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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

October heralds the arrival of cooler days and the splendid fall colors of North Georgia. October also ushers in some of the best driving weather of the year and a wide variety of car events that should appeal to any car enthusiast.

First up is our annual JCNA Concours on Sunday, October 11, at the Chattahoochee County Club just outside Gainesville, GA. This is shaping up to be another spectacular year for our Concours. At last report Pat Harmon, Chief Concours Judge, tells me that 51 cars have registered with 38 to be judged. There is a splendid field of XK120's, XK140's, XK150's, and E-Types entered in the Championship Division and I also believe Marvin Sikes has entered his 2007 National Champion XK140 in Display this year. Other than perhaps national JCNA events I cannot think of another time that you will ever have the opportunity to see important Jaguars of this era and of this caliber in one place at the same time. Roy Cleveland also tells me that at last count we have over ninety registered for the gourmet lunch that is served each year by the very capable staff at the CCC. Hopefully we will see you at this very special event.

Next up is the EURO Auto Festival at the BMW

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Peugot Wins Wet Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta

Submitted by John Baxa

Franck Montagny and Stephane Sarrazin gave Peugeot its first American Le Mans Series victory on Friday, September 24th, winning a weather-shortened 12th annual Petit Le Mans.

NGJC member Jack Sweeney was an American Le Mans Series starter for the race and said, "We did 467 miles of the 1000, first time in 11 years we missed the entire distance." But hazardous conditions from torrential rains that fell at Road Atlanta just past the four-hour mark, caused race officials to call the race at eight hours, 44 minutes running. Jack said, "Jaguar didn't race this weekend but did a few laps on Friday for testing. That's when I got the pictures."

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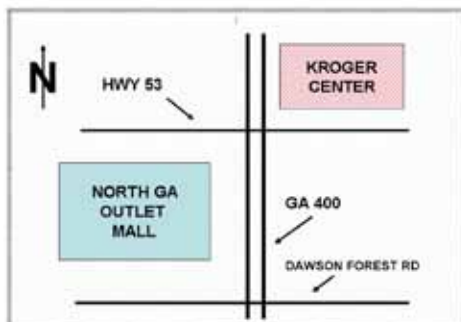
Submitted by John Baxa

It seems like this September has been a threat to just about any event held outdoors, but sometimes you get lucky. The British Car Fayre in Norcross had another glorious day of weather, a street full of fabulous cars, money raised for charity and fun had by all.

For car owners that registered there were numerous prizes, including best-in-show, Edna's favorite and a raffle ticket for each registered car for the \$1000 cash raffle!

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FIRST FALL DRIVE
MEET AT KROGER CENTER
SATURDAY, OCT 24
9:30 AM



XK120 Entertains at Fall Slalom

Submitted by John Baxa

I missed the Slalom this fall for the first time in a long while as my Mark 9 broke down on GA 400 on the way to the event Sunday morning, but everything else went off without a hitch--so to speak. I asked about the XK120 I heard was there and Pat Harmon told me, "Yes, Tom Wright trailered his 1949 XK120 from Vero Beach, Florida, and drove the *#%@ out of it. This is one of the first 120's brought into the United States and he's fully restored it to Champion Class level. This thing even came with a hand crank to start it like a Model T. He will be bringing it to our Concours, October 11th."



Fall Drive Number One Saturday, October 24th

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Due to the popularity of the "Fall Drive" we have scheduled two for this year! Our destination for the "Fist Fall Drive" is the Brass Town Valley Resort located outside of Young Harris. We will gather at 9:30 am in the Kroger Parking lot just north of The Georgia Outlet Mall across highway 53 on GA 400 (see attached map). Our leave time is 10:00 am sharp so that we will arrive at our ultimate destination in time for lunch. The leaves should be splendid in their fall colors as we enjoy a leisurely drive along backcountry roads heading to the Richard B. Russell Scenic Highway and on to Young Harris. The route back will take us over more backcountry roads just made for Jaguars and we should arrive at our starting point around 3:30 pm in the afternoon. If you know that you are coming please let me know by Thursday, October 22, so that I can give the restaurant an approximate number to expect. My email is [www.kirkmandav1@aol.com](mailto:kirkmandav1@aol.com) or call me at home 770 886 7435. Of course you are always welcome at the last minute if you can join us.



President's Letter continued from front cover

XK-150 Head never seen resurfacing

Photo submitted by John C. Yates

plant on Saturday, October, 17. The Chairman of this event is our good friend and fellow Jaguar owner Mike Fulton. The BMW plant is just North of Greenville, SC; an easy morning drive up I -85. This event will draw over 500 cars of every European make and there is always a good gathering of Jaguars to enjoy.

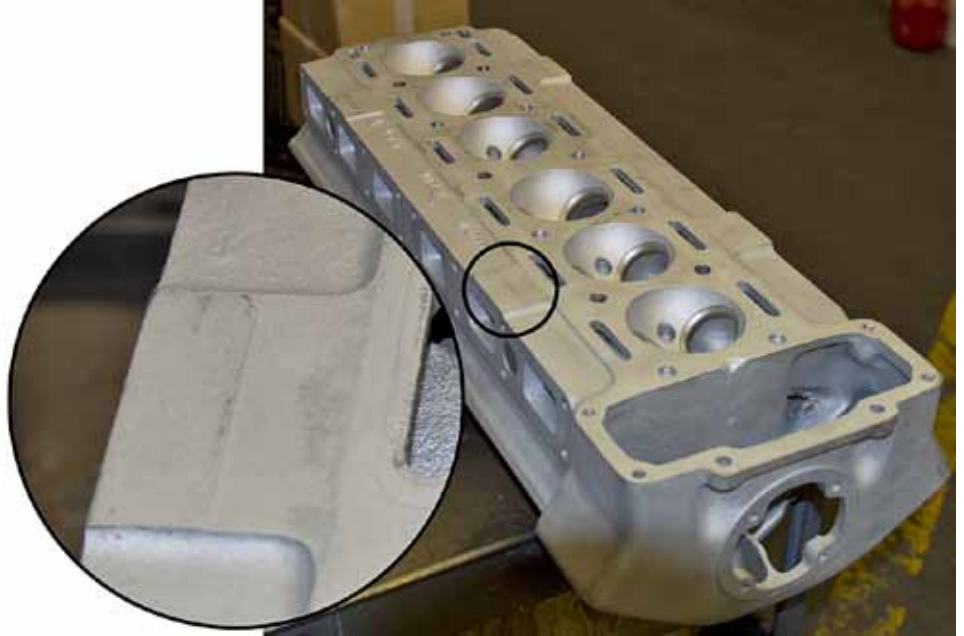
Our fall drive is the next Saturday. This event is always well attended and a lot of fun as we head for the back roads of North Georgia that just seemed made for Jaguars on a fine fall day. This is an excellent opportunity to get the Cat out for a good run in the sun.

The last weekend of October and the first day of November is the prestigious Hilton Head Island Concours. This year we have several club members going down for the weekend's festivities and Marvin Sikes's XK140 has been accepted for Sunday's Concours d' Elegance. Information, and pictures of the cars from Brass Era through the Muscle Cars of the 1970's that have won awards at this event, is at www.hhiconcours.com.

Hopefully, you can make plans to attend one or more of these fall events... October is really special!

Drive Friendly,

Dave K



Dick and Chris of Coventry West pointed out that the head on my 1959 XK-150 DHC had never been resurfaced! Note the detail showing the original casting mark.

Considering the engine was very worn-out, and that I had sparkplug foul emulators on #1 and #6 cylinders I was amazed that there wasn't extensive damage to the head.



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North Georgia Jaguar Club 2009 Calendar of Events

Submitted by Larry Kludt lrkludt@kcc.com *Club Member Facilitator

Officers

January 2009

Sunday, 18th – Jim Gebhardt's Personal Car Collection, (Jim is the owner of California Car Co) * d. kirkman

February 2009

Saturday, 14th – Valentine's Gathering * d kirkman

Saturday, 21 – Leatherique Tech Session, * i.ruiz

March 2009

Saturday 7th – Ron Green's Classic Car Collection, * d. hart

13th, 14th & 15th –Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance

19th, 20th & 21st – AGM, Denver, Colorado, * d. maury

Sunday, 29th Spring Slalom * d. maury

April 2009

Sunday April 5th - South Florida Jaguar Club Concours.

Saturday, 19th – Tech Session (E-Types... Bonnet to Boot) (Rain date - May 31)* p harmon

Sunday, 26th – Spring Drive to Reynolds Plantation

(Rain or shine) * d. kirkman
May 2009

1st, 2nd, 3rd – Walter Mitty Historic Races, Road Atlanta, (Jaguar is the featured marque at the Mitty), * p harmon

Saturday, 16th – British Autocar Day, and Drive * d kirkman

19th - 23rd – JCNA Challenge Championship, S. A., Texas * d. maury

Saturday, 16th – Smoky Mountain JCNA Concours

June 2009

Saturday, 20th – Annual Club Picnic & Car Show * b. hernan p. harmon

June 19-21 - Jaguar Club of Florida Concours

July 2009

Saturday 18th – Club Overnight and Carolina Jaguar Club Concours to Little Switzerland NC* d. kirkman

17th, 18th & 19th – Carolina Jag Club JCNA Concours

August 2009

Saturday, 8th – Summer Drive,

Saturday, 15th – Annual Judges Training, * p. harmon

September 2009

Saturday, 12th – Norcross British Car Farye * p. harmon

Sunday, 13th – Fall Slalom, * d. maury

Sunday, 20th - Virginia Jaguar Club Concours

October 2009

Sunday, 11th – NGJC Annual Concours * p harmon

Saturday, 17th – EURO, BMW Plant, Greenville, SC

Saturday, 24th – Fall Drive * d. kirkman

30th & 31st, – Hilton Head Concours, * d. kirkman

November 2009

Sunday, 1st – Hilton Head Concours, * d. kirkman

Sunday, 15th, 2nd fall drive *d Kirkma)

Saturday, 21st – Annual Business Meeting * d kirkman

December 2009

Sunday 6th – Gainesville Christmas Car Parade *p. harmon

Sunday, 20th – NGJC Annual Christmas Party * I. kludt



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Peugot Wins Wet Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta

Submitted by John Baxa

The car made its first on-track appearance on Friday morning completing three demonstration laps followed by the opportunity to go out for another lap in the afternoon. A final session was scheduled on Saturday morning to give the race day crowd one last look, but heavy rains lead to the cancellation.

"This weekend was all about the unveiling of the Jaguar XKR GT2 race car," said RocketSportsRacing team owner Paul Gentilozzi. "We came out here to do just that. We decided to take advantage of running some demonstration laps as a shakedown and to give the fans and all of our supporters the opportunity to see the car. We decided that we didn't want to rush into things and put ourselves at risk doing our first laps in a timed session. We have planned for private testing this week in preparation to race the car at Laguna Seca, the ALMS season finale en route to our full season effort in 2010."

Upon completion of the on-track session this weekend, Gentilozzi commented, "We are pleased with the performance of the Jaguar XKR. We didn't expect any surprises with the car, and we didn't have any. It went very smoothly."

From a production car, the Jaguar XKR makes an excellent racecar. "The Jaguar XKR is exceptionally strong and rigid, and the construction method is in advance of the conventional steel stamping that we see in cars today," explained Gentilozzi. "That allows RSR to build a lighter, stronger, stiffer racecar. Also, the basic aerodynamic design of the XKR has a low drag coefficient and more than sufficient downforce."

Gentilozzi was behind the wheel during all demonstration laps, but right by his side during the runs was announced development program drivers Scott Pruett and Mark Goossens. Both drivers were impressed by the car and look forward to their opportunity to get behind the wheel and aid in its development.

"The thing that has been most exciting for me is seeing the passion behind Jaguar; the passion from the Jaguar executives that were here this weekend to

the passion from all the fans," said Pruett. "I hadn't appreciated that because I drove for Jaguar in the past. I think that sometimes you forget when you are so close to things just how much passion is behind that marque. It is just great and to be a part of this program is exciting. Now with that being said, it also comes with a pretty high standard to be held, one that RSR and Paul Gentilozzi will embrace and one that I am excited to

The decision to call the race prior to its completion was required for the following reasons...

Due to the weeks of historically unprecedented inclement weather that the Greater Atlanta area had been subjected to (including additional very heavy rain Saturday morning) the track conditions at the start of the race were fragile at best. The land surrounding Road Atlanta was completely saturated and incapable of absorbing any additional rainfall. The heavy rain that began just before the halfway mark of the race almost immediately created an unsafe condition on the track. There were several areas with water running across the track and standing water up to 6 inches in depth in the Turn 4 and Turn 10 areas. These conditions required IMSA to halt the race per the published red flag procedures.

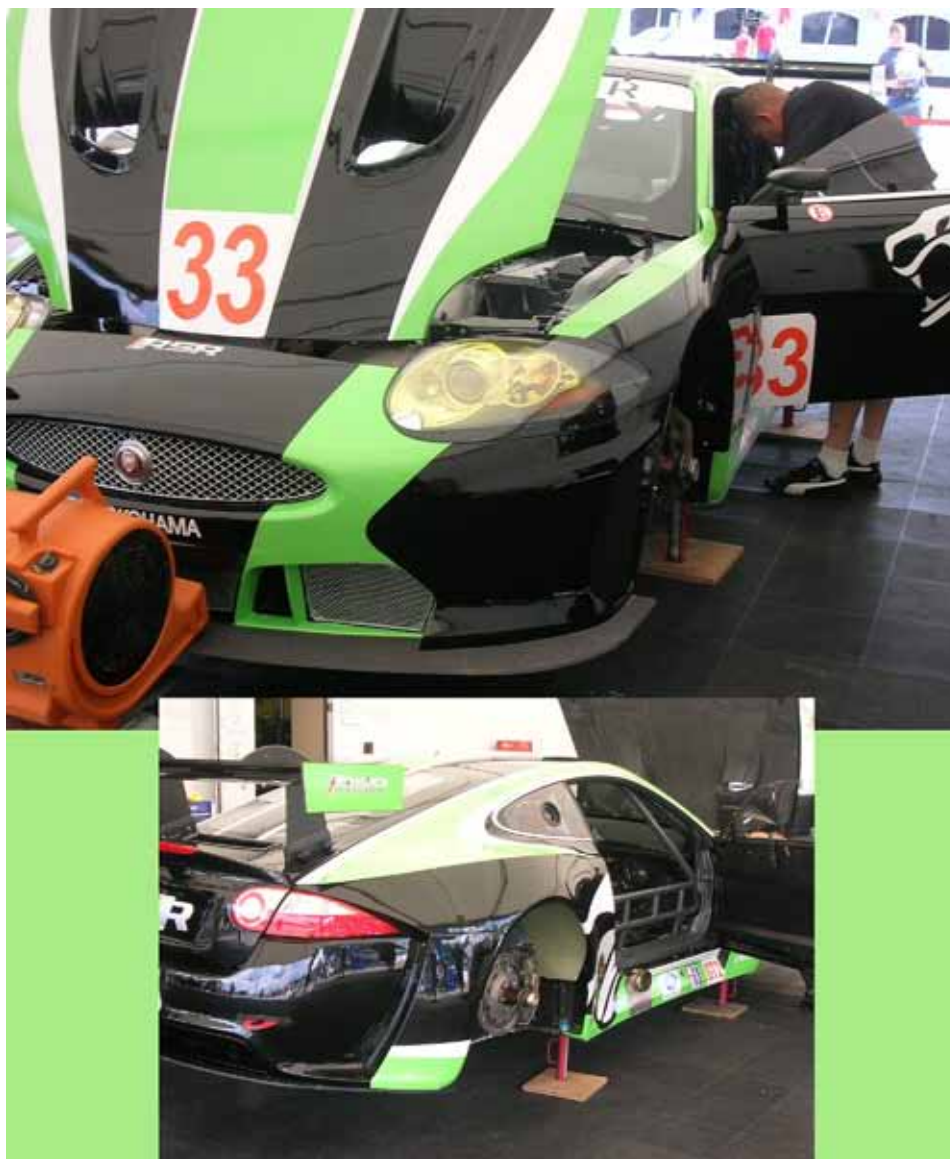
The winning Peugeot's two diesel-powered factory prototype coupes finished 1-2 with the pole-sitting 908 HDi of Pedro Lamy and Nic Minassian in second. The first of Audi Sport Team Joest's Audi R15 TDIs placed third, the car driven by Allan McNish and Dindo Capello.

McNish and Capello dominated the race before the rains fell. The two Peugeots got past McNish under yellow when the Scot looped the Audi under wet conditions.

Dyson Racing took its first Petit Le Mans victory with a victory in LMP2 for Marino Franchitti, Butch Leitzinger and Ben Devlin. Their Mazda-powered Lola B09/86 coupe had problems

with gear selection early, but the Acura ARX-01b of Lowe's Fernandez Racing's Adrian Fernandez and Luis Diaz experienced steering issues throughout. Nevertheless, the duo completed enough laps to clinch the team championship for Lowe's Fernandez and the manufacturer championships for Acura.

Risi Competizione's Jaime Melo, Pierre Kaffer and Mika Salo won in GT2 in their Ferrari F430 GT, the fifth straight endurance victory for the team. A brilliant call by the team made the Ferrari the first GT2 car to take wet tires, and Salo drove past the rest of the field into the lead.



participate in. This weekend marks the beginning, but there is still a lot of work ahead. We will be doing a lot of testing and development getting the car prepared for 2010, but we are on it – it will be a winner."

Goossens added, "I am proud to be part of the program. The car looks very good. It was exciting to witness the shakedown this weekend and I look forward to seeing what it will be capable of in a few weeks. You can tell a lot of hard work has been put into it and a lot of great team work right up to the support from Jaguar Cars. I don't see how it wouldn't be able to hold up to its potential."

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Submitted by John Baxa

For the curious, the 2009 Major Prize winners were:

Edna's Prize: 1955 Morris Minor Traveller,
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Car Owner's Vote Prize: 1959 Morris Traveller,
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Next year's calendar, which focuses on the Series' cornerstone endurance events while providing continuity at its established venues, ranked among the highlights during the American Le Mans Series' annual State of the Series address Friday at Road Atlanta. The famed Georgia road circuit will be the closing venue for the 2010 season - and reward class winners with invitations to the 2011 24 Hours of Le Mans - with the 58th annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring presented by Fresh from Florida once again serving as the season-opening event.

While the economy played a role in reduced car counts for nearly all forms of motorsport in 2009, CEO Scott Atherton praised Corvette Racing for its rebirth in GT2 while emphasizing that the American Le

Mans Series defied logic and added two new teams for 2009 - a two-car effort from BMW Rahal Letterman Racing Team and a Jaguar program in conjunction with Paul Gentilozzi's RSR. Coupled with a pair of new corporate marketing partners - Mikimoto Pearls and Green Earth Technologies, both of which mesh perfectly with the Series' demographics and green initiatives - and a lucrative licensing arrangement

with Microsoft's new Forza Motorsport 3- Atherton proclaimed great satisfaction for the Series' ability deliver on its mission statement message of "driving progress through innovative, relevant and environmentally responsible motorsport competition worthy of our rich heritage, our world-class competitors and the devotion of our fans."



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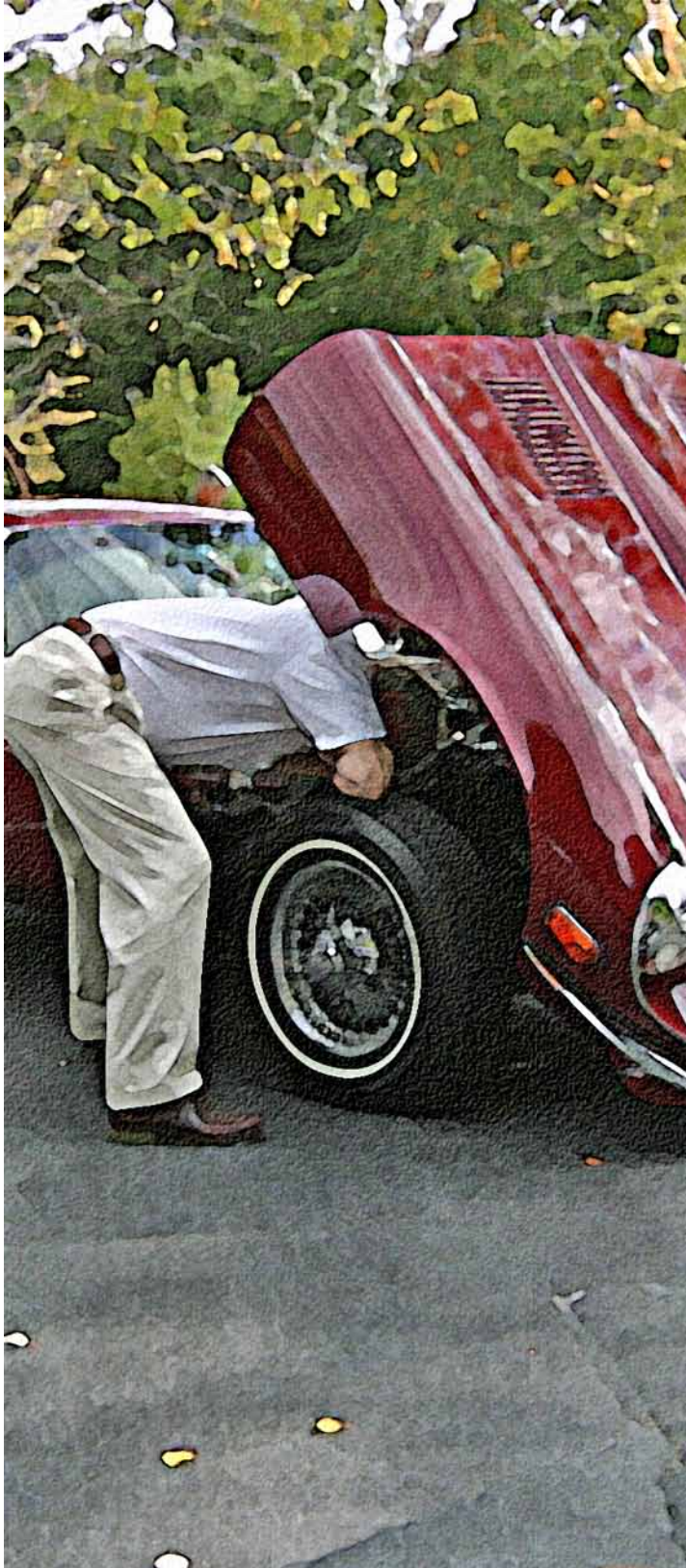
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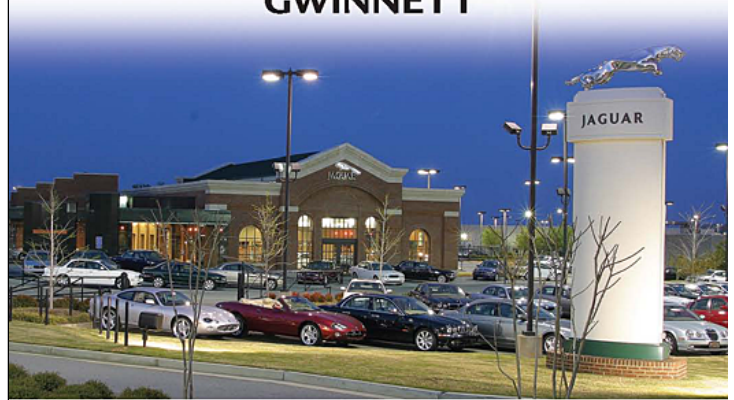
Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Our "Second Fall Drive" will be on Sunday afternoon November, 15th. Complete plans for this drive are still being finalized and will be published in our November Newsletter and via email. This will be an afternoon drive starting around 1:30 pm.



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