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# Summer Drive To Wolf Mountain Winery Saturday, July 12

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Mornings in the North Georgia Mountains are still delightfully pleasant during the summer. We will gather in the Ingles parking lot at the exit of GA 400 and Highway 141 (See attached map) at 9:30 a.m. with a leave time of 9:45 a.m. for a back roads drive to the Dahlonega area and the Wolf Mountain Vineyards. We will arrive in time for a winery tour and early lunch. The afternoon is free for shopping in Dahlonega or a leisurely drive home on the scenic back roads. We are inviting the Austin Healey Club to join us. If it is raining that day we will reschedule for a later date. Additional details will be in the July newsletter and on our web site at www.ngjc.us

### SUMMER DRIVE TO WOLF MT VINYARDS



# **British Motorcar Day Silver Anniversary**

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

The warm sunny weather only added to make the 25th Anniversary celebration of British Motorcar Day exceptionally nice. There were over three hundred and eighty

cars and almost everyone who pre-registered took advantage of the first rain free weekend in months and made their way to Berry College for the day. This annual charity event raised over five thousand dollars again this year.

A hearty "thank you" to Don and Marlene Hart for hosting the hospitality shelter for members of our club and the Atlanta



Jaguar Society. This was the perfect place to gather for food, drink, and to visit with friends. Continued on page 7



# JCNA Western States Confab July 28th through August 2nd

Submitted by John Baxa

Grand Junction, Colorado may seem quite a distance from North Georgia but there are a number of members signing up from our area and other eastern locations such as Florida, Kentucky, and Virginia. You can register and pay online at www.westernstates2008. com. Registration is \$375 per person for a week full of activities. There is an opportunity to compete in sanctioned events. Once again, Coventry West is hosting the Slalom event on Tuesday so you know some of our people will be there for that.

JCNA President Steve Kennedy provided a capsule preview of the events:

Monday - Registration

GEORGIA

Tuesday - Slalom and new XF Jaguar test drive. That evening there is a river float trip and Rodeo-Barbecue.

Wednesday - Rally through the Colorado scenic Monument, bus ride to Gateway Auto Museum and dinner.

Thursday - Sunrise breakfast at the Monument, car cleaning and an open morning, croquet championship in the afternoon, and a Casino night. (Lots of people are signing up for the croquet championship. You don't have to wear British white dress outfits to join in so don't worry about that. We find the amount of fun had is directly proportional to the amount of Champaign and wine consumed. Come have fun!)

Friday - Western States Concour, awards banquet Saturday - Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club Concours and Awards Banquet

This will be a really fun week and something you don't want to miss out on.

There will be celebrations along the way for the 50th Anniversary of JCNA, too.

#### PRESIDENT''S LETTER

First, I wish to thank all of you who made the annual pilgrimage to British Motorcar Day. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter the event drew over three hundred and eighty cars and raised over five thousand dollars for charity. Also a very special thank you goes to Don and Marlene Hart, George Haldane and Jack Sweeney for their efforts in support of our club at this event.

George met me early Saturday morning at Berry College just as the sun was peeking through the trees and the grass was still wet from the overnight dew. His help was much appreciated in directing the large number of Jaguars to their respective parking spots. Everyone commented on the excellent group of Jaguars that participated this year.

Jack Sweeney left home early too. He met other club members at the Cracker Barrel on I-75 at the Highway 20 exit and lead them to the show field at Berry College.

Don and Marlene Hart hosted food and drink for all of our club members as well as members of the Atlanta Jaguar Society again this year. Their shelter under the shade trees was the perfect place to relax, have refreshments, and visit with friends. We all owe Don and Marlene a big thank you for providing the shelter, food, drinks and good cheer.

What British car club day outing would be complete without at least one Brit car that refused to run properly. This time it was my 69 Willow Green E-Type. Fortunately, Ivan Ruiz knew where to look for the problem, John Baxa had the necessary tools, and Skip Smith's suggestion of a little super glue got me going. Phil and Karen DiTrolio were nice enough to follow me back to the Cumming area to make sure I got home in good order. Thanks to all of you who helped bail me out.

The June calendar is filled with exciting car things to do. Saturday the 14th is the Second Annual Club Picnic and Car Show. Saturday the 28th Marvin and Carolyn Sikes will host a tech session at their home. This promises to be a marvelous event with cars for the guys, shopping for the ladies and good food all around (believe me I have been to the Sikes' and no one goes away hungry!). Information about this event is in this month's newsletter. For those of you who wish to travel a little further that same weekend the Carolina Jaguar Club is hosting there annual Concours at Little Switzerland in North Carolina. This is an excellent club and they always host an exceptional event. If you are seeking National or Regional JCNA Concours points I would highly recommend heading to Littler Switzerland for the weekend. Information about this event is in our May newsletter and on our web site at www.ngjc.us. Drive Friendly, Dave K

# Southeast British Car Festival Will Be In Dillard This September

Submitted by John Baxa

There continue to be a lot of choices for events celebrating British automobiles and there is yet another one scheduled for this fall in North Georgia. The Peachtree MG registry is planning a weekend in Dillard, Georgia just north of Rabun Gap for September 19th to the 21st of this year. Be aware that this is the same weekend we have scheduled an overnight drive on the Blue Ridge Parkway for our club members--details of which will be forthcoming in a future issue of the newsletter. The MG folks have invited all types of British cars and motorcycles and will have more details about the festival on their website at www.peachtreemg.com.





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# North Georgia Jaguar Club 2008 Calendar of Events

Submitted by Tom Koballa (tkoballa@uga.edu) \*Club Member Faclitator

#### January

Saturday, 26th -Tour of Todd Emily's Car Collection \*Tom Koballa

#### February Sunday, 10th -Valentines Gathering \* Dave Kirkman

#### March

Sunday, 9th - Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance Sunday, 15th - North Florida Jaguar Club Concours Friday, 28th & Saturday,

29th-JCNA 50th General Meeting, Pittsburgh

#### April

Sunday, 6th - Spring **Drive and Rally** \* Dave Kirkman Larry Courant

Sunday, 20th -Spring **Slaloms \* Dick Maury** 

Saturday, 26th & Sunday, 27th – Abbeville Opera House Overnight Drive \* Ned Lowder

#### May

Thursday, 1st - Sunday, 4th –Walter Mitty Challenge

Saturday, 17th - British Motor Car day, and Drive \* Dave Kirkman Tom Koballa 24th, Annual Judges

**Training with Pat** Harmon lune

Saturday, 14th - Second Annual Picnic and Car Show \* Brian Hernan Pat Harmon Saturday, 28th - Tech session for Judges covering the XK models\* Pat Harmon

#### Julv

Saturday 12th-Joint Club Drive and Lunch at Wolf **Mountain Winery** \* Dave Kirkman 26-27: Music City Jaguar Club Concours -Belle Meade Plantation -Nashville, TN (www.

jcna.com/library/ concours)

#### August

Saturday, 2nd - Western States Car Meet, Grand Junction, CO

Saturday, 16th - Tech Session – Storage and Use of Cars That Are Not Daily Drivers \* Terry Hulsev

#### September

Saturday, 6th –Car Parade and British Car Fayre Norcross \* Pat Harmon Sunday, 14th – Fall Slalom \* Dick Maury

14: Virginia Jaguar Club Concours - Browns Island - Richmond, VA (www.jcna.com/library/ concours)

Saturday, 20th & Sunday, 21st - Blue **Ridge Parkway Overnight Drive** \* Roy Cleveland

#### October

5th - Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta 12 – NGJC Annual Concours \* Pat Harmon Saturday, 19th & Sunday, 20th -**Overnight Drive to** Saturday, 18th EUROFest \* Dave Kirkman

#### November

Sunday, 2nd - Hilton Head Concours Sunday, 14th – Fall Slalom\* Dick Maury Saturday, 29th - Annual **Business Meeting \* Dave** Kirkman

#### December

TBA - Gainesville **Christmas Car Parade** \*Pat Harmon TBA - NGJC Annual Christmas Party



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E-Type S1 front (late)

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E-Type S2 mar

E-Type S3 mar

E-Type S2/3 front

#### Dayton Wire Wheels

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MK2/E-Type etc. flat hub 15 x 5"	1215	\$315	€256
MK2/E-Type etc. flat hub 15 x 6+	£260	\$333	€310
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MK2/E-Type etc. only hub 15 x 7"	6275	\$356	€328
E-Type V12 Series 3	1,215	\$315	€256
Dayton Wire Wheel Cleaner	£12	\$13	€14

#### Chrome Leaning Cats

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#### Continued from front cover British Motorcar Day Silver Anniversary

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Automobiles from British manufacturers ranged from A for Allard (yes, there was one) to W for Woolsey (didn't see one but it might have been lurking under the trees somewhere) along with the largest collection of E-Type Jaguars that I can recall seeing in one place.

Although Berry College does not charge for the use of the tree lined grass field where we stage the cars the British Motorcar Day Committee traditionally makes a significant contribution from the charity proceeds to their general scholarship fund. I am sure we will do so again this year.

The 25th Anniversary of this event is also a good time to remember back to its beginnings. Brian Hernan, along with John Steen, another longtime Jaguar enthusiast, and several other British car club members organized the first event. Brian tells me

that over one hundred and eighty cars gathered at Grant Park in the vicinity of the Atlanta Zoo. The first two years the cars were judged; a tradition that the MG Club still continues to this day for their group. The popularity of the event quickly outgrew Grant Park and was moved to the then-new Chateau Élan in the third year. Brian served on the Board for some eighteen years and witnessed the growth of this popular event, its move to Chateau Élan, and its continued success at Berry College. I know that Brian takes a lot of pride in this event and rightly so.

Plans will soon be underway for next year's event. Each British car club can have two members on the Board and I would really like to see another member of our club participate. So, if you have any suggestions for next year's event or would like to serve on the Board please let me know.

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# Anatomy of a Roadside Repair

Submitted by John Baxa

It happens, perhaps, too often. But an old-car outing somehow doesn't seem complete without at least a minor malfunction taking center stage-if only momentarily. After all, it is the unexpected event, the anticipation of the unknowable incident that creates the piquant flavor of adventure that makes life interesting. It's also a test of the pragmatic skills of the roadside

mechanic to come up with the best outcome in a difficult situation.

Thus, we have the latest example of this in last month's episode involving Dave Kirkman's '69 E-Type at the British Motorcar Day in Rome, Georgia. As he was starting his car, preparing to leave the event, Dave's experienced ear noticed something amiss in the usually

melodious sounds of the straight-six Jaguar engine. Upon closer inspection, a carburetor problem was suspected. I had a few tools which Ivan Ruiz handily used to remove the top of the Stromberg carb and inspect the diaphragm. Sure enough, there was a split in the diaphragm itself which prevented the carb piston from lifting properly and allowing the proper mixture of

air and fuel to reach the combustion chambers served by that carburetor. But what to do about it?



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Fortunately, an open bonnet with tools and parts thereabouts attracts the curious and soon enough Skip Smith spoke up with a suggestion: use some Superglue to affect a repair. It will be impervious to gasoline and should last long enough to make the trip home.

Dave had planned to lead several of us homeward bound on some of the back roads between Rome and the North Atlanta area anyway, so we lit out in search of a convenience store nearby for some Superglue. Having found the prize within a few miles, once again the top came off of the Stromberg, glue applied



and with everything buttoned-up again, we were on our way. Dave made it home without problems and we were able to make the trip over the twisties without further incident



# Jaguar Judging Tech Session and JagLadies Shopping Spree

Submitted by Pat Harmon

We've scheduled a special event for Saturday, June 28th and this one's got a little something for everyone.

As many of you know, Judging a Jaguar Concours is a pretty challenging task. There are so many classes and models that it's nearly impossible for a judge to have detailed knowledge of each. So, we've decide to hold a series of technical sessions – each focusing on a specific class of cars. We're having our first one on June 28th and will be covering the XK-120 (thanks to Bob Ray), XK-140 (thanks to Marv Sikes) The session should only last 90 minutes or less followed by a hot dog and hamburger lunch. Their address is:

4210 Gatewood Lane Duluth, GA 30097 Phone: (770) 729-8210

Now, if you think this is just for "the guys" you are mistaken. While we are having exciting discussions about what color the spark plug wires are supposed to be, the

and the XK-150 (thanks to me!). We will have all three cars there and each owner will point out the details and differences for their particular car. If you are a judge or a club member who wants to learn more about these cars this will be a terrific opportunity for you.

Marv and Carolyn Sikes have graciously offered their home and garage to host this session. If you've never been to their garage (with attached house) you have a real treat in store for you. Our plan is to meet at their place at 11:00 am.



JagLadies are planning to do some serious damage shopping at some of the local strip-malls such as The Forum. To ease the pain of "where did all the money go," Carolyn is planning some desert when they return. So it looks like we're all gonna be smart, fat and broke by the time the day is over. What else could you ask for!

The whole purpose of our club is to promote the Jaguar marque and have as good a time as possible and we think this event will do just that.

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#### Continued from page 6 Jaguar Judging Tech Session and JagLadies Shopping Spree

Submitted by Pat Harmon

So, mark your calendars for Saturday, June 28th and plan on meeting us at 11:00. If it decides to rain that day we will plan on meeting the next day but will slip the start time to 2:00.



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### Added JCNA Member Benefit Discount on New Jaguars to JCNA Members

Delegates attending the 2007 AGM in Houston were delighted to hear an announcement by Marti Eulberg, Jaguar North American marketing chief, that the company is putting in place a discount program for members who buy new Jaguars. The program is now active.

The operation of the plan is simple. First go through the normal purchase procedure at the dealership. Then show your JCNA membership card and the dealer will apply the discount. Jaguar will take care of crediting the dealer.

The program is intended to be permanent, but eligible vehicles and amounts will be examined quarterly and adjusted as necessary. This will ensure that as old inventory is exhausted and new cards are launched, the program will apply to the Jaguars currently available.

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