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# Visit To Ron Green's Car Collection Saturday, January 19, 2013

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#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As we enter 2013 our club is in excellent shape with a strong and active membership and a lot of exciting events planned for the coming year. Over the past two years Pat Harmon has provided our club with outstanding leadership as club President. Our club membership has grown, we have continued to refine events that have become a large part of our annual calendar, and we have seen the introduction of new events that are of interest to club members. Pat's passion for our fall JCNA Concours has seen it become widely recognized as one of the best. Pat will continue to fulfill a critical role for our club as Concours Chief Judge and provide the Annual Judges Training that is essential to our continued Concours success. I would be quite remiss if I did not also thank Nancy Harmon for keeping Pat, and the rest of us, too, on the right track the past two years. Well done all around.

George Haldane, Activities Director for 2013, has already proposed an extensive club calendar filled with a wide variety of events that will be of interest to club members. We will kick off the year with a visit to Ron Green's classic car collection. Robbie Farris will be our club host for this rare opportunity to see one of the best classic car collections in the

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# 2013 Club Dues Now Past Due

Submitted by John Baxa

If you haven't paid your club dues of \$51.00 for the current year, they are now past the January 1st due date. If we don't hear from you soon, we will have to drop you from our roster. If you know you are not planning to continue as a member I would appreciate a note from you to jwbaxa@mindspring.com. The address to send your check is

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# Great British Car Fayre Saturday, February 23, 2013 Alpharetta, GA

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

As many of you may be aware the Fall Norcross British Car Fayre apparently is a thing of the past. In its place Mr. Ray Gilbert, previously associated with the Norcross event, has made arrangements with the City and merchants of Alpharetta to host an all-British car show on Saturday, February 23rd. Like the Norcross British Car Fayre, the Alpharetta show is not associated with the Annual British Motorcar Day. The 29thAnnual British Motorcar Day will be celebrated on Saturday, May 11, at the Roswell Government center and is the only all-British car show sponsored by all the British Car Clubs in the greater Atlanta area with all proceeds going to charity. The Norcross show has always been well organized and a fun event and I am sure the Alpharetta one will be, too, for those interested.



# **Welcome new members:**

Submitted by John Baxa

Henry and Ann Marie Dabrowski of Lilburn, John and Jinna Wheeler (Robert's son) of Canton, Neil and Kathy MacInnes of Blairsville, Dick and Johnnie Preston of Gainesville, and Chip and Monica Perry of Atlanta.



# Annual Valentine Day Gathering Saturday, February 16, 2013



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# Visit To Ron Green's Car Collection Saturday, January 19, 2013

Submitted by Dave Kirkman and George Haldane

Robbie Farris, our newly elected Member-at-Large, will be our host when we visit Ron Green's fabulous car collection on Saturday, January 19th. Ron's collection consists of over sixty cars and is constantly being added to. Of particular interest are Ferrari, Lamborghini, and classic era cars. Robbie provides mechanical support for Ron's extensive collection of classic cars through his Speedwell Engineering Company located in Canton, GA. Because of its size, Ron's car collection is now housed in two separate locations. Robbie has made arrangements with Ron to visit his collection at his FARM first and then his HOME after lunch.

# Annual Valentine Day Gathering Saturday, February 16, 2013 Noon - Mambo Jambo Restaurant

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Our Valentine Day Gathering was so successful last year at Mambo Jambo that Brian Hernan has made arrangements with the restaurant to host our club again this year! The good folks at Mambo Jambo will open their restaurant at 11:00 am exclusively for our club's use on Saturday, February 16th. Just as last year they will serve a Brunch Buffet as well as a limited lunch menu. We don't have an exact price per person yet but Mambo Jambo's prices last year were very reasonable and I am sure this year will be the same. So make plans now to come and celebrate Cupid's favorite holiday with that someone special and all the gang from the North Georgia Jaguar Club. Don't forget those not so nice Valentine cards for the infamous "Reading of the Valentines". Additional information and a map will be in the February newsletter.

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southeast. I can assure everyone that the ladies will love it as much as the guys. So make plans to join other club members on Saturday, January 19th, for a fantastic day with classic cars and good fellowship. Complete details are in the January newsletter or give me a call if you have any questions.

Cheers, Dave K



# A Brief History of the Microcar

From the Microcar Web Site

The microcar, a vehicle born out of need, was a child of its time and became the symbol of a people's spirit.

World War II came to an end in 1945 and Europe lay in ruins. A shell-shocked population came out of the bomb shelters and faced an unimaginable scene of devastation and ruin.

As if the seemingly endless task of clearing away the rubble wasn't enough, there were crippling shortages of food, raw materials, electricity and gas. Value and worth were measured in Chesterfield cigarettes.

The population collectively rolled up its sleeves and went to work. The astonishing rebuilding of an entire continent over a

period of ten years was accomplished through a unity of spirit and purpose unimaginable today. Bright, talented engineers, many out of the former aircraft industry, put their minds to the problems of mobilizing the population under adverse conditions. It's said that the true master reveals himself within limitations and so this focusing of energy and talent resulted in an enormous variety of small vehicles; some successful, others less so - but all of them interesting!

The microcar or "bubble car" came to symbolize this period of renewed energy and pulling together.

The bubble car boom lasted only a decade, but the period left a lasting impression even on those who abandoned their Kabinenroller for a "real" car.

The cars continue to be found in barns and collections throughout the world but are particularly meaningful to the Europeans, whose lifestyle was, in part, made possible by these tiny cars.

The Bruce Weiner Microcar Museum seeks to pay

tribute to the people who built and loved these wonderful vehicles, some of which achieved lasting fame, others sinking into obscurity.

It hopes to bring this brief, colorful flowering of talent and ingenuity to the attention of a new generation of automobile enthusiasts.

It is currently the Largest Single Collection of Microcars in the World.

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# EXCEPTIONAL TREATMENT!



# 2013 NGJC Calendar

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

JANUARY

19 (Saturday) Ron Green's Garages and Car Collections, Time: 10:00 AM Sponsor: R. Farris\* Location: John's Creek FEBRUARY

15 & 16 (Fri/ & Sat) -Mini Car Auction (Bruce Weiner Microcar Museum (www.hanslewithfun.com Sponsor: G. Haldane\* Location: 2950 Eatonton Rd.,

Madison, GA. 16 (Saturday) -Valentine Gathering,

Time: TBD Sponsor: Brian Hernan\* Location: Duluth 23 (Saturday) – Visit to Robbie Farris's Restoration Garage and to Brandon Smith's Classic AutoSmith's Facility

Time: TBD Sponsor: R. Farris\* Location: Marietta, GA. MARCH

7 - 10 (Thurs/Sun) -Amelia Island Concours,

Sponsor: N/A

Location: Amelia Island, FL

21-23 (Thurs/Sun) JCNA **Annual General Meeting** Sponsor: D. Maury\*

Location: Dallas, TX 30 (Saturday) – Early Spring Garden Drive

Time: TBD Sponsor: Dave Kirkman\* Location: TBD

APRIL 14 (Sunday) – Spring Slalom

Time: 10:00 AM Sponsor: D. Maury\* Location: Chicopee Ag Center 20 (Saturday) - 2nd

Spring Drive Time: 9:30 AM Sponsor: D. Kirkman\* Location: TBD

26, 27 & 28 (Fri/Sat/Sun) - Walter Mitty Historic

Sponsor: P. Harmon\* Location: Road Atlanta MAY

Time: TBD

4 (Saturday) - Trip to Madison, Lunch @ Blue Willow Restaurant. Madison

Sponsor: Kathy \* Location: Madison, GA 11 (Saturday) - British Motorcar Day

Time: 10:00 AM Sponsor: D. Kirkman, J Hollier\*

Location: TBD

18 (Saturday) – Evening @ Hennessy (F Type Introduction)

Time: 3:30 PM Sponsor: Dave Kirkman\* Location: Hennessy Jaguar, Gwinnett

May 25 & 26 (Sunday & Sunday) - Overnight Spring Drive to Warner Robins Air Museum & National POW Memorial

Time: TBD Sponsor: P. Harmon\* Location: TBD

JUNE 8 & 9 (Saturday & Sunday) - Ault Park Concours (www. obioconcourse.com)

Time: TBD Sponsor: G. Haldane Location: Cincinnati, Ohio 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16 (Wed/ Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun) - JCNA Challenge Championship Location: Richmond, VA 15 (Saturday) - Jags 'N

Friends Annual Picnic Time: TBD Sponsor: B. Hernan\*

Location: TBD 29 (Saturday) - NGJC Judges Training

Time: TBD Sponsor: P. Harmon\* Location: Hennessy Jaguar, Gwinnett

13 (Saturday) - Summer Drive - Highlands Motoring Festival & Carolina Club Concours @ Little Switzerland, NC

Time: TRD Sponsor:4 Location: Little Switzerland,

AUGUST 17 (Saturday) - 2nd Summer Drive,

"Cowboys", Time: TBD Sponsor: C. Sykes\* Location: Cartersville, GA. 24 (Saturday) - NGIC Judges Training Make-Up Session

Time: TBD Sponsor: P. Harmon\* Location: TBD

**SEPTEMBER** 7, (Saturday) - British Car Fayre

Time: 10:00 AM Sponsor: G. Haldane\* Location: Norcross, GA 15 (Sunday) – Fall Slalom

Time: 10:00 AM Sponsor: D. Maury\* Location: Chicopee Ag Center OCTOBER

6 (Sunday) - NGJC Concours Time: 10:00 AM Sponsor: P. Harmon\*

Location: Gainesville, GA 9, 10, 11 &12 (Wed/ Thu/Fri & Sat) - Fall Overnight Drive, North Ga. & Sky Line Drive @ Snow Bird Inn

Time: TBD Sponsor: Larry Klute & D. Kirkman\*

18, & 19 (Fri/Sat) – Euro Auto Festival

Time: 10:00 AM Sponsor: D. Kirkman Location: BMW Plant, Greer,

NOVEMBER 1, 2 &3 (Fri/Sat & Sun) - Hilton Head Concours

Sponsor: D. Kirkman\* Location: Hilton Head Island,

9 (Saturday) - Annual Business Meeting

Time: 10:00 AM Sponsor: D. Kirkman\* Location: TBD

DECEMBER

15 (Sunday) - NGJC Christmas Party Time: 6:00 PM Sponsor: D. Kirkman\* Location: The Vinings Club,

Vinings, GA.





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Submitted by Dave Kirkman and George Haldane

#### Schedule

10:00 am to 11:00 am Classic Cars at Ron Green's FARM. 7225 BELL ROAD, DULUTH, GA 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

# LUNCH (LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED) 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

### Classic Cars at Ron Green' HOME. 1145 HEARDS FERRY ROAD, ATLANTA, GA Directions (See Attached Maps)

The Farm

The entrance to Ron's Farm on Bell Road is very easy to miss. Look for the NGJC Orange Cones on either side of the driveway. Follow the drive way around to the barn and park.

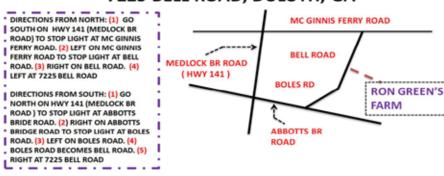
#### Ron's House

Ron's home is located on Heards Ferry Road on the right hand side if you are going west. Follow the driveway past the house to the garage in back.

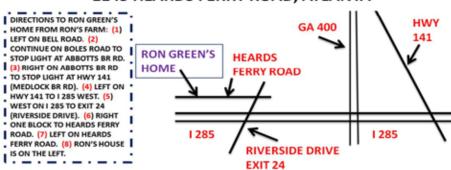
If you know you are going to attend please RSVP with me by Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 770-886-7435 or by email at kirkmandav1@aol.com so I can make final arrangements with the chosen restaurant for lunch.

This is one car collection that the ladies will love and what a wonderful way to kick off our club's 2013 calendar! Thanks to Robbie our club has a unique opportunity to visit one of the best special-interest private car collections in the southeast. We have visited part of Ron's collection in the past but we have never had the opportunity to visit both locations in the same day.

# MAP TO RON GREEN'S <u>FARM</u> 7225 BELL ROAD, DULUTH, GA



## MAP TO RON GREEN'S <u>HOME</u> 1145 HEARDS FERRY ROAD, ATLANTA





## **Our Last Chance Visit To Microcar Museum in Madison**

Submitted by John Baxa

Several club members took the opportunity to visit Bruce Weiner's Microcar Museum in Madison, Saturday, December 29th and also take part in the Polar Bear run between Stone Mountain and our destination in Madison. This loosely organized event-and I use the term loosely very loosely—began with a congregation of mostly MG's but included a lot of different vehicles including our own Jags, some Porsches, Triumphs, muscle cars and trucks, too, as well as some more modern specialty cars—apparently whatever was on hand and up for the drive that day. We had some wet

weather during the day but it didn't dampen the spirits as we set out for Madison and the 220 Restaurant on Washington Street downtown. We enjoyed an excellent lunch with Os & Sheila Baptist, Chris & Rachela Leghorn and son Louis, Tom Koballa, George Haldane, Dave Kirkman, John Baxa, Peggy Davis, Ray Gore and son Chris.

After lunch we set out for the Museum which will be closing for good at the end of January after 15 years of operation. Owner Bruce Weiner said he is ready for a change. "I don't want such a large collection to

be responsible for," he said. "It's a big responsibility." There are a lot financial responsibilities in keeping the museum open including maintaining the cars, paying taxes on the cars and on the property, paying staff, and keeping things up for the public, he said.

On the weekend of February 15-16, 2013 Weiner will auction off his collection of over 200 micro cars as well as various microcar memorabilia from the late 1940's to the early 1960's including neon signs, kiddie rides, pedal cars, vending machines and candy dispensers. Most of the cars in the collection have engines from

50cc to 250cc with some as much as 700cc and have two doors or less. Weiner began his collection in 1991. "I found a Messerschmitt in Hemmings Motor News that caught my eye," he said. "There's just something really cool about them engineering-wise and super cool styling." He now has over 30 Messerschmitts and over 100 rare cars. About 50 of those are one-of-a-kinds, he said.

RM Auctions will be handling the gavel in February and you can preview the lots on the Museum web page http://microcarmuseum.com anytime before the

> Headlining the offering is the world's only complete Messerschmitt collection, spanning from a 1953 KR175 to the second to last serial number known to exist. It also includes the only surviving 1961 Messerschmitt KR201 Sport, an incredibly rare 1957 Messerschmitt KR201 Roadster, and a highly desirable 'Tiger,' the rarest of all Messerschmitts and the only one finished in this color combination. Deemed the fastest microcar ever built, the 'Tiger' is capable of a top speed exceeding 70 mph—a truly impressive feat considering its size. Another lot of particular interest is the 1955 Messerschmitt KR200, formerly owned by American circus personality and entertainer Vic Hyde. This pintsized treasure was given to Hyde by the factory as the first pre-production example for publicity purposes and specially outfitted to hold his musical instruments.

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## **Our Last Chance Visit To Microcar Museum in Madison**

Submitted by John Baxa

The incomparable Isetta, with its timeless "bubble car" design, is also well-represented in the Bruce Weiner Museum. Aside from a pair of BMW 600s, the BMW Isetta 300 is presented in every imaginable version, from an original German police car acquired directly from the police chief, to a "Jagdwagen"

(hunting car), the ultrarare 1957 Isettacarro 'Pickup Truck,' and the most desirable of all-an Isetta 300 Bubble-Window Cabriolet. Other delightful bubble cars were built under license in other countries, such as the Velam Isetta of France and the progenitor of them all, the Iso Isetta. In other cases, the bubble car is presented as a marque all its own, such as the Heinkel Kabine. Among a long list of highlights within the group is the 1959 BMW Isetta 'Whattadrag,' built by Bruce's team after being inspired by the famed Hot

Wheels model. Powered by a 730 horsepower Chevrolet 502 engine, 'Whattadrag' is fully operational and inspired a new run of toy cars by Hot Wheels.

"To me, it's all about the thrill of the chase," Weiner adds. "My collection has brought me incredible joy over the years, but simply finding and restoring these cars is

not enough for me. In order to fully appreciate them, I need to share them. I'm really looking forward to the sale and happy that these unique cars will be spread to other passionate collectors throughout the world. As I see it, we're enlarging the microcar community by letting these go and helping keep history alive."

But is he having any second thoughts about selling? "I never regret a decision I make," he said. "I love change and am looking forward to a new challenge and a new phase in my life." His next collection, a private one, will be a "mixed bag" of European vintage cars.

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through the end of January. Admission is \$5. The museum is located 2.2 miles south of Madison and I-20 on US 441 at 2950 Eatonton Road.



Photos by John Baxa & George Haldane





# **Christmas! What A Party!**

Submitted by John Baxa, P, botos by Robbie Yates

The Christmas season was celebrated with another in a great tradition of feasts at the Vinings Club at the Overlook III office building Sunday, December 16th. We had 66 people in a festive mood this year including five couples who became members of our club in 2012. Again this year, the Vinings Club offered a buffet format which seems to be the preferred format according to the comments we overheard. We were sorry to hear that Joe Newell lost his father just before this year's party and he and Betty were unable to attend as they were travelling to Mobile.

Our sympathies extend to Joe and his family.



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