



# NORTH GEORGIA JAGUAR CLUB

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## Fall Drive Moved to Sunday, October 28

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well, I try to resist the temptation to say "I told you" but we did try to entice you to attend the concours – and many of you did attend.

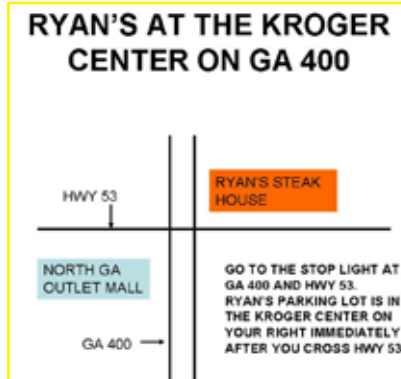
It was a glorious day and the cars were varied and truly "gorgeous". I know Pat Harmon will provide more details in next month's newsletter but I will say that we had about 120 people for brunch and about 63 cars (all categories) on the show field. The efforts of many individuals are necessary to properly hold a concours like ours and I truly appreciate the efforts of all who helped. Pat Harmon and his judging team did a super job in completing the judging of this number of cars in a relatively short period of time.

Within the span of about 3.5 hours, over 50 cars were judged, the scoring was complete, and the awards were presented. I've been to some banquets that took longer (and seemed even longer). Others who are due our thanks are those who worked on the scoring (scrutineers, tabulators), those

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We have moved the fall drive two weeks to Sunday, October 28. The original date was on the same weekend as the Gold Rush Days in Dahlonega. By rescheduling we will avoid the traffic congestion that is a part of this event. Also the Apple Festival is going on in Ellijay that weekend and Helen is always busy in mid October.

The drive will still start at 1:00 pm in front of the Ryan's Steak



House in the Kroger parking lot. Ryan's is on the right hand side of Georgia 400 going north just past highway 53 (see attached map). Those wishing to take the back roads to Ryan's can meet me in the Ingles parking lot just west of highway nine off of Exit 13 on Georgia 400 (see attached map). We will leave there at 11:00 am in time to arrive at Ryan's for lunch prior to the drive. Complete

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## Smith Takes Best in Show at Norcross Car Fayre

Submitted by John Baxa

Wanda Smith's 1974 E-Type won "Best in Show" at this year's British Car Fayre in Norcross September 8th. Her award was the result of votes cast by registered attendees and was among several handed out at the event, including one lucky registrant who one a drawing for a travel voucher for a trip to England.

One of the rarer vehicles which won the runner-up to the "Best in Show" was a 1960s-vintage Ferret military transport manufactured by the Daimler subsidiary of Jaguar Cars, Ltd. The owner, a local resident, estimated there are about one hundred of these in this country at present. It was manufactured from 1952 to 1971



and used primarily by British forces in Northern Ireland. The Daimler Ferret is an armoured four-

wheel drive road and cross-country scout car powered by a Rolls Royce engine, which carries a crew of two (commander/gunner and driver). The hull is constructed of 16mm welded steel armor plate.

Our club members enjoyed a beautiful late-summer day with lot's of sunshine and an occasional cool breeze, perfect

weather for close-up examination of a variety of British machines. Thanks go to the organizers, the British American Business Group, for a great day and congratulations to Wanda.



## 2007 Euro Auto Festival BMW Plant, Spartanburg, SC Saturday, October 20

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

The Euro Auto Festival this year will feature Austin Healy and will draw a large contingent with some of the very best examples in North America. This event has grown to attract over 500 European cars from makers both well known and obscure and is the largest such event in the Southeast. This is not a judged show but rather a gathering of car people who are there to enjoy the day. The cars will be parked by marque and there is always a nice collection of Jaguars. There is a reception on Friday evening at the Marriott Renaissance Park in Spartanburg as well as

a banquet with guest speaker on Saturday evening following the car show. Sunday features a rally and a SCCA Autocross for those interested. Complete information is at [www.euroautofestival.com](http://www.euroautofestival.com), Beverly and I have taken the scenic back roads to this event the past five years and will do so again this year. We leave on Friday morning and stop for lunch on the way. We would love to have anyone join us who wishes a spectacular fall drive at a very leisurely pace. Call Dave Kirkman at (770) 886 7435 if you'd like to go along.



# SVRA - Season Finale Oct. 19-21 at Road Atlanta

Submitted by John Baxa

President's Letter continued from front cover

who did the decorating of our dining room, those who staffed the registration desk and those who sold our merchandise and contributed merchandise to the club for sale. My inclination is to start listing names but I know I would inadvertently omit someone so to all of you who worked please accept our thanks. We had members who drove up to the event just to work (some didn't have the time to stay for the day - they just came up to do a specific job and then left). During the next year, give some thought to joining Pat's judging team or volunteering to help in another area. The more judges there are, the less work there is for each individual judge. That permits everyone a little bit more time to enjoy the day.

Please note the change of date for the fall drive and come out and join us. In the cooler temperatures, the fall drive is really a pleasant way to spend a few hours in your Jaguar.

Consult your calendar now and make plans to attend the annual Christmas party at the Vinings Club on Sunday, December 16. There will be more information in the next newsletter and you will also receive a separate invitation. Cheers, Roy



The Sportscar Vintage Racing Association's last event of the season comes to Road Atlanta in October. This is a great chance to see moving works of art in action on the road course. The SVRA was founded over 20 years ago with the vision of keeping vintage race cars on race tracks where they belong, and can delight fans just as they did in their heyday. Cars

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## Fall Mountain Drive

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

information is also in last month's newsletter. We have moved the rain date to November 11. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

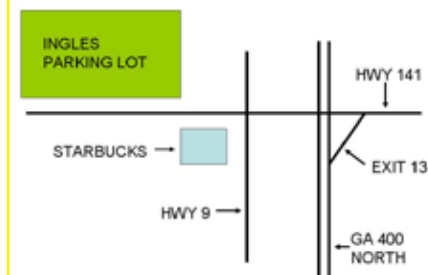


spanning five decades will be taking their turns starting with spectator events on Friday, October 19th and ending with Sunday's competition.

This is great value for money as all three days' admission is only \$35 and children 12 and under are admitted free. For more information check out [www.roadatlanta.com](http://www.roadatlanta.com).



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# North Georgia Jaguar Club 2007 Calendar of Events

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

# Officers

## 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- Concurs Judges Training

\* Pat Harmon

18 – Slalom, Chicopee 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 Concurs 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

### September

8-British Car Fayre in downtown Norcross

16 – Slalom, Chicopee Woods, Gainesville

\* Dick Maury

30 – NGJC Sanctioned Concours d' Elegance, Gainesville

\* Pat Harmon

## October

28 – Fall drive.\* Dave Kirkman

19-21 – Eurofest, Greer, SC

\* Dave Kirkman

## November

3-4 – Overnight drive to Hilton Head, SC in conjunction with Concours d' Elegance

17 – NGJC Annual Business Meeting

\* Club Officers

## December

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

\* Joe Newell

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## New Member

We would like to welcome our newest members since the last newsletter, **Michael and Carol Moore, Larkin and Elsbeth Vance, Ross & Nikki Anderson and Alex Whitlock and Susan Donnie.**

## Car Parts For Sale

I have a good set of knock offs for Dayton wire wheels and they have the black kitty cat for \$100. Also two tan seats out of a 89 XJ-S that have the drivers seat refinished with new leather panels for \$150.

Then have a set of five mag wheels (honeycomb) with the cat centers also from a 89 XJ-S for \$200. And I'll take an offer for a "package" deal. My phone is **706-216-6187** • Bob Smith, Member

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# Hilton Head Concours Plans Firming Up

Submitted by John Baxa



Sunday, November 4th will see several members of our club showing cars at this year's Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance. Pat Harmon will show his XK-150, Brian Hernan will show his XJ-6 and Carolyn Sikes will show her Corvette. Dave Kirkman will be judging again this year for the third year. Dave says, "Our club has quite a history at this prestigious event. It is by invitation only and will mark the 4th year that we have had cars on the field. Dick Maury's E-type and Roy Cleveland's XK150S have both won Best in Class awards. Marvin Sikes's XK140 took a Palmetto Award. John Hollier also won an award at the Hilton Head Concours for his Avanti last year."

There's more to the festivities than just the Concours as the events actually get going on Thursday, November 1st with the Hilton Head/Savannah Historics practice round at Roebing Road Raceway at nearby Bloomingdale, Georgia, and a fashion show at Sea Pines Country Club. The track event will feature small bore Classic Formula cars, Historic Formula cars and B.O.S.S. Formula Cars. Set as one of the last races of the vintage racing season, drivers can sign up and compete for points. Thursday will be set up for practice runs while Friday will host qualifying rounds and races with HSR. Once-in-a-lifetime, exhilarating hot lap rides at racing speeds with certified drivers will be available to all attendees at specific times both days. In addition, parade laps in your own car at controlled speeds around the 2.02-mile road course will also be offered throughout the track event.

Auctions are on the calendar for both Friday and Saturday which will feature many of the finest Pre-War American and European Classics, American and European Sports cars, Exotic cars as well as American Muscle cars. Admission to the Auction is by catalog - \$50, which includes seating for two and can be purchased in advance or at the event. Standing room is available with General Admission outside of bidding section.

With this much going on you'll want to check out their web site for more information about the weekend at [www.hhiconcours.com](http://www.hhiconcours.com).

Dave says, "Bev and I showed our E-type several years ago and had a wonderful time. The event is open to the public for a small fee that goes to local charities." Dave continues, "Bev and I will be going down on Saturday mid morning if anyone wishes to join us."



# Slalom: Two for the Price of None

Submitted by John Baxa



Well, it was free! Sunday, September 16th saw our club's fall Slalom underway along with an accompanying equine event at the Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center in Gainesville. If you were there you could watch segments of both of these events for the

same low price.

This was the first time we had the Slalom amid constant gunfire. For those who were not there, I should explain what was going on under the event shelter. The contest for the mounted gunslingers involved racing your horse against the clock while shooting balloons from atop pylons with a six-shooter



up one side of the course and back down the other with a second pistol. The guns fired rounds loaded with walnut shells—not lead. That was safer but just as loud. Take away the guns and it wasn't that much different from what we were doing on the track next door.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch—err, slalom track—the struggle against the clock was in full swing. Once again, with ideal weather—not too hot and just a bit overcast most of the day—we clocked our laps with hopes of getting better as the day wore on. I was happy to shave a full second from my best time in my Mark IX and I think others had success as well. If you missed this, you should think about attending our next event in the spring.



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# Norcross Car Fayre

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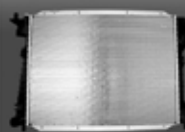


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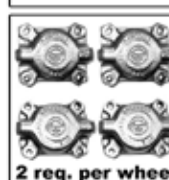
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