JCNA SE Regional Concours d'Elegance, Punta Gorda, Florida April 14-15 April 27-29, Walter Mitty, Road Atlanta

May 12, Saturday, Visit to Cofer Collection, Tucker, GA

## **LETTER** FROM THE PRESIDENT

I attended the Amelia Island Concours again this year and believe it was the best in many years. Once again the show was moved at the last minute to Saturday due to inclement weather predicted for Sunday. Despite the lastminute change, the event was well attended.

We had three members show cars, with two winning awards (see David Kirkman's article). Ivan Ruiz showed his 1970 Maserati Ghibli Spyder with beautifully custommade luggage. I think the



at least won an award. Beverly Kirkman was all smiles as she got to ride with Dave for the first time to receive their award.

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## Welcome new members

Charles and Ruth Fantauzza or Roswell



## Classic motorsports Mitty April 27-29 At Road Atlanta

The Classic Motorsports Mitty Presented by Hagerty is, at its heart, a celebration of motorsports-its past, its present, its future. It's a chance to see some of history's finest racing machines alongside today's heroes. The Mitty has been a Road Atlanta institution for more than 30 years, and it will return in April 27-29, 2018. The featured marque this year will be Nissan. It's a brand that was there back in the day, dominated motorsports through the '80s, and is a staple of today's

Speedfest at the Classic Motorsports Mitty Presented by Hagerty is more than just a full slate of HSR historic racing. It's an automotive festival. Club corrals fill the

Road Atlanta infield. It's the ultimate camping trip. Free test drives are available. Vendors offer amazing finds. Hospitality is available for all. The Classic Motorsports staff is on hand to provide a behind-the-scenes look at legendary cars. And the grand marshal isn't whisked from motorhome to motorhome, as he'll be palling around with other race fans all weekend.

At most big-time races, when the cars come off the track, they're hidden away. That's not how things operate at the Mitty. Want a close-up look at a Porsche 911 RSR, an Audi R8 or even an Exocet? Prepare to have your senses overwhelmed. For schedules and ticket information visit https://www.themitty.com

# JCNA Annual General Meeting Held in San Antonio

Submitted by Craig Kerins

### Remember the Alamo

The Menger Hotel sits across the street from the Alamo, and it was an excellent location for this year's AGM

There were no major controversies and thus I have no food fights to report.

The changes to the Concours judging are relatively minor and concern fire extinguishers for competition cars and some changes to the judging of the XK/120s, of which only 20 cars are currently being shown. There is a new Judging Guide for this class which is to be used

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# **Self-driving Company Adds** Jaguar To **Partners Ride-Hailing Services**

Reports from Washington Post & CNN

Waymo, the former Google self-driving car division that made its name with its pod-like driver less car prototypes, will make its foray into luxury cars beginning this year.

The autonomous vehicle pioneer said Tuesday it will add up to 20,000 Jaguar SUVs to its line up in a partnership with Jaguar Land Rover.

Wavmo CEO John Krafcik announced the deal at a press event in New York, saying the company will add the **Jaguar I-PACE** models to its fleet for its eventual fully-autonomous ridehailing service expected to launch later this year. The tech company is already piloting a ride-hailing service with a fleet of Chrysler Pacifica minivans in Arizona.

But the new SUVs from Jaguar, said Krafcik, represent the "world's first premium electric, fully

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# JCNA Annual General Meeting Held in San Antonio

Submitted by Craig Kerins

on a trial / voluntary basis for a year and then probably become mandatory.

There were significant complaints about the process for electing our Regional Directors. The election takes 6 months and the participation level is pitiful. JCNA has approximately 5,500 members and considerably less than 400 members voted in last year's election. Of those that voted greater than 10% were disallowed for technical reasons. It was reasonably noted that in the twenty-first century perhaps the election could be done electronically through our website. The high command will study this issue.

There is an ongoing problem recruiting clubs to host the AGM and IJF events. I think many in our club can fully understand this. The suggestion has been made to form a JCNA standing committee of experienced event organizers to walk clubs through the process so the wheel doesn't need to be re-invented annually. The high command will study this issue.

It should be noted with emphasis that the North Georgia Jaguar Club continues to bask in the glow of our 2017 IJF effort, which has been uniformly recognized as outstanding. A new Presidents Award was made to John Hoffman in recognition of this excellent achievement.

Gary Kincel presented a very well attended seminar on the Coventry Foundation, which picked up many new members. Another significant plug was given at the Saturday night banquet by our keynote speaker, Mike Dale (former President of Jaguar North America). He is a loyal Patron of the Foundation and gave a very warm

and enthusiastic endorsement of it.

Planning is well underway for next year's events. The AGM will be held at Jaguar headquarters in Mahwah, NJ and the IJF in Santa Barbara. Both events look terrific.



President's Letter from page 1

The Spring drive on the 25th was a huge success despite the threatening weather. We had 17 to 18 cars on the drive and several members met us at Big Canoe for lunch. My count was close to 50 members total for lunch. Our drives are rain or shine, but you don't need to drive your Jaguar. Just come out with any of your cars for the food and fellowship. Just noticed on the news that Google will begin using the I-Pace for their self-driving cars. See article.

Also, Ramsey Potts, our friend at RM Sotheby's, sent a note on the upcoming Ft. Lauderdale auction. There will be 12 Jaguars for sale. You might want to check after the sale to see how they did. https://www.rmsothebys.com/en/home/lots/FL18. Ramsey is also a Florida Jaguar Club member.

The weather finally seems to have turned and the upcoming events should have Spring-like temperatures.

A short letter this month and a reminder of the October 7, 2018 NGJC Concours. We will start our planning meeting in May. If you want to volunteer drop me a note.



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All submissions are nonbinding and subject to approval.





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## **NGJC EVENTS: May**

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Club Event

#### JANUARY 2018

Saturday, January 20th Visit to Hussey's Collection, Marietta,

Sponsor D. Kirkman

FEBRUARY 2018 Saturday, Feb 10 Valentine Lunch North Point Diner, Alpharetta Sponsor: B. Hernan

MARCH 2018 March 8-11 Amelia Island Holiday

Concours d'Elegance Amelia Island, FL March 23-25, JCNA Annual General Meeting, San Antonio TX Sponsor: San Antonio

Jaguar Club March 25, Sunday, Spring Drive Sponsor: D. Kirkman

APRIL 2018 April 14 & 15: JCNA Southeastern Regional Concours Punta Gorda, FL April 27-29, Walter Mitty, Road Atlanta. Sponsor: Classic Motorsports

#### MAY 2018

May 12, Saturday, Visit to Cofer Collection, Tucker, GA Sponsor: P. Carroll Followed by Tucker Cruise-in, Main St. Tucker, GA

May 20, Festival of Speed, Avalon, Alpharetta, GA

JUNE 2018

June 7-10 Highlands Motoring Festival, Highlands, NC

June 10, Saturday, British Motorcar Day, Peachtree Corners, GA.

une 16, Saturday NGJC Picnic Sponsor: Brian Hernan, John

JULY 2018 July 12-14, Carolina Jaguar Concours, Little Switzerland, NC Sponsor: Carolina Jaguar Club

July 21, Saturday, Drive to Wolf Mountain Vineyards, Dahlonega, GA Sponsor: J. Hoffman

AUGUST 2018

#### Open

SEPTEMBER 2018 September 8, Saturday, British Car Fayre, Norcross, GA

September 16, Sunday. Drive to Brasstown Valley Resort, Young Harris, GA Sponsor J. Hoffman

September 30, Atlanta Concours, Chateau Elan

#### OCTOBER 2018

October 7, Sunday, NGJC Concours Gainesville, GA Sponsor: J. Hoffman

October 20, Euro Festival, Greer, SC

NOVEMBER 2018 November 3-4, Hilton Head Concours, Hilton Head, SC

November 17, Saturday, Business Meeting, Location TBD Sponsor: J. Hoffman

## DECEMBER 2018

December 16, Sunday, NGJC Holiday Party, Naylor Hall, Roswell, GA Sponsor: J. Hoffman

# New Website For Apparel and Merchandise

Submitted by John Hoffman









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## NGJC Members Win Major Awards At 2018 Amelia Island Concours

Submitted by Submitted by Dave Kirkman

This year the Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance hosted a ten car class dedicated specifically to the Jaguar E-Type as part of a large Jaguar Corporate presence featuring the new I-Pace. The class drew entrants from seven states; San Juan, PR and London, UK. with exceptional examples throughout the production run from two 1961 "flat floor" examples to the 1973 V12 exhibited by Gary Bartlett. In keeping with Amelia's traditional focus on race cars three "lightweight's" were part of the class with two being former Briggs Cunningham factory-prepared cars that raced at Le Mans in the early 1960's.

Kim McCullough, VP Marketing JLR, Ian Callum, Jaguar Design Director, and David Hobbs, noted race car driver, served as the judging team and awarded Best in Class to club members Kent and Melissa Hussey's 1961 Series I FHC with an Amelia Award

going to Dave and Beverly Kirkman's 1969 Series II OTS. The 1964 Series I OTS from the Bonifacic Collection, Stroudsburg, PA also won an Amelia Award.

### Corporate Awards

"The Most Significant Jaguar Award" went to the 1962 "lightweight" FHC from the Collier Collection. This car was presented in Briggs Cunningham race colors and finished 4th at Le Mans in 1962 as part of his Jaguar factory prepared race team.

"The Advanced Styling for its Era Award" went to the 1961 FHC from the Sport Clips Collection, Georgetown, TX

"The Timeless Elegance Award" (along with the Rolex watch!) went to the 1962 FHC of Randy and Deb Anderson, Urbandale, IA.





# The Driving Club At Road Atlanta Takes Up Residence At Northeast Georgia Circuit

First Spring Drive To Big Canoe March 25th

Submitted by John Baxa

BRASELTON, Ga. (March 16, 2018) — A new owner's and driver's organization, The Driving Club at Road Atlanta, has moved on to the premises at the legendary Braselton race track to host a number of annual track days and other events for their exclusive membership. The Driving Club at Road Atlanta will take over the former driving school building, which is approximately 20,000+ square feet and will now house the entire club operation. Limited memberships to the club are currently available, providing access to all the club amenities. In addition to offering member-exclusive track days, the driving club will feature luxury vehicle

storage for a select numbers of owners, exotic driving programs, corporate events and more. Members can also utilize a private entrance to the track, resident professional coaching,

catered meals, trackside refreshments and end-of-day receptions.

"We are beyond excited to partner with Road Atlanta to bring a long-awaited drivers club to this outstanding track facility," said Trip Campbell, principal of The Driving Club at Road Atlanta. "Beyond our private drive days, our clubhouse will be open to our members for many of the Road Atlanta events such as Motul Petit Le Mans. The club's signature driving event will take place annually following the Motul Petit Le Mans endurance race when our members will "drive under the lights" at Road Atlanta. Word has spread rapidly as our early charter members continue to join and refer friends,

and our initial discounted membership opportunities are filling up fast." The Driving Club at Road Atlanta will also provide members access to the private clubhouse, which

is currently undergoing

renovations. The clubhouse will include member event and lounge areas, showers and locker rooms in a motorsports country club setting overlooking Road Atlanta's revered Turn 12. The interior design

will pay homage to the rich racing heritage of Road Atlanta, featuring displays honoring historic drivers, racecars and famous achievements since 1970.

"The Driving Club at Road Atlanta will bring something to the race track that has never before been offered," said Geoff Lee, president and general manager at Road Atlanta. "We are thrilled to welcome this high-end new club to our circuit, as it will fill a void that many fans have expressed interest in over the years. The Driving Club has already proven to be a top-notch organization and is going to offer an exclusivity to owners and participants that can't be matched."

Interested parties can visit www.drivingclubra.com to browse membership options, pricing and inquire about track days and more.



Even though there was a chill in the air Sunday morning with the threat of bad weather, our first spring drive came off as planned and the weather did not really cause any problems. We headed up to "Marble Country" in the vicinity of Tate and Ball Ground, ending up at Big Canoe. As an historical note, this area of Georgia has been mining marble for over 180 years, supplying much of the U.S. with its white and gray marble which has been used for many national landmarks and emblems of power, notably the New York Stock Exchange, Lincoln Memorial, and the U.S. Capitol. Now, it is also used for the vast majority of U.S. military gravestones.

Thanks to Richard Hamilton, one of our new club members, we were invited to have brunch at the Black Bear Pub Restaurant at Big Canoe. The mountain scenery was spectacular and a real treat. Thanks to Richard and to Dave Kirkman for coordinating this drive and as a footnote, I stuck around afterword to help a guest driver on this trip, Mike the "Chaz" with his '95 XJ-6 which refused to start after lunch due to some electrical issues. I'm happy to report we did get it going eventually and Mike was able to drive away with a really big smile.

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## Self-driving Company Adds Jaguar To Partners Ride-Hailing Services

Reports from Washington Post & CNN

self-driving car."

Waymo plans to begin testing the I-PACE models this year, and the fully-self-driving models are expected to be in service from 2020 onward, according to a company spokeswoman. Krafcik called it "the self-driving car that car lovers have been looking for"

Though specifics were not immediately known, Waymo and Jaguar officials said they had entered into a long-term partnership, beginning with the delivery of up to 20,000 I-PACE models over two years.

Those 20,000 vehicles, Krafcik said, could provide about a million trips a day. The driverless I-Pace SUVs will be available as part of Waymo's driverless taxi service. Waymo is testing the service around Phoenix, Arizona, with a fleet of self-driving Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid minvans and Lexus 450h SUVs. Later this year, customers will be able to request rides using a smartphone app.

Many companies working on self-driving cars test them in Arizona to take advantage of the state's of cooperative weather -- consistently clear and sunny -- and simple regulations. Arizona has deliberately made itself as inviting as possible for

self-driving car tests by removing regulatory hurdles.

The state was recently the site of what is believed to be the first fatality resulting from a selfdriving vehicle mishap. A woman walking her



bicycle across a road in Tempe, Arizona, was struck and killed by an autonomous SUV being tested by the ride-sharing company Uber.

Following that incident, Uber suspended all of its autonomous vehicle testing operations. Other companies, including Waymo, are still testing, however. Waymo even boasts that it is the only company that has vehicles on the road with no occupants in the front seats. Other companies always have at someone in the driver's seat in case the vehicle encounters a situation it can't handle on its own.

## Waymo's Self-driving Minivans Coming To Atlanta Hands-free In The ATL

By Andrew J. Hawkins, The Verge

Waymo, the self-driving unit of Google parent Alphabet, is adding a new city to its roster of testing locations: Atlanta. The company announced its intention to bring its fleet of autonomous Chrysler Pacifica minivans to the ATL in January, but wouldn't disclose many additional details beyond that.

Waymo began mapping downtown Atlanta the first week of January, a spokesperson said. An up-to-date, accurate 3D map is crucial for the operations of self-driving cars. They rely on data for the vehicle's sensors and cameras, along with a vivid rendering of its surrounding environment.

Waymo says it has tested its autonomous minivans in 24 cities across the US in an effort to expose its vehicles to a variety of environments, weather, and road conditions. The bulk of its testing, though, takes place in five cities: dusty Phoenix, techy Mountain View (and now hilly San Francisco), sunny Austin, chilly Detroit, and rainy Kirkland, Washington.

In addition to Austin and Phoenix, Atlanta provides

another relatively snow-free environment for Waymo to test its vehicles. The city, which is very flat, is incredibly car-centric, too; only 16 percent of households are without a vehicle. Atlanta's metro system, MARTA, hasn't expanded much since the 1980s. But in 2016 residents voted in favor of a half-penny sales tax increase to fund a \$1.2 billion light rail loop along the BeltLine, a former rail corridor that's been transformed into a park and trail. New transit centers would be built and the underperforming Atlanta Streetcar would extend east

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and west to connect with the BeltLine.

Last year, the company began testing its minivans on public roads in Arizona without human safety drivers behind the wheel. In the months to come, it says it will be opening these vehicles to the members of its Early Rider program for ride-hailing trips. There's no word on when this program will expand to other cities. Update January 22nd, 2:09pm ET: In a statement, Georgia Governor Nathan Deal said, "With our talented workforce and legacy of innovation, Georgia is at the forefront of the most dynamic, cutting edge industries like autonomous vehicles. We are thrilled to welcome Waymo to our state because fully self-driving vehicle technology holds tremendous potential to improve road safety, and we are proud Georgia is paving the way for the future of transportation."



# Info On-Line For First Annual Southeast Regional Concours

Submitted by Phil Mannino, JCSWF President and Concours Chairman A total of 12 clubs in North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia, Alabama and Florida have been invited to the Southeast Regional Concours d'Elegance, hosted by the Jaguar Club of Southwest Florida and the Jaguar Club of Fort Myers, Fort Myers Florida. If you have not registered as of yet, but planning to attend, please register now.

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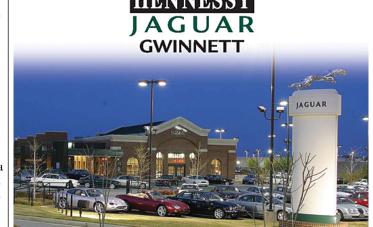
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