gainesville</p> <p>October 9 (Sunday)
- NGJC Concours
Sponsor: P. Harmon*
Location: Gainesville, GA</p> <p>Oct 14, 15 (Fri/Sat)
- Euro Auto Festival
Sponsor: D. Kirkman*
Location: BMW Plant, SC</p> <p>October 29 (Saturday)
- Fall Drive
Sponsor: P. Harmon*
Location: TBD</p> | <p>November 6 (Sunday)
- Hilton Head Concours
Sponsor: TBD*
Location: Hilton Head
Island, SC</p> <p>November 12
(Saturday)
- Rain Date-Fall Drive
Sponsor: D.Kirkman*
Location: TBD</p> <p>November 19
(Saturday)
- Annual Business
Meeting
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: TBD</p> <p>December 18 (Sunday)
- Christmas Party
Sponsor: Joe Newell*
Location: Vinnings</p> <p>January 21, 2012
(Saturday)
An Evening at Hennessy
Time: 5 til 6:30 PM
Sponsor: P. Harmon*
Location: Gwinnett Place
Mall, Duluth</p> |
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2011 Hilton Head Island Concours

Submitted by: Dave Kirkman

John Wagner wins his class and Ruiz and Sikes win Palmetto Awards

The Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival and Concours weekend got off to a fantastic start on Friday evening with a cocktail party hosted by Lynn and Linda Newport. Lynn and Linda are wonderful hosts and welcomed NGJC members Marvin, Marty and Carolyn Sikes, Ivan and Myrna Ruiz, David and Beverly Kirkman, W.L. and Carol Wagon along with local neighbors and friends at their lovely home overlooking the Atlantic Ocean on HHI for an evening of good food and lively conversation.

The weekend events had started earlier in the day for the Sikes and Lynn Newport as they participated in the Friday morning Charity Drive that features many of the classic cars that would be on the Concours field on Sunday. The drive may have been lead by a 1910 Oakland 24 but it was the Sikes' Jaguar Mark II that was featured on the front page of the local newspaper on Saturday morning! It was an omen of more good things to come.

The weather for Concours Sunday was absolutely spectacular with clear blue skies and mild temperatures. The feature mark this year was BMW and the factory had sent several very rare race cars over from Germany to display along with over thirty excellent private examples, both pre and post war, from fifteen states. NGJC members had three cars on the Concours field this year

and they all won awards. John and Debbie Wagner won the Blue Ribbon in class 06F American Performance – Ford with their beautiful 1962 Ford Thunderbird. Palmetto Awards went to Ivan and Myrna Ruiz's 1970 Maserati Ghibli Spider that sparkled in class 08C Sports Cars - International and the Sikes's 1960 Jaguar Mk II was a regal presence in class 07 Production Modern 1949 - 1972. Carolyn Sikes

was also a regal presence winning the Best Costume Award dress as the "Queen of Everything" riding in the back seat of her chauffeur driven Jaguar Mk II!

Andy Charish's 1955 Jaguar XK 140 OTS MC/SE also won a Palmetto Award in class 08B Sport Cars – English. Andy's car won the Judges' Trophy at our recent NGJC JCNA Concours in October. He was up against some very stiff competition in his class that also featured a 1954 Arnolt Bristol, a 1950 Aston Martin DB 2, and a rare 1950 Alvis TB14 Roadster along with several other well restored entries.

Club members Bill Tilden and David Kirkman served as Class Judges again this year.

A big thank you to Lynn and Linda Newport for their gracious hospitality and congratulations to John, Carolyn, Ivan, and Andy for their well deserved wins.



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Submitted by John Baxa

other to Knoxville, TN. The route has been sold many times since its inception and a group of investors bought it in 1990 with the idea of starting a passenger service once again. The excursion service has been operating since 1998 and the rail stock is staffed mostly by volunteers. We had a great trip timed to see the fall foliage in its glory and thanks go to Pat and Nancy Harmon for organizing it.



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Submitted by Pat Harmon

On the Board side we added the Vice President Membership and a new position, Member at Large which George Haldane has accepted. The Vice President position is currently vacant and we hope to fill that important position very soon.

Of course, one of our big events of the year is coming up on December 18th our annual Christmas Party which is always a grand time. One of the major decisions your Board made this year was to start spending excess monies in our treasury to help out the more expensive club activities. This year the club is subsidizing each club member attending the party by \$30, a very significant contribution. Nancy and I hope to see each of you there. We hope you had a Great Thanksgiving and please take our best wishes for a fantastic holiday season.



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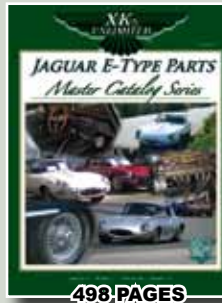
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