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**January 30TH Visit To Memory Lane
Annual Valentine's Day Gathering Noon,
Saturday, February 13th, 2016**

**LETTER
FROM THE
PRESIDENT**

Happy New Year to cat lovers everywhere. Your Jaguar club is off to a roaring start this year. We had our first Board Members meeting January 9th. The main agenda was to solidify the monthly club functions and we have some real treats coming up, so please check the club calendar often. Dick Maury and Dave Kirkman announced that the club had been approached by the JCNA president, George Camp, to host the second annual International Jaguar Festival. The IJF is the replacement

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Welcome new members

Phillip and Cathy Cofer of Athens,
James and Anjanette Lynch of Roswell,
Sam Nash of Marietta, Nish and Kinnari Patel of Marietta,
Edward and Lynda Wessen of Hiawasse and Susan Yeosock of Sandy Springs.



January 30TH Visit To Memory Lane

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Our plans to visit the Memory Lane Classic Cars, 170 Scott Road, Eatonton, GA are now complete. Club members David Singleton and Ena Hammond are hosting the event and will meet us at Memory Lane at 11:00 am. David and Ena have also made arrangements to cover our admission costs so club members enter for free. David and Ena have also made arrangements for us to have lunch at the Harbor Club on Lake Oconee at 12:30. The cost is \$30.32 per person and includes salad, Minestrone soup, marinated grilled chicken breast, garlic mash potato, a vegetable medley, and vanilla ice cream with a small brownie for desert. The \$30.32 includes service but does not include beverages of your choice. Please RSVP with me (kirkmandav1@aol.com) or 678-699-4270) by Wednesday, January 27, 2016, if you plan on attending so I can let the Harbor Club know how many to expect for lunch on the 30th. This is a rain or shine event as Memory Lane and the Harbor Club are both indoors so rain or cold weather will not be a problem.

Directions from: I-285 And I-20

1. Take I-20 east towards Augusta approximately 60 miles to exit for Highway 44 / Greensboro Road / Lake Oconee Parkway.
2. Exit right and go right on Highway 44 / Greensboro Road / Lake Oconee Parkway approximately 8 miles to Scott Road.
Note: you will cross Lake Oconee twice on this road before you get to Scott Road
3. Right on Scott Road less than one mile to Memory Lane.

Directions from Memory Lane to Harbor Club

1. Return to Greensboro Road / Hwy 44 / Lake oconee Parkway
2. Left on Greensboro Road / Hwy 44 / Lake Oconee Parkway (back towards I-20) approximately 3 miles to Hutchinson Grove Road.
Note: you will cross Lake Oconee once.
3. Right on Hutchinson Grove Road 0.5 miles to

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The Diner At North Point,**

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

The Diner At North Point,
2355 Mansell Road, Alpharetta, GA
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Mark your February calendar for Saturday, February 13th, and make plans to join fellow club members as we celebrate Cupid's favorite day with that someone special in our lives. Brain Hernan has made arrangements again this year for us to gather in the large private room at the Diner at North Point, just off GA 400 at 2355 Mansell Road. Our Valentine's Day Gathering has proven to be one of our club's favorite events and we look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, the 13th.

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**North Georgia
Jaguar Club Dues
For 2016**

Submitted by John Baxa

This is just another reminder to get your dues checks to the Treasurer before the end of the month. As of this writing over half of our membership have renewed, a few have indicated they will not

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for the Challenge Championship and the Western States meeting that was held in alternate years East and West of the Mississippi river. After much discussion, the board voted to proceed to explore the possibility of hosting such an event. An event committee was formed headed by John Hoffman. A small contingent of the committee will be attending the first IJF in Scottsdale, Arizona this April and will report back to the Board. Please avail yourself to assist John if you have experience in this area or just want to help your club. On a final note, I will be attending the Rolex 24 hours at Daytona, January 28th to the 31st. Rumor has it Jaguar may be getting back in to sports car racing, I'm hoping!

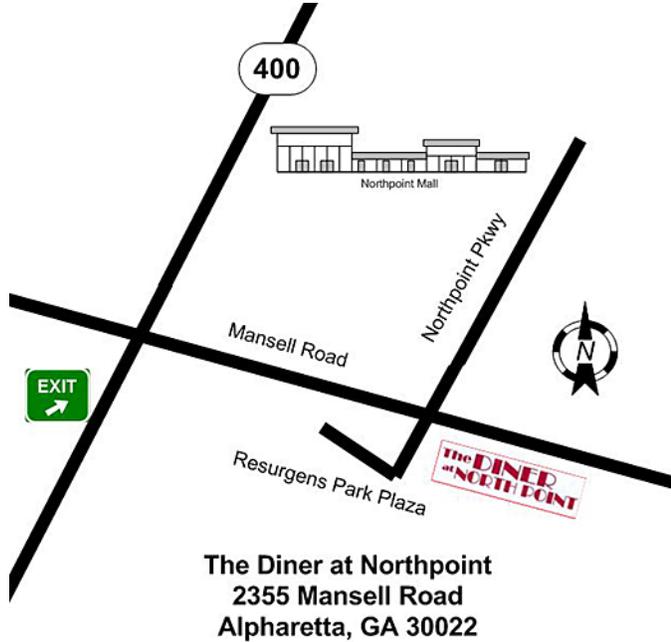
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Submitted by Dave Kirkman

We will order off the restaurant's large and varied menu but we are requesting RSVP with Brian Hernan 770-988-2031 (brian@hernans.com) or me at 770-886-7435 (kirkmandave1@aol.com) by Wednesday, February 10 so we can let the restaurant know how many of us to expect.



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2015 NGJC Calendar

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

NGJC EVENTS: January

M	T	W	T	F	SAT	SUN
	4	5	6	7	8	9
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NGJC EVENTS: February

M	T	W	T	F	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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■ = Club Events
■ = Other Events

■ = MLK Holiday

January

January 30, Saturday
 Memory Lane Car Museum and Lunch at Lake Oconee Harbor Club
 Time: 11:00 AM
 Location: Eatonton, GA
 Sponsor: Dave Kirkman/ David Singleton sponsor

February

February 13, Saturday
 Valentine's Day Lunch
 Location: North Point Diner, Alpharetta
 RSVP by February 10th .
 Sponsor: Brian Herman sponsor

March

March 12, Saturday
 Amelia Island Concours
 Amelia Island, FL

March 26, Saturday (tentative)
 Ron Green Car Collection
 Sponsor: Robbie Ferris/Lory Healy

April

April 2
 JCNA AGM Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ

April 3-5

JCNA International Jaguar Festival, Scottsdale, AZ

April 21-24th

Walter Mitty Challenge
 Road Atlanta
 Braselton, GA

May

May 14, Saturday
 Atlanta Motoring Festival
 Chukkar Farms
 Alpharetta, GA

May 15, Sunday

British Motor Car Day
 Location: Roswell, GA
 Sponsor: Dave Kirkman/Brian Hernan/John Hollier

May 21st Saturday

Wolf Mountain Winery first spring drive
 Sponsor: John Hoffman

June

June 4, Saturday
Rides to Remember Ferrari Maserati
 Sponsor: Lory Healy

June 9-12

Highlands Motoring Festival
 Sponsor: Brian Herman sponsor

June 18, Saturday

Jags & Friends Picnic June 18
 Sponsor: Brian Herman

July

July Date to be determined
Heavens Landing, Clayton, Ga
 Sponsor: John Hollier

July 15-17

Carolina Concours
 Location: Little Switzerland, N.C.

August

August 13 or 14
 Blue Willow Inn lunch and visit to Madison August
 Location: Social Circle, GA
 Sponsor: Lory Healy

September

September 10, Saturday
Atlanta British Car Fayre Norcross, GA
 Sponsors: Dave Kirkman/John Hollier/John Hoffman

September Date to be determined
Fall Drive to Coker Tire, Chattanooga, TN
 Sponsor: John Hoffman

October

October 8, Saturday
North Georgia Jaguar Club Concours Hospitality Party
 Location: Luna's Restaurant Gainesville, GA

Sponsor: Lory Healy sponsor

October 9, Sunday

North Georgia Jaguar Club Concours
 Location: Chattahoochee Country Club, Gainesville, GA
 Sponsor: John Hoffman

October 15-16

Euro Auto Fest
 Location: Greenville/Spartanburg, SC
 Sponsor: Dave Kirkman

October 28 – November 6

Hilton Head Motoring Festival
 Location: Hilton Head, SC
 Sponsor: Dave Kirkman

November

November 12, Saturday
 North Georgia Jaguar Club Business Meeting
 Sponsor: John Hollier

December

December 3 or December 10, Sunday
Holiday Party
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- Club Drive
- 4. Right on Club Drive
- 5. Left on Polo Circle to Harbor Club



A trip down Memory Lane

Written by April James, Photographed by Juan Alonso from Lake Oconee Living

Cars are an integral part of American history. Their birth revolutionized mass production; their production built cities, their sales stimulated an economy. Moreover, cars changed the nature of our social interaction, from a family road trip to a drive-in movie where a young couple might share a first kiss. These experiences are etched into memories and it's these memories that Jerry and June Smith want us to relive.

Many of us have early interests that stay with us as we grow into adults. For Jerry and June Smith, it was a love

for cars. That shared childhood passion has matured into one of the largest car collections in the southeast – a collection that has now become Memory Lane,

Lake Oconee's very own classic car museum.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith

Jerry and June Smith share more than just their initials. The two grew up around cars, whether they were in the backyard under the hood or behind the wheel in a high-speed race fostering a childhood interest in automobiles that followed them to adulthood.

Unsurprisingly, Memory Lane begins with a trip down the pair's own memory lane.

June fell in love with cars when she was just a child. While other little girls were inside playing with dolls, June sat outside and watched her father at work fixing cars.

"My dad was a backyard mechanic when I was a child, and he was my favorite person in the world," she reflects. "I'd sit out in the yard when he worked on the cars and my hand was small and fit where his wouldn't. That's how I learned about cars."

Jerry too, started working on cars with his father

before he took on his own projects.

"My father used to work on cars, and I worked in a garage for a couple of years, so I've been around cars all my life," he says.

The two developed their knowledge of cars by spending quality time under the hood, but perhaps their love for them began with the first cars they owned. Jerry's first car was a 1957 Chevrolet he built up in the garage but June's was a gift.

"My first car was a Mercury Comet Caliente," June proudly reflects. "It was pretty nice, and was black and had red interior." And besides the aesthetic appeal of a car, both Jerry and June sought an adrenaline rush that could only be experienced behind the wheel of a car.

"I used to go to dirt track races and came up racing automobiles that got me into a need for speed," Jerry says.

June got her taste of the fast life while borrowing the car of a friend. "One of my best friends lived down the street on the corner and he had a '64 black on black GTO," she remembers. "It was fast and he would let me drive it all the time. I'd race with everybody and I could smoke 'em!" Now the two have some pretty fast cars of their own amongst the others in their collection.

The Collection

Some collectors take pride in their displays of shiny Lamborghinis and the latest luxury cars, but Jerry and June Smith are fond of the classics. The uniqueness of each car and the ability to distinguish a Ford from a Dodge from a Chevrolet is important them, and is something they value about older cars. Memory Lane's



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collection features cars from 1913 to 2005, and each and every vehicle is American made.

"I started collecting cars about 25 to 30 years ago," Jerry reflects. "I was fixing up cars and if I could afford them, I kept them." He started out with three or four cars in his personal stash, and his travels afforded him the opportunity to grow his collection.

"I'd find a sign, buy a car and fix it," he says. "I started collecting on accident." Now he and his wife travel around the nation to car shows and auctions to check out what's on the market and identify the best fit for their collection.

Every year following Labor Day, Tennessee hosts the annual Grand Rod Run, one of the largest events of its kind in the area. Car enthusiasts meet and greet and talk cars and some come out to make purchases.

"We go up to Pigeon Forge pretty much every year to the show," June says. "If he finds one he likes he'll say 'Come on, I've got to show you this car,' and we'll look at it." But Jerry isn't the only one picking out cars to add to the mix.

"It's a two way street," she says. Each year she visits Las Vegas on a scouting trip of her own to the Barrett Jackson car collection auction. "If I find something I'm crazy about I'll pitch one of those little woman fits and he ends up buying it for me," she jokes.

If the Smiths aren't at auto shows or national auctions, they're buying cars in their own backyard from individuals or in local auctions. Since Jerry has a background as a mechanic, he'll take a car in any condition and will go to work fixing it up like new.

But what makes a car worthy of being added to his collection? Jerry will check its engine out, look at the style of body on the car and see if it's a retro model (an old body with upgrades), but it really boils down to choosing cars he likes.

"There's no rhyme or reason for what I buy," he states frankly. "If I see it, like it and don't have it, I'll try to buy it."

While neither of the Smith's can settle on a favorite car, they both prefer those produced while they were growing up.

"I think what you like is what you grew up with and what your dad liked. The sound of the car, everything," says June. They're both fond of cars from the '50s and '60s. There's a 1957 Chevrolet Belair convertible, a 1957 Ford Thunderbird and a 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle in the collection. The couple even has Alice Cooper's red fire truck and a car Bret Michaels' band used to hire. When dealing with old cars, you're bound to run into motorcycles so they have Harley Davidsons and Iron Horses among other cycles in the collection.

Memory Lane

Memory Lane isn't a parking lot showcase or a simple garage. It's more than 4,000 square feet of classic cars and all the things that go with them, located on Scott Road in Eatonton. Visitors from Tennessee, Colorado, and New Jersey traveled during the grand opening weekend in May to rub elbows with Lake Oconee locals and admire the Smiths' collection of more than 150 cars and 20 motorcycles.

"We had about 900 people show up," Jerry says of

the event, and the following week saw a crowd of about 500. Word of mouth has proven to be a useful tool for the museum and while the two hope to attract new audiences, they design their floor with repeat visitors in mind.

"We're going to change out the show room every 90 days so things won't stay the same," Jerry explains. "If you go to a furniture store and see the same furniture, you don't want to go back. And we're fortunate that we can change it about four or five times and not have the same cars." But Memory Lane is much more than just cars.

"It's not just the cars, but all the signage from those eras that makes the museum," Jerry says. "It's probably as important as the cars are." Porcelain and neon signs of car logos and other insignia from the past decorate the museum triggering a nostalgia that envelops the atmosphere. They've got the old, manual gas pumps on display and more than 200 license plates from 1913 onward.

Although the museum showcases rides and memorabilia from a bygone era, the couple has received a surprisingly positive reaction from kids and teens.

"Not only do people from our generation love the cars, but younger kids love the cars too," June shares. "They pick out a favorite, and I love seeing the young men right out of high school react to the cars, its nice!" Older women will reminisce about being picked up for their first date in a car they've spotted on the floor and gentlemen pick out their father's first car when they were growing up. Everyone seems to be able to conjure

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A Chance To Say “Hello” To An Old Friend Again

Submitted by John Baxa, Photographed by Frank Sessions

Sometimes we forget how critical hot rods were to post-WWII American culture breaking speed records, and having influence on Detroit's design and engineering for many years. An interesting example was shown at the last Hilton Head Motoring Festival—a 1932 Ford three-window Deluxe Coupe. This car was owned by NGJC club member Frank Sessions of Atlanta and Conyers, GA from 1953 until



2012. In 1953 Sessions and a few friends installed an Olds 88 engine in the car, one of the first such modifications in Georgia.

In 1953, Sessions also had the chance to drive a friend's XK-120 Jaguar and saw the 120 MPH the car

was capable of—very fast for this time period. Sessions also had his own XK-120 from 1956 until 2010. With this car he set the fastest Jaguar time of the day at an SCCA Solo One event at his Air Base in Columbus, Ohio in 1957. He was also second overall, beaten only by a then-new 1957 Corvette with the 270 HP engine package—270 HP versus 180 HP in the 1954 Jaguar. The time difference was only 3/10 of a second over the

1.6 mile course, a simulated road course with 100 MPH straights.

Earlier, in 1954, the '32 Ford coupe raced in the first legal “drag” races in Georgia on a dirt airstrip in Fairburn, Georgia.

The little Ford went into storage in the early 60's. Before that, it was driven to New York State, Watkins Glen, New York City, and out to Denver, Colorado. It is now part of the Wester Family Collection, Okatie, South Carolina and

is being maintained for “preservation” state. It has its 83-year old original interior. All of its sheet metal is original to this car.

The Ford was presented in a special invitational area at Hilton Head Motoring Festival in November. Frank says he is still in touch with the present owner of the XK-120, too. “I always had an interest in all performance and what have come to be called ‘collector’ cars.”









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North Georgia Jaguar Club Dues For 2016

Submitted by John Baxa

renew and the rest, well, what can I say? **YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING YET!** Seriously, we need to get our roster to the JCNA by the end of this month, so make our jobs a little easier and send in those renewals if you will, and if you won't, at least let us know you won't so we can quit pestering you. You can contact John Baxa at jwbaxa@mindspring.com.

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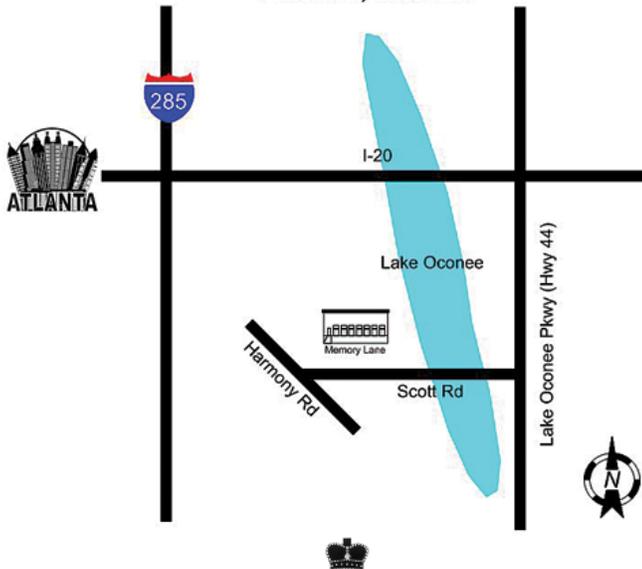
a car-related memory and the couple is glad to share the collection with the public and plans to give back in other ways.

With an admission of \$5 for ages 10 and over, people from all walks of life can enjoy the museum, and 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated to local Greene and Putnam County charities.

For now, the couple has entrusted the Lake Oconee Elks Lodge, a local non-profit organization, with managing the funds but eventually they plan to choose different recipients. They're just happy to be able to share their passion with others and for June, she's excited to watch her husband's dreams come true. And what kept him motivated to see the project through?

"Some people love golf, some people love fishing, I love cars," Jerry says. "It's all about doing what you love."

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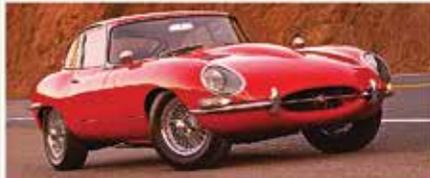
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