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Judge's Training, March 10th , Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett

Submitted by Pat Harmon

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

For those of you who are lovers of furry cats, you might find the February 2007 issue of Atlanta magazine of interest. On pages 90 – 95, there is an article about a cat show which was recently held at the Gwinnett Center in Duluth. The show which is one of the nation's largest is put on by the Cotton States Cat Club. According to the article, the Cotton States Cat Club is the country's second oldest cat club (New York's Empire Cat Club being the oldest) and has hosted a show every year since 1938. You may be asking yourself "how does this connect to Jaguars?" Well, the President of the Cotton States Cat Club is one of our members, Jack Sweeney. There is a full-page picture of Jack (very nattily attired) on page 93. Jack and Darlene raise Maine Coon cats which are very large, gentle cats. One of the rewarding things about belonging to a club like NGJC is the interesting people you meet.

Our visit to George Bugg's car collection was very enjoyable. George's

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Well, Winter is almost behind us and it soon will be time to get out the buckets and polish. We are starting to receive notices of JCNA Concours events being scheduled and now would be a good time to



great venue and cars but a "to die for" brunch. Other events sanctioned for our region include the Carolina Jaguar Club Concours April 21st, The Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club Concours (Gatlinburg) May 19th, The Music City Jaguar Club Concours (Nashville) July 22nd and the Virginia Jaguar Club Concours (Richmond) September 16th. You can find out more information about all of these events on the JCNA website <<http://www.jcna.com/index.php>><http://www.jcna.com/index.php>.

If you have any questions about how you can participate in these events please feel free to give me a call or Email. Rags Down!

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mark your calendars and think about events you would like to attend. For all of our club judges and judge wannabe's we will have our annual Judge training at Hennessy Jaguar on March 10th. If you want to know more about the Concours d' Elegance and what the judges are looking for this is a must-attend session.

Our big event of the year – the NGJC Concours d'Elegance at the Chattahoochee Country Club has now been sanctioned by JCNA for September 30th. This is rapidly becoming one of the most popular events in the Southeast not only because of the

Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett, 3393 Old Norcross Road, Duluth 30096 (Pleasant Hill to Satellite to Old Norcross)

Lunch (Optional): 12:00 Bugaboo Creek Lodge 3505 Satellite Blvd NW

Judge Training: 1:00PM – 3:30PM (Hennessy conference room)

If you plan to attend, please contact Pat Harmon so he can prepare materials
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Spring Slalom, March 18th, Chicopee Woods Gainesville

We'll be setting up the cones in the parking lot at 10am for the training school. If you are a beginner or just need help honing your driving skills, this is a great time to learn some of the finer points of slalom driving. The timed events begin at 1pm with five sanctioned runs for each competitor. All levels of competitors are welcome; we have had all types of cars from a 1930s SS2 to a slalom prepared XKE. Come join us for a fun and exciting day of driving.

Directions: From Atlanta: proceed north on I-85, then bear left on I-985. Take exit 16 and turn right (east) on Hwy. 53.



Go .3 (three tenths) miles to the 2nd traffic light. Turn left on HWY 13 North. Go .1 (one tenth) mile to the first traffic light. Turn right onto Poplar Springs Road. Go 1.4 miles and turn left onto Poplar Springs Church Road (Poplar Springs Baptist Church is at the intersection). Go .6 (six tenths) miles, turn left onto Calvary Church Road (large brick house and Chicopee Ag Center sign are at intersection). Follow this 1.4 miles to the Chicopee Ag Center. Turn right into Chicopee Woods Ag Center. Slalom location is in the parking lot on the immediate right.



cars are very well maintained and it is fun to see them and the related signs, models, photos and other items which he has on display. Our thanks to Tom Koballa for arranging and hosting this visit.

March will have a nice variety of events for club members to attend. Even though the Amelia Island concours will not be an "official" club event, a few of our members are planning to attend this nationally recognized show. Pat Harmon will conduct a judge's training

session on the 10th at Hennessy Jaguar in Gwinnett. Our Spring Slalom will be held at Chicopee Ag Center near Gainesville on the 18th. This event is fun for both participants and spectators.

There will be many opportunities for you to participate in some kind of club activity over the next several months. Take a look at the calendar and find one or some that interest you and come out and join in the fun!
Cheers,
Roy



Make Arrangements Now For Trip To Charleston

Submitted by Larry Kludt

The date for the NGJC's four day club outing to beautiful and historic Charleston, South Carolina is quickly approaching. If you've not had the opportunity to tour this Southern Belle of cities you should certainly join us on this drive. We'll be leaving on Saturday, April 28th and returning on Tuesday, May 1st.

If you've not made your reservations yet at the King's Courtyard and want to participate, please check room availability at one of the other Charming Inn properties that are adjacent to the King's Courtyard.

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We'll see you on the road to Charleston.

Editor's Note: Larry reports that at press time, there were five cars and ten people signed up so far and he is talking to those folks about some possible activities during the stay in Charleston, such as a harbor dinner cruise one of the nights. Also, there is off-street parking available at a parking lot near the inns, which are all located within close proximity of each other.



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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

TBA - Old Car Drive
* Dave Kirkman

June

9-10 Overnight drive
in North Georgia and
Carolinas

* Pat Harmon

TBA - Athens Car Show
* Tom Koballa

July

TBA - Overnight drive to
Highlands, NC

* Roy Cleveland

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

August

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

September

8-Concours 101
(Introduction to
Concours Judging and
Car Preparation)

* Pat Harmon

16 - Salom, 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
Vining's 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 **Jim and Ruthie Jatho, Neil and Alice Mabry, Mark and Holly Murphy, John and Debbie Wagner,**

Stefan Greskiw, Sandra Malone, Herman McCrae, and Ben Wheeler. Stefan, Sandra, Herman, and Ben are sales consultants at Hennessy Jaguar in the Gwinnett location.



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A Little British Auto Trivia

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

British Motorcar Day is not too far away and so it is time to bone up on a little British Auto trivia so that you can impress, exasperate, amuse, and annoy your friends with your knowledge of all things British Automotive. Much like the American automotive industry, the British automotive movement started out as a cottage industry with lads building things with motors on them in their backyards and home garages. Again, like America, a few of these efforts actually grew into some of the famous marques that still exist today. However, most have vanished into history. British Motorcar Day annually gives us a wonderful chance to see many of these marques that are no longer in production along with some that still are. So, with that in mind, we will start with a short quiz to test your knowledge about some of the marques that you might encounter at British Motorcar Day, an orphan car meet, or major concours. There are also a few questions about the interesting blokes who helped make these marques famous. The first club member who calls me with the correct answer to the mystery question will receive a bottle of fine "Two Buck Chuck" to enjoy at British Motorcar Day! For those of you who want to check your answers, look elsewhere in the newsletter. Good Luck!! Next month we will print a quiz on Jaguar. After all, we want you to have a smug answer when someone asks why is a XK120 called that.

1. What do the initials M.G. stand for? _____
2. Allard is famous for using large American V8's in his cars (long before some guy named Shelby got the same idea). What is Allard's first name? _____
3. Aston Martin is still going strong after all these years. Their current cars are always designated DB's. What does DB stand for? _____

4. The Austin Healey will be well represented at British Auto Car Day. What was Healey's first name? (Hint; it sure ain't Austin!) _____
5. Speaking of Carroll Shelby; he used the British A. C. Ace as the basis for his V8 Cobras. What do the initials A. C. stand for? _____
6. Back to the Aston Martin. Martin is Lionel Martin. Who, or what, is Aston? _____
7. It is often said that Morgan owners have to worry about rust and _____
8. Why? _____
9. Match the following names with what they did prior to building automobiles.

A. Donald. Healey	1.	Car salesman
B. Walter. Bentley	2.	Built tractors
C. Henry. Royce	3.	WWI pilot
D. C. S. Rolls	4.	Worked for the railroads
E. David. Brown	5.	Built electric cranes
10. Colin Chapman started what automobile company? _____
11. There will undoubtedly be several Sunbeam Tigers in attendance at British Motorcar Car Day. What did the Sunbeam Company make prior to automobiles? _____
12. What do the initials B.M.C. stand for? _____

Mystery Question: Who is Lord Nuffield?

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The February Club Outing: The Bugg's and Windshields Report

Submitted by John Baxa

Athens businessman George Bugg, owner of Bugg Properties invited our club to look through the windshields of his car collection Saturday, February 17th. The weather was a little chilly but otherwise good as nearly two dozen members looked over his extensive collection of cars mostly from the 20s to the 50s. These were of American manufacture and included lots of well-known models from Chevrolet, Ford, Plymouth and others, but also a few unique vehicles including a Henry J,

a well-restored Michigan Bell Telephone repair truck and a Sally Ann Bread sedan delivery Ford. George has a lot of good stories to go with viewing these autos and a few of them have well-documented restoration books with pictures. He has a wealth of knowledge about these cars and we appreciate his willingness to share them with us. After the tour, most of us gathered for lunch at Rafferty's on Old Atlanta Road and enjoyed a good time together.

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Spring Fever Rally/Drive Sunday, April 15

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Spring is rapidly approaching. Along with the warm weather comes that unmistakable urge to get out and take a drive in the country. Larry Courant and I are in the process of planning an event to help you shake off those wintertime blues and usher in the spring driving season.

So mark your calendars for Sunday, April 15 for a day in the country. While we are still working out the details, we will definitely start with an excellent lunch location followed by a Rally / Drive. What is a Rally / Drive? Everyone will follow the same route. Those who wish to try

their hand at rallying can do so and those who just want a nice leisurely drive in the country are also most welcome to participate. Many of our club members have either never participated in a rally, or forgot the basics, and we will conduct a short class on the "how to" of this very



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fun sport for those who wish to give it a go. Those who wish to do the drive will follow along on the same route once the last rally participant has left the starting area. Look for full details in the April Newsletter. Make sure that you have Sunday, April 15 marked on your calendar for a fun day in the country.



A Little British Auto Trivia

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

ANSWERS

1. Morris Garages. So named for the sporting cars that Mr. Cecil Kimber, Morris's Garage Manager, built at the Morris Motor Company Garages. Kimber's first MGs, built in the early 1920's, were highly modified Morris's that were widely sought after by motoring enthusiasts of the day. Kimber's creations are often credited with starting the British sports car tradition.
2. Sydney. Allard literally built his first cars in his backyard using Ford flathead V8's. In the early 1950's Allard used large Cadillac and Chrysler V8's to power his cars. Although hard to handle, because of their weight, they were very fast in their day. Sydney Allard won the 1952 Monte Carlo Rally in one of his cars. Allards are still raced today in Vintage events and often appear at major concours.
3. David Brown. David Brown bought Aston Martin in 1947 and basically saved it from financial ruin. He owned the company for many years and the cars still bear his initials (DB) today. The Ford Motor Company acquired the company in 1987.
4. Donald. Healey flew Sopwiths in WWI until he was shot down. After the war he took up rallying becoming the first Englishman to win the Monte Carlo Rally. After WWII Healey built cars under his own name and in 1952 the Austin Motor Company entered into an agreement with him to produce what we now know as the Austin Healey.
5. Autocarrier. One word that later became simply A. C. Autocarrier was originally a single-cylinder three wheel vehicle with side by side seating for two. (According to the Complete Encyclopedia of Motorcars). I have often wondered what the initials A. C. stood for and this is the best information that I could find. A. C. Cars Ltd is still in business today producing low volume automobiles in the UK.
6. Aston Hill (a place not a person) where Lionel Martin was a successful hill climber in modified Singers prior to WW1. Martin wanted his cars to reflect the performance abilities associated with his hill climbing success at Aston hence the use of that name.
7. Termites.
8. Morgan's still use Ash wood in their frames!
9. A. Donald. Healey (3) WWI pilot
 B. Walter Bentley (4) Worked for the railroads
 C. Henry Royce (5) Built electric cranes
 D. C. S. Rolls (1) Car salesman
 E. David Brown (2) Built tractors

10. Lotus. A brilliant automotive engineer, most known in America for revolutionizing the Indy 500 with his small light-weight, mid-engine, Ford-powered cars, Chapman was reported to be just as vain as he was brilliant. Be sure to take a close look at his Lotus car badges, a series of interlocking initials, ACBC (Anthony Colin Bruce Chapman) above "LOTUS". No doubt just in case you might confuse his cars with some other chap named Colin Chapman!
11. Bicycles. (Sorry Martha this is not the same Sunbeam Company that made toasters and mixers). By the time the Sunbeam Tiger was produced the original company had become part of the Rootes Group.
12. British Motor Corporation. A unification of the Austin and Morris car companies in 1952 became the British Motor Corporation. The BMC produced Austin Healey's and MGs during the 1950s and 60s. These cars struggled to meet the emerging US Federal safety regulations in the late 1960's. The Austin Healey was gone by 1968 and MG was not imported after the early 1980s.

SCORING

Ok, so this was not such an easy quiz after all. Some of the stuff is a little obscure (I had long forgotten where the Aston in Aston Martin came from until I looked it up again. At best my daughters would consider it a "Dad Fact" not to be confused with useful information). Hopefully you found the quiz interesting and learned, or in some cases remembered, some of the historical background that makes our British car hobby so fascinating. If you did not answer any of the questions correctly, you can now smile the next time you see an MG knowing what the initials of that popular marque stand for (chances are its owner probably does not!). Most British car buffs will get at least half the answers correct. If you did, consider yourself a "Buff". If you got more than half, consider yourself a "Big Buff". If you got them all correct, then John Baxa will be in touch with you shortly to write an article for next month's newsletter because you obviously have way too much time on your hands!



British Motorcar Day Saturday, May 19

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

British Motorcar Day is one of the annual highlights on our club calendar. This charity event is in its twenty-fourth year and typically draws over 400 automobiles from a wide variety of British marques. Berry College, located in Rome, was the host site for the first time last year and will host the event again this year. All of our club members who attended gave the College's quaint English countryside setting rave reviews. This year's

event promises to be even better. Entry forms are currently being finalized and will be mailed out in March. Additional information will be in our April and May newsletter as we finalize club plans to attend this unique event.





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