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#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our club newsletter calendar is seeing **RED**. Hopefully you have noticed that the primary club events each month are now highlighted in **RED** to make it easier for you to plan to attend those that are of interest to you. The club's goal is to continue to offer a wide variety of club, and other car related events, for you to choose from with as much information as we can provide about the primary monthly **RED LETTER** club events. We hope to have an article in our newsletter, and on our web site, the preceding month about the next month's **RED LETTER** event with a follow up article about the event in a later newsletter.

This leads me to remind everyone that our next **RED LETTER** event is our Annual Club Meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 9. This is your opportunity to express your opinion about the club and make suggestions for future club events as well as participate in the election of next year's officers.

A really **RED LETTER** event will be our Annual Christmas Party, Sunday, December 15 at 6:30 PM. Mark your calendars now to make plans to join us for this gala holiday celebration.

Drive Friendly  
Dave K

#### NGJC Annual Christmas Party

*Submitted by Dave Kirkman*

Mark your calendars now and plan to celebrate our Annual Christmas Party on Sunday evening December 15, 2013 at the Vinings Club. The final menu details and prices are still being worked out--but you are going to like it! RSVP invitations will start arriving in November with complete details for this gala affair.



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### North Georgia Jaguar Club Dues For 2014

*Submitted by Roy Cleveland*

The 2014 membership dues for NGJC are \$51 and are due by January 1. JCNA is intent on improving its administrative area and part of that is more timely issuing of new membership cards. To do that, they must have our rosters more promptly than in prior years. If you are going to renew your membership for 2014, please mail your dues by the middle of December. If you know you are not renewing, a quick e-mail to Roy Cleveland or John Baxa would be appreciated so that our e-mailing of the roster to JCNA will not be delayed. We have to send a roster to JCNA with dues payments for each member on the roster in early 2014 so it is very important that we have all our dues collected by January 10.

Please make your check payable for \$51 to the North Georgia Jaguar Club and mail it to P.O. Box 1234, Gainesville, GA 30503. If your renewal check does not reach us by January 10, you will be dropped from the renewal roster which we send to JCNA. If you rejoin later, we have to reinstate your membership which takes the time of people who are doing all this voluntarily. Do your part and mail your check when you read this.

In making your decision on renewal, you should consider the following tangible benefits of club membership: (1) discounts on repairs and parts from Hennessy Jaguar, (2) rebates from Jaguar on purchases of new Jaguar automobiles available only to members of JCNA, (3) subscription to the Jaguar Journal published by JCNA, and (4) access to the knowledge accumulated by members of NGJC during years of experience with Jaguars. The discount from Hennessy on a \$500 repair would more than pay for your annual membership dues.

# W. William "Bill" Tilden February 8, 1935 to October 18, 2013

*Submitted by Family*

W.W. "Bill" Tilden passed away peacefully at the age of 78 on Friday, October 18, 2013 after an extended bout with pulmonary fibrosis and hypertension. A beloved son, father, grandfather and uncle, he is survived in this life by his wife of 48 years, Marilyn, his 2 sons Mark and wife Linda, and Jeff, and 1 daughter, Amy. Also surviving are 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Bill was born in his grandmother's home in Clarence, Iowa on February 8, 1935. Her home, located on the old Lincoln Highway/Route 30, enabled him, from the age of 2 years, to both watch and identify all of the cars passing by as he sat on her lap on the front porch. His first word according to his mother was "car", and this evolved into a lifelong passion for all things motoring.

His family moved from Iowa to Mt. Ephraim, New Jersey when he was 7 years old, but his heart



remained in Iowa. He always considered himself to be, first and foremost, from Iowa. He attended Audubon High School, located in Audubon, New Jersey, and was Valedictorian of his graduating class in 1953. Ironically, the 60th reunion of the class of 1953 was held on October 19, 2013, the day after his passing.

Bill then attended and graduated from Drexel University

in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1958 with both civil and mechanical engineering degrees. During his years at Drexel he interned with the highway departments of New Jersey and Pennsylvania and was also involved in the construction of the Walt Whitman Bridge spanning from Camden to Philadelphia. He also served as a student instructor. Bill intended to pursue a career in automotive design, and was accepted into the Chrysler Institute in Detroit, but, by fate, it was closed before he graduated from Drexel.

Instead of attending the Chrysler Institute he started his engineering career with ESSO, where for 7 years he supervised the construction and furnishing of individually owned service stations in his north Philadelphia territory. His company car was a "Blaze Red" Studebaker Lark, the same type of car as was driven at the time by the police,

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# 2013 NGJC Calendar

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

## January

19 (Saturday)  
- Ron Green's Garages and Car Collections,  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Sponsor: R. Farris\*  
Location: John's Creek

## February

16 (Saturday)  
- Valentine Gathering,  
Time: TBD  
Sponsor: Brian Hernan\*  
Location: Duluth

23 (Saturday)  
- Visit to Robbie Farris's Restoration Garage and to Brandon Smith's Classic AutoSmith's Facility  
Time: TBD  
Sponsor: R. Farris\*  
Location: Marietta, GA.

## March

16 & 17 (Sat/Sun)  
- Amelia Island Concours,  
Sponsor: N/A  
Location: Amelia Island, FL  
30 (Saturday)  
- Early Spring Garden Drive

Time: TBD  
Sponsor: Dave Kirkman\*  
Location: TBD

## April

14 (Sunday)  
- Spring Slalom  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Sponsor: D. Maury\*  
Location: Chicopee Ag Center

20 (Saturday)  
- 2nd Spring Drive  
Time: 9:30 AM  
Sponsor: D. Kirkman\*  
Location: TBD

26, 27 & 28 (Fri/Sat/Sun)  
- Walter Mitty Historic Races  
Sponsor: P. Harmon\*  
Location: Road Atlanta

## May

4 (Saturday)  
- Trip o Madison, Lunch @ Blue Willow Restaurant, Madison  
Time: TBD  
Sponsor: Kathy\*  
Location: Madison, GA.

11 (Saturday)  
- British Motorcar Day  
Time: 10:00 AM

Sponsor: D. Kirkman, J Hollier\*  
Location: TBD

## June

8 & 9 (Saturday & Sunday)  
- Ault Park Concours  
(www.ohioconcourse.com)  
Time: TBD

Sponsor: G. Haldane  
Location: Cincinnati, Ohio  
12, 13, 14, 15 & 16  
(Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun)  
- JCNA Challenge Championship  
Location: Richmond, VA

15 (Saturday)  
- Jags 'N Friends Annual Picnic  
Time: TBD

Sponsor: B. Hernan\*  
Location: TBD  
29 (Saturday)  
- NGJC Judges Training  
Time: TBD  
Sponsor: P. Harmon\*  
Location: Hennessy Jaguar, Gwinnett

## July

13 (Saturday)  
- Summer Drive - Highlands Motoring

Festival & Carolina Club Concours @ Little Switzerland, NC  
Time: TBD  
Sponsor:\*  
Location: Little Switzerland, NC

## August

17 (Saturday)  
- 2nd Summer Drive to North GA. Mountains,  
Time: TBD  
Sponsor: D. Kirkman  
Location: TBD

## September

7, (Saturday)  
- British Car Fayre  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Sponsor: G. Haldane\*  
Location: Norcross, GA  
7, (Saturday)  
- Smokey Mountain Club Concours

Location: Greenville, TN  
September 21 (Saturday)  
- 1st Fall Drive to North GA. Mountains,  
Time: 9:30  
Sponsor: D. Kirkman  
Location: Hwy 53 & GA. 400

September 22 (Sunday)  
- Fall Slalom  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Sponsor: D. Maury\*  
Location: Chicopee Ag Center

## October

6 (Sunday)  
- NGJC Concours  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Sponsor: Patty Engelhorn  
Location: Gainesville, GA

12 (Sat)  
- Jaguar Society of South Carolina Concours  
Location: Columbia, S.C.

18, & 19 (Fri/Sat)  
- Euro Auto Festival  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Sponsor: D. Kirkman  
Location: BMW Plant, Greer, SC

26 (Sat)  
- All British Car Show  
Location: 724 Pilgrim Mill Rd., "Episcopal Church", Cumming, GA..

## November

1, 2 & 3 (Fri/Sat & Sun)  
- Hilton Head Concours  
Time: TBD

Sponsor: D. Kirkman\*  
Location: Hilton Head Island, SC  
9 (Saturday)  
- Annual NGJC Business Meeting  
Time: 10:00 AM  
Sponsor: D. Kirkman\*  
Location: TBD

## December

15 (Sunday)  
- NGJC Christmas Party  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Sponsor: D. Kirkman\*  
Location: The Vinings Club, Vinings, GA.



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# Euro Auto Festival Features Ferrari

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

This year's EURO feature marque was Ferrari and did they ever show up! Even with a hint of rain on a cloudy and cool day over forty of the prancing horses made their way to the manicured grounds surrounding the BMW plant. Included in that number were two from our NGJC. Dick and Johnnie Preston showed their Ferrari Testarossa and Dick Maury showed his Ferrari 360 Spider. Ivan Ruiz and Myrna brought their Fiat Dino and W.L. and Carol Wagon showed their Alpha. James and Nina Potter and Dave and Beverly Kirkman showed their Series II E-Types in the Jaguar Class.

This was the eighteenth year that the EURO has been held at the BMW plant just north of Greenville, SC. This is reported to be the largest gathering of European marques in the Southeast with four hundred cars in attendance. This is not a judged showed but entrants are encouraged to vote for the best examples in the various classes for each marque. The EURO is held the third weekend in October with all proceeds going to the American Red Cross.



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# Fall Drive to Gibbs Gardens

Submitted by John Baxa

We've talked about making this trip as a club event for a while and Sunday, October 27th was the time it finally happened. After meeting at our usual launch site at Exit 17 on GA 400, we left for the brief drive to Gibbs Gardens' 300 acre site near Ball Ground, GA.

The Gibbs family has creatively planned and developed more than 220 acres into the gardens. Their estate has a 25 year old manor house set at the highest point in Cherokee County and overlooks the neighboring mountains and gentle hillsides covered with mature trees, 22 ponds, pristine streams, waterfalls and countless natural springs that flow seamlessly around acres of artistically designed gardens.

Weekends are pretty busy days for the gardens and there is usually something interesting scheduled to complement the scenery. This weekend was the Japanese Maple Festival, featuring music, arts and events in a garden setting-- a celebration of Japanese arts, culture and traditions set against the singular splendor of the largest Japanese Gardens in the nation.

This festival was presented with the support of several Japanese American organizations that provide art, dance, and a wide range of demonstrations—as a way to introduce Japanese culture to the metro Atlanta community.

Some of the scheduled events included a Japanese Green Tea Ceremony, the art of kimono dressing and classic Japanese dancing, the exacting skills of

shinkendo, kyudo and other martial arts, as well as ikebana and origami demonstrations set on a vast stretch of green lawn:



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**Ikebana:** The Japanese art of flower arranging, emphasizing form and balance, was introduced in Japan in the 6th century by Buddhist missionaries, who had formalized the ritual of offering flowers to the Buddha. The art is based on harmony of simple linear construction and appreciation of the subtle beauty of flowers and natural material (branches, stems)

**Origami:** This is the traditional Japanese art or technique of folding paper into a variety of decorative or representational forms, as of animals or flowers.

**Bonsai:** The art of growing dwarfed ornamentally shaped trees or shrubs in small shallow pots or trays. A tree or shrub grown by this method is also call bonsai.

**Japanese Green Tea Ceremony:** The Japanese Green Tea Ceremony centers on the ceremonial preparation, serving,

and drinking of matcha. (Matcha is a fine ground, powdered, high quality green tea and not the same as tea powder or green tea powder.)

**Kyudo,** (Japanese for “way of the bow”) is a traditional Japanese form of archery, closely associated with Zen

Buddhism. In kyudo the primary aim is not to hit the target, as in Western archery, but to achieve through spiritual and physical training an intense concentration on the act of shooting and a style expressing perfect serenity.

**Shinkendo:** is a gendai budo martial art that teaches the way of samurai swordsmanship.

**Taiko:** The performance of taiko consists not only of technical training in playing rhythms but also includes components in form, stick grip, clothing, and the particular arrangement of instruments chosen.

**Kimono dressing:** In Japanese, kimono means “a thing to wear.” According to Konnichawa Club literature, “The kimono evolved through gradual changes in the shape and color of the formal undergarment worn by the nobility of the Heian period (circa 9th to 12th century). Ladies of the court at that time wore 12 layers of kimono for ceremonial occasions.”



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# W. William "Bill" Tilden

Submitted by family

and in said territory, then a hotbed of racial riots, stones were often thrown at his car because the perpetrators thought him to be the police.

He was in the U.S. Army Reserves and was honorably discharged in 1966 with the rank of Captain. Bill was a patriotic man, and embraced all of the fundamental principles upon which our great nation was founded.

That same year marked the start of his career with Chrysler Motors Corporation (Chrysler Realty Division). For 15 years he was a project engineer of dealer facilities both in the Northeast for the first 3 years and then, following a transfer in 1969, starting anew in Atlanta.

After his 15 years with Chrysler he founded his own company, Facility Consultants, Inc., soon thereafter earning the contract to build all of the dealerships in the USA for the newly arrived Mitsubishi Motors of America. This remarkably productive relationship lasted for the next 10 years.

His knowledge of and enthusiasm for automobiles and automotive history was unparalleled, and he took a particular interest in the independent automakers such as Kaiser-Frazer, Nash, Hudson, Packard, Studebaker and Willys, the cars of which are now fondly referred to as "orphans".

A staunch and self-defined "Twentieth Century" guy, he joyfully paired his car hobby with his engineering career as he travelled extensively throughout the United States for over 40 years.

Bill both attended and judged at a myriad of shows, annual meets, and at many Concours d'Elegance, always making as well the annual treks to Hershey and Ypsilanti. A highlight for Bill was in Ypsi in 2010 where he served as both an "off the cuff" commentator as well as a judge, simply brilliant!

Bill was the club historian for some 40 years for the Kaiser-Frazer Owners Club and in addition served as an advisor for and co-author of many books. He was also one of the founders of the Milestone Car Society, which set an influential precedent for automotive categorization and appreciation in place to this day.

He raced at many tracks and proving grounds throughout the U.S. and with great zeal completed the Mexican Road Race (La Carrera Panamericana) several times over. He even drove up Pike's Peak in his 1955 Packard Caribbean convertible. In fact, after having driven "Big Carib" flat-out around the old

Packard proving grounds, he followed suit in his 1962 Jaguar E-type. He won his first race at Lime Rock in 1961 after only a few lessons. His car at the time was his 1957 Jaguar XK140MC. He also drove the Indianapolis track in his 1962 Jaguar E-type and was a driver for Excalibur.

Car designer Brooks Stevens was a close personal friend for over 40 years and Bill went on to meet almost every other major car designer as well as racing car drivers, writers, basically everyone of interest or renown in the American automotive industry, the old car hobby and its offshoots. He especially admired, and was able to interview, Joseph W. Frazer. Mr. Frazer granted the interview only after the death of one time business partner Henry J. Kaiser.

An avid collector, Bill amassed an extensive collection of cars, related literature, and many other, by the nature of the hobby, necessary items.

A certain preservation of the past permitted nostalgia to reign in his mode of collecting. He was once quoted as saying, "Things I like go back to nostalgia. They relate to cars I always liked, things I couldn't afford for one reason or another when they first came out, cars like the Hudson and the Studebaker --- cars that attract attention."

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were among his trademark statements.

His interests in life went well beyond cars, and yet always tied in somehow, for he loved history in and of itself. The Civil War, World Wars I and II, etc... and aircraft, both military and commercial, were among his additional passions, and he could readily identify all aircraft at single glance.

He will be both sorely missed and fondly remembered, forever with us in spirit as we all ride and navigate this road called life. Donations in memory of Bill may be made to the American Lung Association at [www.lung.org/donate/memorial-honor/gift](http://www.lung.org/donate/memorial-honor/gift).



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