



Open Letter from Warren Fox

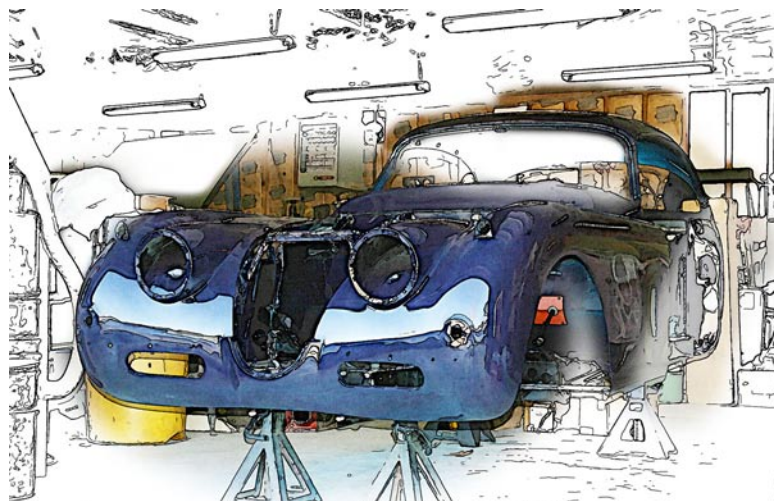
Dear John,
Just wanted to drop the club a note from the "other side of the world" and say hello and a Happy New Year. I know a lot of the members do not know who I am, but I'll let Terry or Roy fill in those details and how I am hooked up with the club as an out of state member...presently an out of country member.

Quick background...
I'm a Marine serving with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (1 MEF) here in Fallujah, Iraq. After moving back to California this past June/July I was ordered to the MEF's forward location on 1 Sept 04. I am the Deputy G-3 (Operations and Plans) for the MEF. In a nutshell, I am part of the planning and operation process for what the Marine forces are doing in our area of responsibility. Our area is the western part of

Iraq, known as the Al Anbar province, and holds the infamous towns of Fallujah and Ramadi. We also have the battle space south of Baghdad that runs all the way to the Saudi border and includes the town of Najaf. Our area is part of the Sunni triangle. The Sunni's are, as you know, what makes this one of the most volatile areas in Iraq. Baghdad being another one as it is the center of gravity for Iraq and then the area to the north of Baghdad up to Tikrit, being another tough Sunni area to work in.

It has been a very different war from the one I fought in here some 14 years ago during Desert Shield/Storm. At that time I was living in Atlanta, so some may remember me from that time.... I had more hair and less gray back then. Anyway, being right in the middle of the battle space, has made this an event filled 4 months. It started from the day we arrived here at Camp Fallujah as we came under one of many weekly rocket attacks that day. One of those rockets hit right where we had been unloaded when we came off

of the helicopters that brought us in some 8 hrs prior. It was also one of a few deadly attacks, as we lost a young Navy Seabee that morning. I know that Fallujah took up a lot of airtime back in the States during November and early December. Living within 5 km of that town made this like a Fort Apache outpost. Daytime was always a threat of incoming rounds, usually 122



mm rockets. For the most part, the insurgents or anti Iraqi forces aim was pretty bad. Still had to take it seriously as every now and then they

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Final Reminder on 2005 Dues

The annual dues for NGJC for 2005 are \$45 and are now past due. More than fifty members have paid. If you are going to renew, please call or e-mail Roy Cleveland and let him know that your dues are in the mail. If you know you aren't renewing, he would appreciate knowing that as well. 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 early in January or at least know who is renewing. Please make your check payable for **\$45** to the **North Georgia Jaguar Club** and mail it to P.O. Box 1377, Gainesville, GA 30503.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We all had a great time at the Christmas Party. Since most of us had to work the next morning, we elected not to have a speaker this year so we would have time to visit with one another and still get home relatively early. There were multiple award winners this year as we are getting more and more help with all facets of the club. The Member of the Year award went to Pat Harmon for all his work training and organizing our judging to comply with JCNA rules. The other award winners in no particular order were Skip Smith, Larry Kludt, Tom Koballa, Dave Kirkman, and John Yates.

For those of you who have wondered why we have the party on Sunday night and not Friday or Saturday, it's simple, the guarantee on those nights is at least twice what it is on Sunday. This is true for almost all of the good places we have talked to. We have booked the night of December 4th for our 2005 Christmas party so mark your calendars. Larry Kludt and the event committee are busy finalizing the schedule for 2005, and we have a very full year ahead of us. The National Challenge Championship in

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September will require a huge amount of time from us all. Soon Roy will be publishing a schedule of the events and dates for which we will need volunteers. So please give serious thought as to where you can help the most and let us know. We are sending letters to the surrounding JCNA clubs asking for their help too.

Here's wishing everyone a Good and Prosperous New Year, and

Happy Motoring!
Thanks Much!
Joe



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got a close one and unfortunately they did have a number that hit wounding and unfortunately killing some of our Marines and sailors.

Going off base was always a treat. Not sure I'll be able to drive my Jaguar when I get home, or feel comfortable in anything but an up armored HUMWV with my Kevlar helmet, flack jacket and a chambered round in my 9mm and M-16. By exception we only went places, that were routine, at night using night vision devices. Flights into and out of the camp were and still are under darkness. There are exceptions and since the Fallujah operations, the area has become a bit more permissive, but it is still dangerous.

The night rules are for safety from small arms, roadside booby traps and air to air attacks when flying. One thing is for sure, the US Military night training has us owning the night. They (Insurgents) don't like the night fights too much, and we thrive on them thanks to the technology that allows us to see at night. These requirements are mostly for the Baghdad and

Fallujah areas. Once you get west of Ramadi the threat is significantly less and daytime travel by vehicle and air is allowed for non emergency requirements. Pure tactical convoys etc moved whenever they need to, so the above rules were for non tactical requirements. Another eye opener was the kinetic prelude to Fallujah and then of course the actual kicking down doors when we went into town. Can't say too much on the prelude, except we hurt and hit them hard with some of the most unbelievable pin point hits before we let any of our Marines and Soldiers (1st Cav units attached to us) cross the line of departure. The citizens literally left town so when we went in anything that moved was a bad guy. It was very eerie, the few times I went into Fallujah on assessments during Nov and Dec. Attached below is a picture after a day in town....and for a non smoker, that cigar tasted good!!!

At present we are working to help get the Iraqi people to vote. Al Anbar, because of the Sunni population,

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2004

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

February 19th – Indoor Tech Session - Tim's Auto Upholstery ; time TBD (*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 Dhalonega – 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 5 - 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 **Bill and Irene Seay, Charlene and John Dindo and Matthew Pohsweg.**

We would also like to welcome **Tom McColister** who has rejoined. 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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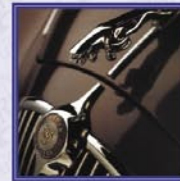
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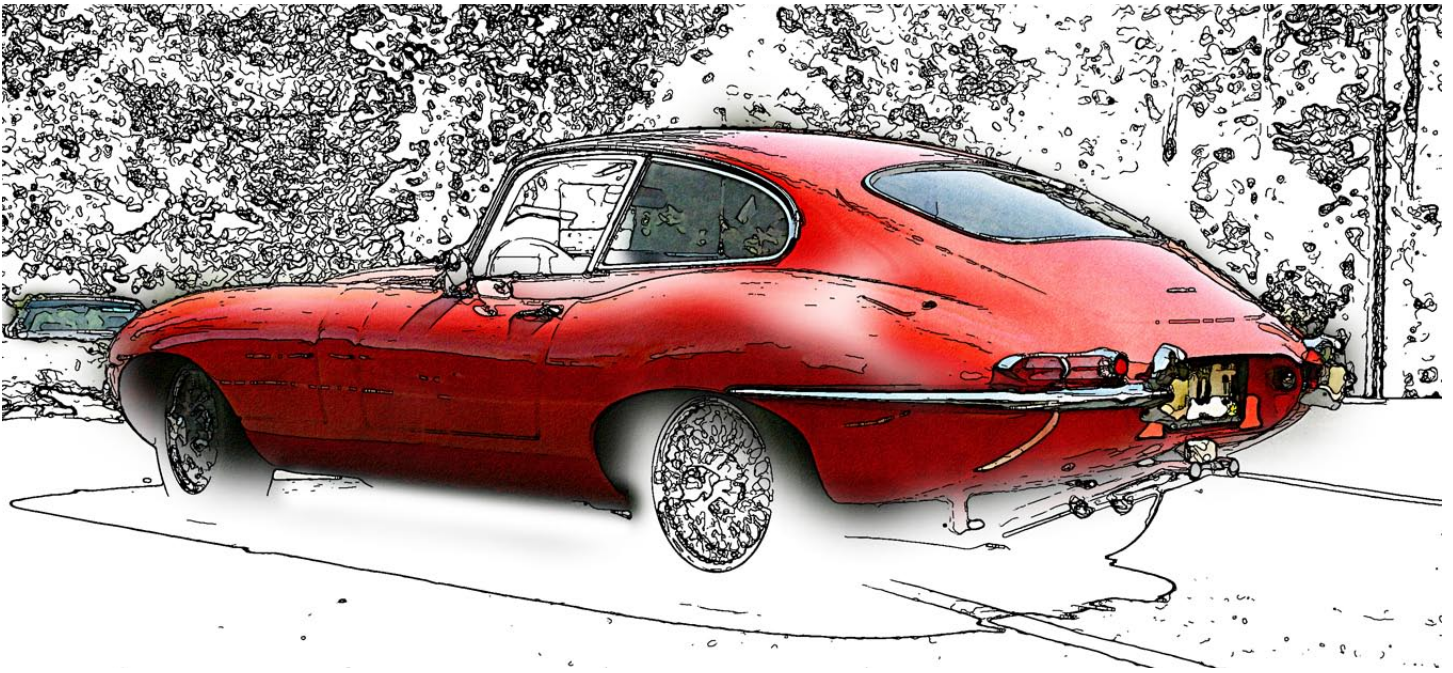


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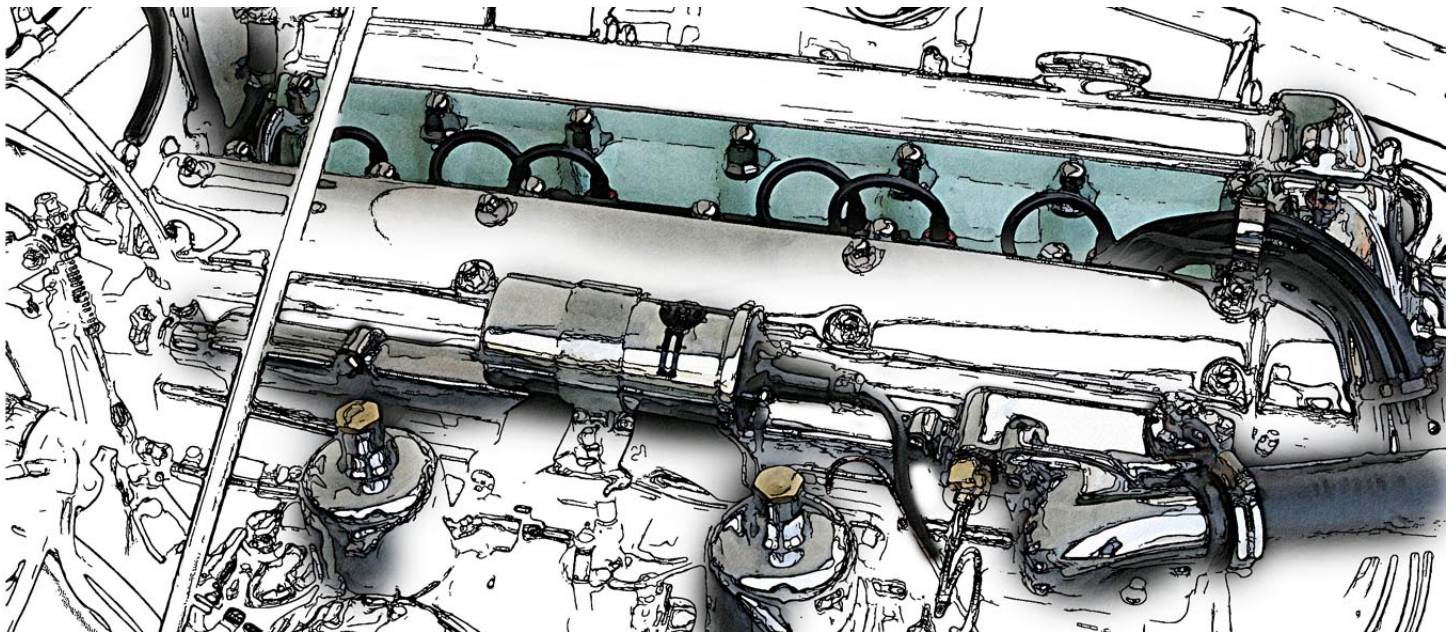
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will be a tough nut. The background here is that of the three main factions, Kurds to the North, Shia's to the Southeast and a majority, the Sunni's are now the outcast. Under Saddam Hussein, the Sunni were the ones who usually received the good jobs, got the favored status, even though they are a minority here in Iraq. On the other hand the Shia's, and we know about the Kurds, were often persecuted and prevented from celebrating some of their religious holy days... and religion is a huge deal here. Now the Sunni's feel disenfranchised and feel that everything is rigged against them, as revenge is a way of life here.

We, here in the middle now, are trying to convince the interim govt. to show the Sunni's that they are

part of the new process. For the Marines here in Al Anbar, we are working to convince the Sunni's not to throw in the towel. It is Nation building... and for us it is Nation building 101 with elections only 20 some days away. This phase is, in reality, the most important phase we will do here. If the people vote, and they will, it will put a government in power that was voted in by the Iraqis. It will marginalize the foreign fighters, that we have seen come here to fight from all over the Muslim world, and it will criminalize the local fighter who kill and murder their own people to intimidate them not to participate. Unfortunately, we will see more attacks on soft targets (people, police and ordinary folks) vice US military. We will always be a target, but we

know and expect to be, and know how to defend ourselves and are not intimidated by them.

There are many other things we are doing, from rebuilding infrastructure, training their new army, but the election is key. It is what will get us out of here permanently.

As for getting out of here, my tour will end in about another two months. Then it will be time to look to the future as 30 years of service in the Marines will fast come to an end. We moved back to San Diego area to settle down, as that has been home to DeAnsin and me for a number of years. We met and were married at Camp Pendleton, and Liam our son, (born in Atlanta) remembers San Diego best of all, from our various postings after Atlanta.

Anyway....Hope you don't mind my longwinded note. Please feel free to share any or part of it with the club members. In closing, I wish you all a Happy New Year and a Thank You for the support you provide to those of us in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sincerely
Warren E Fox
Deputy G-3, I MEF(FWD)
Camp Fallujah, IRAQ



CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT

At the end of the year, the Club has \$2,831 in its bank account. A statement of cash receipts and disbursements has been prepared and will be mailed to all officers shortly. A copy of this report is available to any member who requests one by contacting Roy Cleveland.



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TECH SESSION - Saturday, January 29, 2005

The tech session planned for Saturday, January 29, 2005, is one that you really do not want to miss. Why? First, we are going to visit two new restoration shops. Both shops are located just south of Cumming, GA and within three miles of each other. Dan Evans, owner of Cryogenic Metallurgy & Coatings, says they specialize in powder and ceramic coating and the use of high tech cryogenic processes to create extremely strong parts for race car engines.

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Our plan is to visit Dan's shop from 11:00 to 11:45 am and visit Flashback starting at noon. Richard tells me that there will be food available on site at his shop.

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. I know that you will find this to be an interesting and fun way to start the 2005 car year. If you need more specific directions or information, call me at home

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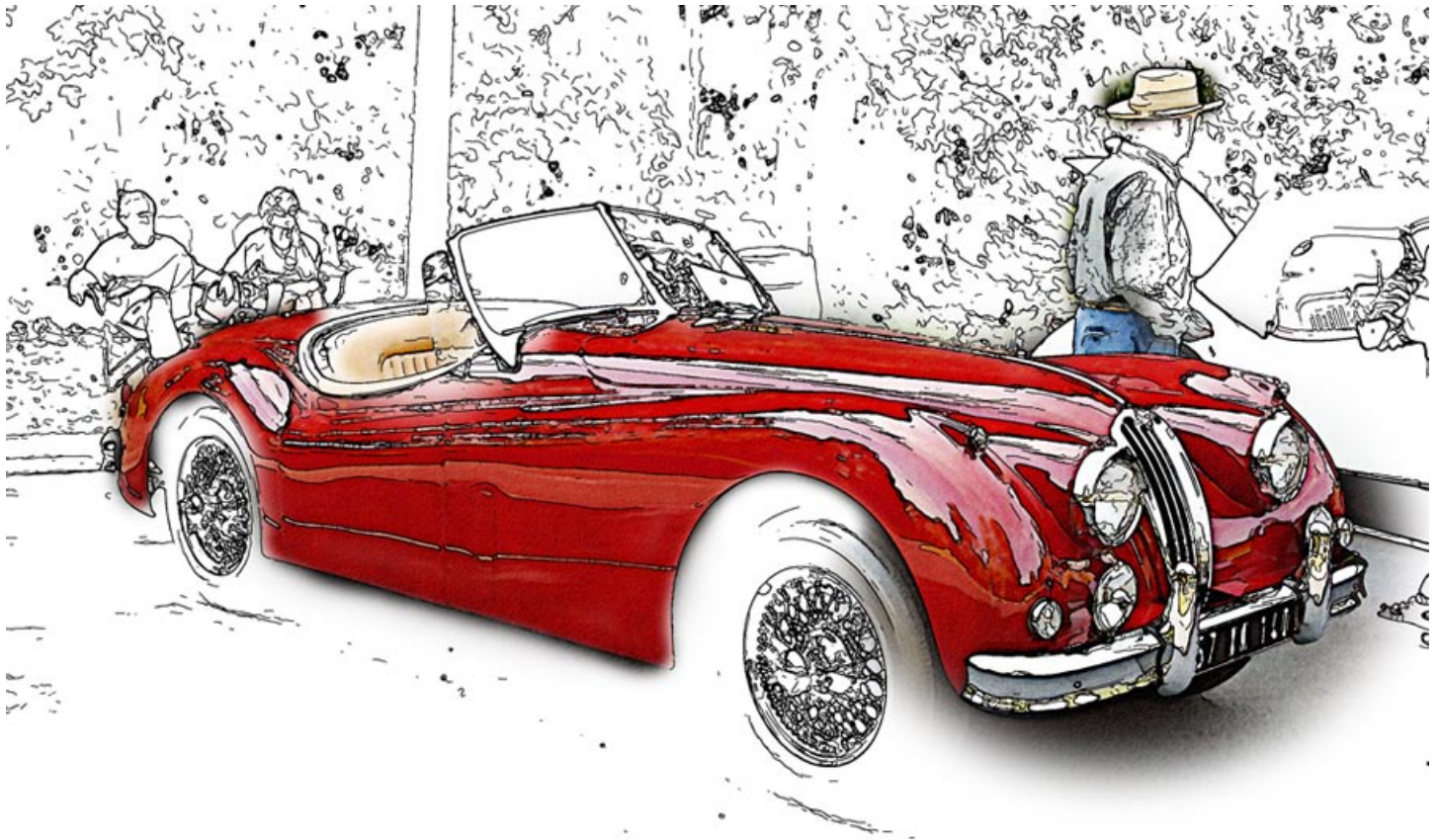
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- March 10-13** - . . . Amelia Island Concours
- March 31-Apr. 3** - . . . JCNA AGM in Orlando, Florida
- April 23** - Carolina Jaguar Club Concours,
Dobson, NC at Shelton Vineyards
- May 7** - British Motor Car Day, Chateau Elan
- May 21** - Smoky Mtn. Jaguar Club Concours,
Gatlinburg, Tenn.
- June 12** - E-Type Day (JDC), Cheltenham, England
- July 8-10** - Goodwood Festival of Speed –
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- August 14** - International XK Day (JDC),
Borghley House, Stamford, England
- August 21** - Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance –
Pebble Beach, California
- September 16-19** - Goodwood Revival –
Goodwood, England
- September 21-24** - JCNA 2005 Challenge Championship,
Chateau Elan, Braselton, GA
- October 14-16** - . . . EURO 2005 Auto Festival at
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