# Club Valentine Party, Saturday, February 15th, 12:30 1st Spring Drive, Sunday, March 22

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our first official club event of the year will be the annual Valentine Day Party. Hopefully you have made plans to join us as we celebrate our wifes, husbands, families, and friends.

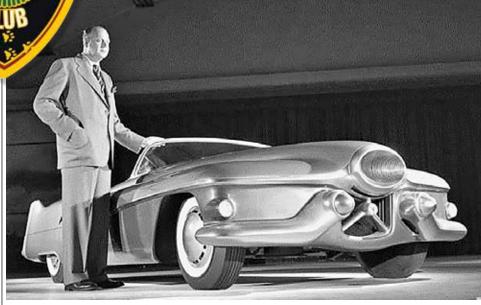
The abnormally warm weather has me thinking of spring and that means time for us to get our Jaguars out and about on a Spring Drive...or two. Our first Spring Drive will be on Sunday, March 22 with a rain date of Sunday, March 29. We will also have a second Spring Drive on Sunday, April 26. We have found some new roads for us to travel so. mark your calendars now as complete details will be in the March and April newsletters.

We are also working on a date with club members Phillip Coffer and John Wagner for a trip to Athens and a tour of a classic car collection combined with a visit to the State Botanical Gardens. More on that when we can pin a date down that works for everyone.

I currently do not have a date for the Annual British Motorcar day that our club always supports but the planning committee should have a date and location in time for us to make plans to attend. Travel Safe Dave Kirkman

# Welcome new members

Angus and Janet McRae of Peachtree Corners and Michael and Holly Breaux of Loganville



# Amelia Concours Honors Visionaries Who Changed Motorsport And The Auto Industry:

"The Captain" Roger Penske • Mercedes-Benz Silver Arrows • The Cars of Harley Earl
• Porsche Firsts

Jacksonville, FL -- A central theme of the Silver Anniversary Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance is visionary leadership through innovation . It is also confirmation that The Amelia is as much - perhaps more - about people than cars.

# Visionary: "The Captain" Roger Penske

The Amelia's Silver Anniversary honoree entered American auto racing at a time when racing was either blue collar -- dirt and oval track racing -- or the blue blood motorsport of the amateurs who embraced the Sports Car Club of America's NO PROFESSIONAL RACING edict. Yet Roger Penske, in just five pro sports car races, won over \$34,500 1963-dollars, half again more than the winner of the 1963 Daytona 500.

Penske won his first national championship -- SCCA D Modified -- in 1961 racing a Maserati T61 and a Cooper Monaco. Sports Illustrated named him "Driver of the Year."

He retired from the cockpit with a stunning record of 51 victories in 130 races. He also logged top-five finishes in another 60 races. That record stands with even the greatest racers. Yet it was merely preface.

Penske applied solid business practices and an insistence that every component of his racing organization be executed to the highest standards. In 1962 he brought Dow-Jones-listed commercial sponsorship to sports car racing changing American road racing and leaving his mark on North American motorsport forever.

In 1966 he formed Roger Penske Racing. That ultimately became Team Penske logging a stunning 18 victories (a record) in the Indianapolis 500, multiple wins in NASCAR, victory in the 24 Hours of Daytona and the 12 hours of Sebring plus a trio of Trans-Am Championships. Penske delivered McLaren's first Indy 500 victory in 1972 and Porsche's first Can-Am title in the same year. In all, Penske racers have earned more than 500 race victories, 591 pole positions and 34 championships.

# Visionary: Mercedes-Benz Silver Arrows

The same sort of praise could be ladled on the Rennabteilung (racing deppartment) that was created in 1936 to design and build the mighty Silver Arrows

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# Club Valentine Party Saturday, February 15th, 2020

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Plan on celebrating Valentines again this year with other club members on Saturday, February 15, 2020. We have reserved a private dining room at 12:30 pm for lunch at Pearl Lian Restaurant and Bar, 11600 Medlock Bridge Road, Duluth, GA 30097. If you know you are coming please RSVP with me by text (678-699-4170) or email

at kirkmandav1@aol.com by Wednesday, February, 12th so I can let the restaurant know approximately how many of us to plan on. As this will be our first official club event of 2020, I am looking forward to seeing you there as we celebrate our loved ones.





Host of the 2017 International Jaguar Festiv

# Letter to Membership

Dear Fellow Members, I would like to thank all of you for the Club's gift in my name to the Coventry Foundation. It is quite an honor and I was very surprised when I heard.

My hope is that the foundation will use the funds wisely and some young person may get a start in working on and appreciating the work done on classic cars.

As mentioned, I have cut back my time spent on planning and executing NGJC activities. However, I am still a member and will be happy to share any information that may make anyone's commitment easier.

Regards, *Jobn Hoffman* 



# Prof. Sir Ralf Speth announces departure as CEO of Jaguar Land Rover

Jaguar Land Rover boss Ralf Speth will step down from his job as CEO for the car manufacturer in September of this year.

In a statement, Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons, Tata Motors and Jaguar Land Rover plc said: "I want to thank Ralf for his passion and commitment over the last 10 years.

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# **Hello, Fellow Cat Drivers!**

Submitted by Will Hoebndorf, Concours Co-Chair

You're invited to the Jaguar Club Of Florida's 33rd annual 2020 Concours d'Elegance at Lake Mary, Florida. We would be honored if members of your club would attend our wonderful event!

# Registration Information

Deadline to Register: March 10, 2020 Fees: First Car: \$60.00 Second Car: \$45.00 Display only: \$45.00 Late Fee: \$20.00

Awards Banquet: \$65.00 per person Sunday Driving Tour: \$20.00 per person Embroidered Concours Shirt: \$35.00 each

### Rooms:

Rooms will be available at the reduced rate of \$139.00 per night plus tax . Rooms must be booked by March 2, 2020

Pre-Register by March 10, 2020--Limited registration only on the day of the event for increased fee of \$80.00. If anyone has questions or requires additional information, please have them contact me at 352-255-6461 or whoehndorf@comcast.net
We look forward to meeting many of you at our March 20-22, 2020 events.

You can register and pay online at: https://www.jaguarclubfl.com/jcof-concours/registeronline/

If in doubt, read about last year's fun-filled weekend on pages 13-19 of JCOF's award winning JAGWire e-Magazine



# Schedule of Events

### Friday, March 20

6:00 p.m. - Meet and Greet fellow CatDrivers at the Marriott Hotel

1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary, FL Saturday, March 21 Concours d'Elegance

7:00 a.m. - -10:00 a.m. – Marriott Hotel venue open for car parking

8:00 am. - 10:00 - Registration, Marriott Hotel

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - Owners Meeting

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Judges Meeting

11:00 a.m. – Rags down. Judging begins

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Free Time

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Cocktail Hour at the Marriott

7:00~p.m.-10:00~p.m.-Awards Banquet, Marriott Hotel

### Sunday, March 22

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Driving Tour (Start at the Marriott)

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Deadline for Newsletter Articles and Advertisements is the 26th of the preceding month.

All submissions are nonbinding and subject to approval.



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Submitted by Dave Kirkman

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### NOVEMBER 2020

November, Saturday – NGJC Business Meeting DECEMBER 2020 December NGJC Holiday Party

### **NGJC EVENTS: March**

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# FEBRUARY 2020

Feb 15, Saturday – Valentines Lunch, Pearl Lian, Duluth, GA

### MARCH 2019

March 22, Sunday – First Spring Drive D. Kirkman (Rain date: March 29)

### APRIL 2020

April 265, Saturday – 2nd. Spring Drive

### MAY 2019

May 26 Late Spring Drive, sponsor Dave Kirkman

# JUNE 2020

June 15, Saturday – NGJC Jag 'n Friends Picnic, Canton, GA

### JULY 2018

**Athens Collection** 

AUGUST 2019 Summer Drive

SEPTEMBER 2020

### OCTOBER 2020

October 25, Sunday for NGJC Concours d'Elegance – Gainesville, GA





# **Amelia Concours Honors Visionaries**

of Mercedes-Benz. They created the template for professional racing operations and swept all before them.

Mercedes-Benz's Silver Arrows changed the grammar of racing car design, construction and management. Mercedes-Benz created the Rennabteilung after a troubled 1936 season with the W25.

Led by engineer Rudolph Uhlenhaut the Rennabteilung quickly restored Mercedes competition successes and dominated the 1937, 1938 and 1939 Grand Prix seasons with the variants of three new cars. In the fifties a new generation of Silver Arrows won the 1952 24 Hours of Le Mans, the 1954 and 1955 Formula 1 World Championships and the 1955 World Sports Car Championship.

Mercedes-Benz produced grand prix car designs and an engineering orthodoxy -- engine in front, gearbox in back, coil/wishbone front suspension and de Dion rear suspension -- that endured until the emergence of the revolutionary rear-engined F1 cars of 1958. Mercedes-Benz team management shaped a new code of race car development and team organization that still echoes in the 21 st Century.

Das beste oder nichts -- the commandment of Gottlieb Daimler to have the best

or nothing -- still resonates within Mercedes-Benz and their World Championship-winning racing organization. To honor their inestimable contribution to motorsport the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance chose the mighty Silver Arrows of Mercedes-Benz as a signature class for the Silver Anniversary celebration

# Visionary: Harley Earl

The Cars of Harley Earl class features the great stylist's most famous dream cars and successful productions cars. Winnowing that group down was no simple task.

Eight decades ago General Motors' Art & Colour Section was the auto industry's

first attempt to invest the business of creating and selling automobiles with aesthetics as a marketable commodity. GM chief Alfred Sloan put Harley Earl in charge and Earl changed the car business forever. Every American auto company followed his lead employing designers who trained under or worked for Earl.

> Earl created an industry within the biggest industry in the world, set the design and esthetic parameters for the American car industry and led General Motors from a 12 per cent market share in the 1920s to a 55-plus per cent market penetration during the decade when he retired. For nearly four decades Harley Earl was the arbiter of style for the entire American auto industry.

In the decade before he reached GM's mandatory retirement age (65) he oversaw the creation and the rise of America's storied, celebrated and sometimes unloved "tailfin era." No matter. "Misterl" as his disciples called him, left his mark on the American industry and on the GM Technical Center at Warren, MI, the definitive monument to Earl's towering contributions to GM and the automobile industry.

### Visionary: Porsche Firsts

In our Silver Anniversary year we also celebrate and honor the 50 th anniversary

of Porsche's first -- of 19 -- victories in the world's most important and prestigious sports car race, the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

By 1969 Porsche chief Ferdinand Piech must have grown weary of hearing his family's famous Stuttgart marque constantly called "giant killer" or "underdog." When new international rules were written for the 1969 World Championship he saw a loophole and organized a radical program creating the Porsche 917 that delivered Porsche's



first 24 Hours of Le Mans victory.

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# Five Indy 500 Winners Highlight The Silver Anniversary Amelia **Concours Penske Indy Winners Class**

1972 McLaren M16B/1 Photo courtesy of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum 1972 McLaren M16B/Offenhauser - Mark Donohue's record setter and Team Penske's first of 18 "500" winners

1988 Penske PC-17/Chevrolet - Rick Mears' Indy pole car and "500" winner 1994 Penske PC-23 Mercedes-Benz 500I Al Unser Jr wins in "The Beast" 2009 Dallara IR-06/Honda - Helio Castroneves' third Indy "500" winner 2019 Dallara DW-12/Chevrolet - Simon Pagenaud's pole winner and Team Penske Indy 500 win number 18!

1988 Penske PC-17/Chevrolet Photos courtesy of Team Penske

The 917 won Le Mans again in 1971 with yet another World Championship of Makes as a bonus. The international rules for endurance sports car racing were rewritten for 1972. Porsche turned their attention to North America's unlimited Can-Am Championship, turbocharged the 917 and formed an alliance with Team Penske. That coalition swept through the mega-dollar/ mega-horsepower Can-Am series winning back-to-back titles in 1972 and '73. With Penske's organization and procedures it was all very reminiscent of the dominance of the Rennabteilung in Grand Prix racing decades earlier.

"In each instance a culture has been created within these organizations that accept only the very best. The result is people who see themselves as members of an elite corps and work consistently to that high standard," said Bill Warner, founder and chairman of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. "It works because of uncompromising principles and the insistence on the relentless pursuit of excellence. It creates legends and legendary cars. We've all benefitted from the efforts of these visionaries."

# About The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

THE AMELIA will be held March 5-8, 2020 at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island and The Golf Club of Amelia Island. The show's Foundation has donated over \$3.5 million to Community Hospice & Palliative Care, Spina Bifida of Jacksonville and other local and national charities since 1996. To learn more about the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, visit www.ameliaconcours. org

Team Penske's first Indy 500 winner -- the McLaren M16B/Offenhauser of 1972 -- will share Amelia's field with Rick Mears' all-conquering PC-17/ Chevrolet of 1988, "The Beast," the 1,000 horsepower Mercedes-Benz 500I V-8-powered 1994 Penske PC-23 driven by Al Unser Jr, Helio Castroneves' third Indy 500 winning Dallara IR-06/Honda of 2009 and Simon Pagenaud's 2019 500 winner, the Dallara DW-12/Chevrolet, that brought Team Penske its fastest and recordsetting 18th Indy 500 victory last May.

In 1972 Mark Donohue won the 500 at record speed (162.962 mph) in Penske's Sunoco blue McLaren M16B powered by a turbocharged version of Offenhauser's venerable DOHC four-cylinder. That record stood for a dozen years until it was broken by Team Penske's Rick Mears.

Penske Cars. It ended an Indy dry spell for the marque

when team leader Rick Mears took the pole in the 1988 season opener at Phoenix leading until a touch with a





The 1988 PC-17 was the first Nigel Bennett design for lapped car forced retirement. When Danny Sullivan took the pole with his Chevy-powered

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# Five Indy 500 Winners Highlight The Silver Anniversary Amelia Concours Penske Indy Winners Class



PC-17 at the Long Beach Grand Prix the writing seemed to be on the wall for the 1988 Indy's Month Of May. 1988 Penske PC-23/Mercedes-Benz 500I .

The 1988 Indy-winning PC-17 was a landmark car that swept the entire front row of the "500" grid for the first time in Indy history. Pole man Rick Mears and Penske teammates Danny Sullivan and Al Unser Sr. locked out the Lolas and Marches and Rick Mears went on to win the third (and slowest) 500 of his extraordinary career. The trio of PC-17s led 192 of the 1988 500's 200 laps in an unprecedented display of speedway dominance. It was Team Penske's seventh Indy victory in their 20 th 500 appearance.

None of Team Penske's 18 Indy 500 winners illustrates Penske's famous "Unfair Advantage" like the 1994 500 winning PC-23 powered by the famed Mercedes-Benz 500I "pushrod" turbocharged V-8 engine. It was nicknamed "The Beast" because of its extraordinary power.

The turbocharged Mercedes-Benz V-8 500I, created and developed in secret, would exploit a loophole in the Indy 500 rulebook that was written to encourage American car manufacturers to provide race engines based on turbocharged pushrod "production-based" engines. Team Penske drove the 1000-plus horsepower 500I through that loophole and put their PC23 in Indy's victory la

loophole and put their PC23 in Indy's victory lane to score the legendary team's tenth 500 victory with Penske drivers Al Unser Jr (the winner) and Emerson Fittipaldi leading all but six laps. Within weeks the 500I engine was effectively banned by new rules.

Within the year a new format for The 500 tried again to level the playing field with spec cars and spec engines. In the quarter century that has passed since that day Team Penske has won The 500 eight more times. The 1994 Indy 500 is still seen as a cautionary tale by those who compete with both Mercedes-Benz and Team Penske.

In 2009 Team Penske's 15 th Indy 500 win was Helio Castroneves' third "500" victory with the Brazilian becoming the first foreign-born three-time winner of the great race and tying a record by winning the race three times in the same decade (2001, 2002, 2009). The victory came from the pole position and is uniquely memorable for Helio's signature post-race victory celebration when he again climbed the safety fencing on the front straight. His crew joined in the climb, including Roger Penske! Perhaps The Captain was



celebrating Castroneves' record \$3 million payday that bumped the Brazilian's Indy career earnings mark over \$10 million!

In 2019 Team Penske's record-obliterating 18 th Indy 500 victory again came from the pole position. Simon Pagenaud's Chevrolet-powered Dallara DW-12 led 116 laps, taking the lead for the final time with just over one lap to race. He became the first pole-sitter to win the 500 since 2009 when Helio Castroneves logged his third and Team Penske's 15th victory. 2019 Dallara DW-12/Chevrolet.

"The cars of Team Penske have been a pivotal part of the Indy 500 for half a century," said Bill Warner founder and Chairman of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. "These Team Penske cars made motorsport history; a few changed Indianapolis forever. Having these five Team Penske Indy 500 winners for the 25 th annual Amelia Concours is an honor."

"Today a Penske company owns The Indianapolis Motor Speedway," said Warner. "Penske's stewardship of these and many other significant race cars speaks with eloquence and clarity to the future of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and The 500."



# Prof. Sir Ralf Speth as the announces departure as CEO of Jaguar Land Rover

Ralf developed Jaguar Land Rover from a niche UK-centric manufacturer to a respected, technological leading, global premium company."

"I am delighted that Ralf has agreed to maintain his relationship with JLR by becoming non-executive Vice Chairman. He will also remain on the board of Tata Sons," added Chandrasekaran.

Sir Ralf was born in Germany and has been at the helm of Jaguar since 2010 when Tata acquired the business from Ford. During that time he has overseen a major expansion of the Jaguar model range and the pioneering of new markets and new technologies.

Speaking on his move, Prof. Sir Ralf Speth said: "I feel very honored to have worked with so many dedicated and creative people, both inside and outside of Jaguar Land Rover. We have elevated Jaguar and Land Rover. I want to say thank you for all their support and commitment."

# For Sale 1974 Jaguar E-Type OTS

It is a very nice yellow automatic with air plus factory hardtop. 19,000 miles. All mechanical work done by Dick Maury. \$65,400. Rod Barkow - Favetteville, Ga 30215 rodbarkow@comcast.net



# For Sale: 1997 White XJ6

My husband, Neff Jenkins died Jan 2 after a 7-1/2 year battle with prostate cancer so we will not be renewing our membership. We really enjoyed our association with the group. Our Jaguar XJ 6 is for sale. If anyone is interested call me. Thanks Jane Jenkins Cell#. 678-488-5558



# For Sale 2002 Jaguar XJ8, Vanden Plas

4.0L V8, 65,000 miles in pristine condition! I have been the sole owner of this garage kept, gorgeous Jag with extremely low mileage! Leather interior, genuine wood on the dash, doors and trim, heated front and back seats, with many more options. Impeccably maintained and serviced only at the Jaguar dealership. \$7,990.00. Classic original Jaguar styling. They don't make them like this anymore! If interested, please call Diana at 678-427-1511.



# For Sale 1990 white XJS convertible

I have a 1990 white XJS convertible that needs a home. The body is good; it has been stored in my basement for the past sixteen or seventeen years. It needs a new top. It was running when we stopped driving it. My late husband's health started getting increasingly bad about 20 years ago, and getting in and out of a low slung vehicle became impossible for him. He refused to consider selling the car, but now I need to downsize. As for price, I would like to get in the neighborhood of \$13,000.00. I live in Carrollton, which is about 45 miles west of Atlanta. You may contact me by email if anyone wishes: Cassandra Flowers gran91140@gmail.com

