

# NGJC's May 21st and 22nd Overnight Drive to Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA

The final details of the drive to Callaway Gardens on Saturday, May 21st and around the adjacent area on Sunday are still being worked out. However, if you have not made your reservation yet, & are interested in this drive, please do so by calling Callaway Gardens reservations at 1-800-225-5292. Make your reservation for The Southern Pine Cottages and tell reservations that you're with the North Georgia Jaguar Club and that you want the AAA rate. If the cottages are all reserved you may need to reserve a room at the Inn. Or... if you just want to join us for the day and drive over to the Gardens and enjoy the afternoon at the Gardens you're welcome to do that as well.

For those of you who have never been to Callaway Gardens, it is a gorgeous setting (especially in the spring) located on 14,000 acres nestled in the southernmost foothills of the Appalachians, approximately one hour southwest of Atlanta. The Gardens are comprised of natural woodlands, lakes and seasonal plantings accented by wildlife and plants too numerous to name that set the tone for a quiet experience to relax and inspire you.

#### Saturday, May 21st

We'll all meet at the Andretti Speed Lab in Roswell, GA (11000 Alpharetta Highway/Hwy 9) on Saturday morning at 9:00 am and will depart at 9:30 am sharp. [Take GA 400 north and exit at Mansell Road (Exit 8) and go west (into Roswell-away from Northpoint Mall). Take a right on Alpharetta Hwy (Wachovia Bank is on the right). Go through the next stoplight (Houze Way) and the Andretti Speed Lab will be on your left]. If you get lost on Saturday (Larry's cell 678-200-2760) or need prior directions to Andretti's call Larry Kludt at 770-641-9249.

The planned route to Callaway Gardens will attempt to keep us off the interstates for most of the drive. NOTE: Please pack a picnic lunch as we'll be stopping to eat along the way. Once at the Gardens you can plan to spend the afternoon at the Gardens enjoying its many attractions, driving and/or walking through the Gardens or just taking in the beautiful spring colors, flower displays, etc., and relaxing. Dinner on Saturday evening will be at one of the restaurants located in the Gardens.



#### Sunday, May 22nd

On Sunday morning we'll plan to drive the roads around Callaway Gardens and the Pine Mountain area and will meander back towards metropolitan Atlanta in the afternoon. Hope to see you out there on the road for the club's first drive of 2005...

## RALLY TRAINING – April 16th

#### ROAD RALLYING -

What is it? What is involved in conducting one? And how to score each car?

These are the topics that will be discussed at the "Rally Training Session" scheduled for April 16th at Hennessy Jaguar's Gwinnett Display Continued on page 2

#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope everyone had a great Easter. We still can't get over what a great event we had at Ron Green's garage last Saturday! Almost thirty members attended and most of them were in Jaguars (SS100, XK120, E-Types, Mark IX, XJs of all stripes). As one person noted we had a car show inside and outside. Dave Kirkman gives the details in this issue. Thanks again to Ron for his hospitality and time.

We are about to begin a terrific spring driving season with our first ever club rally on April 16th which should be a lot of fun. Then we have British Motor Car Day and the Callaway trip in May. I encourage everyone to join in the fun and camaraderie and be sure to make your reservations for Callaway as they usually fill up quickly in the spring.

As I write this (March 26) we are preparing to leave for the JCNA Annual General Meeting in Orlando and hope to iron out some more of the details related to the Challenge Championship at Chateau Elan in September. The poster for the Challenge Championship is done with much thanks going to John Yates who has survived around 12 Continued on page 2

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revisions of the poster without killing anyone. Please remember that the cookout and drive scheduled for May 14th at my home has been moved to June 11th due to such a heavy event schedule in May. At this time we do not know if it will be an overnight or not.

Happy Motoring! Thanks Much! Joe



#### Road Rally - continued from front cover

location; 3393 Old Norcross Rd., Duluth, starting at 11:00am. We hope to conduct a very "mini" rally where you can practice scoring at a check point and roll all the individual scores into the last score sheet which ranks the participants to see who was best at following the rally directions, keeping on course and arriving at each check point on time.

This training is important and is the last training session before we have to support the JCNA Challenge Championship, Rally @ Chateau Elan this coming September. Our club will need to man the Rally starting point (5 people), a mileage check point (1 – person), three check points scattered through out Rally course (3 people), and the Rally point at the end of the route (4 People). We will need a minimum of 19 people and 24 would be great to support this event. Club members need to know what is expected of them and how to do their part in the scoring. The scoring is not complicated but is organized, so please attend this training session so you will know what is expected.

Remember "Rallying is a safe, enjoyable but exacting motor sport that fully tests your Jaguar's reliability and responsiveness, a driver's ability, and a navigator's accuracy in interpreting specific route instructions."

We need your help and involvement to support this event.

## WALTER MITTY CHALLENGE April 30th to May 1

The Walter Mitty Challenge is being held at Road Atlanta on April 30 – May 1. For those of you who aren't familiar with this event, it includes one of the largest vintage auto races on the East Coast. In addition to the vintage races, a lot of car clubs will be attending as groups and there will be a variety of car parts and automobilia vendors on the premises. There are also some autocross activities planned. More information on this event can be obtained at www.hsrrace.com (under "Updates", click on Mitty Auto Festival and Mitty Auto Festival Update.

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## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2005**

**January 29th –** Indoor Tech Session - Cancelled due to bad weather.

**February 19th** – Indoor Tech Session - Flashback Restorations ; 11:00 am to 5:00 pm (\*Dave)

**March 11-13th** – Concours d' Elegance, Amelia Island (\*Skip)

**March 19th** – Indoor Tech Session to be held at Ron Green's garage; See Article in this Issue.

**April 16th** – Rally (classroom) training at Hennessy Jaguar, 11:00 am followed by lunch and a Trial Rally Drive (spouses are encouraged to participate) on proposed JCNA 2005 Challenge course layout (\*George/Dave)

May 7th – British Car Day @ Chateau Élan (770-804-9380 or www.atlantabritishmotorcarday.com)

May 21st & 22nd – Overnight Driving Tour to Callaway Gardens (\*Larry)

#### June 11th & 12th - (time TBD)Club cookout at Joe's house (\*Joe /cooking & Richard /driving )

**July 16th** – Indoor Tech Session @ Panoz car factory, 10:00 am (Tom)

**August –** No events planned... Preparations/ meetings, etc., for the JCNA Challenge Championship event (\*Club Officers & assigned club members)

September 21st to 25th – JCNA CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP @ Chateau Élan

**May 7th –** British Car Day **October –** (date TBD) @ Chateau Élan (770-804- Fall leaf cruise (\*Richard)

> **October 14-16th –** Euro Fest @ BMW plant, Greer, SC (\*Dave)

> **November –** (date TBD ) - Southern British Car Day

**November** – (will work around S. Brit car day) Overnight Driving Tour (weather permitting) to Augusta, area (\*Larry)

**November 4, 5 & 6** – Hilton Head Concours (\*Dave)

**November 19 -** NGJC Annual Meeting (\*Club Officers)

**December 4 -** Annual Christmas Party at Vinings Club, Atlanta, GA.

\* club member facilitator

# **NEW MEMBERS**

We would like to welcome our new members since the last newsletter. They are *Richard and Amy Magner, Nina and Mychal Wynn, and Norman and Audrey Shafer* 

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# Concours d'Elegance – Part III – Preparing the Entry for Competition

Pat Harmon, Chief Judge, NGJC

Whether you are entering your car in competition for the first time or going for JCNA national recognition this article (last of our series on JCNA Concours d'Elegance) offers some tips on how to prepare your car.

First, you must decide in which division you want to compete. Recalling from the previous articles, there are four divisions: Champion (car restored to factory new and entire car is inspected - 100 point), Preservation (car is in original, un-restored condition and entire car is inspected – 100 point), Driven (car restored to factory new but engine and boot not inspected - 10 point) and Special (prepared race cars

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– 10 point).

Website and print (or read online) the Official Rule Book. You don't need to read the whole thing - just concentrate by so it's definitely to your on the division you will be competing

in. Pay

particular attention to Chapter II - Entry Eligibility, Divisions and Classes, Chapter

IV – Instructions and General Rules for the Entrant and Chapter VI – Judge's Guide for Scoring Authenticity. You will also want to print a copy of the Score Sheets recalling that there are three: Interior, Exterior and Engine/Boot. Of

course if you are entering the Secondly, go to the JCNA Driven Division the Engine/ Boot score sheet will not be used. These are the rules and criteria your car will be judged in Chapter VI, there are main advantage to know them.

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so "listen-

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and Condition/Cleanliness. A 100%, perfectly authentic car will look as it did the day it came off the factory floor. Judges will first inspect your car to locate any nonauthentic items. If they find something you will be given

the opportunity to prove the item is authentic. This must be done with published Jaguar literature. Please note that, categories (such as Interior) and sub-categories for each (such as Headliner/Underside of Top). Each one of the subcategories shows the maximum deduction that can be taken for that category. It is extremely important that you understand this as it will be evaluated in key in your decisions on what to restore on your car and Authenticity what not to. For example, your car may be absolutely perfect except for non-authentic wheels. The maximum deduction for wheels is only 18 points. That's out of 1000 total points folks. If there were no other deductions the

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## VISIT TO RON GREEN'S "GARAGE" (One Car Guy's Dream Come True)

Saturday started like many other trips to NGJC functions for me. "What time are we supposed to be there?" "Where did I put the directions?" "Are we going to be late...again?" Beverly tells me to settle down...again. But all goes well. We meet up with new club member Andy Charlish and he follows us in his E-Type. Little traffic on GA 400 and the directions are quite clear. We turn in and follow the driveway around to where the other Jags are arriving and exchange "hellos" with new and old friends alike. Smiles all around. Wander inside Ron's "garage" and.....it's like walking into the best toy store a car guy could imagine. Too many beautiful classic cars parked in a perfect setting to take it all in. What do I want to see first? The yellow Cord convertible that is parked next to the long nose red Ferrari 250 GT or the outrageous new Lambo next to the sleek Jag XJ220 that is next to the Corvette race car that is next to...but wait – is that not a Dusenburg over there...don't see one of those every day do vou. Or maybe I should just start with the beautiful silver Mercedes 300 SL roadster I am standing next to. And to think Ron *DRIVES* all of these rare classics. I better just go and sit down in one of the antique barber shop chairs and catch mv breath. On the way to sit down,

our host emerges from a cluster of club members. I had never met Ron before but I've got to tell you that you could not hope to meet a more pleasant and engaging person. Ron was very enthusiastic about showing us his marvelous collection, sharing stories along the way, and believe me, we were thrilled to be there.

Wandering around you could not help but notice how immaculate every thing is. Not a speck of dust on the cars or a drop of oil on the floor. Even the red 67 Jag E-Type OTS did not dare drip!! (I have not a clue how you get an E-Type not to leak something on the ground!) I hear music...heck, even the old juke boxes work! I am in classic car heaven. All too soon it is time to go...

and there are still more cars and motor cycles to see and enjoy. We thank our gracious host for a wonderful morning and head out to join the group for lunch. You know what I liked best about this visit? We were invited back!!! Do not dare miss the next opportunity if you did this time. Dave Kirkman



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score would be 982. So, do you want to incur the expense of replacing all your wheels to gain 18 points? If you are competing on a national level, maybe so. It's your call. Please also note that the rules were revised last year and tire sizes are now judged. I won't go into any detail here

due to space constraints but do Concours. It's a good thing to check out the tire section in the bring along a spare set of bulbs. the bumpers. Once you have rulebook. There are different rules for Driven and Champion/ Preservation Divisions.

Once you are familiar with the authenticity rules, inspect your car (best to have an expert help you) and identify all items which could be considered non-authentic. If there is an item that you believe your car as they are prohibited is authentic, but feel the judges may question; then locate any Jaguar literature (manuals, parts lists, sales brochures, etc.) to prove the item is correct.

Once the judges have 7 inspected your car for

authenticity they will now move for condition and cleanliness. onto condition, cleanliness and mechanical checks. Let's cover the last one first. The judges will ask you to operate the horns, all lights and turn signals. Make sure you check these several days before the event and also during final preparation the day of the Last year, I checked my VDP 15 minutes before rags-down and found a burned-out side light. I just happened to have a spare bulb – whew!

Do you remember what I said about the judges in the previous articles. In most cases the judges are not experts on from judging the class in which they have their own car entered. They may, or may not know if the engine head is painted the correct color. So what do they do, they go through the check list and subjectively judge each item

Here's what you need to do: Go through the checklist, item by item, and inspect your car. Did you find a paint chip? Buy some touch-up paint and fix it. Thoroughly clean your car like you have never before. Go into every nook and cranny and clean, clean, clean. Get in the door jams and behind it clean go over the paint with body scrub and then give it a good wax job. Polish all the chrome as well. Armor All or silicone all rubber items (but pleeze don't leave it dripping wet and shiny).

If yours is a daily driver here's a neat tip to make the engine compartment gleam! With the engine cold, spray the entire compartment with Gunk Engine Cleaner. Then wash off the Gunk with a pressure washer or sharp hose stream. Be careful not to drown any of the electronic stuff. You may have to do this twice if the

compartment is especially dirty. Next wash everything down with soap and water the best you can. Then, let the engine dry and then spray everything (yes everything) down with an entire can of WD-40. This stuff has a carrier agent that will evaporate over several days so they engine won't look like someone just dumped a gallon of oil on it. The WD-40 not only stops oxidation/corrosion but it also preserves rubber items and gets into electrical connections and seals them. Do this on a brand new car and it will continue to look that way for years.

Well, that's about it. Where you place in the Concours obviously will be determined by the cars you are competing with. The amount of time and attention to detail you devote to preparing your entry will pay off with a trophy. See you on the field!

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