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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's time to put on our Concours hats and get ready to have some fun this Summer. Obviously you are in the NGJC because you like Jaguars--especially your own. The JCNA Concours season is now in full swing and a perfect opportunity for you to take a short trip in your Jag and see some beautiful cars. If you have never been to one of these events I strongly encourage you to do so; and if you've never entered your own car, I strongly encourage you to do that as well. A complete calendar of JCNA events is posted on the JCNA website: www. JCNA.com. Of course, the NGJC will be holding its annual Concours this coming October and we are already making preparations for this very popular event. As before, it will be held at the gorgeous Chattahoochee Country Club in Gainesville replete with the "to die for" brunch that brings folks from all over the Southeast. We are always looking for judges and I would ask that you consider joining our team. It is not hard and it's not a lot of work. The perfect time for learning more about judging and how a Concours operates will be at our August 4th tech session at Mary & Carolyn Sikes home. There is a separate article in this newsletter with the details.

Have you been on our website lately? www.



Carolina Jaguar Club Going To The Mountains July, 19 – 21, 2012

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Harvey Ferris is heading up the Carolina Jaguar Club's Concours weekend at Little Switzerland, NC again this year. This is an excellent venue and the Carolina Jaguar Club members are always a welcoming and a fun group to be with. They also stage an excellent Concours. The Concours is on Saturday, July 21, and is a good opportunity for any JCNA member seeking to have their car judged; particularly if you are seeking Regional or National awards. Our club has supported this event for the past several years and I hope we will have a good representation again this year. Complete information, including registration forms, is on the JCNA web site. Click on the Club list and then the Carolina Jaguar Club. Look for "Going to the Mountains" under Up Coming Events. You can also contact Harvey directly at harvery. ferris@gmail.com or 919-604-2189.

Summer Drive To Amicalola Falls Saturday, August 18th, 2012

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Back by popular demand is our back roads drive in the north Georgia mountains to beautiful Amicalola Falls State Park. The roads that we have chosen this year are just perfect for a late summer morning drive in the country.

We will gather in the parking lot BEHIND the McDonalds on Keith Bridge Road just off of Exit 17 on GA 400 at 9:00 am. Our leave time of 9:20 for the hour and a half drive to Amicalola Falls. A notice of this drive and a map to the meeting place behind McDonalds will be published in the August newsletter.

Jaguar Club Concourse Overnight Trip, July 19-22nd.

Annual Technical Shop Til You Drop Session

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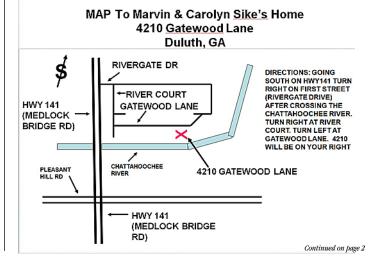


Annual Technical Shop Til You Drop Session

Submitted by Pat Harmon

On August 4th we have a real treat for everyone. Marv and Carolyn Sikes are hosting our annual Tech Session at their home in Duluth. This will be a team competition. Team A will be doing a one mile road rally from the Sikes Home to the nearby Forum shopping center. There they will be doing a scavenger hunt. On the list will be everything you can buy with your credit card (or cash that's the green paper stuff in your wallet that you don't use too much anymore). The winner will be determined by who got the best deal.

Now, while the scavenger hunt is going on, Team B will be with our Concours Judging Team and hold a seminar (hoity toity for a BS session) on how to detail your car to the Concours level. I know, I know, you've been washing and taking care of your cars all your life but, there just might be a small chance, that our experts



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Annual Technical Shop Til You Drop Session

Submitted by Pat Harmon

ngjc.us is the website address. There you will find our calendar, clothing items for sale and a wealth of other information. Our webmaster, Dick Maury has done a great job with the site but he does need your help. HE NEEDS PICTURES of everyone's cars. Please do us a favor and send a couple of pictures to Dick along with a description of the car. His Email address is dick@coventrywest.com.

have learned a few tricks along the way that you don't know and are willing to pass on. If you are new to Jaguar Concours (fancy word for Car Show) we will explain, in just a few minutes, just how it's done. Our judges will then be more than happy to spend some one-on-one time with you personally inspecting your car that is, what they would deduct for if they were judging your car.

Oh, I forgot one more thing.. Throughout all of this, direct from Diners Drive-Ins & Dives, Chefs Sikes and Harmon will be serving up our soon to be famous Jag-Burgers along with chips and drinks.

Whether you are a life-long Jag driver or new member I think you will find this meeting both enjoyable and rewarding. If you don't, well, at least you get free hamburgers!

Plan on arriving at the Sikes Home (4210 Gatewood Lane, Duluth, GA 30097) on Saturday, August 4th at 10:30 am. The ladies will be departing for the Forum for lunch (as a group or on your own) at 11:00 at which time the Tech session will also start. We will then be having our BBQ lunch after the tech session. After lunch, our judges will make themselves available to spend time with anyone who would like to know how their car will fare. When the ladies return at 2:00 pm we'll finish the day with dessert.

WE NEED TO KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING. Please call Marv or Carolyn Sikes (preferably around 3:00 am) at (770) 729-8210. If you can't reach them call Pat or Nancy Harmon at (678) 450-6728 (preferably between 5:00 and 6:00pm).



Welcome new members

Dick and Linda Stallcup of Lawrenceville and Stuart and Tracy Weiss of Marietta.





2012 NGJC Calendar

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

January

21 - An Evening with Hennessy Jaguar Sponsor: Pat Harmon Location: Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett

February

11 - Valentine's Party Time: 12 Noon Sponsor: Dave Kirkman Location: Mamba Jamba, Windward Pkwy

March

9-14 - JCNA Annual Meeting 2012 JCNA Western States Meet Location: Phoenix, AZ 10-11 - Amelia Island Concours Weekend Sponsor: N/A Location: Amelia Island, FL 14-18 – Atlanta International Location: Georgia World

Congress Center, Atlanta

18 - Spring Slalom

Sponsor: Dick Maury

Gainesville, GA

Location: Chicopee Ag Center,

24 - First Spring Drive Sponsor: Dave Kirkman Location: TBD 31 - Rain Date for First Spring Drive

April

8 - Easter 21 - Second Spring Drive Sponsor: Dave Kirkman Location: TBD 28-29 - Walter Mitty Speedfest Triumph vs. MG Sponsor: HSR/Classic Motorsports Location: Road Atlanta, Braselton, GA 29 - Rain Date for Second Spring Drive

12 - British Motor Car Day Location: Berry College, Rome, GA 13 - Mother's Day

June

2 - Wolf Mountain Winery Sponsor: Dave Kirkman Location: Wolf Mt. Winery, Dahlonega, GA

6-10 - MG 2012 National Meet

Sponsor: Peachtree MG Club Location: Dillard, GA 16 - Jags 'n Friends Annual

Picnic Sponsor: Brian Hernan Location: TBD

17 - Father's Da02 July

13-15 - Highlands Motoring Festival, Highlands, N.C.

19-22 - Carolina Jaguar Club Concourse Overnight Trip Location: Little Switzerland,

August

4 - Tech Session at Marvin Sikes' Location: Sikes Home, Duluth 18 - Summer Drive Sponsor: Dave Kirkman Location: TBD 25 - Rain Date for Summer Drive

September

1-3 Labor Day Weekend 8 - British Car Favre Sponsor: British-American **Business Group**

Location: Norcross, GA 16 - Fall Slalom Sponsor: Dick Maury Location: Chicopee Ag Center, Gainesville, GA

October

7 - NGJC Concours d'Elegance Sponsor: Pat Englehorn Location: Gainesville, GA 13-14 Euro Auto Festival Location: BMW Plant, Greer,

Location: TBD

3-4 - Hilton Head Island Concours Weekend Location: Hilton Head, SC Meeting Time: 10:00 AM Location: TBD 22-25 - Thanksgiving Weekend

December

16 - Christmas Party Sponsor: TBD Location: TBD

28 - Fall Drive Sponsor: Dave Kirkman

November

10 - NGJC Annual Business



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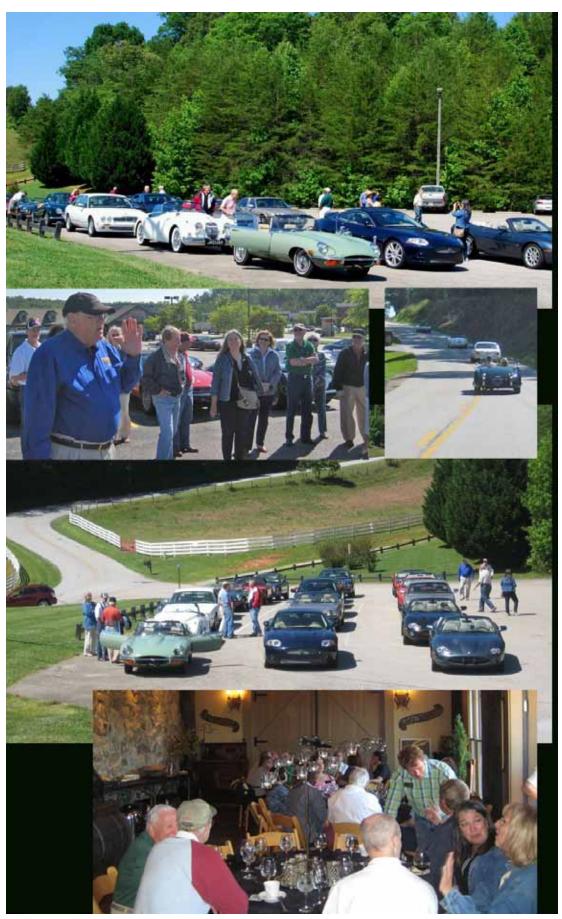
A Perfect Day For A DriveTo Wolf Mountain Winery

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

The rain storms that hit the Atlanta area on Thursday and early Friday morning were long gone by late Friday afternoon leaving the skies clear ... and a promise for a perfect day on Saturday to take a drive in the country. Saturday morning did not disappoint with much cooler temperatures and low humidity as a large contingent of NGJC members set out for a gorgeous back roads drive in the north Georgia mountains on our way to our final destination at Wolf Mountain Winery.

I especially want to thank Ivan and Myrna Ruiz and Roy and Linda Cleveland for helping lead a herd of cats on the drive so we could make sure that everyone arrived safely and no one got lost. Also a thank you to Jim O'Dell for taking pictures of our group as our Jags made a spectacular sight as we stopped at R Ranch for a "necessity break" before tackling the steep climb to Stone Pile Gap and then on to the winery.

Karl Boegner, Wolf Mountain Winery Proprietor, good friend and all around car guy, met us and made sure we were well feted in our private dinning room. Karl also opened up his garages for anyone who wished to see his collection of Porches and Mercedes. In a private moment Karl told me that, over the years, our club members are the nicest and most courteous of the numerous car clubs that visit his winery. Believe me, this has been our club's reputation for a long time and it sure goes a long way in helping us make arrangements for an event. Thanks to each of you who came and enjoyed the day: John Baxa, Oz and Sheila Baptist, Roy and Linda Cleveland, Kathie Cundiff and A.J., Bill and Laly Davis, Jim Fambrough, Don and Jennie Gruschow, Ray and Margaret Gore, George Haldane, Pat and Nancy Harmon, Brian Hernan, John and Judy Hoffman, David and Beverly Kirkman, Larry and Kathleen Kludt, Chris and Rachela Leghorn, Bob and Ann Lindner, Jim and Cathleen O'Dell, Bob and Linda Ray, Ivan and Myrna Ruiz, Marvin and Marty Sikes, Dick and Linda Stallcup, and W.L. and Carol Wagnon.



Highland Motoring Festival, Highlands, NC. July 13 – 15

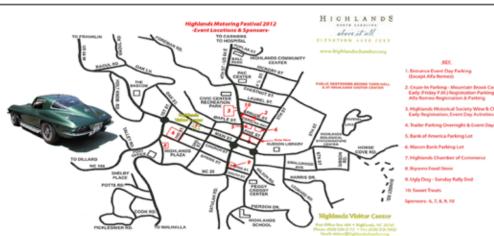
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Submitted by Dave Kirkman

The past several years many of our club members have enjoyed the Make-A-Wish charity car show in Cashiers, NC. Our good friend KB Pearce has informed us that the car show will not be a part of this years Make-A-Wish event.

However, KB has forwarded information about another car show that will be of interest to our club members. The Highlands Motoring Festival is being held the weekend of July 13, 14, and 15. The event organizers are expecting 150 cars and have a full weekend of events planned. There will be a reception on Friday, the car show on Saturday with a planned shopping outing for the ladies, an awards banquet on Saturday evening and a rally on Sunday morning. Entry fee for the car show is \$25.00 with proceeds going to the Highlands-Cashiers Humane Society. Complete information is at www.highlandmotoringfestival.com. Hotel information is at www.highlandschamber.org. Brian Hernan is our club contact for this event. He can be reached at 404-275-8200 or brian@hernans.com.



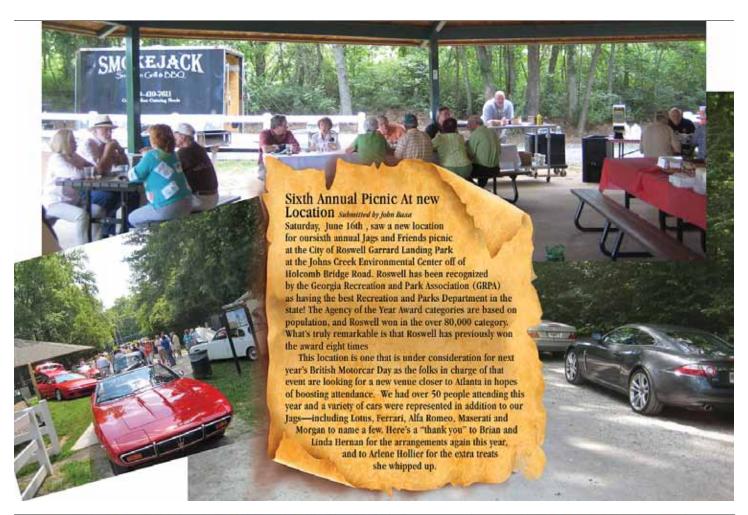
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"Tail of the Dragon" Too Much For Some Drivers

Submitted by John Baxa

I was delighted to accept an invitation from Dave Kirkman to accompany him on a road trip June 7th to Deals Gap in Tennessee, perhaps better known to some as the "Tail of the Dragon". I had

of US 129 that has over three hundred curves but I'd never actually driven it. This is a very special and unique highway. There are no intersecting roads, no

houses with



eyes on the road. In good weather, the road is completely infested with motorcycles but there are plenty of automobiles, too.

The occasion for this trip was the 2012 National MG meet at Dillard House in Dillard, GA where Dave agreed to lead a group of MGs on an all-day tour through the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee. Dave brought his Aston Martin DB7 for this excursion and I enjoyed being co-pilot and occasional driver for this adventure. We left Dillard about 10:30 am with about half a dozen MGBs on our tail, heading up to Franklin and then West toward Robbinsville. Driving over some fantastic roads en route, we made mental notes on what might turn out to be a spectacular future drive for our Jag club. We stopped at the motorcycle resort at the beginning of the 11-mile stretch for a rest stop before letting the MGs loose on their own for two hours worth of turning through the twisties.

Soon after, on our first cross of this stretch from the North Carolina line into Tennessee, about halfway through we noticed something bright blue over the edge of the road to the left—and a closer look proved it was a blue BMW M3. A Porsche driver had pulled over to a nearby shoulder soon after the incident and was there by the time we passed. Apparently, the driver had a little too much foot into the curve, went over the embankment and was fortunately stopped by a tree as the car spun around. It did not look like there was any injury to the driver as we saw two sheriff's cars and a wrecker heading toward the crash site but no ambulance. What we did not know at the time was there was a fatality on the road the day before as reported by the Tail of the Dragon web site:

"Sad to announce a death on the Dragon Wednesday June 6. A Louisiana rider went into the ditch and then careened off the steep embankment. He was reportedly standing and talking to other riders after the accident. Some say possible heart attack."

And furthermore, there was another fatality on June 16th where a cruiser ran off the road at Mile Marker 8.00.

Needless to say, this stretch of road does not meet the North Georgia Jaguar Club safety standards for club trips! In good weather there is just too much traffic to be truly enjoyable and the driving level is just a bit too intense. We did enjoy the trip, though, and there were some other roads we thought were absolutely wonderful with great scenery that might just be featured in a future club drive. We were glad to get all of our entourage back to Dillard House safely by late afternoon.



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