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Submitted by George Haldane

You have kept your cat pinned up during the cold snowy season and it is time to get out for a fun drive on the roads of west Georgia and eastern Alabama. The roads of West Georgia provide great scenic views, most are two lanes and paved. We will start from Douglasville head southwest passing through Texas before driving by the shores of Lake Wedowee Alabama. Then head to the metropolises of Bowdon and Fairplay ending back where we started. A total distance of 140 miles will be covered.

We are going to add an "On Your Own Rally" for those who want to practice their rally skills. Those that want to rally will have rally instructions that they fill in the times at various points and will be started before those who want to follow the leader drive. The rally will end at the lunch stop.

Because of the time difference between Georgia and Alabama we will not get started until 11:00 am Sunday, March 28th. The rally and drive will start from the Kroger parking lot on Hwy 5, Douglasville, GA. The 1st rally car will start at 11:10 and one every 10 minutes there after. The drive will depart after the last rally car has started.

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Spring Drive Set For Saturday, April 24, 2010

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

The weather should be warming up and just right for a spring drive in the north Georgia mountains. Plans are still being firmed up on the specific route and destination but make plans now to join fellow club members on Saturday, April 24. Complete details will be in the April newsletter.



Amelia Island Concours is March 12-14th

Submitted by John Baxa



Several club members have plans to attend this year's Amelia Island event. As mentioned last month, the Jaguar Heritage Trust will have representative cars from its collection on display in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Jaguar SS. In addition, the Norman Timbs special will be on display on Amelia's "Field of Dreams" Sunday, March 14th. The home-built sport custom was constructed over a span of three years and was supposed to be a prototype for a limited series of cars reflecting advanced concepts in performance and aesthetics.

Being an automotive engineer working with Preston Tucker on his Tucker Automobiles and on several Indy cars, Norman made comprehensive chassis drawings that led to 1/4 scale clay models of several body ideas which in turn led to

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Save The Date - New Event Scheduled For May - Mark Your Calendar - Milt's Steel Horse Ranch

Submitted by Marv & Carolyn Sikes



On May 22nd, the North Georgia Jaguar Club, the Atlanta Classic Thunderbird Club, the North Georgia Studebaker club, the Cadillac LaSalle Club and several other car clubs have been invited to tour one of the most amazing car collections ever. Milton Robson has between 50 to 100 of the rarest of the rare cars. All of the cars are

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Snow, cold, and ice are not for me! As a native Californian I like ice in ONE place only and that's in my drinks!

Hopefully the winter weather and cold temperatures are ebbing away and sunnier, warmer days are in our future.

We've had very well attended outings the first two months of this year and a special thank you to those club members that braved the rain of January's outing and the ice and snow of February's outing to be in attendance. Also thanks to Messrs. Hernan and Kirkman for setting up the first two outings of 2010.

However, some of the very best driving weather, especially for soft tops, is coming up during the spring and early summer months so check the club calendar and pick an outing or two to get out in your Jaguar.

Pat Harmon is doing a great job of keeping the 2010 calendar up to date and he and I both invite you to give us your suggestions for drives, events, etc., that you think the club members would enjoy.

On Sunday, March 28th George Haldane has arranged a late winter/early spring drive for the club which should be fun as long as Mother Nature cooperates with the NGJC. George knows some

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interesting and picturesque West Georgia roads to drive and I'm sure you'll enjoy this drive.

I hope to see you at an outing soon.
Larry



Welcome to new members:
Robert and Lee Anne
Scarborough.



Milt's Steel Horse Ranch continued from front cover

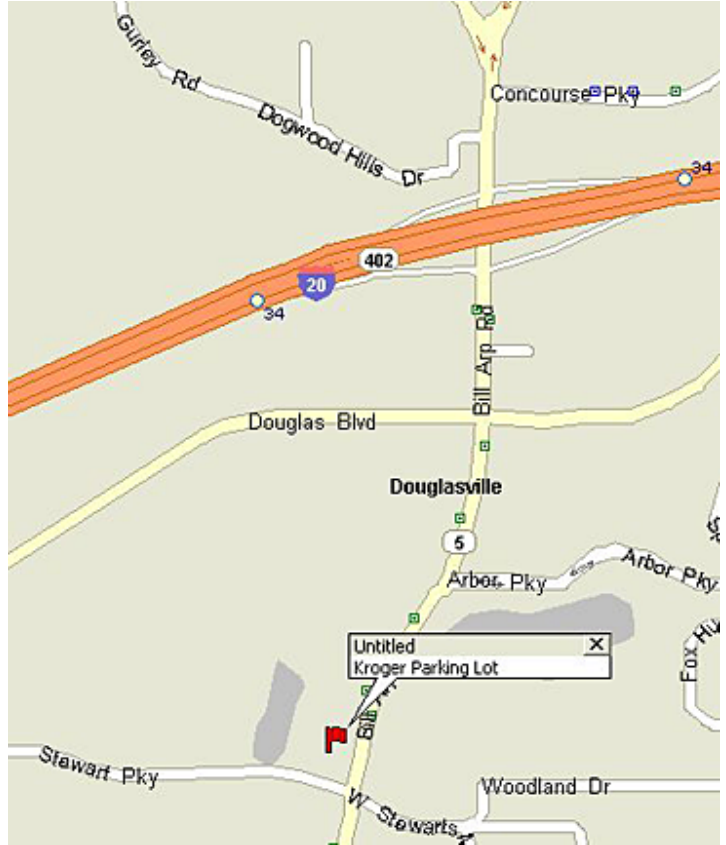
Concours quality and the building, in which the cars are housed is impressive to say the least. The back of the building has a 50's type service station, drug store, barber shop, etc. As you go through the Gates of his estate, the drive to the building where the cars are housed is amazing in itself, as you pass over a covered bridge and look at the beautiful pastures. Miltons' estate is off of I-985 in the Oakwood area.

So, be sure and save the date. May 22nd at 10: A.M. More information to follow as the time draws closer. This is one event that you do not want to miss!!



For planning purposes and to let the restaurant know how many will be eating lunch please contact George Haldane. Tell him if you are planning on participating in the rally and who will be participating in just the drive. He will need to know by March 25th. His contact information is georgehal@comcast.net or phone: 770-949-9779. Pleas let him know so he will know what to expect.

Directions to Kroger Parking Lot, Douglasville, GA.
From I-20 take Exit 34 (GA. Hwy. 5) go south on Hwy 5 to Stewart Parkway, Kroger's is on the right @ the intersection on Hwy 5 and Stewart Parkway.



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North Georgia Jaguar Club 2009 Calendar of Events

Contact Pat Harmon (pat@patsjags.com) with questions or changes *Club Member Facilitator

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December 2009

Sunday 6th – Gainesville Christmas Car Parade *p. harmon

Sunday, 20th – NGJC Annual Christmas Party *I. Kludt

January 2010

Saturday, 16th – Tour GMP model manufacturing in Winder GA *B. Hernan

February 2010

Saturday, 13th – NGJC Valentines Day Luncheon – Pearl Lian Restaurant – Duluth, GA *D. Kirkman

Saturday, 27th – Tire Tech Session *I. Ruiz

March 2010

Friday-Sunday, 12,13,14th – Amelia Island Concours – possible overnight – *need someone to sponsor trip

Sunday, 28th – Early Spring Drive *G. Haldane

April 2010

Saturday, 17th – Concours

Judge Training (new and current) – Hennessy Jaguar Winnett *P. Harmon

Saturday 24th – Spring Drive *D. Kirkman

Saturday 24th – Jaguar Club of North Florida Concours

May 2010

Saturday,1st – The Mitty Historic Car Races – Road Atlanta *P. Harmon

Saturday, 15th – British Motorcar Day – Rome, GA *D. Kirkman

Saturday, 22nd – Tour Milt Robson's Steel Horse Ranch car collection. Gainesville. *Marv & Carolyn Sikes

Sunday, 23rd– Spring Slalom Racing – Chicopee Center Oakwood *D. Maury

June 2010

Saturday, 12th – High Museum of Art Car Exhibit – Atlanta *B. Hernan

Sunday 13th – Jags 'N Friends Picnic – Norcross *B. Hernan

July 2010

15th - 18th – Overnight CJC Concours d' Elegance – Little Switzerland NC *P. Harmon

Saturday, 31st – Tech Session – XJS Model Jaguars – Duluth *C. Engelhorn

August 2010

7 - 8th – Smokey Mountain Jaguar Club Concours

Saturday, 21st – Summer Drive – Need someone to sponsor

September 2010

Saturday, 11th - British Car Fayre – Norcross *P. Harmon

Sunday, 26th – Fall Slalom – Chicopee Woods Gainesville *D. Maury

October 2010

Friday – Saturday, 1-2nd – Petit Lemans – Road Atlanta *P. Harmon

Sunday, 10th – NGJC 9th Annual Concours d'Elegance – Gainesville *D. Maury/P.

Harmon

Saturday, 16th – Euro Auto Festival – BMW Plant SC

Saturday, 23rd – Fall Drive *D. Kirkman

November 2010

Friday-Sunday, 5-7th – Hilton Head Concours Overnight *D. Kirkman

Saturday, 13th – Annual Club Business Meeting *L. Kludt

December 2010

Sunday, 19th – NGJC Annual Christmas Party (tentative) *L. Kludt



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Saturday Tech Session on Tires Well Attended

Submitted by John Baxa

We had a joint tech session with the Atlanta Jaguar Society Saturday, February 27th at the Georgia Tire Depot in Marietta that was informative with lots of opportunity to ask technical questions of our host for the day, Dennis Skrobot, Vice President of the company. Dennis gave us lots of tips on maintaining tires for our Jags including regular maintenance to keep our automobiles safe on the road.

Thanks also go to Ivan and Myrna Ruiz as they organized the event and let Dennis use their XK8 to demonstrate how an alignment is done with computerized equipment which included color print-outs both before and after showing where the problem spots were and how they were corrected. We also got to see how the tire balancing process is performed with the use of new 3M custom-cut weights with adhesive

backing applied to wheels in place of lead weights in an effort to reduce the environmental impact of traditional lead weights.

After the presentation we had lunch at the Paper Mill Grill down the street with about 30-plus in attendance.



Tournament Player's Club (TPC)

Sawgrass, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida "Legends On The Green" British Car Show

Submitted by Dave Simes, JCCNF Concours Committee

This is to personally invite the members of the North Georgia Jaguar Club to the Jaguar Car Club of North Floridas British Car Show and JCNA Concours in April. We will present the 6th Annual "Legends on the Green" British Car Show featuring a JCNA sanctioned Concours at the magnificent TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. The show is open to all British cars and will benefit the Shriners Children's Hospitals. A Cocktail Reception will be held on Friday night from 4 to 7 PM at the TPC Sawgrass clubhouse. Registration for the show begins at 8:00 AM on

Saturday with show hours from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A charity banquet will be held Saturday night at the TPC Sawgrass Marriott Resort with a Cocktail Reception from 7 to 8 PM and dinner, live band, dancing, and JCNA awards from 8 to 11 PM. The guest speaker for this year's banquet is Bill Warner, the founder and chairman of the Amelia Island Concours. For more info, contact Mr. Jim Ussery, Concours Chairman, (904) 781-5914, email: concourschair@jagdriver.org or register and pay online at the JCCNF website at: <http://www.jagdriver.org>.

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a wooden model and then an aluminum streamlined body on aircraft tubing. The car was 17 1/2 feet long with a 117 inch wheelbase, 56-inch thread, and a weight of 2500 pounds. Norman's streamliner was powered by a 1948 Buick Straight 8 engine located just behind the driver's seat. Total cost of the build was \$10,000 according to *Mechanix Illustrated* in September 1949.

Completed in 1948, Norman's Buick Special was featured in an episode of *Buck Rogers*. For several years the car was parked away in the hot California desert. In 2000 the car was featured in the Nicholas Cage movie *Gone in 60 Seconds*. Two years later, in 2002 it was auctioned away by Barret-Jackson at the Peterson Museum Classic Car Auction for a sales price of \$17,600.00. Collector Gary Cerveny was the lucky bidder. Gary began to restore the car before he handed it over to Custom Auto of Loveland, Colorado to let them complete it. Before Gary handed the car over he repaired the wheel wells, grill opening and drive train. The car was about 90% original when Gary acquired the car. The body halves had been bolted together, and access holes had been cut in for the rear wheels and the engine bay.

Also, racing legends Richard "The King" Petty, Sir Stirling Moss OBE and Don "Big Daddy" Garlits will come together to participate in what should prove to be an unpredictable and exciting seminar on Saturday, March 13, at the Ritz-Carlton, the host hotel.

With his trademark cowboy hat and sunglasses, Richard "The King" Petty, as he is nicknamed, is widely considered to be the greatest NASCAR driver of all time and his impact on motorsports can outstrip the glory of any one of his victory lanes. In addition to his appearance at the Saturday Seminar, this NASCAR legend will serve as the key note speaker at the Concours' annual Gala Dinner Saturday, March 13.

Don Garlits, widely considered as the father of drag racing, was the first driver to win three National Hot Rod Association national titles and three world championships. Always a pioneer in the field of drag-racing, he, with the help of T.C. Lemons, perfected the rear-engine "top fuel dragster design".

Moss, who raced from 1948 to 1962, won 194 of the 497 races he entered, including 16 Formula

One Grands Prix. Moss was a pioneer in the British Formula One racing scene and placed second in the Drivers' Championship four times in a row from 1955 to 1958. He is often described as the finest road racer of all time. One of his most famous victories was in the

Mercedes-Benz 300SLR in the 1955 Mille Miglia, in which he won in a record time of 10 hours, 7 minutes, and 48 seconds, finishing almost half hour ahead of his teammate. Details on the events are at www.ameliaincours.org



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Submitted by Pat Harmon

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As of this writing we only have general schedule information (see flyer in this newsletter) and more detailed information will be posted on the website www.themitty.com so be sure to check there for details as they come out. Events start on Friday, April 30th and go through Sunday. On Friday there will be practice and qualifying races. Saturday will start with our parade laps, lunch on your own and then HSR racing for the

rest of the afternoon. So be sure to bring your lawn chairs to watch the vintage cars do their thing.

This year we will plan to do as last year and meet on Saturday morning out in Braselton at the Cracker Barrel on I-95. From there we'll convoy to Road Atlanta and to our assigned parking corral. I wanted to get this article out for our March newsletter as the April issue may not be out in time. If you plan to (or think you might want to) attend please let me know and I'll put you on my list to keep you informed as we get closer to the date. Either give me a call at (678) 450-6728 or Email to pat@patsjags.com.





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Valentine Gathering...A Snowy Day Indeed

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Atlanta awoke on Saturday morning February 13 to a beautiful, but very rare, snow covered town. I want to thank everyone who had previously RSVP'd with me. That made it very easy to contact folks and let them know that Beverly and I were going to make it to the Diner at North Point and those that could get out of their neighborhoods were welcome to join us. By mid-morning the snow was completely melted on the major roads and eight of us did make it to celebrate the day. Brian and Linda Hernan, Robert Ferris and his girlfriend Kate, and new club members Bob and Lee Anne Scarborough joined Beverly and me for a delightful brunch and good conversation before heading home. The Scarborough's have a beautiful XJS that I know they will enjoy on our club drives and that our club members will enjoy meeting them. Be sure and save those valentine cards for next year!



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