



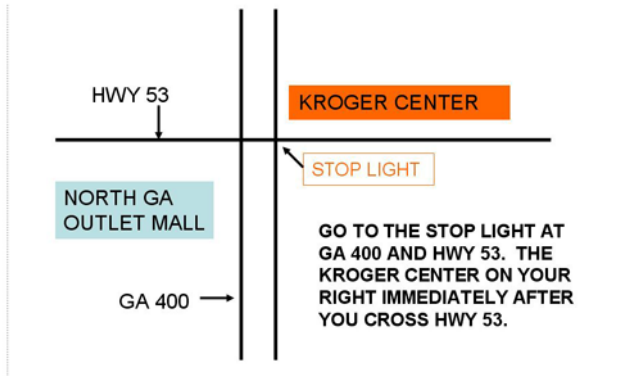
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Fall Drive Saturday, November 8th

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Do we have a treat in store for you on this year's annual fall drive! We will meet in the Kroger Shopping Center at 10:00 am (see attached map) just as we did last year (going North on GA 400 the Kroger Center is immediately on your right just past the stop light at highway 53). This year we have made reservations for our club at the beautiful LeVigne Ristorante located at the new Montaluce Winery for lunch! We will leave the Kroger Shopping Center promptly at 10:30 am for the back roads drive to the winery. If you prefer you can go directly to the winery (see attached map). Our lunch reservations are for 11:30 so please plan on arriving by then. If you want to sleep in that morning and skip lunch you are most welcome to meet us at the winery and join the group for the afternoon drive into the higher elevations. We will depart the restaurant by 1:00 pm so plan to arrive no later that 12:30 pm.

THE KROGER CENTER ON GA 400



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Whye Do Those Brits Spell Wordes the Waye Theye Do?

Submitted by John Baxa

It has often been said that the US and UK are two countries separated by a common language. This was brought home to me while browsing in the Norcross shop "The Taste of Britain" during the Atlanta British Car Fayre in September. The following was a commentary I found on the internet but unfortunately I didn't keep the source so I can't give proper attribution. Ultimately, it is mostly a summary of what is in a chapter of H.L. Mencken's 1921 essay "The American Language" It seems to me to be a pretty good abstract, so I wanted to share it with you.

What, in general, are the differences between British and American spelling, and why do they exist?

In the US many nouns become verbs by adding -ize (e.g., standardize). These same words usually end in -ise in Britain, despite the British dictionaries which show -ize as the main form with -ise as an alternative. One consistency is the American -yze words (analyze) are all -yse in Britain. Sometimes words in British and American

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Hilton Head Concours Sunday, November 2nd

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

If you are looking for a wonderful fall getaway Hilton Head Island's Concours d'Elegance Weekend is the place to be. The North Georgia Jaguar Club will be well represented again this year at this prestigious event. The Hilton Head Island Concours is by invitation only and is regarded as the top fall concours in the USA. Dick Maury's E-Type won best in its class three years ago and will make a return appearance this year. Also invited to participate were Bob and Linda Ray with their XK120

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Club Members Go To The Fayre

Submitted by John Baxa

Norcross was again the destination for many of our club members for what the organizers are now calling the Atlanta British Car Fayre. With hurricane-related weather threatening earlier in the week, I wasn't sure how it was going to turn out but there was no need to worry. I like this event because it is close to home, there is live music, shops to browse in, and there always seems to be an interesting variety of automotive technology in the midst. I don't know if there was any British connection, but this time there was an Amphicar (made in Germany) that appeared later in the day. I had never seen an example in person before so I was pleased with the opportunity.

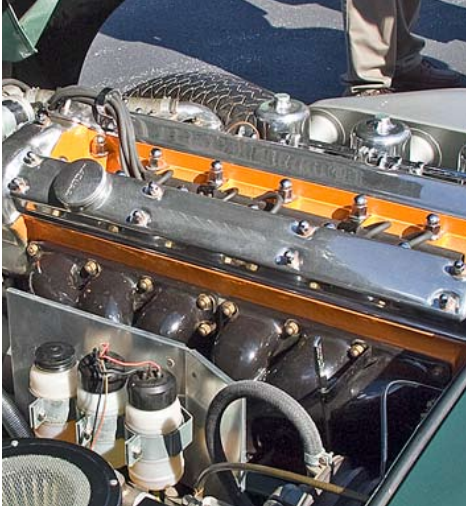
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As you read this the final preparations for this year's Concours are well underway. Hopefully you have already sent in your entry form to Pat Harmon and made plans to join us for the day for this annual celebration of the wonderful automobiles from the Jaguar marque. If you have not THERE IS STILL TIME as we will accept last minute entrants on the morning of the event. Believe me the brunch alone is worth the price of admission. If you have any questions about this exceptional event please call me at 770-886-7435 and I'll do my best to answer them. Also, please take a moment to read the article about the "Someday Car" as Tom and Joan Wolf's passion for Jaguars is really what the Concours is all about. Pat Harmon tells me that we already have numerous entrants from out of state and, along with our own club's exceptional cars, the Concours promises to be spectacular again this year.

This is also an excellent time to recognize and express our sincere thanks to Hennessey Jaguar and Trisha William, Hennessey Jaguar Gwinnett Sales Manger, for their sponsorship of our Concours. Without their financial support of this event we could not stage the best JGNA concours

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in the Southeast. If you should see Trisha, or any of the other Hennessey folks who will be in attendance, please be sure to thank them for helping make this such a special event.

I also want to thank Jim and Cathy O'Dell for having everyone over to their home after the fall slalom. The burgers were hot, the beer was cold, and the conversation was delightful. The perfect way to end a slalom event! Thanks again!
Drive Friendly,

Dave K



Slalom Diary: September 14th

Submitted by John Baxa

You couldn't ask for a more beautiful day than Sunday the 14th for our club's fall slalom, with perfect temperatures—not too hot and not too cool—sunny skies and dry pavement. So, I was optimistic that I could improve on my own time in my Mark IX of my Class C leading score from last spring. Unfortunately, it was not to be as I couldn't quite get past that time. I was frustrated enough that I left my chair on the grass when

I left. With some six other JCNA sanctioned slaloms left in the year as of this writing I will probably be bested before the season is over.

It's interesting that some of the others on the leaderboard were in similar circumstances, but it is fun to see our club members in the lead even if it doesn't hold. Note that at this stage Jim Anderson, Dick Maury and Mary Ann Kretz are in the 1-2-3 position in Class H,

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North Georgia Jaguar Club 2008 Calendar of Events

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

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January

Saturday, 26th –Tour of Todd Emily's Car Collection *Tom Koballa

February

Sunday, 10th – Valentines Gathering * Dave Kirkman

March

Sunday, 9th –Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance

Sunday, 15th – North Florida Jaguar Club Concours

Friday, 28th & Saturday, 29th– JCNA 50th General Meeting, Pittsburgh

April

Sunday, 6th – Spring Drive and Rally * Dave Kirkman Larry Courant

Sunday, 20th –Spring Slaloms * Dick Maury

Saturday, 26th & Sunday, 27th – Abbeville Opera House Overnight Drive * Ned Lowder

May

Thursday, 1st – Sunday, 4th –Walter Mitty Challenge

Saturday, 17th – British Motor Car day, and Drive

*** Dave Kirkman Tom Koballa**

24th, Annual Judges Training with Pat Harmon

June

Saturday, 14th – Second Annual Picnic and Car Show * Brian Hernan Pat Harmon

Saturday, 28th – Tech session for Judges covering the XK models* Pat Harmon

July

Saturday 12th- Joint Club Drive and Lunch at Wolf Mountain Winery * Dave Kirkman

26-27: Music City Jaguar Club Concours - Belle Meade Plantation - Nashville, TN (www.

jcna.com/library/concours)

August

Saturday, 2nd – Western States Car Meet, Grand Junction, CO

Saturday, 23rd. – Tech Session – Storage and Use of Cars That Are Not Daily Drivers * Terry Hulsey

September

Saturday, 6th –Car Parade and British Car Fayre Norcross * Pat Harmon

Sunday, 14th – Fall Slalom

*** Dick Maury 14: Virginia Jaguar Club Concours - Browns Island - Richmond, VA (www.jcna.com/library/concours)**

Saturday, 20th & Sunday, 21st – Southeast British Car Festival at Dillard

October

5th - Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta

12 – NGJC Annual Concours

*** Pat Harmon**

Saturday, 18th EUROFest * Dave Kirkman

November

Sunday, 2nd – Hilton Head Concours

Saturday, 8th Fall Drive with Dave Kirkman

Saturday, 29th – Annual Business Meeting * Dave Kirkman

December

TBA - Gainesville Christmas Car Parade *Pat Harmon

Sunday, 14th - NGJC Annual Christmas Party 6:00pm to 11:00pm at Vinings Club

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The “Someday Car”

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

One of the most rewarding things to me about the car hobby is hearing owners' stories about their automotive experiences. Sometimes these stories are funny, sometimes painful, and, well, sometimes just heart warming. This is one of those stories.

During our 2006 Concours we had this beautifully restored 1954 XK 120 on the field from Carlisle, PA. This was the number one JCNA car in its class. Perhaps you saw the car and met Joan and Tom Wolf the owners. The XK 120 was not over restored as is often the case these days but rather brought back to what it must have been like the day it left the showroom floor so many years ago. I had the pleasure of meeting Joan and Tom Wolf at dinner the evening before our concours and spoke with them again on Sunday but we did not have much time to chat as everyone was getting their cars ready for judging. What a pleasant surprise, several weeks later, to see their car on the field at the Hilton Head Concours d Elegance. I was not involved in judging this class at Hilton Head that year but I was not at all surprised to see their XK 120 come forward to the judge's stand to receive its Best in Class award.

Here is where the story really begins. Ed Lucas, the Master of Ceremonies for the

Hilton Head, Amelia Island, and Meadow Brook Concours, has a wonderful way of interviewing the owners of each winning car as it is presented to the crowd and receives its award. He asked Joan how long they had owned the car and she said that it had been purchased new by her Dad. He taught her how to drive it when she was a high school teenager. When it did not run well her boyfriend would come over and help her Dad get it going again. The boyfriend became her husband and the car eventually passed into their possession. Joan went on to tell the crowd that the XK 120 was by then in need of a complete restoration and for many years became known as their “Someday Car” as other family obligations came first. To the delight of everyone on this marvelous warm and sunny fall afternoon the “Someday Car” was now restored to its former glory for all to see and enjoy as it happily motored forward to receive its well-deserved award. I know that this story has been repeated in many different ways with many different Jaguar enthusiasts, some of them in our own club. It speaks to the timeless beauty of Jaguar cars, the important family ties and memories that they can create, and the passion of its owners to the marque. This heritage is something many car companies can only wistfully dream about



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Submitted by Dave Kirkman

roadster, as well as Tom Koballa and wife Dava Coleman with their XK140 FHC. Carolyn Sikes will show her Top Flight award winning 1954 Corvette while Marty Sikes newly restored 1959 Corvette will make its first concours outing. Ivan and Myrna Ruiz's Maserati Minstrel and Vail and Linda Frost's Lamborghini Espada will also make the trip to Hilton Head and be on the show field. The Hilton Head Island Concours Weekend features a wide variety of activities including historic automobile races, classic car tours, a classic car auction, a Saturday Car Club Jamboree as well as Sunday's Concours d'Elegance. A complete schedule of events is on their web site at www.hhconcours.com



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Slalom Diary: September 14th

Submitted by John Baxa

driving the Green Rocket E-Type. It was a shame the E had a mechanical malfunction before Jim could complete all of his runs for the day. Dick Maury has an almost 3-second lead in Class M to put him in first position in a 2009 Jaguar XF .

But judging from the smiles on participants' faces I think everyone had a great time. It seems that this event gets more participation every time it is held with both drivers and spectators. And thanks go to the O'Dells for hosting the cookout after the event.





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Club Members Go To The Fayre

Submitted by John Baxa

Jaguars were well-represented at the event—many of our number met earlier to drive together to the Fayre. It was a good idea to get there early to get the best

parking locations. General attendance seemed to be better than last year, too, as some of the latecomers were directed to a side street for parking.



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Whye Do Those Brits Spell Wordes the Waye Theye Do?

Submitted by John Baxa

English are identical in meaning but spelled differently: for example sulfur / sulphur, or hemoglobin / haemoglobin.

Most words (taken from the French) in Britain ending in -our end in -or in the US (color / colour); most words in Britain ending in -tre end in -ter in the US (center / centre). The trend in American spelling is to drop letters that are not needed in a word, such as the u in "colour." The US has a greater tendency to drop silent consonants and vowels, and move to a more phonetic spelling, especially where the old spelling was a French remnant (tyre / tire).

The irregular form is generally more common in British English and the regular form is more common to American English for these verbs: burnt, burned; dreamt, dreamed; learnt, learned; smelt, smelled; spelt, spelled; spilt, spilled; spoilt, spoiled. Licence / license are both valid in the US, but in Britain the former is the noun, the latter the verb (same for practice / practise).

A good dictionary will indicate both American and British spellings when there is a difference. Why do the differences exist? Well, America chose to differentiate itself from Britain from its beginnings; spelling was included in that. You can read more in H.L. Mencken's essay from *The American Language* (New York: Bartleby, 2000, 2nd ed). The essay itself may be found online at essay from *The American Language* at www.bartleby.com.

Noah Webster, whose *Blue Back Speller* (1788) sold 82 million copies within a century of its publication, was a great pioneer of US English as opposed to British English. He said that establishing a national language was as important as winning the American Revolution itself. The spelling of such terms as "theater" instead of "theatre" and "color" instead of "colour" is Webster's legacy.



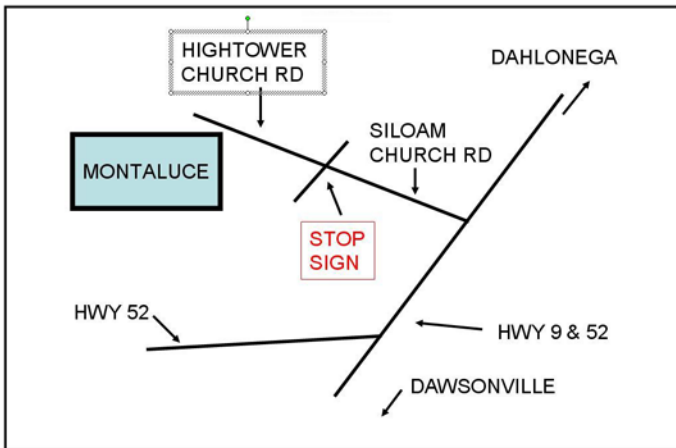
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Fall Drive Saturday, November 8th

There are also several options for those who wish to join us for the morning but not continue on after lunch. Dahlonega is but a short drive from the winery for those who wish to spend the afternoon shopping. Georgia 400 is also not far away for those who need to return to the Atlanta area.

Although a reservation is not required I would really appreciate it if you would let me know by Tuesday, November 4 if you definitely plan to join us for lunch so I can let the restaurant know.

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