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Spring Drive Set For Sunday, April 6TH

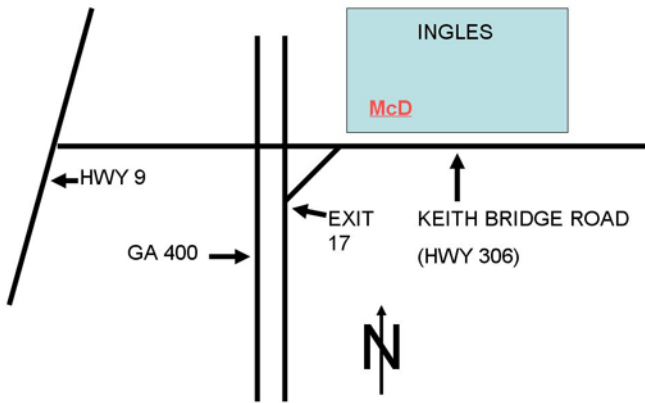
Submitted by Dave Kirkman

With the weather getting warmer and the Bradford Pear trees in bloom it is time to get the car out for an early spring drive in the country. This year's spring drive will cover approximately 50 miles on the back roads of Forsyth and Dawson counties and wind up at the Gold Creek Country Club for lunch. We will meet in the Ingles parking lot behind the McDonalds on Keith Bridge Road

(Highway 306) exit 17 off GA 400 at 9:30 am with a drive start time of 10:00 am (see attached map for directions). We will wind up at the Gold Creek Country Club for lunch. Arrangements are being made to use their private dining room and their Sunday brunch prices are very reasonable. This is a non rain event! If it is raining we will use Sunday, May 4th as the makeup date.



DIRECTIONS TO SPRING DRIVE 2008



Rooms Still Available for April Overnight

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Ned Lowder reports that there are still two rooms available at the Belmont Inn in Abbeville as of press time. You can contact the Belmont Inn directly at (877) 459 8118 for room availability. Of course, if these fill up you can still make arrangements at other inns in Abbeville but they would not include the wine & cheese function that the Belmont is offering.



Spring Slalom Date Changed to April 20th

Submitted by John Baxa

Please make a note on your calendar so you won't miss the rescheduled North Georgia Jaguar Club's opportunity to knock over some traffic cones. Slalom organizer Dick Maury said, "Due to a last minute conflict with Chicopee Woods, I had to



change the Slalom date to the following weekend April 20, 2008." Of course we will be at the same place as the past events, Chicopee Woods near Gainesville, just off I-985. Look for more details and directions in next month's newsletter.

Great Day Out in Athens

Submitted by John Baxa

Saturday, January 26th found a dozen or so of our membership looking over a bevy of interesting automobiles, many with large quantities of chromium brightwork and big fins. Athens residents Todd Emily, a financial planner, and Tom Scott, an attorney, showed us their growing accumulation of mostly 60's and 70's vintage vehicles. Todd told us a familiar story about buying a Mercedes that he had his eye on back in the 1980's and then one thing led to another—next thing you know, you've got enough cars to put into a small industrial warehouse. It looks like they might be able to squeeze in a few more in the not-too-distant future if the right opportunity comes along.

It was fun to see the Driving Miss Daisy Cadillac, a very nice 1970 Mustang Mach 1 and even a sleek black E-Type OTS as well as many others. It was an eclectic aggregation of cars. After the browsing, most of us met for lunch at the Hilltop Grille in Athens and enjoyed some more time together. Thanks to Todd and Tom for the opportunity to see their cars and also to Tom Koballa for arranging the event.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our first Valentine Gathering was a fun-filled event made complete with good conversation, hearty laughter, and a wonderful meal. Hopefully this will become a yearly club event that is as eagerly anticipated as several others that are on our annual calendar. With that in mind we will be seeking suggestions for another unique restaurant for next year that will delight our sweethearts.

Like a good mystery novel the plot at Jaguar continues to thicken with the introduction of several new sub plots. Oh, don't worry--the same basic

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characters are still involved, they have just taken on a more complete identity.

The February 4 issue of AutoWeek has an article about Mr. Ratan Tata and his car company Tata Motors. Turns out that Tata's holdings are far more diversified than cars and trucks. Tata steel is the world's sixth biggest steel producer and Britain's Tetley Tea became part of the Tata Group in 2000. Stay at the best hotel in Bombay and you will be staying at a Tata Group property. The Tata Group is reportedly worth \$70 billion with annual revenues of \$28 billion and a workforce of over 280,000. The purchase of Jaguar and Land Rover from Ford for approximately \$1.5 billion should leave a lot of cash to help bring these two companies back to profitability. This leads us to the next sub plot.

The very next issue of AutoWeek carried an extensive article on potential cars that are already in the Jaguar queue just waiting for new management to give the go ahead...and the cash to build them. This is all very exciting and

potentially excellent news for Jaguar.

With the JCNA General Meeting in Pittsburg, PA the latter part of March we will wait until April to kick off our spring Slalom and drive season. April will also see our fist overnight of the year. Ned Lowder has already laid the plans for what promises to be a very exciting weekend for us in Abbeville, SC. At last report there were fifteen rooms already reserved. However, Ned tells me that reservations can still be made for this trip. You can contact the Belmont Inn directly at (877) 459 8118 for room availability. Complete information on where and when to meet for the drive to Abbeville will be in the April newsletter.

With the days becoming longer and the winter months rapidly melting away it is definitely time to take a good look at the club calendar and make plans to join fellow club members for several of the exciting upcoming events.

Drive Friendly,
Dave K



New Members

Submitted by Roy Cleveland

We would like to welcome our new members since the last newsletter. They are **Bill & Michelle Collins, Bill & Katie Rabek (rejoining), Greg & Gretchen Burns, Don Clark, and William White.** Many of you may have met Greg & Gretchen Burns and Don Clark. They all work at Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett.



JCNA and NGJC Membership Cards

Submitted by Roy Cleveland

The 2008 JCNA membership cards (which also serve as our membership cards) will be mailed in April. If you have not received yours by the end of April, let Roy Cleveland know.



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No Particular Place to Go

Submitted by Mary Ann Kretz

The problem with leasing a car instead of buying is that eventually the lease expires and you must return it. With some cars that may not be a problem or may even be a relief but when it's a bright red Jaguar sedan, the return date seems to loom like a dreaded appointment.

So there it was, the return date only a month away and we still had over 2000 miles remaining on the lease. As there was no reward for turning in the car without using all of the contracted miles, this sounded like an excellent reason to take a driving trip. It was January, and everywhere from Atlanta north was covered in snow. That made the prudent travel direction south, so Florida became the destination of choice. Jim and I have made many trips down the I-75 and I-95 corridors so we decided to leave the interstate in South Georgia and head for the West Coast of Florida on whatever small surface roads we could find.

For our first destination we chose Cedar Key. It's a small, funky town at the end of a twenty-five mile two-lane road that barely shows up on the GPS. The town sticks out at the end of a peninsula and often gets clobbered by hurricanes that make their way into the Gulf of Mexico. A major re-construction of the main city dock was still going on as a result of the last hurricane. The place was pretty quiet and we found a nice rental condo just a couple of blocks from the pier with a small deck and a view of the Gulf. A short stroll to a friendly bar for beer, wine and snacks rounded out the day for us. The weather was a bit cool, in the low fifties, which was considerably better than the sixteen degrees that we had left in Atlanta.

The next morning we took a few pictures around the quaint town including one of a twelve foot high papier-mâché fisherman. I guess anything that will draw tourists is worthy to exist. We took the other leg of the twenty-five mile road and had the feeling that this place was about to be discovered as there were hints of new condos and shopping all around.

We got back to the main road about lunch time and decided on Tarpon Springs as our next destination. This is another quaint town with a heavy Greek heritage. It

was famous in the 1930's for its natural sponge industry which has been revived in the last twenty years. The sponge docks are now also a tourist destination with many great restaurants, shops and interesting architecture. Jim has an elderly uncle who lives in the area and we were able to visit him as well. Uncle Bill is very hard of hearing. He says the hearing aides do not work, his caretaker says he just refuses to wear them. I've often

heard that we turn into our relatives so I'm making some of my own future plans. This is punctuated by the fact that Jim has an ear infection that is bothering him enough to stop at a clinic to have it checked out. He's not hearing so well either.

We chose Punta Gorda as our next destination, not because of it being a great destination but to visit some friends that we haven't seen for several years. They live in a huge development where everyone has a house on a canal, most of them large enough to accommodate a good sized boat. Being boaters, living here appealed

to us but we soon discarded the idea as we imagined the size of the homeowner's association, made up mostly of retirees with little else to do but make more rules. We had a nice visit and were ready to continue our route south as it was still not warm enough to don our shorts and tee shirts. With that in mind, we decided that Key West was within our mileage constraint and had the best chance of being warm enough to meet our clothing goal. We chose highway 41 across The Everglades just to avoid the interstate and saw nothing except a few fish camps and plenty of places to get an air boat ride.

We made it as far as Florida City, a sort of tacky place that touts itself as being the gateway to the Keys. As it stands at the end of the only road, I guess the moniker was inevitable. We've spent a lot of time boating in the Keys so it was interesting to see the changes. Most places have been "gentrified" and are much more crowded and expensive. We did find a favorite old boater's bar in Marathon just in time for lunch, then headed south across the Seven Mile Bridge.



Mid-afternoon found us in Key West. As we began our search for a place to stay we found a quaint bed and breakfast with a room overlooking the small pool. When I discovered that champagne was included with breakfast, I knew our search was over. The Inn was about an eight block walk to the famous Mallory Square, but since we had been riding for four days it was about time for a bit of exercise.

The Mallory Square of our youth was long gone. We remembered bums living in cardboard boxes and crawling out for the famous sunset, but now it was all \$500 a night hotels, chic shopping and beautiful people. We toasted a perfect sunset with some kind of a drink with an umbrella and it was finally warm enough for those shorts and tee shirts. What could be better than that? We spent an extra day in Key West, maybe just for the breakfast mimosas, and to take a picture of the Jaguar at the southernmost point marker just to show that she had been there.

On our way back to the mainland, we took an alternate route to the north end of Key Largo that ultimately ends up at the very exclusive Ocean Reef Club. We had been there once before by boat but no non-members (riff-raff) are allowed in if you come by land even if you are driving a Jaguar. We instead opted for lunch at Alabama Jacks, a very lively sort of fish camp and bar that is surrounded by the tall bridge over Card Sound and little else.

This time we took the Interstate back across the everglades and spent the night



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Possible New Jaguar's Just Waiting For New Owner

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

The February 11th issue of AutoWeek carried an extensive article on new Jaguar models that are already in the design pipeline just waiting for the new owner to give the go ahead to finalize them for production. This could be very exciting news for Jaguar enthusiasts. The article went on to quote a senior Jaguar source... "A \$50,000 Jaguar F-Type two seat sports car, a coupe version of the new XF sedan and sporty four-door XK

supersedan are centerpieces of the company's post-Ford model plans. These are all cars we know Jaguar must do." Wow, this really could be very exciting and the future could be very bright for Jaguar if these plans are followed through by the new owner. The F-Type was well received (AutoWeek named it Best in Show in Detroit in 2000) at its introduction. Ford's CEO Jack Nasser said that "stupidity" would be the only reason

not to build the car. Yep, well it is too bad Jaguar got short changed on this one, and apparently many others as well, by Ford management. But the good news is an updated version is on the drawing boards. Jaguar also wants to produce a 500 HP XK-R to compete with the hot cars from other top European manufacturers. Possibly the first new offering would be a coupe version of the new XF as this design is apparently well under way. Also a new XJ is slated for arrival in late 2009. It is reported that it will be reskinned and substantially larger than the current model. The entire article, complete with conceptual drawings, is on line at: www.AutoWeek.com. slated for arrival in late 2009. It is reported that it will be reskinned and substantially larger than the current model.



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Submitted by Mary Ann Kretz

in Naples. We've always heard this is a pretty upscale place and it didn't disappoint on that level. But to see where the real money was we took the scenic route up the beach to Sanibel and then Captiva islands. It appeared to us that the starter homes here are about 8,000 square feet! We found a very nice restaurant for lunch located right on the beach. It seemed to be more for the locals than for the tourists, but with a name like the Mucky Duck, who could tell?

The next day found us back in Tarpon Springs for Jim's follow-up visit for the ear infection and miraculously he was able hear again. It also gave him a bit more time to visit relatives. It was only a one day drive back to Atlanta and we returned to sixty-five degree weather which was certainly much more tolerable than sixteen degrees that it was when we left. We turned in the car the next week with less than twenty miles remaining to the end of the lease and lots of fond memories of a great driving trip.



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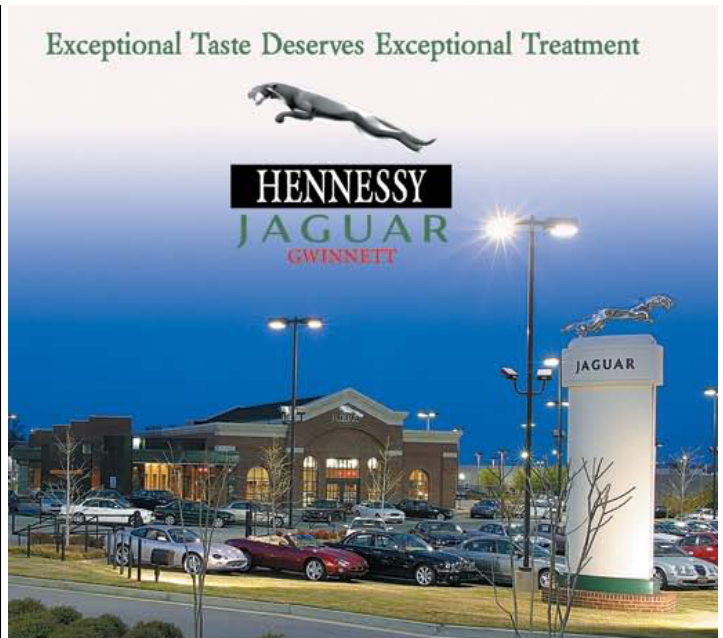
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Valentine Gathering A Delight

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

If the laughter and continuous conversation was any indication then the seventeen couples who gathered for our first club Valentine event had...well, just a whole lot of fun. Everyone was impressed by Perl Lian's unique décor and excellent oriental food as we celebrated St. Valentine with our sweethearts. We were pleased to welcome new members Michele and Mike Collins to their first club event and hope to see them at many more. Brian and Linda Hernan introduced Helen Claussen and Mike Marcelic as their guests for the day. Ned Lowder brought us up to date on the April overnight to Abbeville, SC. that promises to be quite an exciting event. Those celebrating the day were: Mary Ann Kretz and Jim Anderson, Linda & Roy Cleveland, Michele and Mike Collins, Margaret and Ray Gore, Sandra and George Haldane, Nancy and Pat Harmon, Linda and Brian Hernan, Beverly and Dave Kirkman, Kathleen and Larry Kludt, Diane and Ned Louder, Helen Claussen and Mike Marcelic, Betty and Joe Newell, Linda and Bob Ray, Myrna and Ivan Ruiz, Carolyn and Marvin Sikes, Darlene and Jack Sweeney, Robbie and John Yates. After our meal the "Reading of the Valentine's" had everyone laughing and Linda Ray added the perfect exclamation point to the day by sharing the thoughts of school children on what love is. Leaving the restaurant everyone stopped by to admire the new Jaguar XK Coupe that was on loan from Hennessy Jaguar for the occasion.



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Delegates attending the 2007 AGM in Houston were delighted to hear an announcement by Marti Eulberg, Jaguar North American marketing chief, that the company is putting in place a discount program for members who buy new Jaguars. The program is now active.

The operation of the plan is simple. First go through the normal purchase procedure at the dealership. Then show your JCNA membership card and the dealer will apply the discount. Jaguar will take care of crediting the dealer.

The program is intended to be permanent, but eligible vehicles and amounts will be examined quarterly and adjusted as necessary. This will ensure that as old inventory is exhausted and new cars are launched, the program will apply to the Jaguars currently available.

Watch your mailbox. Jaguar will send all eligible JCNA members a letter to announce the program. The letter will include a certificate number denoting your eligibility.

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