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Day Drive To Brasstown Bald Saturday- July 14

Submitted by Roy Cleveland

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As Pat Harmon notes in his article, the club picnic was a fun event with high attendance. Our thanks to Pat and Brian Hernan for their efforts in creating and planning this event. It was a pleasant experience just to have the time to actually look at the cars and talk to our fellow club members.

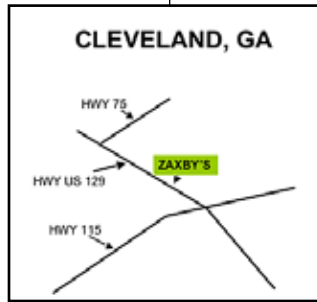
The details on our drive to Brasstown Bald appear elsewhere in this issue but I encourage you to join us if your schedule permits and you are in the mood for a drive in the mountains. If you are definitely planning to participate, I would appreciate a call or e-mail. You are very welcome to decide to join us at the last minute since we have made no commitment to the restaurant at Brasstown Valley for a specific number. We will notify them of our best estimate for lunch a few days in advance. They should be able to accommodate us if we have additional participants.

The biggest event of the year for JCNA will be held in Indianapolis beginning on July 31 – the

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On a recent late June day when the temperature in Gainesville was about 92 degrees, the temperature in the parking lot just below Brasstown Bald was 71 degrees. If you would like to experience that type of natural cooling, join us for our day drive to the highest point in Georgia (4,784 feet above sea level) where it is actually pleasant on a Georgia summer day.

We'll meet in Cleveland, Georgia and drive some easy mountain roads



to Brasstown Valley Resort for lunch and from there we'll drive on to Brasstown Bald for a respite from summer's heat. After leaving Brasstown, we'll have two routes for you to choose from for your return home. Some of the places we'll pass through, over or near are: Richard Russell Scenic Hwy, Young Harris College, Lake Chatuge, Smithgall Woods, and the famous Alexander's store.

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Challenge Championship Concours Registration Deadline July 17th

Submitted by John Baxa

Details are falling into place according to plan for the upcoming JCNA Challenge Championship in Indianapolis. It's not too late to make arrangements for most activities. Please note that the deadline to enter the JCC concours in a judged division is July 17th or 180 Jaguars registered (whichever comes first). Additional cars will be placed in Display Only section.

Cliff Burke and the members of JAGIN, the Indiana club, have put a lot of effort into making the end-of-July event a memorable experience. As many of our members well know, there are a lot of details that have to be taken care of.

Here's some info from Cliff that elaborates upon some of those. . . Tuesday on the track is sold out already. Note that the Jaguar Challenge Championship (JCC) follows the Brickyard 400 on Sunday, July 29. NASCAR fans may want to make a full week of it, esp. since the Crowne Plaza has been extending our rate of \$109 to the Sat. before our JCC

(and may continue to do so when space is available). FYI - The possibility of Sunday being a rain day and the race being run on Monday is why our slalom is at the track on Thurs - instead of preceding the rally as in prior years.



Folks bringing trailers will have some options: Plan A is to park as indicated, that is, on campus at IU-PUI with a parking permit costing \$6/day. The advantage to this location is that 1) you'd already have your car parked at the Friday morning staging location, prior to the motorcycle escort to the Circle, thus saving the drive from another location, and 2) campus police will be monitoring

the lot. Current plans with the city call for 2 waves of escorted cars departing for the Circle – the first at 8:30 AM and the 2nd at 9 AM.

Plan B is to park in a surface lot at some place other than the host hotel – a motel/hotel of your choosing, especially if you wish to accumulate "points" at your favorite

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SCCA Test Day at Road Atlanta July 20-22

The Sports Car Club of America is the backbone of American road racing, and the Atlanta Region is extremely active. Besides providing corner workers and other volunteers for events at Road Atlanta and across North America, the Atlanta Region also will host five events at Road Atlanta in 2007.

The biggest SCCA amateur sports car race of the season at Road Atlanta is the American Road Race of Champions, Nov. 9-11. More than 400 competitors

from 30+ states are expected to compete in the season-ending championship event.

Spectators are welcome at all SCCA events. A two-day spectator pass is only \$20 (children 12 and under admitted free) and parking is free except for the infield which is an additional \$5. For more information, visit www.roadatlanta.com or www.atl-scca.org.



Challenge Championship. Many of you are intimately familiar with the work involved in hosting one of those. As John Baxa notes in his article, the registration deadline is approaching so don't hesitate if you are interested in attending. More information is also available at JCNA's web site (www.jcna.com).

Sometime in July we will begin to plan our events for 2008 so if you have been wishing that the club would have some particular type of event, go to a particular place, or do a specific tour, pass along your thoughts to one of the officers.

Cheers,
Roy



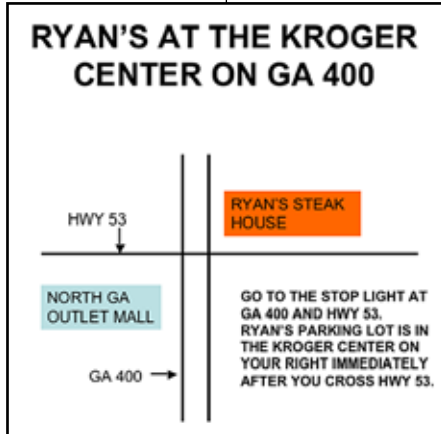
For those of you who would like to start from the Georgia 400 area, Dave Kirkman will meet you at 9:15 am at the Ryan's Steakhouse parking lot just north of the North Georgia Premium Outlet Mall on Georgia 400. This Ryan's is just north of the intersection of Hwy. 53 and Georgia 400. There is a Chik-fil-A located less than one mile south of this Ryan's (directly across from the North Georgia Premium Outlet Mall) for those who would like to grab a cup of coffee or something more for breakfast. Dave will try to leave the Ryan's parking lot at 9:30 am in order to meet up with any other participants at the Zaxby's restaurant in Cleveland, Georgia (the Zaxby's is on Hwy 129 about 2 blocks north of the town

center) by 10:15 am. We'll leave from there at about 10:30 am.

If you have any questions or need directions to Cleveland, Georgia, contact Roy Cleveland at 770-538-0858 or rmcleveland@charter.net. If you would like to read more about Brasstown Bald, google the following web site www.fs.fed.us/conf/rec/btb_overview.shtml.

Meet at Ryan's Steakhouse parking lot on GA 400 just north of its intersection with Hwy 53 and less than one mile north

of the North GA Premium Outlet Mall at 9:15 am or at 10:15 am at the Zaxby's in Cleveland, GA on Hwy 129 just two blocks north of the town center.



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North Georgia Jaguar Club 2007 Calendar of Events

Submitted by Tom Koballa (tkoballa@uga.edu) *Club Member Facilitator

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January

16-21-Barrett-Jackson
Classic Car Auction
Scottsdale, AZ

21 - Tech Session on
E-type and XJS, Coventry
West, Lithonia [Sunday,
1:30-3:30]

* Dick Maury

February

17 - George Bugg's Car
Collection, Athens

* Tom Koballa

March

9-11-Amelia Island
Concours d' Elegance
10-18 - AJC Auto Show
at the Georgia World
Congress Center

10- Concours Judges
Training

* Pat Harmon

18 - Slalom, Chicopee

Woods, Gainesville

* Dick Maury

23-24- JCNA General
Meeting, Houston, TX

April

15- Rally/Drive in
Georgia Foothills

* Dave Kirkman

28 - May 1 - Overnight
drive to Charleston SC

26-29 - Walter Mitty
Challenge, Road Atlanta

May

5-Orphan Car Show,
Snellville

19 - British Motor Car
day, Berry College, Rome

June

9 Picnic and Car Show at
Roswell Area Park

* Pat Harmon

10 - Athens Car Show

* Tom Koballa

23-Concours 101

(Introduction to
Concours Judging and
Car Preparation)

* Pat Harmon

July

14-Day drive to the
Brasstown Bald area

* Roy Cleveland and
Dave Kirkman

July 31-August 1- JCNA
Challenge Championship,
Indianapolis, IN

August

TBA - Overnight drive
to Asheville, NC and Blue
Ridge Parkway

September

8-British Car Fayre in
downtown Norcross

16 - Slalom, Chicopee

Woods, Gainesville

* Dick Maury

TBA - Old car drive

* Dave Kirkman

30 - NGJC Sanctioned
Concours d' Elegance,
Gainesville

* Pat Harmon

October

TBA - Eurofest, Greer, SC

* Dave Kirkman

November

TBA - Overnight drive
to Hilton Head, SC
in conjunction with
Concours d' Elegance

16 - NGJC Annual
Business Meeting

* Club Officers

December

TBA - NGJC Annual
Christmas Party at
Vinings Club Atlanta, GA

* Joe Newell

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New Members

We would like to welcome our new members since the last newsletter. They are *Floyd and Eileen Arena, Amos and Mary Jane Cordell, John Cox, Philip and Karen DiTrolio, and George and Marilyn DeLong*. We would like to welcome back former members *Ned and Diane Lowder and Mac and Alice Barksdale*.

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Road Warrior motel. That may be "free" parking but as indicated above, you'd need to drive to the IU-PUI parking lot for the escorted trip to the Circle Friday morning.

After dropping off your trailer you are welcome to park in the underground parking lot where the clearance for SUVs and PUs is 6'4" – shouldn't be a problem unless you have oversize mudding tires and a luggage rack on your



cab.....Jags should park on the south end of the 2nd level but the north end is large enough for you.

Cliff has a lot of information on the JCNA web site www.jcna.com with more

specifics on items like this. If you are planning to attend it's worth your while to check it out so you have a better idea of what to expect. There is also a slide show there that gives a good overview on

what is planned for the week as well as ideas for other things to do and see in the area. Since the confab adjourns Saturday morning, August 4th, there are suggestions for those who plan to extend their stay for the weekend.



 Monument Circle Concours (Before the 2003 F1 crowd arrived) 



Take a photo outside the Museum.



Our First Picnic & Car Show - Great Cars, Great Weather, Great Gathering

Submitted by Pat Harmon

Saturday, June 9th turned out to be a perfect day for our very first car show and picnic. Twenty three cars and their proud owners met at beautiful Roswell Area Park for what turned out to be a laid-back fun day. Lots of folks had been asking for a low-stress car show and, thanks to Brian Hernan and his hand-picked (hey - do you want to judge...How about you?) judging team, that's exactly what they got. I don't think one person was seen with a rag in their hand all day so the "Rags Down" call was

never made. It was a perfect opportunity for many of our newer members to get to know everyone and advice, as always, was freely shared. Cars were judged in three classes according to age and awards handed out in categories of Platinum, Gold and Silver. Everyone was a winner – our kind of car show!

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Jaguar For Sale?

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

The June 20th issue of AutoWeek printed an article that clearly indicates the Ford Motor Company is exploring selling Jaguar and Land Rover. After admitting that Ford had been using investment bankers since the first of the year to explore the sale of Jaguar and Land Rover, John Gardiner, Ford spokesman stated. "We're not ruling anything in or out. We're investigating options in terms of all the possible actions." The AutoWeek article goes on to note that several automotive companies have already passed on pursuing the purchase of Jaguar. These include Fiat, Renault-Nissan, and Hyundai. During the middle of last year I had heard talk of a possible Jaguar sale to either Renault-Nissan or Hyundai but those rumors proved to be untrue at that time.

What is driving this search by Ford to sell its Premier Automotive Group? Industry insiders believe that Ford's top management has lost confidence in Jaguar and Land Rover. Additionally Ford does not have the capital to develop new products for both its domestic market and the PAG. It is also noted that German auto maker Daimler's share price rose

dramatically with the unloading of Chrysler to a private equity company. Ford management is under pressure to improve its stock price and the sale of the PAG might help in this regard as well as raise much needed capital for Ford's domestic market product development.

AutoWeek does note that... "The money to get Jaguar's striking XF sedan into production early next year is already allocated." However, both Jaguar and Land Rover are at the end of their current product cycles and "...there isn't enough cash to fund expansions of both British brands at the same time."

The AutoWeek article goes on to note that this is not all a one-sided affair. "There are plenty of Jaguar and Land Rover people

totally disillusioned with Ford's management of the subsidiaries in recent years. So the disappearance of Ford might be greeted with cheers, though tempered by worries about the venture-capital alternatives."

Jaguar has faced tough times before and survived to be a better company with exciting products. Hopefully this will be the case this time around.

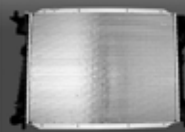


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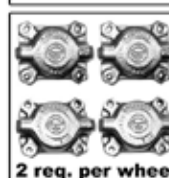
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