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Concours d'Elegance – Part One – What Its All About

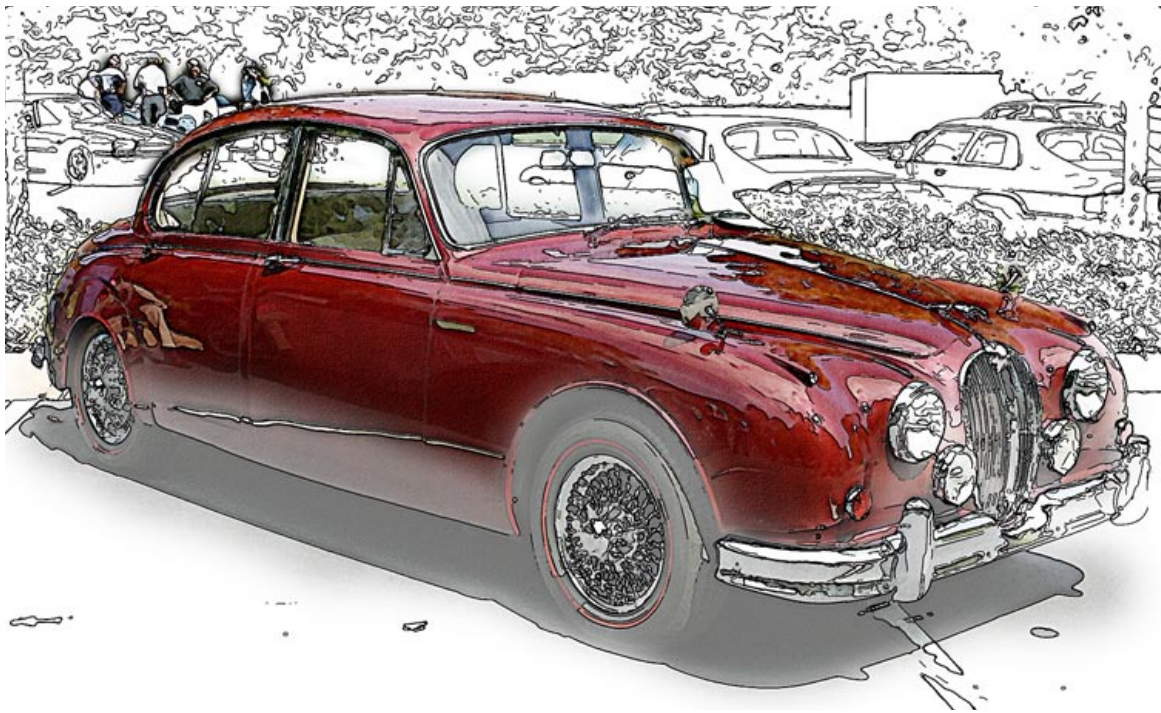
Pat Harmon, Chief Judge

This is the first article in a three part series on one of the most fun and exciting aspects of our common hobby – Jaguars. For some unknown reason there is a mystique about the Concours; that it is an event only attended by the true connoisseurs – those enormously wealthy aficionados that can quote chapter and verse on every aspect of the cars. Actually,

Through these articles it's my hope to clear the mystique and explain (Part One) what the Concours is all about, (Part Two) What the Judges are doing and why, (Part Three) How to prepare your car for the Concours and present it.

OK, put on your driving gloves – Let's talk Concours!

The Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA), with which our club is affiliated, was formed



quite the reverse is true. Ninety five percent of Concours entrants are not wealthy (because they've spent all their money on the car) and are lucky to know something about their own car (probably because something with Lucas printed on it quit working or the spouse continues to complain about the puddles on the garage floor) much less anything about the other models. The Concours d'Elegance is the highpoint of a local Jaguar club's year. Aside from enjoying our own cars, the real fun in belonging to a club is to see the other cars and meet people who share this common interest. If you haven't entered your car (brand new or real old) in a Concours, you have really missed out on a lotta fun!

in 1958. I don't have any record when the first Concours d'Elegance was held but for years they were simply car shows with judging and awards as varied as the clubs were separated. People who wanted to compete at a national level found it very frustrating because the judging was far from fair and consistent. In an attempt to correct this, JCNA formed the National Concours d'Elegance Committee and the first official rule book was published in 1975. It is now in its eighth edition. Concours judges are now trained with this rule book which sets the standards on how the event is conducted, how the cars are judged and how deductions are calculated.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As all of you are aware by now, the tech session at Flashback Motors was cancelled due to the ice on the roads in the metro area. Dave Kirkman is working to reschedule this event since we all feel it will be a good one.

Roy has been working on getting the oil painting for the Challenge Championship finished, picked up, delivered, and photographed. John Yates has used his superb technical and artistic abilities to convert it into a finished electronic form from which the poster will be produced. I am sure you will like the finished version, once it is done. We have had meetings with two event planners—one of whom will be handling the Madison event.

The nasty weather afforded me, and I am sure many others, the opportunity to watch many hours of the Barrett-Jackson Auction on Speed Vision. This has turned into "Muscle Car Mania!" with mid fifties Chevys going for over 100 grand, mid sixties Corvettes doing the same and Mopar Hemis and custom street rods making those numbers look pale. The few Jags that were presented were purchased for good

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but somewhat more realistic prices.

In an era where "Reality TV" is in vogue, I think you almost have to call this "Un-Reality TV" since the prices paid for some of these vehicles have very little to do with value, but are driven by hype. It remains to be seen if this will be good or bad for the true auto enthusiast or the automotive hobby long term. My pick as the worst buy of the auction is the fiberglass recreation of a Gullwing Mercedes that went for \$240,000.

Happy Motoring!
Thanks Much!
Joe



The Concours is a combination car show and technical evaluation. Entrants compete their cars in one of four classes of their choosing. Display Only – Cars are not technically judged but may compete for "Peoples Choice" awards given by local clubs (not sanctioned by JCNA). Driven Division – Cars are technically inspected except for the engine compartment and boot (trunk). The only stipulation is that the car must have a Jaguar engine. Champion Division – Cars are technically inspected to include exterior, interior, engine compartment and boot. Special Division – This is a new class for factory and non-factory prepared competition cars and limited production cars. The interior, exterior engine compartment and boot of Special Division cars are inspected only for condition and cleanliness – not for authenticity.

Simply stated, Concours entries are judged for authenticity, condition and cleanliness.

A PERFECT CAR IS ONE THAT LOOKED LIKE IT DID THE DAY IT ROLLED OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINE. More often than not, if a person adds something to their car to jazz it up, points will be deducted even though the car has been "improved." These are called authenticity deductions and a good example would be a CD player in a XK-120.

We train our judges to first look for authenticity issues. They then inspect the car for condition and cleanliness. JCNA still has a long

way to go to write definitive authenticity guides and only two have been published to date. At JCNA National Concours you typically will find very knowledgeable judges who are capable of even knowing if the correct type/make bolts are correct. At local event Concours you typically will find a judge who only knows the difference between a Mark IX and XK-120! I'll talk more about judging in the next installment but for now, suffice to say that local judges are trained to be consistent and NOT deduct for areas they know nothing about. In many cases it comes down to condition and cleanliness. This issue I will cover in Part Three. Personally, I welcome both national and local Concours judging – the first one for knowledge and the second one for FUN.

This coming September we have the rare privilege of having the annual JCNA Championship Challenge right here in our back yard. I have a XK-150 which has scored 99+ in local Concours but I'm sure will suffer heavy deductions in the National. Why am I going to submit myself to this test? This is a very rare opportunity to have a real expert evaluate my car and point out discrepancies – all for the cost of an entry fee! WOW! For those of you that attended our 2004 Concours, I think you will agree that we had a whole lot of FUN.



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January 29th – Indoor Tech Session - Flashback Restorations ; 11:00 am to 5:00 pm (*Dave)

February 19th – Indoor Tech Session - Flashback Restorations ; 11:00 am to 5:00 pm (*Dave)

March 11-13th – Concours d' Elegance, Amelia Island (*Skip)

March 19th – Indoor Tech Session to be held at Ron Green's garage; time TBD (*Roy)

April 16th – Rally (classroom) training at Hennessy Jaguar, 11:00 am followed by lunch and a Trial Rally Drive (spouses are encouraged to participate) on proposed JCNA 2005 Challenge course layout (*George/Dave)

May 7th – British Car Day @ Chateau Élan

May 14th – (time TBD) Club cookout at Joe's house (*Joe /cooking & Richard /driving)

May 21st & 22nd – Overnight Driving Tour to Callaway Gardens (*Larry)

June 11th & 12th – Overnight Driving Tour to Highlands/Cashiers, NC (*Joe)

July 16th – Indoor Tech Session @ Panoz car factory, 10:00 am (Tom)

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

August – No events planned... Preparations/ meetings, etc., for the JCNA Challenge Championship event (*Club Officers & assigned club members)

September 21st to 25th – **JCNA CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP @ Chateau Élan**

October – (date TBD) Fall leaf cruise (*Richard)

October 14-16th – Euro Fest @ BMW plant, Greer, SC (*Dave)

November – (date TBD) - Southern British Car Day

November – (will work around S. Brit car day) Overnight Driving Tour (weather permitting) to Augusta, area (*Larry)

November 4, 5 & 6 – Hilton Head Concours (*Dave)

November 19 - NGJC Annual Meeting (*Club Officers)

December 4 - Annual Christmas Party at Vinings Club, Atlanta, GA.

* club member facilitator

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our new members since the last newsletter. They are

**James and Mary Mason,
Tully and Barbara Johnstone,
Robert and Barbara Collins, and
Hugh and Carol Watson.**

Membership lists are available to any member by mail or e-mail. If you would like one, call or e-mail Roy Cleveland.



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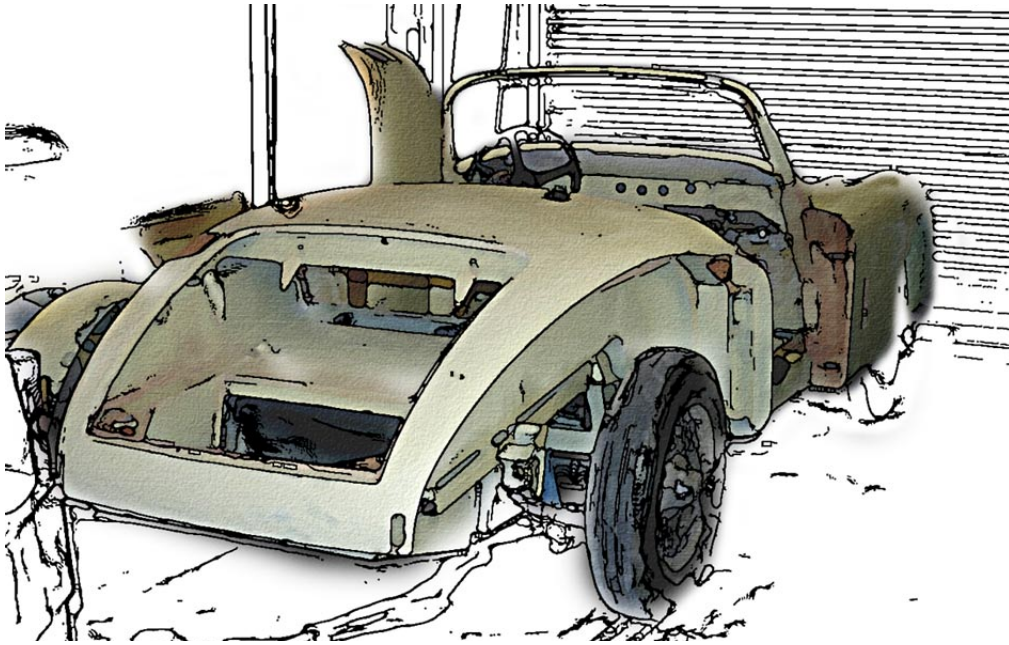


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FLASHBACK TECH SESSION RESCHEDULED Feb. 19th.

The tech session which was planned for Saturday, January 29, 2005 was cancelled due to icy roads and freezing rain. It will be rescheduled to February 19.

Our plan is to visit Professional Cryogenic Metallurgy & Coatings from 11:00 to 11:45 am and visit Flashback starting at noon.

We will all meet at the Ingles parking lot at highway 141 and highway 9, just south of Cumming, between 10:30 and 10:50 am and caravan over to the shops. Both shops are within two miles of Ingles. If you need more specific directions or information, call me at home (770) 886 7435. If you get lost on Saturday,

call Joe or Roy on their cell phones. Joe (404) 386-9868; Roy (404) 218-9717.

Professional Cryogenic is located at
5166 Performance Drive
(770) 888-8818

Flashback Motors is located at
2250 Pendley Road
(770) 781 8989.

Dave Kirkman





Warren Fox

Attached below is a picture after a day in town... and for a non smoker, that cigar tasted good!!!



Last month I inadvertently left out this picture from Warren's article. JCY

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Club ended its year with 86 members. We had 19 members who did not renew for a variety of reasons (moved out of the area, sold Jaguar, not enough time to participate, etc.). We have already added eight new members in the first month of 2005 bringing our total membership to 75.



JCNA AGM IN ORLANDO

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the JCNA is being held in Orlando on March 31-April 2, 2005. This meeting is being hosted by the Jaguar Club of Florida. Joe Newell and Roy Cleveland will attend as NGJC Delegates but

any JCNA member is welcome. There is more information on this event in the Jaguar Journal. Many more details are also available at www.jcna.com – just click on “2005 AGM” under “JCNA News”.



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experiences, auto museum visits, car products which you have used and would recommend or other Jaguar related articles. The deadline

for submitting articles for the newsletter is the 27th of each month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. Please submit any articles for

the newsletter to Roy Cleveland and he will forward them to John Yates. The preferred format for submissions is Microsoft Word.



USA FREEDOM CORPS

Some of you may be interested to know that Pat and Nancy Harmon's son runs the web site www.usafreedomcorps.gov. The federal government has been recommending that people who are interested in contributing to the tsunami relief efforts access this site for information.



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We had a problem with the proposed manufacturer for the club's grill badge and are now having discussions with another manufacturer. We'll keep you updated on the progress.



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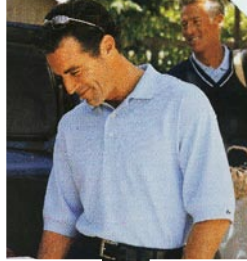
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AND....Check these short sleeved polo shirts out! The first two are Cutter & Buck and a tad more expensive than the Devon & Jones shirts. Both are very good quality shirts. The Cutter & Buck shirts are \$34 and offered in a variety of colors (see order form). These shirts run larger than normal sizes. The Devon & Jones shirts are \$26 and also offered in a variety of colors. Of course all are embroidered with our logo and your option to add a name, etc. for five more bucks! What a deal!

Two baseball caps are offered both for a mere Twelve bucks! Low profile garment-washed visor cap (khaki with navy trim). Or a 6 panel twill cap (actual color is olive with stone trim)



Pat & Nancy Harmon hope to have samples by our next event as well as hats for sale on the spot. But, if you can't wait, you can complete the attached order form found on the back of this page, enclose a check

These are the Devon Jones long-sleeve shirts. The men's shirt is in pima twill with a contrasting color collar band. Two colors are available: New Olive and Navy. The ladies shirt is in Titan Twill and is offered in Crimson and Navy. The men's shirt is a mere \$36 and the ladies \$32.



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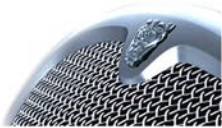
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Blue, True Royal
Size up charges: 2x + \$1.75,
3x + \$2.50, 4x + \$3.50



Item Number: CB2482-22
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Cutter & Buck Men's
Tournament Polo Short Sleeve Shirt

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Oyster, Marlin, Chutney, Cardinal Red,
Forest
Size up charges: NONE

Item Number: D100W **\$26.00 (Tax included)**
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Polo Short Sleeve Shirt

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Colors: Red, Dill, Forest,
Slate Blue,
Size up charges: 2x + \$1.75



Item Number: CB2482-22
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Cutter & Buck Women's
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Sleeve Shirt

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Colors: New Olive, Navy
Size up charges: 2x + \$1.75,
3x + \$2.50, 4x + \$3.50

Item Number: D500W
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