

February 24th Porsche Experience Center Tour & Lunch
March 20th Metal Union Speed Shop tour and metal tech session
April 10 - Detail Life with Jose Soto, ceramic coating tech session.



The Ecurie Cars LM69 Is a Street-Legal Jaguar XJ13 From an Alternate Reality

A \$1.5 million look at what the Jaguar XJ13 could have been.

Conner Golden, Automobilemag

Despite appearances, this svelte and supremely swoopy shape is not a real car. Well, it's real insofar as it physically exists on this slice of the multiverse, and if the purveyors at Ecurie Cars are to be believed, it runs and drives as sharp as a real Ford GT40 or Lola T70. Conceptually, Ecurie Car's LM69 is a manifestation in the cosmic game of "what if," specifically as applied to the stillborn 1966 Jaguar XJ13 prototype and what the XJ13 program might have looked like had it continued development through the 1969 race season.

First, some clarification; despite carrying augmented Jaguar mechanicals and taking direct inspiration from one of Jaguar's greatest designs, this project isn't officially affiliated with the great British marque. As the name implies, this wild project falls entirely under the purview of Ecurie Cars, who in turn carries the spiritual torch of the defunct Ecurie Ecosse racing team. French for "Scottish Stable," Ecurie Ecosse's signature dark blue cars were a mainstay on the international racing

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The Ecurie Cars LM69

Porsche Experience Center Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Submitted by John Yates

February's event will be a guided tour of the Porsche Experience divided into two groups of 10 to allow social distancing on Wednesday the 24th. After our tours we will have a catered lunch in the 356 restaurant surrounded by vintage Porsches.

The 2 Course Prix Fixed Menu includes:

Bread and Butter

Starter:

Chef's Selection of Seasonal Soup

Main:

Roast Turkey Club, Smoked Maple Cheddar, Charred Onion Aioli, Baby Kale, Demi -Baguette

Served with Housemade Potato Chips

Soft beverage or tea

AGENDA

10:30AM - Arrival /Check in

11:00AM - OPD tour

12:30PM - Lunch in Restaurant 356

2:30PM - Departure

Porsche Experience Center, Atlanta

One Porsche Dr, Atlanta, GA 30354

The cost of this event is \$31.00 per person. To sign up and pay go to www.ngjc.us, select the Calendar tab, click on the highlighted HERE under the February 24, 2021 tab and fill out the form and submit. Payments are made via PayPal. The club has underwritten 25% of the cost for this event.

The cutoff date for this event is Wednesday February 17th.



2021 Concours Judges Update

Who wants to help make the NGJC Concours the best event on the JCNA calendar?

Submitted by Philip DiTrollo, Chief Judge NGJC

The North Georgia Jaguar Club was one of only ten clubs to hold a sanctioned JCNA Concours in 2020, everyone who participated should be justifiably proud of our event! We had no less than five 2020 National Champions in attendance! It's early in the year but we are already putting together plans for this year's event which is currently scheduled for October 31st at our traditional venue, The Chattahoochee Country Club!

Historically our Concours is one of the last events on the JCNA calendar and as such we usually attract some of the finest Jags from around the country. With this year's International Jaguar Festival scheduled for October 23 in Fort Meyers, Florida, it provides a unique opportunity for our club. Many of the IJF participants heading home will pass right through Atlanta, so I'm asking our members if they would be interested in

adding some additional events in the week leading up to our Concours. Activities might include a Slalom, perhaps a Rally, a Tech Day, a Detail Day or even one of Dave Kirkman's famous mountain drives; think fall colors! These activities would help fill the week as well as showing our out-of-town guests a little of our Southern hospitality. Would anyone be interested in attending a Saturday night cocktail party? I would consider hosting it at our home. Last year Karen & I invited several out-of-towners over on Saturday night, old friends got reacquainted, new friends were made and a great time was had by all.

As with everything else this can only happen if more of the membership gets involved. While our Jaguars are what brings us together it's the people that make our club great!

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The calendar is starting to shape up to have something for everyone. The Porsche Experience tour and catered lunch for February 24th is filling up so don't procrastinate. See the article in this issue on how to sign up and pay.

In March we have a tech session and tour of Metal Union in Lilburn. The shop has some amazing cars and will demonstrate some converted aircraft metal working machinery dating back to WWII. Social distancing will be achieved by dividing up our members into stations that will rotate throughout the 15,000 square foot facility.

Be sure to check the white cover insert sheet that comes with your "JOURNAL" magazine for your new membership card. A lot of clubs are doing this as a cost saving measure. The January/February issue may still have the 2020 expiration

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Welcome new member

Randy Muecke of Marble Hill, GA,
Donald Pace of Lawrenceville,
Michael Chassner of Marietta,
Dale and Susan Baker of Cumming,
Tom and Midge Gose of Maretta,
David and Debbie Peck of Johns Creek and
Jason and Heather Anderson of Atlanta

date. Future issues should catch up as applications for 2021 are finalized.

We still need a VP for our club, please consider

volunteering for this position.

Stay safe and watch out for that other crazy on the road. John Yates



The Modern Classic, XK | X150

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For years, the X150 version of the XK was referred to as the "New XK" but now, 15 years since its launch, it's already becoming something of a modern classic. This was Ian Callum's first car as head of design at Jaguar and the car takes styling cues from Jaguars of the past as well as setting a direction that would follow through

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2021 NGJC Calendar *Tentative*

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

NGJC EVENTS: February

M	T	W	T	F	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

NGJC EVENTS: March

M	T	W	T	F	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

■ Club Event
■ Other Event
■ Holiday

JANUARY 2020

Nothing planned

FEBRUARY 2020

24 - Wednesday, Porsche Experience Tour & Lunch. Sponsor: J Yates

MARCH 2019

20 - Saturday, 11 AM, Metal Union Speed Shop tour and metal tech session. Lilburn, GA, Sponsor: J Yates

25 - Thursday, AGM, COLUMBIA, SC

27 - Saturday, Roswell Motoring Festival

25-28 - Saturday-Sunday, SVRA Historic Races - Road Atlanta, Braselton, GA

APRIL 2020

10 - Saturday, ceramic coating tech session. Detail Life with Jose Soto, Sponsor: J Newell

25 - Sunday, Spring Drive Athens GA, Botanical Gardens and car collection
Sponsor: D Kirkman

23 - 25, Friday - Sunday, HSR Walter Mitty - Road Atlanta, Braselton, GA

Tentative Jaguar car corral

MAY 2019

? - Spring Drive Picnic Lunch, Dipuma Winery, Helen, GA, Sponsor: J Yates

? - Judges Training test Suwanee, GA - Sponsors: P. DiTrollo - T. Mathewson

20 - 23, Thursday - Sunday, Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, Amelia Island FL

JUNE 2020

4 - 6 Friday - Sunday, Coventry Foundation Overnight, Cars and Coffee event on 6/5 that will include a British Sports Car Hall of Fame ceremony
25651 Simpson Rd. Petersburg, VA 23803

10 - 13, Thursday - Sunday, Highlands Motoring Festival, NC

13 - Sunday, Cincinnati Concours, Ault Park, OH.

26 - Saturday, 2nd. Judges Training Car Clinic and Meadow BBQ Picnic, Canton GA, Sponsors: P. DiTrollo - T. Mathewson, J. Yates

JULY 2018

22 - Thursday, North Carolina Jaguar Club, Concours d'Elegance, Little Switzerland, NC

? - Dick Maury's Garage, driver train tech session
Sponsor: Dick Maury

AUGUST 2019

15 - Sunday, Pebble Beach Concours, Pebble Beach, CA

21 - 22, Saturday - Sunday, Huntsville Overnight, U.S. Space & Rocket Center

26 - 28, Thursday - Saturday, AGM Annual Meeting, Columbia SC

? - Dawsonville Track, Georgia Racing Hall of Fame tour. Optional Go-Kart track time. Sponsor: D. Kirkman

SEPTEMBER 2020

? - Summer Drive Brasstown Resort, Young Harris, GA Brunch
Sponsor: ?

11, Saturday, Atlanta British Car Fayre - Norcross, GA

26, Sunday, Atlanta Concours d'Elegance at Tylor Perry Studios

OCTOBER 2020

6 - 9, Thursday-Sunday, Motul Petit LeMans - Road Atlanta, Braselton, GA

15 - 17, Chattanooga Motorcar Festival, Concours d'Elegance, TN

22, - Friday, International Jaguar Festival (IJF), Ft. Myers, FL.

31, - Sunday, NGJC Concours d'Elegance - Gainesville, GA - T. Mathewson, P. DiTrollo

NOVEMBER 2020

5 - 7, Friday-Sunday, Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance - Hilton Head Island, SC

? - Saturday, 10:30 AM, NGJC Business Meeting - Ga Expo, Suwanee, GA

DECEMBER 2020

? - NGJC Holiday Party

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stage in the late 1950s and 1960s, with the team's crowning achievements being the overall win at the 1956 and 1957 runnings of the 24 hours of Le Mans.

Ecurie Ecosse established itself as a fan of fast Jags, fielding a lineup of C- and D-Types across the globe with all-star drivers that at different times included team founder and principal David Murray, Ian Stewart, Jackie Stewart, Masten Gregory, Roy Salvadori, and Jim Clark. Despite Ecurie Ecosse's many successes in the 1950s and 1960s, motorsports as a whole are fickle; after a spate of unsuccessful seasons and mounting financial issues, the team disbanded in 1971. Over the ensuing decades, a handful of revivals saw moderate success under the Ecurie Ecosse name, but nothing stuck around for the long-term, and the name remains unused in motorsport competition today.

That's to say nothing of the Ecurie Cars behind the LM69 project. With the team's penchant for Jaguars, it's a reasonable assumption that if the XJ13 hadn't been hamstrung by changing regulations and rendered immediately obsolete shortly before its racing debut, Ecurie Ecosse would have campaigned a pair of XJ13 in its signature blue-and-

white livery.

So, following this alternate timeline, the LM69 is this hypothetical Ecosse'd XJ13 prototype, only evolved to match the later FIA regulations for the 1969 season. According to Ecurie Cars, the LM69 utilizes only technology available in that era and is designed to comply with the FIA's requirements to an exacting degree that would—in theory—qualify the car for a position on the starting grid at Le Mans in 1969.

This means 25 examples of the LM69 will be built to meet these obsolete requirements, each with a starting price of around \$1.5 million. The fabulously LM69's curvaceous and genuinely authentic-looking bodywork is shaped from aluminum and "composite" materials, hiding a quad-cam V-12 that arrives in either 5.0- or 5.3-liter displacement, with an option to bore it out to 7.3 liters that is reportedly capable of producing more than 700 hp, allowing the LM69 to crack from 0-60 mph in just 3.2 seconds, and

on to a top speed of 203 mph. Hoping for a dual-clutch? Shame on you. This is 1969 we're talking about, so the LM69 only offers a five-speed manual transmission.

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We haven't even got to the best part yet. While most antiquated racing prototypes are still tethered to the boundaries of the racing circuit, the LM69 will be completely street legal, provided you live in England. That's not to say you couldn't cajole Alabama or Montana to strap a license plate to the back of your new prehistorical hypercar, but you might want to check with Ecurie Cars on the subject of road legality before placing an order.

While the LM69 first bowed earlier in 2019, the first production LM69 is either on its way or is already in



its owner's hands after a debut at last year's Concours d'Elegance at Hampton Court Palace in London. If you've got a few million kicking around your slush fund, get in touch with the fine folk at Ecurie Cars—we're sure they'd be more than happy to make you one of the lucky 25.



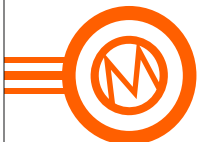
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Not All XK's Share The Same Dimensions

Submitted by John Yates

I am finding out that XK Drop Head Coupes (DHC) are different than Fixed Head (FH) and Open Two Seaters (OTS) in several areas. The seat frames came in two different configurations. The seat backs for the DHCs have a 3 inch slope where the FH and OTS have only a 1.5 inch slope (see the pictures in this article). I purchased after market frames that didn't make this distinction after selling my customized frames on Ebay.

Another difference is where the base of the body structure meets the drop head frame behind the doors. On DHs the body should slope in to meet the frame (see the pictures in this article). Over the years DHCs were not restored to the extent of the FH and OTSs so not a lot of shops know of these differences. Gary at Muncie Imports was able to correct these issues.

As Alexander Pope said in 1732 "*My hope springs eternal*" that I will be back on the road soon.



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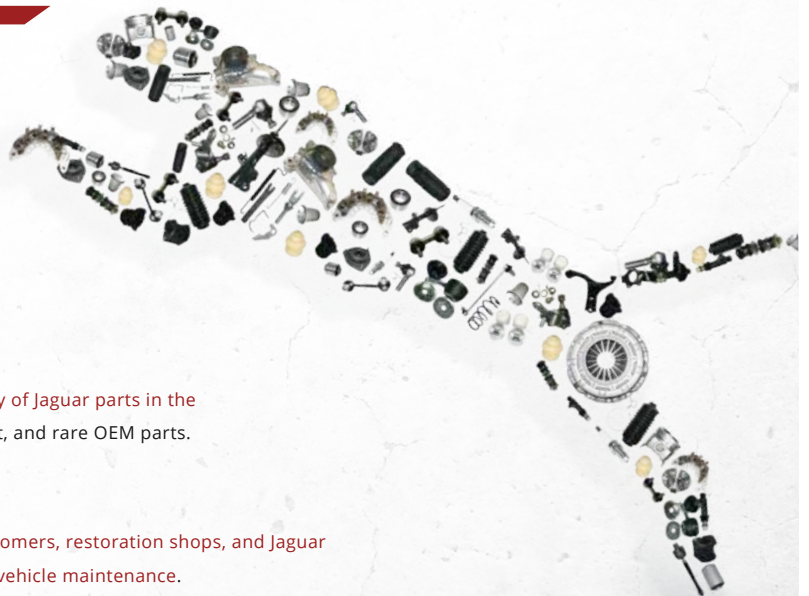
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2021 Concours Judges Update

Submitted by Philip DiTrollo, Chief Judge NGJC

We are truly fortunate to have a remarkably skilled group of members with diverse sets of backgrounds and we absolutely have all the talent we need to make our event the best in North America. As a longtime member who never volunteered before last year, thanks Dave, I can assure you that you will be pleasantly surprised at how rewarding it is. With increased participation everything gets done quickly and just flows better. So, PLEASE consider getting more involved in your club!

Now, onto Judge's training. We are still planning on having our Judge's training later this spring. If the pandemic has sufficiently subsided, we will revert back to an in-person-only format, if not we will again offer a zoom option. I prefer the in-person format because I strongly believe training is enhanced by becoming more hands-on familiar with our Jags especially considering the wide variety of cars that make up the marque.

The proposed 2021 Draft Rule Book has been posted to the JCNA website; it contains quite a few rule changes and will become official after approval at the Annual General Meeting in March. Invest some time and read it so when we hold our training it can be more of a review of what we have already learned. In addition to having a variety of Jags at the training session we are also considering holding a practice judging session at our summer picnic. NGJC has a well-earned reputation for the quality and fairness of our judging and is one of the reasons our Concours attracts so many unique Jaguars from other clubs. That reputation is the result of our Judge's dedication to excellence. The Draft Rule Book can be accessed via the JCNA website on the Concours page.

Remember: We are not just any car club; We are the Jaguar Club, we own, drive and support Jaguars a marque with a long and storied past. It is up to us to write the next chapter in the Jaguar history book, please get involved!

I encourage your suggestions; contact me on my cell: (404) 372-9071 or Email me at: jaguar@georgiaexpo.com.



Cars Wanted & For Sale

Wanted to Buy: Jaguar E-Type Series 1 or 2 convertible 1961 – 1969.

David Peck, 770-559-3943 or davidhpeck@aol.com.

For Sale: I'm a former member of both JANE and JCSNE up north and current member of AJS locally.

Am looking for a new home and master for my 1978 Series II XJ6L which I have owned for 40 years. It is a garaged original paint BRG/saddle, and never had been "hurt". It used to be my show car. 100k miles.

Was about a decade ago that it ran, and as i pulled it into the garage it shut itself down and hasn't moved since. Found a porous right side petrol tank. Bought a new one and started the replacement

process, but then reality set in and I accepted the fact that I'd never finish the task, and no longer have the capability to do so.

There has got to be some soul out there who may be interested in taking over ownership. It's too nice to become an orphan or worse, an organ donor!

I realize that prices are all over the place

Hank Aldort
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For Sale: 2009 XJ8 owned by former club member Ned Lowder. This is the body style immediately prior to the last one. It has only 57,000 miles and is in excellent shape. It was first owned by a woman who sold it to her brother who ultimately traded it in for an SUV. Rough short history: Ned bought it from the

dealer who took it on trade (I think). It has always been used mostly as an "occasional" car and not a daily driver and was always garaged. Porcelain White exterior and Barley interior. It has the normally aspirated 4.2 liter V-8 and it is the short wheelbase version. Call Ned at 864-972-5734.

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