

LETTER

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ownership of

our favorite car

company is still

uncertain. When I

of affairs relative

reflect on the state

to Jaguar, I think it

is so unfortunate that Ford's troubles

are coming at this particular time. Of course, if you

think that Ford's ownership of Jaguar

has not been a good

thing, then you may

view that differently

I have been owning

modern Jaguars

other than having

problem on a 1998

XJ8, the cars I have

fairly problem free.

made great progress

owned have been

I am saving that I

think Jaguar has

in building more

reliable cars (see

the article in this

newsletter about

dependability study

the three year

by J.D Power &

that Jaguar has

beautiful cars. and I believe their

current head of design, Ian Callum,

is continuing that

tradition of good

design. The new

XK was the first

Jaguar for which

The new XF will

be the second.

totally responsible.

Mr. Callum is

always produced

Associates). Most of us would agree

since 1996 and

a Nikasil engine

writing, the future

NORTH GEORGIA JAGUAR CLUB

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Fall Slalom Will Be September 16th

Submitted by John Baxa

It's Slalom season again so get ready to map your curves. Come to Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center in Gainesville, Sunday, September 16th for the fall event. This is the last slalom event that our club will put on this year and we need local contenders as the sport is gaining in popularity and other clubs are putting on sanctioned events. Training starts at 10 AM and the timed runs begin at 1 PM with each contestant allowed five timed runs for scoring.

This is a lot of fun behind the wheel but you can also enjoy it as a spectator event. Restroom facilities are available on site, so bring your cooler and a chair and enjoy a pleasant afternoon.

Directions

From Atlanta: proceed north on I-85, then bear left on I-985.Take exit 16 and turn right (east) on Hwy. 53. Go .3 (three tenths) miles to the 2nd traffic light. Turn left on HWY 13 North. Go .1 (one tenth) mile to the first traffic light. Turn right onto Poplar Springs Road.Go 1.4 miles and turn left onto Poplar Springs Church Road (Poplar Springs Baptist Church is at the intersection). Go .6 (six tenths) miles, turn left onto Calvary Church Road (large brick house and Chicopee Ag Center sign are at intersection). Follow this 1.4 miles to the Chicopee Ag Center. Turn right into Chicopee Woods Ag Center. Slalom location is in the parking lot on the immediate right.

It's Concours Time!!

Submitted by Pat Harmon

By the time this newsletter reaches you our 5th Annual Concours d'Elegance will be one of the next events on our schedule (September 30th) and final preparations are under way. If you've never had

the opportunity to attend a Concours this is your chance to see many very beautifully prepared Jaguars coming from all over the East and Southeast. It's not only the cars and people that make our Concours one of the best in the country but the venue of the Chattahoochee Country Club and free brunches included with registration make this a deal of the century. These

brunches are normally \$24 per person and a \$45 early registration fee includes two of them! We are able to give you this deal because Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett provides us substantial sponsorship funds to use for this event. Without this sponsorship, we would

have to charge at least \$10 more per person for the meal. Depending when this shows in your mailbox, the deadline for early registrations is September 10th but, if you miss that you can still register the day of

the event for only \$5 more. You can find more detailed information on our web site at: http://www.ngjc.us/ Concours2007.htm

Our Concours d'Elegance is a show for everyone. You belong to our club because you have a Jaguar (or more) and are proud of it. We need you to support the club and BE THERE! The options are all yours. You can enter your car to be judged in two

main classes, as a display only (brunch included) or just come, park your car, and enjoy the event. Like I mentioned above, this is not just our local car show, this is a nationally sanctioned JCNA Concours and cars from other clubs all over the East and Southeast

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Fall Mountain Drive Sunday, October 14

Last year's fall drive was a huge success and we have another marvelous route laid out for this year. As you may recall the Cobra Club from McMichael Motorsports joined us for the day last year and they have asked to join us again this year.

We will gather in the Ryan's Steak House parking lot in the Kroger Center on GA 400 just past highway

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Submitted by Dave Kirkman

LOT IS IN

CENTER ON GA 400

HWY 53		RYAN'S STEAK HOUSE
NORTH GA OUTLET MALL		GO TO THE STOP LIGHT / GA 400 AND HWY 53. RYAN'S PARKING LOT IS THE KROGER CENTER O YOUR RIGHT IMMEDIATE AFTER YOU CROSS HWY
GA 400		

RYAN'S AT THE KROGER 53 (see attached map). The drive will start in the afternoon at 1:00 pm. Those wishing to have lunch with us can meet at Rvan's shortly before noon. There are also a variety of other restaurants in the area to choose from.

The drive will take us into the mountains west and north of Dahlonega and the chosen route is EDUATELY perfect for the older cars. We will Continued on page 2



The automobile press (Automobile, Car & Driver, Road & Track, etc.) has generally praised the XK's looks and its performance. Of course, we have not seen the XF production car yet but the concept car has gotten good reviews from a design standpoint. Of course a car can't live on looks alone and the XK drives and handles as well as any car I've driven in recent years. So back to my main point which is just when Jaguar is starting to build the best cars (design, driving experience, and reliability) it has ever built, Ford feels it must sell them to survive. Let's just hope that if there is a new owner, they will recognize the good things happening at Jaguar and realize that ultimately the route to a consistently good bottom line is the unrelenting focus on producing a superior product that people want to buy.

I encourage you all to consider attending our slalom at Chicopee Woods Agricultural Center in Gainesville, GA on Sept. 16. The weather is a bit more tolerable now and let's hope our hottest temperatures are behind us and that we'll have a nice day for the slalom.

One of the biggest events of our year is our annual Concours d'Elegance which will be held at the Chattahoochee Country Club in Gainesville, GA on Sunday, September 30. There are details on our website (www.ngjc.us). Last year we had more than 60 cars and about 130 JCNA members at brunch. You won't see a greater number of very nice Jaguars anywhere within several hundred miles of Atlanta.

I hope to see you at the Concours and the Slalom. Cheers.

Roy

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Fall Mountain Drive

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

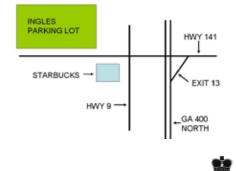
wind up at the Wachovia bank parking lot just outside Dahlonega and share our experiences of the day. Those who wish can then head into Dahlonega for refreshments or head for home with good memories of a wonderful fall drive.

We promise complete maps and drive instructions so that no one should get lost this year!

Anyone who wishes to take the back country roads from the Cumming area can meet me in the Ingles parking lot on highway 141 just west of Exit 13 off GA 400 (see attached map). We will leave at 11:00 am for the drive to highway 53 and Ryan's. Starbucks is just across the street so come early and have a cup of coffee.

I know this sounds quite impossible, given the current hot dry spell that we are experiencing, but we do have a rain date of Sunday, October 28.

MAP TO INGLES PARKING LOT





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North Georgia Jaguar Club 2007 Calendar of Events

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

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, 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

New Member

We would like to welcome our newest

member since the last newsletter,

Kimberly Ann Walker.

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

for \$100.

September 8-British Car Fayre in downtown Norcross

16 - Slalom, Chicopee Woods, Gainesville * Dick Maury

I have a good set of knock offs

for Dayton wire wheels and

they have the black kitty cat

Also two tan seats out of a

30 - NGJC Sanctioned Concours d' Elegance, Gainesville * Pat Harmon

October 14 - 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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89 XJ-S that have the drivers seat refirbished with new leather panels for \$150. Then have a set of five mag wheels (honeycomb) with the cat c

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Challenge Championship 2007

Chris Engelhorn and Richard Maury

For those who are new to NGJC, the biennial Challenge Championship is a unique event in that all club events, namely, the rally, the slalom, and the Concours d'Elegance are held by the hosts. Most clubs limit their yearly event to a Concours d'Elegance only, but attending these biennial events is a full week's worth of activities: we checked into the hotel on Tuesday, the rally was held on Wednesday, the slalom on Thursday, and the Concours on Friday; with each day came dinners, cocktails, and unlimited Jaguar enthusiasm. Saturday was, of course, the day for traveling the nine-hour drive home.

The accommodations were the Crowne Plaza Hotel in

beautiful downtown Indianapolis. Much of downtown Indianapolis has been renovated in the last couple of decades and it is a beautiful city for strolling, shopping and dining. The Crowne Plaza itself came about as a solution to the problem of what could be done to save the old Union Station, which is a beautiful and historic building that no longer had a much purpose, as was the fate of many of our nations train stations in the post World War Two era. The hotel, until being renovated in the Eighties, was the Union Railroad Station, and, until the Second World War was a bustling travel center, being a gateway to the cities west, north and south. Real Pullman cars, on their original tracks, are made into suites, and the oldest part of the station is now used as the convention and banquet center. The hotel still has active tracks through it and the trains cans be felt through out the day and night inside. The internal structure is a marvel of American engineering, as it was designed to last decades with multiple trains of great weight running through it day and night. The hotel itself is worth seeing if you ever are visiting Indianapolis.

Throughout the week a hospitality suite was a central meeting place for starting the events. On the first day was registration, and then OSJI of Indiana and Dick Maury of Coventry West gave informative technical presentations. Other sponsors had information booths in the hotel and representatives were available throughout the week to answer questions from restorations to insurance. NGJC members would have seen familiar faces in Richard Maury, Jim Anderson, Mary Ann Kretz, Chris and Patty Engelhorn, Larry and Ryan Smith, Roy and Linda Cleveland, Joe and Betty Newell, and, last but not least, driver Johnny Carson (no relation to the famous one).

Tuesday evening after the seminars, we rode to the Fosters' to see an unusual display of cars. It seems that Mr. Foster needed more space to store and display his cars. His neighborhood was not accommodating for a garage so he built two houses beside

> each other. Both appear as ranch style houses from the outside. One is a two story and the whole inside is filled with Jaguars on the upper level and Corvettes on the lower level. There was also a lot of interesting memorabilia to go with everything. The other house was the work house on one level with a couple of lifts, a library, parts storage and a lot of tools to work on the cars. After viewing the cars, we had a catered dinner on the front lawn under a large tent, a pleasant ending to a pleasant day.

> On the second day, for the Rally, it was HOT. It was Georgia hot, with perhaps less humidity than Georgia, but still hot. The rally had the drivers cruise into probably the only hilly spot in Indiana, but it was a lush spot and an excellent place for a rally. Those who chose not to rally could take a casual scenic drive to the Country club for lunch before heading back to the hotel to cool off. That evening, we went on our own to a mid 1800's village recreation called Conner Prairie, a town similar to Williamsburg, Virginia in theme. There we had another fine catered-in dinner and the Rally awards were presented. The NGJC club was well represented as Dick Maury and Jim Anderson placed Second overall. Also entered were the team of Larry Smith and son Ryan of Buford, Georgia. Both are new members of the NGJC.

On the third day it was even hotter, but the heat Contunied on page 6



Contunied from page 1 It's Concours Time!!

Submitted by Pat Harmon

will be there.

If you are thinking about entering your car for judging in one of the many classes let me try to briefly explain how that works. Cars are judged for authenticity, cleanliness and condition. First, there are two main Divisions. In Champion Division we judge the entire vehicle including the engine compartment and trunk (boot). In the Driven Division we judge only the exterior and interior of the car. There is another division called Special which

includes cars that have been significantly modified for street or track racing or are replicas of original Jaguars. Now, each of these divisions are divided into classes basically the model and year group of the car. So, XJ6 cars compete only against other XJ6 cars. This makes everything fair.

Car judging will start right after lunch at 1:00 and continue until 2:30. The scoresheets will then be tallied and awards presented at 3:30. This year we will also have a People's Choice

own of course).



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Award and each person with a brunch ticket will get to vote on the car of their choice (but not their

So, if you are planning to attend and thinking about entering your Jag (we hope you do) what do you need to do to prepare it? Think of

it this way. Each car starts off with a perfect score (meaning it looks like it did the day it was made). The judges then make deductions for (1) anything they find non-authentic on the car (2) poor condition such as dents, rust, paint chips and (3) cleanliness. Can you guess what the "biggie" here is?.....Cleanliness. Typically I see more points deducted for this than anything else and, do you know what? This is something you can fix yourself, in your driveway, for next to no cost. If you enter your car in a Driven Division class you need not worry about cleaning the engine or boot as they are not judged. So why not take this opportunity to give that car you love its annual best cleaning and polishing ever and bring it out to the Concours. Like they guy with the suit ads on TV I GUARANTEE YOUR GOING TO LOVE THE WAY YOU LOOK.

Look forward to seeing ALL of you on September 30th.

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Chris Engelhorn and Richard Maury

didn't stop Jaguar enthusiasts from participating in the slalom at the venerable Indianapolis Speedway. The black top of the infield parking lot was at first a bit slippery for the more powerful cars to run on, and it seemed as if the stock Jaguars

were doing better than the dedicated racers, at least at first. However, the drivers eventually learned how to make things work, and some good lap times were achieved. Jim Anderson, Richard Maury, and Mary Ann Kretz from the NGJC adapted quickly to the track and ran fast laps. The times were not as fast as our own local track but Jim Anderson placed second and Dick Maury third. The Monster V12 of Karen Jones squeezed by to take first. The Speedway museum was impressive and was certainly a highlight of the trip. Words cannot describe it. Pictures are the next best thing to being there. It is not to be missed if you are ever there. Lastly, the entire Jaguar population showed up for a lap around the raceway for a commemorative picture. Another nice catered dinner at the hotel helped everyone unwind.

On the fourth and final day, the Concours was held at Monument Circle in the heart of downtown Indianapolis. The monument is actually on a large traffic circle. The entire circle was closed to local traffic and the Jaguars were parked around it. The NGJC was represented by trophy winners: Richard Maury, third place in C5 & S3 and Roy and Linda Cleveland, second in D9A. A new kind of people's choice award was tried out involving putting money into boxes in front of the cars for

charity. The car with the most money won. I guess if the owner wanted the trophy bad enough, they could make sure they won by putting in their own money, but after all, it was for a good cause. After the Concours, the final dinner and awards ceremony was held in the restored main Railway station banquet hall. Brian Redmond was the guest speaker and provided lively anecdotes of sports car racing in the sixties, seventies and eighties. The Concours awards were handed out and farewells given.

It needs to be mentioned that the west coast Jaguar clubs will be holding the Western States 2008 biennial, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club next year, Monday, July 28th through Friday, August 1st in Grand Junction, Colorado. Grand Junction is located on the west side of the Rockies and would certainly be a unique and interesting place for a car show. Go to

www.westernstates2008.com for information. Also, the Rocky Mountain club will be having their local Concours on Saturday, August 2nd, 2008 as well, so you can get two shows without additional travel.





Not-To-Miss Fall Driving Events

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

The weather should be cooling off leaving us with warm sunny afternoon and cooler evenings. This is the perfect time to get your cat out and join the gang for some wonderful fall car events. So, grab your calendar and mark the dates and start planning to join us. Complete information about each event is contained elsewhere in the newsletter.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday the 8th. British Car Fayre in Norcross, GA (see last month's newsletter). *Sunday the 16th.* Dick Maury and the "Green

Racer" will stage the fall Slalom.

Sunday the 30th. Club Concours. This is a do not miss event!! Great cars, great people, and the best lunch in town.

OCTOBER

Sunday the 14th. Fall Drive. Last year was a huge success and this year will be even better! **Saturday the 19th.** Euroautofest. This event is hosted by the BMW plant just north of Greenville, SC. It has grown to become the largest gathering of European cars in the Southeast with over 500 participants. www. euroautofestival.com. More info in next month's newsletter.

NOVEMBER

Sunday the 4th. Hilton Head Island Concours. We will have several members showing cars at this prestigious concours.

Saturday the 17th. Annual Meeting. This is also the election for next year's officers. Show up and help us plan events for next year. Remember, if you are not in attendance you just might get elected!

DECEMBER

Sunday the 16th. Annual Christmas Party. End the year in style and join fellow club members for a wonderful holiday evening.

JAGUAR RANKS WELL IN J.D. POWER LONG-TERM RELIABILITY RATING

Submitted by Roy Cleveland

According to an article which appeared in the Atlanta Journal Constitution not long ago, Jaguar finished 8th in the J.D. Power Vehicle Dependability Study for 2006. According to the article, the study is based on responses from 47,620 original owners of 2003 model-year vehicles. It covers three years of ownership so to me it is a much better indication of reliability than some other studies. The ranking is by nameplate and the names which finished above Jaguar (210 problems per 100 vehicles over three years) are Lexus (136), Mercury (151), Buick (153), Cadillac (163), Toyota (179), Acura (184), and Honda (194).

Some of the names which finished below Jaguar are BMW (212), Mercedes (240) and Porsche (248). The industry wide average was 227 problems per 100 vehicles in the 2006 study. In 2003, the industry wide average was 273 so there has been a significant improvement overall in three years. This is something to use the next time somebody makes a joke about Jaguar reliability. Have your considered buying a new or used Jaguar instead of whatever model you bought the last time you bought a car? The newer models get very good gas mileage and they are becoming more reliable.



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