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January 16th Confirmed for GPM Models Tour

Submitted by John Baxa

Brian Hernan has made final arrangements to visit GPM Models in Winder, GA on Saturday, January 16, 2010. We will meet there at 10:00 am and have lunch at one of the local restaurants after our tour.

Our host for the tour will be Tom Long, founder and president of the company. Please see the related story by Tom about how his company was started. GPM Models is a Winder, Georgia firm begun in 1991 which has grown to a leader in the diecast replica hobby. Those who have seen their operation here in Georgia highly recommend this tour of their facility as a fun few hours.

A frequently asked question in the diecast model hobby is exactly how these things are made. It's a long process that necessitates a lot of attention to detail and can take up to 18 months from concept to product. Along the way a lot of research and documentation is required before any modeling is begun. Part of the documentation process can involve the taking of three or four hundred pictures from all angles, including underneath a car and many detailed measurements.



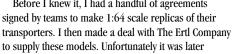
How It All Started

Submitted by Tom Long, GMP President

It was 1991 and I was working as a manufacturer's rep selling industrial fasteners and assembly equipment. My real interest has always been car related, especially racing. Of course, living in the South this meant stock car racing sprinkled with unlimited Saturday night short track action.

As NASCAR was exploding, so was the beginning of related collectibles including die cast. A good friend, Brian Thomas started Unique Designs Collectibles handling the die cast Matchbox, Revell, and other related merchandise. Sales were brisk. We noticed that the drivers of the Busch Series where not very well represented so I made a trip to Charlotte and started knocking on doors.

Before I knew it, I had a handful of agreements signed by teams to make 1:64 scale replicas of their transporters. I then made a deal with The Ertl Company





Valentine's Day Celebration Set for Saturday, February 13

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day with that special someone than with a marvelous dining experience that is sure to please both of you. Our Valentine Celebration at Peal Lian Restaurant last year proved to be so popular that we have made arrangements to gather there again this year. Pearl Lian serves excellent oriental meals at very reasonable prices. We have reserved their two adjoining private dining areas, overlooking the indoor Zen Gardens, for lunch the day before Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 13. Pearl Lian Restaurant is located at 11600 Medlock Continued on page 5

North Georgia **Jaguar Club Dues** for 2010 DUE NOW

Submitted by Roy Cleveland

The 2010 membership dues for NGIC are \$47 and are due now. Thanks to all of you who have already paid (about 62 people as of this writing). Also, I would like to thank the three people who notified us that they would not be renewing. We need to know that information so we won't be waiting or calling or e-mailing to find out. If you are going to renew your membership for 2010, please mail your dues immediately. If you know you aren't renewing, a quick e-mail to Mary Ann Kretz or Roy Cleveland would be appreciated so that our roster mailing to JCNA will not be delayed. We have to send a roster to JCNA with dues payments for each member on

PRESIDENT'S **LETTER**

Greetings to all NGIC members and Happy New

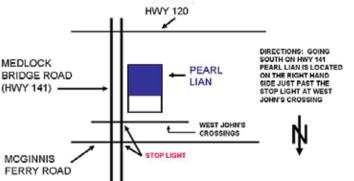
I would like to thank Dave Kirkman (and Beverly) for guiding our club through the last few years, as President (and first lady), and for his continuing efforts to support the club by planning drives and assisting in many other ways. Dave has a "can do" attitude and is always ready to lend a hand for the benefit of the club.

Well, here we go with another year and they seem to go faster as we age... As your new President I'm excited to have the current slate of dedicated officers and club members to associate with and work with.

The NGIC has a nice assortment of activities to suit just about every car enthusiast planned for 2010 and I hope that all of you will find one or more activities to enjoy and share in 2010. It's been said that one joins a car club for the cars and remains a member for the people. As in past years, we've tried to have something for everyone however, your ideas for club activities will be considered, so please let either Pat Harmon or myself know of your ideas for club activities.

Our first outing for the new year will be a drive to the GMP Models facility in

MAP TO PEARL LIAN RESTAURANT



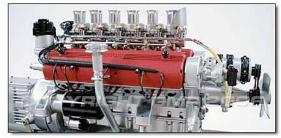
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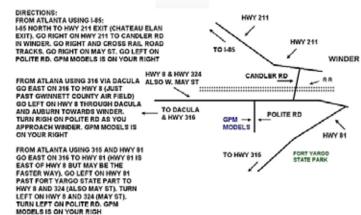






You can get a good idea about this process and some of the many products GPM Models offer by visiting their web site www.gpmdiecast.com and check out the map in this newsletter for directions to their location for the tour.

MAP TO GPM MODELS 45 POLITE ROAD, WINDER, GA SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2010



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Winder, GA. As a former model car and airplane builder I am really looking forward to this activity that Brian Hernan has arranged for us. See the article in this newsletter for additional information.

Please note that the date for this activity is Saturday January 16th and not Saturday, January 23rd.

I hope to see you there. Larry





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North Georgia Jaguar Club 2009 Calendar of Events

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

December 2009

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

Sunday, 20th — NGJC Annual Christmas Party * l. kludt

January 2010

Saturday, 16th – Tour GMP model manufacturing in Winder GA *B. Hernan

February 2010

Saturday, 13th – NGJC Valentines Day Luncheon – Pearl Lian Restaurant – Duluth, GA *D. Kirkman

March 2010

Friday-Sunday, 12,13,14th

– Amelia Island Concours –
possible overnight – *need
someone to sponsor trip

Sunday, 28th — Early Spring Drive *G. Haldane

April 2010

Saturday, 17th – Concours Judge Training (new and current) – Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett *P. Harmon

Saturday 24th — Spring Drive *D. Kirkman

Saturday 24th — Jaguar Club of North Florida Concours

May 2010

Saturday,1st — The Mitty Historic Car Races — Road Atlanta *P. Harmon

Saturday, 15th — British Motorcar Day — Rome, GA *D. Kirkman

Sunday, 23rd—Spring Slalom Racing—Chicopee Center Oakwood *D. Maury

June 2010

Saturday, 12th — High Museum of Art Car Exhibit — Atlanta *B. Hernan

Sunday 13th – Jags 'N Friends Picnic – Norcross *B. Hernan

July 2010

15th - 18th — Overnight CJC Concours d' Elegance — Little Switzerland NC *P. Harmon

 $Saturday,\,31st-Tech\,\,Session$

XJS Model Jaguars – Duluth*C. Engelhorn

August 2010

7 - 8th — Smokey Mountain Jaguar Club Concours

Saturday, 21st – Summer Drive – Need someone to sponsor

September 2010

Saturday, 11th - British Car Fayre — Norcross *P. Harmon

Sunday, 26th – Fall Slalom – Chicopee Woods Gainesville *D. Maury

October 2010

Friday – Saturday, 1-2nd – Petit Lemans – Road Atlanta *P. Harmon

Sunday, 10th – NGJC 9th Annual Concours d'Elegance – Gainesville *D. Maury/P. Harmon

Saturday, 16th – Euro Auto Festival – BMW Plant SC

Saturday, 23rd — Fall Drive *D. Kirkman

November 2010

Friday-Sunday, 5-7th — Hilton Head Concours Overnight *D. Kirkman

Saturday, 13th — Annual Club Business Meeting *L. Kludt





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News Bits & Bites From Around the World (Which You Might Have Missed)

Submitted by John Baxa

There are lots of reviews in various publications this time of year about the top cars of the year or top cars of the decade. Reporters for the The Daily Telegraph look at trends in the way cars are viewed and used in the first years of the 21st century. Lamenting the demise of much of the British motor car industry they quoted Bernd Pischetsrieder, then BMW's chief executive, who told The Daily Telegraph in 1999: "You British are involved in an interesting experiment of basing your economy on cutting each other's hair, you will excuse us in Germany if we keep our manufacturing jobs." The reporters opined that in fact, British car plants are some of the most efficient in the world.

"And in some ways it is the new century's most important discovery, the environmental threat of climate

change, that might point the future to a new lease of life for Britain's car manufacturers. With Land Rover and Jaguar investing in new hybrid technology, Ford building fuel-efficient diesels in its Dagenham plant, the extended-range Vauxhall Ampera being considered for Ellesmere Port, the new Nissan lithium-ion battery factory in Tyne and Wear or even the Morgan Life car, there is still a healthy spark in Britain's motor industry." The Associated Press reports that a government auction of a Utah fraud suspect's auto collection will include some fakes! Erkelens & Olsen Auctioneers will hold a U.S. Marshals' auction of the collection seized from Jeffrey Mowen, who is charged with running a Ponzi scheme. He says he's not guilty but he fled to Panama after his arrest and the government is stuck with paying for storage of the 200-plus cars, motorcycles, RVs and golf carts. "Trade publications say a lot of Mowen's so-called classics actually are fiberglass kit cars with little value. One supposed Lamborghini is mounted on a Pontiac Fiero chassis. A 1939 Jaguar replica was built from a 1984 Cadillac frame, according to the judge's auction order." Check 'em out at www.salesandauction.com.

Rallye des Belles is billed as the only rally in the world exclusively for women driving classic cars. The annual event runs from Vichy to Saint-Tropez in France and it will be held again this year in October. Pilots and co-pilots of the pre-1980 cars are exclusively women—no men allowed on the teams. It's for real--see the details at www.routes-paralleles.com and it would help

if you can speak some French. They take varied routes designed by a team of women over 1300 kilometers and four days enduring all types of weather. What I want to know is: who is the guy in the middle of the picture --c'est-a-dire--where do I apply for that job?

The E-Type forum in the UK (etypeuk.com/forum) has assembled a collection of various Jaguar videos, mostly but not exclusively of E-Types that you can view. These are mostly links to items uploaded to Youtube but they are conveniently assembled all in one place and include advertisements, official company videos and excerpts from movies and television shows. Navigate to the Forum, then the Library, then pick "E-Types on Film



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North Georgia Jaguar Club Dues For 2010

Submitted by Roy Cleveland

the roster in early 2010 so it is very important that we have all our dues collected early in January or at least know who is renewing. One of the reasons the mailing of the new membership cards each year is so late is

due to the slowness of the various clubs in mailing their updated rosters to JCNA. The reason for the slowness of mailing in the rosters is that members don't promptly send in their dues so that the rosters can be completed.

Please make your check payable for \$47 to the North Georgia Jaguar Club and mail it to P.O. Box 1234, Gainesville, GA 30503.



How It All Started

Submitted by Tom Long, GMP President

rescinded due to a conflict with another customer.

So there I was with good license and no supplier when I became acquainted with Mr. Stan Gill of RCI fame. Stan told me about a new mold they were opening and wanted to supply our new company, Peachstate Motorsports. This was early in 1992. In October of that year our first shipment of the Harry Gant/Mac Tools transporter replicas arrived.

Thanks to the good Lord, my wife Barbara, and many friends and collectors, this first release of 10,000 pieces sold out. As RCI/RCCA became Action Performance

Companies, Peachstate decided to open our own molds in China thanks to the help of a great friend, Dick Nelson. Soon, we opened other molds like the 1:18 winged sprint and the vintage dirt car series. Then came the muscle cars like the Buick, Nova, and Pontiac. We now have three factories producing models from over forty different families of molds, some models with close to four hundred parts.

In December of 1992, we started Georgia Marketing & Promotions as a wholesale division. My brother Mark came on board and did a great job of establishing a dealer network that is still the core of our wholesale business today. Peachstate has since blended into Georgia Marketing & Promotions so we are now known simply as GMP.

We are still a small company of only nine dedicated employees (who are really more like family members) operating out of about 13,000 square feet in Winder,

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Valentine's Day Celebration Set for Saturday, February 13

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Bridge Road (highway 141) just south of McGinnis Ferry Road (see attached map). Our reservations are for noon. Their telephone number is (678) 205 1326.

We will also have the "Reading of the Valentine Cards" again this year! So, plan to bring that special card...you know the one you really want to buy but just really did not think you should. Do not sign it...after all you really didn't think you should buy it to start with. We will pass them around and someone else will read it for the enjoyment of the gathering.

Although advance reservations are not required I would appreciate it if you would let me know if you are planning on coming so I can give the restaurant a heads up on approximately how many to plan for. This is a very popular event so bring your sweetheart and come join other NGJC members as we celebrate this very special day

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