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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The June "Jags and Friends" picnic was a huge success again this year. Kudos to Brian Hernan for securing the pavilions with the Roswell Parks Department, ordering the food and awards, and making sure everyone had a good time on Saturday. The Alpha Romeo Club and the AJS were our guest this year and I really appreciate their members coming out and sharing the day with us.

Mary Ann Kretz emailed me a list of our members and the cars that they have registered with her. The list makes very interesting reading with our club members owning cars that date from the pre WWII 1930's to the latest offering from Coventry. Wayne Phears and Chris Fowler have the two oldest cars both owning XKSS 100's. Wavne's is a 1936 and Chris's a 1937. The latest are two brand new XF's owned by Doug Dustin and Lucy Troutman. I was a little surprised at the large number of E-types that were represented. Our club has 42 of these iconic Jaguar sports cars with an example of every model from all three series. The earliest is Wavne Phears' 1961 "flat floor" OTS that was the tenth production E-type off the assembly line. We have six XK120's and six XK 140's along with seven XK150's and three high performance XK 150 S models. There are 24 XJS's listed. As expected the XJ6, XJ12, XJ8, and Continued on page 2



Concours Judge's Training Saturday August 15th

Submitted by John Baxa

In anticipation of our club's Concours scheduled for October, Pat Harmon will be conducting another Judge's training session again this year. He's set aside August 15th, a Saturday, to do it this year so reserve that in you calendar. These are useful to bring everyone up to speed concerning judging procedures and to ensure a successful Concours. We'll have all the details in next month's newsletter as to exact time and location.

Summer Drive to Amicalola Falls Saturday, August 8, 2009

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

The popular Summer Drive this year is to the beautiful Amicalola Falls located west of Dahlonega off of highway 52. The mornings in north Georgia are still very pleasant in mid summer and this is the perfect time to take the Cat out and enjoy the beauty of Georgia's backcountry in its summer glory.

We will meet at the Kroger parking lot, just east of exit 17, off GA 400 and Keith Bridge Road (see attached map), at 9:30 am with a leave time of 10:00 am for the drive to Amicalola Falls. As usual we have chosen a selection of seldom traveled backcountry roads to reach our destination.

Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta in September Will See Jaguar in Competition

Submitted by John Baxa

Rocketsports Racing officially announced in April 2009 a GT2 program for the American Le Mans Series that will see the East Lansing, Michigan-based team reunite with the Jaguar brand by entering a Jaguar XKR for a partial season in 2009 with a full-season championship effort in 2010. "It has been difficult to be out of competitive racing for nearly a year," said RSR team owner Paul Gentilozzi. "We are *Continued on page 5*



Picnic for Jags and Friends

Submitted by John Baxa

It was a day of relaxed conversation and association with friends old and new as the third of the series of picnics at Roswell Area Park Saturday, June 14th took place with perfect late spring weather. As we did last year, we had the Atlanta Alpha Romeo club with us and this year we added the Atlanta Jaguar Society members as well. It was great to see a variety of cars in a noncompetitive atmosphere and to have the time to socialize as we enjoyed barbecue in the shelters at the park.

Thanks go to Brian Hernan for organizing the event including arranging for the caterers and token awards for club members in attendance. Brian announced a slightly different twist for next year's picnic where our club members might invite a non-club member to come along as a guest and bring whatever car they might have so we can all enjoy them. If you haven't been to one of these picnics, you should try it next year.

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Still Time to Arrange for Drive to Little Switzerland

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

The Carolina Jaguar Club has a wonderful three day event planned July 16-19. Complete details are in last month's news letter but briefly: Thursday evening is a reception sponsored by our good friends at Coventry West. A mountain drive on Friday to the Biltmore Estate area for lunch and shopping; Sea Food Dinner on Friday night at the Inn; Concours on Saturday morning and choice of activities in the afternoon (horse back riding, hiking, site seeing, or just relaxing) before the awards banquet that evening. Sunday will find some of us heading back towards Atlanta on the Blue Ridge Parkway while others may choose to visit Ashville again for more shopping before heading home.

Some of us will be heading up on Thursday and others perhaps on Friday. Contact Dave Kirkman as he will be compiling a list of who is going and setting up meeting places both days for those who wish to travel as a group. If you are interested email me at kirkmandav1@aol.com and I'll send you the complete details.



Headlight Pod Removal on XK-150-DHC

President's Letter continued from front cover

XJR models are well represented with 47 examples covering these cars. The S and X Types have a total of 12 examples including three S Type R's. The XK, XK8's and the XKR's are also well represented with 19 models of various kinds. In total we have a total of 178 models of all types listed.

At last count we have ten couples heading for the weekend overnight at Little Switzerland, NC, on July 16 - 19. It is still not too late to make last minute reservations. The Switzerland Inn can be reached at 1-800-654-4026.

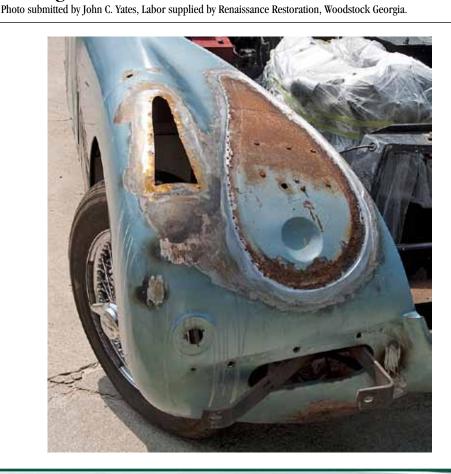
Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for the Summer Drive on Saturday morning August 8, 2009 at 9:30 am. We are heading to Amicalola Falls this year for what I know will be a fun drive (see the article and map in this month's newsletter for complete details).

Drive friendly, Dave

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North Georgia Jaguar Club 2009 Calendar of Events

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

January 2009

Sunday, 18th - Jim Gebhardt's Personal Car Collection, (Jim is the owner of California Car Co) * d. kirkman

February 2009

Saturday, 14th - Valentine's Gathering * d kirkman

Saturday, 21 - Leatherique Tech Session, * i.ruiz

March 2009

Saturday 7th - Ron Green's Classic Car Collection, * d. hart

13th, 14th & 15th - Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance

19th, 20th & 21st - AGM, Denver, Colorado, * d. maury

Sunday, 29th Spring Slalom * d. maury

April 2009

Sunday April 5th - South Florida Jaguar Club Concours.

Saturday, 19th - Tech Session (E-Types... Bonnet to Boot) (Rain date - May 31)* p harmon Sunday, 26th - Spring Drive to **Reynolds** Plantation (Rain or shine) * d. kirkman May 2009

1st, 2nd, 3rd - Walter Mitty Historic Races, Road Atlanta, (Jaguar is the featured marque at the Mitty), * p harmon

Saturday, 16th - British Autocar Day, and Drive * d kirkman

19th - 23rd - JCNA Challenge Championship, S. A., Texas * d. maury

Saturday, 16th - Smoky Mountain **JCNA Concours**

June 2009

Saturday, 20th - Annual Club Picnic & Car Show * b. hernan p. harmon

June 19-21 - Jaguar Club of Florida Concours

July 2009

Saturday 18th - Club Overnight and Carolina Jaguar Club Concours to Little Switzerland NC* d. kirkman

17th, 18th & 19th - Carolina Jag **Club JCNA Concours**

August 2009

Saturday, 8th - Summer Drive,

Saturday, 15th - Annual Judges Training, * p. harmon September 2009

Sunday, 20th - Fall Slalom, * d. maury

Sunday, 20th - Virginia Jaguar Club Concours

Saturday, 12th - Norcross British Car Farye * p. harmon October 2009

Sunday, 11th - NGJC Annual

Concours * p harmon Saturday, 17th - EURO, BMW Plant, Greenville, SC

Saturday, 24th - Fall Drive * d. kirkman

30th & 31st, - Hilton Head Concours, * d. kirkman November 2009

Sunday, 1st - Hilton Head Concours, * d. kirkman Saturday, 21st - Annual Business Meeting * d kirkman December 2009

> Sunday 6th – Gainesville Christmas Car Parade *p. harmon Sunday, 20th – NGJC Annual Christmas Party * 1. kludt



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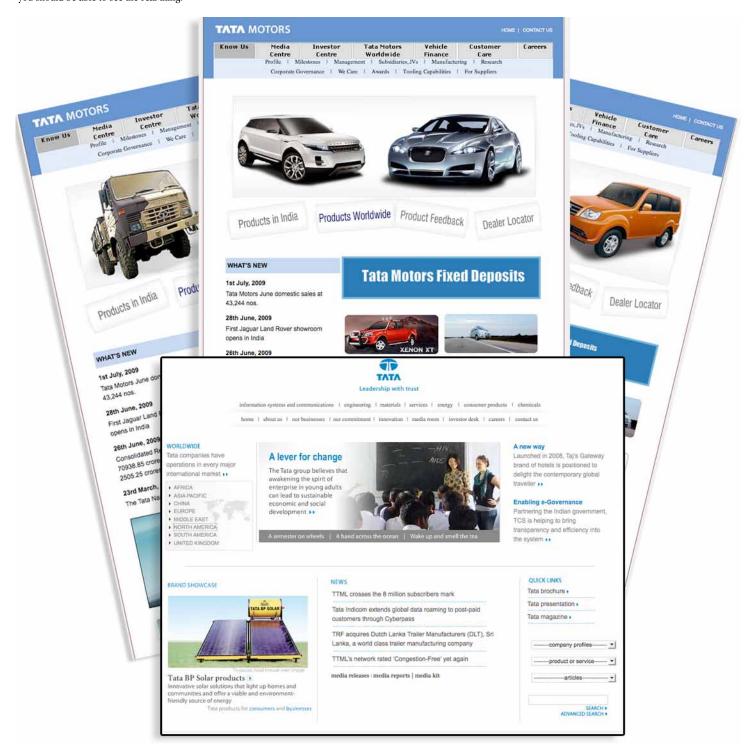
Tata Motors Introduces Jaguar Brand to India on Eve of 2010 XJ Debut

Submitted by John Baxa

Tata Motors will begin to build a dealer network in India over the next couple of years as it introduces Jaguar and Land Rover to the world's fastest growing automobile market. In a ceremony June 28, Chairman Ratan Tata maintained his optimism in the face of global weakening demand for automobiles, especially for luxury sedans and SUVs which are the heart of the group's portfolio: "We at Tata Motors are proud to have these brands," he said, according to The Economic Times, saving it was a "terrific decision."

Jaguar is scheduled to introduce the redesigned 2010 XJ on July 9th. The company has been releasing hints in the form of videos available for viewing on the internet and several "spy photos" have surfaced with disguised grills. But by the time you read this you should be able to see the real thing.

Meanwhile, Jaguar may be forced to postpone production of its XE two-seater roadster beyond 2011 thanks to the global economic situation. So, we may not see it at the hoped-for launch at the 2011 Geneva Motor Show on the 50th anniversary of the E-Type's debut there. Motor Trend has reported that Jaguar is designing an electric motor with an extended-range three-cylinder gas engine. Whether that powerplant would be in addition to Jaguar's conventional 5.0-liter and supercharged 5.0-liter V8s is unknown, as is whether the extended-range XE will make it beyond the concept stage. Ratan Tata's father once owned an XK-120 and Tata told Autocar earlier this year, "We need to emerge with something shiny and new, which is why we are reprioritizing the roadster right now."



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most fortunate to be able to return to what we know, winning sportscar championships. In particular, winning them in Jaguars. We haven't spent our time idly; we've focused on engineering and construction of the Jaguar XKR.

"The addition of Rocketsports Racing and Jaguar XKR speaks volumes about the status of the American Le Mans Series," said Scott Atherton, President and CEO of the world's leading sports car series. "Not only does the Series add another prestigious automobile brand to its already world class lineup of manufacturers, but the fact that this addition occurs during such a challenging time in our industry makes the announcement truly significant. Paul Gentilozzi is one of the most experienced and qualified people in motorsports and his decision to bring Rocketsports and the Jaguar brand into the American Le Mans Series at this time is the best endorsement we could ask for."

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The Rocketsports/Jaguar relationship is also significant off track. From 2002 – 2004, Rocketsports, Inc. built two concept cars which included a racier X-Type and the most powerful road-going Jaguar convertible ever – the 550 horsepower XK-RS. In November 2008, RSR undertook a secret speed trial, taking a 2010 Jaguar XFR to the legendary Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah. The XFR achieved a stunning top speed of 225.675 mph – making it the fastest production Jaguar ever. In the vein of Rocketsports' work on production Jaguars, RSR is developing high performance aftermarket components for the XKR and newly revealed XFR.

The 12th annual Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta is September 23-26, 2009





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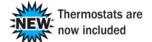
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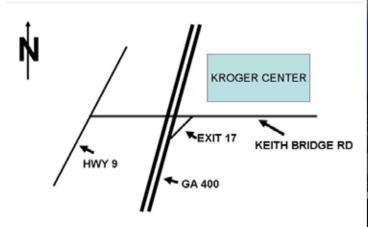
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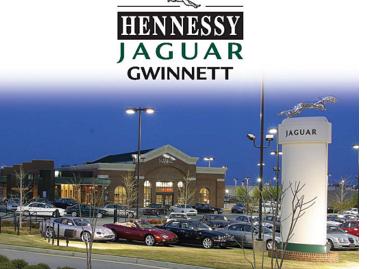
Amicalola Falls features a state lodge and restaurant at the top of the park with a sweeping view of the surrounding mountains. We should arrive around 11:00 am in time for lunch and fellowship with other club members. The afternoon is free to either return to Atlanta or perhaps drive to Dahlonega to visit and shop in their unique stores.

Reservations are not required for this event. However, if you know you are planning on going please let Dave Kirkman know so we will be looking out for you on the morning of the 8th. Of course you are most welcome to come last minute and join in the fun.

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