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Peachtree Auto Fest in Athens June 10th

Submitted by Tom Koballa

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our Charleston trip is well covered in this issue in the article by Larry Kludt and Mary Ann Kretz. Club members who participated had a great trip in this interesting city and appreciate the efforts of Larry and Kathleen and Tom in organizing everything. We thank John Yates for helping us make the connection to the Coastal Carolina Corvette Club. As John Baxa notes in his article, this year's British Car Day was once again a great success.

June is also packed with opportunities for you to have fun with your Jaguar. First up is the club's first ever picnic and car show which will be held at Roswell Area Park in Roswell on Saturday, June 9. Directions and details were in last month's newsletter but if you didn't print it or save it, you can view it on our web site (www.ngjc.us). Pat Harmon told me that the response to this has been very good so the attendance should be high. On the following day (Sunday, June 10) there will be a car show in Athens. Tom

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On Sunday, June 10, the day after the NGJC car show and picnic, the 6th Annual Peachtree Autofest will be held at the Athens Classic Center (300 N Thomas St.) in Athens. The Mercedes-Benz Club of America and the Athens Regional Antique Automobile Club of America sponsor Autofest, with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society.

Cars may arrive as early as 8:00 AM, with the actual show beginning at 11:00. Last year's show featured over 150 cars, including classics, modified, and hot rods. This year's show will include a special

exhibit of antique racers by the Georgia Auto Racing Hall of Fame Association. Trophies and other awards will be presented at 4:00 PM.

Registration is \$20. More information about the Annual Peachtree Autofest can be found at www.mbcapeachtree.org or by calling 706.335.6949. The Classic Center is a conference center in downtown Athens. The street address is 300 N Thomas St, almost directly across from the main entrance to the University of Georgia.



Concours 101 Tech Session Planned for June 23rd

Submitted by Pat Harmon, Chief Judge

As most of you are aware, the NGJC is very active not only with our road trips and get-togethers but also in JCNA events such as Slalom races, Road Rallies and the famous Concours d'Elegance.

For some reason many have the perception that the Concours is only for the Pebble Beachers and their megabucks restored Jaguuuuuaars.....NOT....

It's a car show with a place for everyone.

Every year we hold a special session for all of our members called Concours 101. In the span of around two hours we will cover the basic rules of the Concours d'Elegance, tell you what the judges are looking for and how to prepare your car. We'll be passing on many of the techniques, tips and tricks we've

learned over the years to keep your daily driver in show-car condition. If you are proud of you car (and I know you are) this is your chance to learn how to really take care of it with just a little of your time and some elbow grease.

Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett has been kind enough to let us use their facility for this event. Plan on meeting in their conference room at 12:00, June 23rd. They are located at 3393 Old Norcross Road, Duluth,

30096. If any of you would like to grab a bite of lunch before the session, we'll be at the Bugaboo Creek restaurant, 3505 Satellite Blvd NW, around 11:00 am. This place is just down the street from Hennessy and has great food.

See you on the 23rd. Rags Down!!



Other Upcoming Events to Note:

Saturday, June 9th, the first annual NGJC Picnic and Car Show is to be held at Roswell Area Park. Meet at 10:30 AM and bring a picnic lunch. Details were in last month's newsletter and also at the club website www.ngjc.us. The deadline to order trophies has passed but you can still come and join the fun.

Tuesday, July 31st through Saturday, August 4th are the dates for the Challenge Championship in Indianapolis. Most of us know what this is all about having hosted the Challenge less than two years ago. It's JCNA's premier member event with an opportunity for a family holiday and competitive events as well. For details check out www.jcna.com or your latest copy of the Jaguar Journal.



Koballa provides the details elsewhere in this issue. Although I've never attended this particular show, I've heard from several members that it is usually an interesting show. If you have not been to Athens recently, you would probably enjoy just riding through the UGA campus and observing all the additions and also revisiting the beautiful older parts of the campus. Our last event in June is Pat Harmon's "Concours 101" on June 23. More details on that are provided elsewhere in this issue.

NGJC members are off to a good start in 2007 concours events. Marvin and Carolyn Sikes and Dick Maury won their respective classes at the Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club's recent concours and Marvin and Carolyn also won their class at the North Florida Jaguar Club's concours. Congratulations to them.

Finally, our overnight drive to Highlands, NC scheduled for July has been canceled and will be replaced by a day drive to the Brasstown Bald area on Saturday, July 14. The details of this drive will be in next month's newsletter and on the web site.

Cheers,
Roy



Dick Maury Appointed JCNA Regional Director

We are happy to report that one of our members, Dick Maury, has been appointed as a Southeast Regional Director for the Jaguar Clubs of North America.

He replaces Pascal Gademer who retired from the position. As many of you know, Dick works with Coventry West and has been active in JCNA for many years.



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North Georgia Jaguar Club 2007 Calendar of Events

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January

16-21-Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction
Scottsdale, AZ

21 - Tech Session on E-type and XJS, Coventry West, Lithonia [Sunday, 1:30-3:30]

* Dick Maury

February

17 - George Bugg's Car Collection, Athens

* Tom Koballa

March

9-11-Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance
10-18 - AJC Auto Show at the Georgia World Congress Center

10- Concours Judges Training

* Pat Harmon

18 - Slalom, Chocopee

Woods, Gainesville

* Dick Maury

23-24- JCNA General Meeting, Houston, TX

April

15- Rally/Drive in Georgia Foothills
* Dave Kirkman

28 - May 1 - Overnight drive to Charleston SC

26-29 - Walter Mitty Challenge, Road Atlanta

May

5-Orphan Car Show, Snellville

19 - British Motor Car day, Berry College, Rome

June

9 Picnic and Car Show at Roswell Area Park

* Pat Harmon

10 - Athens Car Show

* Tom Koballa

23-Concours 101

(Introduction to Concours Judging and Car Preparation)

* Pat Harmon

July

14- Day drive to the Brasstown Bald area

* Roy Cleveland and Dave Kirkman

July 31-August 1- JCNA Challenge Championship, Indianapolis, IN

August

TBA - Overnight drive to Asheville, NC and Blue Ridge Parkway

September

8-British Car Fayre in downtown Norcross

16 - Salom, Chocopee Woods, Gainesville

* Dick Maury

TBA - Old car drive

* Dave Kirkman

30 - NGJC Sanctioned Concours d' Elegance, Gainesville

* Pat Harmon

October

TBA - Eurofest, Greer, SC

* Dave Kirkman

November

TBA - Overnight drive to Hilton Head, SC in conjunction with Concours d' Elegance

16 - NGJC Annual Business Meeting

* Club Officers

December

TBA - NGJC Annual Christmas Party at Vinings Club Atlanta, GA

* Joe Newell

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Charleston Trip Provides Many Highlights

Submitted by Larry Kludt and Mary Ann Kretz

For the eleven people that met at the MacDonald's eatery in Athens on the morning of April 28th we knew that we would have a fantastic day of driving under beautiful skies and... we did!

Our leisurely drive, and the route put together by Tom Koballa, took us through many small Georgia & South Carolina towns and got us into Charleston with only about 30 miles spent on the interstate system. We even got "caught" in a police check point of sorts, the purpose of the check point is still unclear to us. Upon producing our driver's licenses to the tight-lipped young officer we were allowed to proceed only to be passed minutes later by a speeding Cadillac, with no pursuing police, that evidently had a reason to evade the "check point". We arrived in Charleston at our lodgings and had plenty of time to freshen up before our excellent dinner at Mercato's Italian Restaurant on N. Market Street followed by some after dinner socializing back at the hotel.

On Sunday morning, another gorgeous day, after walking around downtown Charleston and window shopping, we decided to take a carriage ride and did indeed learn some new facts about Charleston's colorful history as one of America's oldest cities. Prior arrangements had us scheduled for a 2:00 pm lunch hosted by the Coastal Carolina Corvette Club on Daniel Island, which we all really enjoyed, followed by a car viewing where they looked at our Jaguars and we looked at and asked questions about their Corvettes. This American icon has a firm foothold in the USA with a huge, dedicated membership and many clubs nationwide. We followed lunch by a twenty-plus mile trip for ice cream down I-26 and had a further opportunity to see their Corvettes and ask questions about the newer models, plans for future Corvettes as well as the older cars. We invited them to do some driving in the north Georgia mountains with us should some of them ever get to the north Georgia area. Since we'd had a late, big lunch we opted for crackers, chips, peanuts and plenty of red and white wine back at the King's Courtyard Hotel where the two courtyards did make socializing relaxing and fun.

On Monday morning the Clevelands, Newells and Kludts decided to tour the Magnolia Plantation and Gardens. This is America's oldest major garden and features tropical gardens, a waterfowl refuge, horticultural maze, herb garden, and a plantation house tour. All of which we viewed while remarking how nice it was not to be working on a M-o-n-d-a-y! That evening found us at Anson's Restaurant, for another fine meal and lively conversation about what we'd seen and done during our visit. Mary Ann Kretz and Jim Anderson had opted to see the WWII aircraft carrier (Yorktown), a WWII submarine and other ships that are in Charleston harbor while we were at the plantation.

A trip to Patriot's Point Naval and Maritime Museum is a

mariner's delight. Four full-sized WWII ships are on display and open to discover at your own pace. It's just a short drive from downtown Charleston across the modern and impressive Highway 17 bridge over the Cooper River, the entrance to the busy Port of Charleston.

Just as we arrived at the museum, tickets were going on sale for a trip aboard the General Beauregard for a waterborne trip to Fort Sumter, the sight of the first shots to be fired in the Civil War. The fort is actually a manmade island built in the 1800s to protect the valuable natural harbor of Charleston. The fort served as a Southern stronghold during the war but was eventually evacuated as Sherman's troops advanced from Savannah in 1865. It also served as a coastal defense establishment for both WWI and WWII. There is a very nice museum and the highlight of the trip was the narration by the Forest Ranger describing the details of the first battle of Fort Sumter. The tour boat winds its way around the harbor providing great views of the Battery houses and the very active harbor.

Arriving back at the museum, we decided to tackle the submarine first. It was hard to imagine 80 men living aboard this vessel for extended periods of time. There were only about 8 or 10 other visitors at the same time we were touring the ship but it seemed like there were way too many strangers in a very small space. Imagine crawling into your cozy berth sandwiched in between two of the ten torpedoes carried by this fighting machine.

Next we moved to the destroyer USS Laffey. The accommodations here seemed luxurious compared to the submarine but wasn't enough to make us want to give up our cushy digs at the Inn. The Laffey was part of the beach bombardment for D-Day and later survived direct attacks by five kamikaze planes in the battle of the Philippines.

The day was wearing on and our feet were getting tired so we headed for the Yorktown aircraft carrier next. At nearly 900 feet long this vessel dominates the landscape in this part of the harbor. The ship served in the Pacific fleet during WWII and also in the Vietnam War. She also

served as one of the recovery ships for the Apollo 8 spaceshot. We were greeted by a very helpful guide at the information desk. The ship is so big that there are six different self-guided tours. There are also many well-restored examples of historic airplanes. The flight deck has examples of more modern planes and the bridge is also open for touring. We completed three of the six tours and managed a ride in the flight simulator before it was time to head back to the Inn for happy hour and wine tasting.

Tuesday morning came too soon as we all met for breakfast and said our goodbyes before heading home and the next car event.



Have Jaguar, Will Drive

Submitted by John Baxa

Apologies to Richard Boone's Paladin, but I know you want to get your cat out on the road for a stretch especially since we had to scrap our April rally and drive because of bad weather. Well, make a note that Saturday, July 14th we'll make a day trip to the North Georgia mountains.

Roy Cleveland said "After further discussion with Dave Kirkman, we have decided to cancel the overnight drive to Highlands, NC," citing other events already scheduled on the calendar. "Since we have an overnight drive scheduled for August, we decided to just do a day drive

in the Brasstown Bald area and have lunch in that area."

We'll look forward to what Dave will come up with for this trip, so reserve the 14th on your calendar. Look for more details in the next newsletter.



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Smoky Mountain Concours d'Elegance and Scottish Festival

Submitted by Carolyn Sikes

The skies were clear, the sun was bright and the stage was set for Jaguar lovers to enjoy a spectacular sanctioned Concours d'Elegance hosted by the Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. To add to the festivities were the Scottish Festival and Games event. All of this took place in the shadow of the Smoky Mountains with Pigeon Forge and Cherokee, North Carolina near by.

Friday afternoon, Marvin, Carolyn and Marty Sikes arrived in Gatlinburg. Dick Maury and his Friend Johnny Carson arrived later in the afternoon. Both Marvin and Dick were trailering their cars. The Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club had a quite a food spread, with sandwiches, fruit, desserts, dips and drinks in their hospitality suite. The Jaguar participants had the opportunity to drive their cars with the Highland bands in a parade to kick off the festival for the weekend.

Saturday morning, we were up early to have breakfast and travel to the concours field. Upon arrival, we could see the Highland bands and dancers starting their competition. We heard the beautiful bagpipes all

day. The bands and dancers were set up next to our concours field. In the arena were participants of the Highland games. The Highland games participants and observers seemed to enjoy the Jaguar cars, as much as we enjoyed them. Plaid skirts (or should I say "Kilts") were everywhere.

Saturday night was the banquet and awards and a silent auction. We were entertained by several skits performed by some of the members of the Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club. Both attending members of our club received prestigious awards. Dick Maury received a perfect score for the 1st place Champion award in his class and the very special award for "Best in Show". Marvin Sikes received a first place trophy in the Champion division in his class and a very special "Peoples Choice Award". With close to 500 votes from people in skirts (kilts) and participants - Marvin was quite honored.

A wonderful time was had by all attending. We highly recommend this event for any wanting to attend next year.



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British Motor Car Day Continues to Grow

Submitted by John Baxa

Berry College is proving itself to be a great setting for the annual British Motor Car Day with pleasant surroundings and plenty of space to park all the cars that attend. With over 26,000 acres the college campus ranks as the largest in the country. Dave Kirkman was our club's representative volunteer for this year's event and he says that attendance is growing after moving from Chateau Elan to the new venue.

He reports that there were 404 autos registered for this event and 380

showed up. "Not bad for the second year in a new location," says Dave, "That was by far the best collection of E-Types that I have seen in many years." We did not get a count of NGJC members attending the event but it did look like a nice turnout.

Several of us followed Dave home over some of the "blue highways" in the Rome and Cartersville areas to take advantage of the great weather and enjoy what our cars were made for.



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