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Saturday, January 31, 2015**



**Annual Valentine's Day
Gathering Noon, Saturday,
February 14th, 2015**

**PRESIDENT'S
LETTER**

Happy New Year fellow automobile enthusiasts, I anticipate an exciting year for our storied Jaguar marque. First, I would like to thank Dave Kirkman for his two years at this post. Dave not only guided our club masterfully, but led us on many driving adventures around the Southeast. We have a very competent roster of officers again for this year. John Hoffman will continue as Concours VP and Craig Kerins our Chief Judge after the outstanding job they did in 2014. John Baxa continues as our Membership VP and tireless newsletter editor. Publishing is expertly handled by John Yates again. Lynn Cunningham seamlessly took over as club treasure last year, and the club has never been healthier. A new face has stepped up as Lory Healy will assume the club Secretary role. She has been a tireless worker volunteering in many capacities including our very successful "Cat Boutique" at the Concours. Our new Member at Large is new member Douglas Utt, please contact Doug with your new ideas or issues.

The Country Club of the South was the new venue for our Christmas Party this year. The turnout was outstanding and the atmosphere stunning. Please pass on any

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Welcome new members

Warren and Sondra Neuberger of Alpharetta, and Sam Carter of Lilburn.



**January Visit To Adaptive
Mobility Systems
2072 North Bibb Drive, Tucker, GA
Saturday, January 31st, 2015**

From Dave Kirkman

Our good friend Bob Boston has agreed to give us a guided tour of his handicap van conversion manufacturing facilities at 2072 North Bibb Drive, Tucker, GA. We'll meet there at 10:30 AM. Bob is a longtime Jaguar owner and well known Daimler automobile collector and his conversions of common utility vans and SUV's are providing enhanced lives to the handicapped every day. This is one technical tour I am sure even the wives will enjoy and you know there will always be a good lunch afterwards!

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Bumper Car Nostalgia

Submitted by Glenn Michalski

The ones in Coney Island and Rockaway Park back in the 20s thru to the 50's ran on electric. Had a pole on the back going to a metal electrical charged overhead plate.

Remember driving the bumper cars at amusement parks or a fair, don't you? They were so much fun...

Well, now what do you do with old Bumper Cars? (and check out the license plates!) Yes, you read that right; these little beasts are street legal.

They run on either Kawasaki or Honda motorcycle engines and co-opt vintage bumper car bodies into the most awesome form of mini-car we've seen in too long. There are seven of these little monsters floating around

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**Annual Valentine's Day Gathering
Noon, Saturday, February 14th, 2015
The Diner At North Point,
2355 Mansell Road, Alpharetta, GA 770-650-6400**

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Mark your February calendar for Saturday, February 14th, and make plans to join fellow club members as we celebrate Cupid's favorite day with that someone special in our lives. Brian Hernan has made arrangements again this year for us to gather in the large private room at the Diner at North Point, just off GA 400 at 2355 Mansell Road. Our Valentine's Day Gathering has proven to be one of our club's favorite events and we look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, the 15th. We will order off the restaurant's large and varied menu but we are requesting RSVP with Brian Hernan 770-988-2031 (brian@hernans.com) or me at 770-886-7435 (kirkmandave1@aol.com) by Wednesday, February 11 so we can let the restaurant know how many of us to expect.



**North Georgia Jaguar Club
Membership Renewal For 2015**

Submitted by John Baxa

This is just another reminder to get your dues checks to the Treasurer before the end of the month. As of this writing a little over half of our membership have renewed, a few have indicated they will not renew and the rest, well, what can I say? YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING YET! Seriously, we need to get our roster to the JCNA by the end of this month, so make our jobs a little easier and send in those renewals if you will, and if you won't, at least let us know you won't so we can quit pestering you. You can contact John

Baxa at jwbaxa@mindspring.com. Send \$51.00 (we've kept the amount the same as last year) to:

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Also, this year we have inaugurated payments via PayPal, so if you prefer to pay that way go to:

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Bumper Car Nostalgia *Submitted by Glenn Michalski*

comments or suggestion to me for next year. This is our social highlight of the year and we want it to be unique and exquisite. As we go to press, a trip to "Adaptive Mobility" is scheduled for January 31st. This company custom fits vehicles for use by disabled people or special purposes.

I can't express enough, that the club newsletter is the life blood of the club. If you have a story or subject that you've been waiting to write about, now is the time. We look forward to submissions from our club members for publication. Toasting Sir William Lyons in 2015;
John W. Hollier



California and they're all the creation of one man, Tom Wright, a builder in the outskirts of San Diego who figured the leftovers of the Long Beach Pike amusement park needed a more dignified end than the trash heap.

They were originally powered by two cylinder Harley Davidson Motorcycle engines but they rattled like heck because of the two cylinder Vibration and Tom replaces them with four cylinder Honda or Kawasaki 750's. And a couple have been measured as capable of 160 MPH, which is terrifyingly fast in machines with such a short wheelbase.



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2015 NGJC Calendar

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

NGJC EVENTS: January

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NGJC EVENTS: February

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SATURDAY SUNDAY

	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JANUARY	3 10 17 24 31	4 11 18 25
FEBRUARY	7 14 21 28	8 15 22 X
MARCH	7 14 21 28	8 15 22 29
APRIL	4 11 18 25	5 12 19 26
MAY	2 9 16 23	3 10 17 24
		VISIT TO BOB BOSTON'S
		VALENTINE'S DAY (BRIAN HERNAN)
		AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURS WEEKEND
		SPRING DRIVE
		BRITISH MOTORCAR DAY (WE WILL NEED SOMEONE TO HEAD THIS UP AS I HAVE AGREED TO JUDGE AT PINEHURST AGAIN THIS YEAR)
		SPRING DRIVE TO WOLF MT WINERY

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US News & World Report Ranks Jaguar XJ In Top Ten Luxury Cars

From US News Report

The 2014 Jaguar XJ ranks in the top 10 Super Luxury Cars. This ranking is based on our analysis of published reviews and test drives of the Jaguar XJ, as well as reliability and safety data.

The 2014 Jaguar XJ's athletic handling and powerful engine choices impress auto writers, but they say the XJ falls short with a tight back seat and frustrating tech features.

The XJ comes standard with a supercharged V6 engine and an eight-speed automatic transmission, and test drivers say that the base XJ will please most



shoppers with its quick acceleration and ample power. Reviewers also approve of the Jaguar XJ's eight-speed automatic, which they note is smooth and refined in normal driving situations, and quick to react when more power is needed. More-powerful supercharged V8 engines are available in Supercharged and XJR models. The 2014 XJ gets up to 18/27 mpg city/highway, which is good for a six-cylinder super luxury car. Critics

love the XJ's agile handling and accurate steering, noting that it drives like a much smaller car. While a handful of reviewers write that the 2014 XJ rides more firmly than some of its competitors, they also say that it's still comfortable and composed over imperfect roads.

Reviewers think that the 2014 Jaguar XJ has an attractive cabin design and top-notch materials that include leather, wood and aluminum trim. However, some reviewers report that the XJ's interior lacks the exceptional build quality found in competitors like the Audi A8 and Mercedes-Benz S-Class. The Jaguar XJ's front seats are generally considered comfortable and supportive, though some auto writers note that the back seat is less spacious than those in other cars in the class. Critics note that audio, climate and navigation functions can be difficult to access through the XJ's touch-screen display, which can be slow to respond to user inputs. The XJ comes standard with soft-closing doors, heated front and rear seats, a power trunk lid, front and rear parking sensors, a backup camera, a blind spot monitoring system, navigation, a 14-speaker Meridian audio system, a USB port, Bluetooth, satellite and HD Radio and an 8-inch touch-screen display. Options and features available on higher trims include adaptive cruise control, four-zone automatic climate control, ventilated front and rear seats, reclining rear seats with massage, a rear-seat

entertainment system and an upgraded stereo system.

"The XJ offers uniquely eye-catching style, a high-fashion interior and a driving experience that's more sport sedan than limousine. It's as alive and dynamic as its competitors are cold and calculating." – Edmunds

"The 2013 Jaguar XJ still boasts tasteful, minimalistic luxury, but its once-standout drivability has lost a step, and reliability issues should concern anyone looking to buy rather than lease one." -- Cars.com (2013)

"We're certain there will still be plenty of takers for the higher-level XJs such as the 510-hp Supersport with its optional Speed Pack, or the hyper-exclusive Ultimate and its over-the-top interior. But the six makes an unquestionably strong case for itself as the entry-level car, and as the only engine option available with all-wheel drive, it's likely to get more than its share of takers, in Britain and over here with us Yanks." -- Motor Trend (2013)

"Jaguar automobiles have been cultural icons for nearly a century, and while the brand once suggested old-fashioned eccentricity, the 2013 Jaguar XJ boasts contemporary design, impeccable craftsmanship, modern amenities and sparkling performance." --

Kelley Blue Book (2013)
Avg. Paid: \$67,315 - \$107,465
MSRP: \$74,200 - \$119,000
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Full article:

http://usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/cars-trucks/Jaguar_XJ/



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Barrett Jackson Kicks Off 2015 Auction Season 2014 Saw Record Prices for Jaguar E-Type

Submitted by John Baxa

As the 2015 auto auction season ramps up with auctions in Scottsdale and Phoenix in January, what will the future hold for classic car prices? One thing we know is the trend looks to be up.

UK web site This Is Money reports that sought-after classic cars have soared in value in recent years according to a specialist underwriter, with motors from the 1950 and 60s having the most uplift. They claim E-type prices have tripled in a few years and that prime E-Type Jaguars have become unaffordable for many classic car buyers

Alongside classic cars, there has also been strong growth in fine art as people move away from volatile gold, according to Lloyd's of London based White Oak Underwriting Agency,

The classic car market is robust and is proving a popular alternative investment for higher net worth clients, the firm says.

Patricia Watling, the company's jewelry and fine arts underwriter, said: 'We keep a watchful eye on market developments, and both fine art and classic car values are doing very well.

'But we are aware that gold, traditionally a core holding for high net worth clients wanting additional investments outside of standard investments, is volatile.

'We are seeing very high prices achieved at classic car auctions for exclusive marques such as Ferrari and Aston Martin, especially cars from the 1950s with racing provenance and in exceptional original or restored condition.

A 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO serial number 3851GT sold at Bonham's Quail Auction on August 14, 2014 for US \$34,650,000.00 (\$38,115,000.00 including buyers

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Overall Record Prices

Date	Auto	Auction	Price	(Adjusted Price)
August 14, 2014	1962 Ferrari 250 GTO	Bonhams	\$38,115,000	(\$38,115,000)
July 12, 2013	1954 Mercedes-Benz W196	Bonhams	\$29,607,760	(\$29,975,742)
August 21, 2011	1957 Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa	Gooding & Company	\$16,390,000	(\$17,182,830)
May 17, 2009	1957 Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa	RM Auctions	\$12,402,500	(\$13,633,708)
May 18, 2008	1961 Ferrari 250 GT SWB California Spider	RM Auctions	\$10,894,900	(\$11,933,873)
November 17, 1987	1931 Bugatti Royale Kellner Coupe	Christie's	\$9,800,000	(\$20,343,468)
June 15, 1986	1931 Bugatti Royale Berline de Voyage	Kruse	\$6,500,000 (\$13,984,669)
May 1, 1985	1957 Aston Martin DBR2	Christie's	\$3,424,490	(\$7,509,084)
April 30, 1985	1934 Alfa Romeo Tipo B	Christie's	\$2,788,513	(\$6,114,539)
July 12, 1984	1936 Mercedes-Benz 500K Roadster	Christie's	\$1,450,000	(\$3,291,528)
1973—1984	No information available			
1973	1941 Mercedes-Benz 770 F-Cabriolet	Kruse	\$176,000	(\$935,016)
January 6, 1973	1941 Mercedes-Benz 770 F-Cabriolet	Kruse	\$153,000	(\$812,827)
September 4, 1972	1933 Duesenberg Model J Victoria	Kruse	\$90,000	(\$507,422)
June 12, 1971	1936 Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic Coupe	Sotheby's	\$59,000	(\$343,577)
—1971	No information available			

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Barrett Jackson Saw Record Prices for Jaguar E-Type

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premium), breaking the record previously held by a 1954 Mercedes-Benz W196R race car, sold for a record \$30 million at an auction in England on July 12, 2013. While collectible cars have been sold privately for more, this is the highest price ever paid for a car at a public auction.

Several story lines developed at the Gooding & Company auction near the Lodge at Pebble Beach in August. First, three regal E-types roadsters were displayed; interestingly, each with a body color matched hard-top. One of the cars, chassis 875038, sold later for a world record \$528,000! The other two Series I cars sold at over \$200,000 as well. The bar has definitely been raised with the very early flat floor, outside lock, welded louvre models at the top of the heap. Two XK120 coupes followed another recent trend. A highly restored and near perfect car, chassis 680887, sold for \$121,000 while a less than 15,000 mile unrestored car went for \$181,500. Finally, a late model XK150 coupe, restored to perfection and sporting the highly desirable 3.8 liter engine, sold at \$137,500, possibly a record for a non-S car.



Meanwhile in downtown Monterey: RM auction. Again the explosion in classic E-type prices continued to play out; chassis 875331, another flat floor, outside lock, welded louvre car sold at \$440,000. Chassis 1E12009 brought \$324,500. Two 1961 XK150 DHCs, restored to perfection came up for sale. Chassis 838664 sold for \$220,000 and chassis 838630, a car that had won its class in 11 shows and scored 4 perfect 100s in JCNA judged events, was bid to \$240,000, which the owner turned down. In the main lobby a 1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4, purchased new by Steve McQueen and delivered to the set of Bullitt during filming; sold a day later for \$10,175,000.

The above mentioned record setting E-Type broke another world record set the previous November at the RM and Sotheby's Art of the Automobile auction in Manhattan. Perhaps one of the most talked-about sales from the event went to a car that didn't even break the top 10, but still managed to set an auction record: the 1966 E-type Series I 4.2-Liter Roadster that sold for \$467,500, including buyer's premium.

Delivered new on December 23, 1965, the Jaguar E-type

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Top Jaguar Prices in Recent History

Date	Auto	Auction	Price	(Adjusted Price)
August 15, 2008	1960 Jaguar E2A E2A	Bonhams Carmel, California, United States	US\$4,957,000	(\$5,429,715)
February 5, 2014	1955 Jaguar D-Type XKD 520	RM Auctions Paris, France	US\$4,947,835	(\$4,947,835)
August 16, 2013	1955 Jaguar D-Type XKD 530	RM Auctions Monterey, California, United States	US\$3,905,000	(\$3,953,534)
December 1, 2013	1956 Jaguar D-Type 'Shortnose' XKD 561	Bonhams London, United Kingdom	US\$4,241,491	(\$4,294,207)
December 1, 2013	1952 Jaguar C-Type XKC 042	Bonhams London, United Kingdom	US\$4,794,407	(\$4,853,995)
January 23, 2010	1956 Jaguar D-Type XKD528	Gooding & Company Scottsdale, Arizona, United States	US\$3,740,000	(\$4,044,770)
August 18, 2012	1953 Jaguar C-Type XKC-050	Gooding & Company Pebble Beach, California, United States	US\$3,725,000	(\$3,826,507)

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Barrett Jackson Record Prices for Jaguar E-Type

Submitted by John Baxa

offered at the RM sale was billed as one of the finest examples in the world. Equipped with both the desirable covered headlamps and the more powerful 4.2-liter engine, rated at 265 horsepower and 283 pound-feet of torque, this late Series I production example was described as numbers-matching, and remained in the original owner's family for 45 years. Following the sale to its second owner, and showing just 71,000 miles on the odometer and wearing its original paint and interior, the car was delivered to Classic Showcase for a thorough restoration.

The net result, dubbed "Black Beauty," has been a success on the show circuit, racking up three perfect 100-point scores at Jaguar Club of North America events and earning the title of JCNA National Champion. The Jaguar took a class win at the Dana Point Concours d'Elegance and at the Desert Classic. Perhaps most indicative of the car's quality, it was shown with Jaguar's corporate display at the 2013 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.



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