

NORTH GEORGIA JAGUAR CLUB

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CONCOURS 101 @ Hennessy Jaguar, Norcross

Saturday, July 15th 1:00 pm

Greetings All. Hope you're having a GREAT summer. This is just a quick reminder that our club is holding a special session at Hennessy Jaguar, 3393 Old Norcross Road, on July 15th at 1:00 pm. This session, called Concours 101, is designed to introduce the JCNA Concours D'Elegance events to those members who are new or haven't yet had the opportunity to attend/enter one of these fun events. We'll be explaining what the Concours is all about, giving you tips on making your car look showroom new, and you can have your car inspected by one of

our judges if you so choose. I put an article in the last newsletter giving more details <http://www.jcna.com/clubs/nl/se57.pdf>. As always we are very grateful to Hennessy Jaguar for allowing us to use their facility.

If you plan to attend I'd really appreciate your replying to this message so we'll know how many chairs to set up. Look forward to seeing you on the 15th.

Pat Harmon
Chief Judge



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope that each of you had a great Fourth of July holiday and that you were able to take a few minutes to reflect on the real reason for all the fireworks and celebrations.

Our June tour on the 25th covered some interesting driving roads (although they were wet for the first time in weeks) and ended with a pleasant lunch in Blue Ridge. I am sure that all of the participants (about 25) would join me in thanking Dave and Beverly Kirkman for planning the route and lunch. As many of you know, it takes several trips and more than a few hours to fully plan one of these drives.

It doesn't seem possible that we are already beginning the second half of 2006. We have had some fun events so far this year but we also have some good things in store for the last half of the year. Our July event at Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett will be an introduction to concours participation. If you have any questions about a concours d' elegance, this session will help provide the answers. It will

VISIT TO McMICHAEL MOTORSPORTS, INC.

August 19

McMichael Motorsports is a dealer for the Superperformance Coupe which is an updated version of the Shelby Daytona Coupe. According to Road & Track, only six of the Daytona Coupes were ever built and all were for competition. The new Superperformance Coupe is being built by Superperformance of Port Elizabeth, South Africa and Peter Brock, the original designer of the Shelby. You can read the full story in the March 2006 issue of Road and Track which can be accessed online at www.roadandtrack.com. You can find about more about McMichael by going to

www.mcmichaelmotorsports.com.

McMichael Motorsports is located almost directly across from Road Atlanta which can be reached by proceeding north on I-85 from the northern arc of I-285. From I-85, turn onto I-985 and go to exit 16. Turn right or east and proceed on Hwy. 53 until you reach Road Atlanta. McMichael is on the left at 5289 Winder Highway.

Our tour is set up for 10:30am on Saturday, August 19. The phone number at McMichael is 770-965-9330. Contact Joe Newell with questions.



DRIVE TO TICKANETLEY AND BEYOND

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Even with the threat of more rain in the forecast some twenty, hardy NGJC members, friends and neighbors, gathered at the Starbucks on highway 141 in Cumming for the back country drive to Blue Ridge. Sprits were high and the tops were down as we started out under a clearing sky. By the time we met up with Roy Cleveland and Ray Gore in the Amicalola Falls area we had found the rain again. We continued on, with intermittent showers falling, as we enjoyed the beauty of the mountains on seldom traveled roads with names like Double Gap and Double Head Gap. The rain had stopped by the time we reached the Victorian House, our final destination, in Blue

Ridge. Everyone seemed dry, well John Baxa was a little damp from driving his E-Type, and up for a wonderful lunch. New members Bob and Madelynne Smith and Larry and Joann Courant were introduced along with several guests. Based on the lively conversations, along with much laughter, it was very apparent that the much needed rain did not dampen anyone's sprits. After lunch we all headed off to wander through the surrounding shops. Naturally, Brian and Linda Hernan found the ice cream parlor first! Mid afternoon found the group headed home on various routes back to the Atlanta area.



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CARE AND FEEDING OF PAINT

Submitted by Terry Hulsey

President's Letter continued from front cover

be conducted by Pat Harmon, our chief judge. If you have any hesitation about participating in a concours, Pat will address those concerns also. From the inception of our club, it has been our goal to plan the driving events in the Spring and Fall and have tech sessions or other non driving events in the months of July and August. Thus, our next driving event will be in September. In August, we have arranged a visit to McMichael Motorsports in Braselton to see a Superformance coupe. More information about this event appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Dave Kirkman pointed out to me that we have been listing an incorrect date in our club calendar for the Euro Auto Festival at the BMW plant in Greer, SC. The correct dates for that event are October 20-22 instead of the 13th-15th which we have previously listed. The web site for that event is www.euroautofestival.com in case you would like more information.

I hope to see you at Hennessy on the 15th

Cheers,
Roy

There are probably a dozen different methods to take care of the paint on your vehicle. I am going to discuss only one. I know it works and works well because I have been using it for some 20 plus years. Rule number one: NEVER, EVER DRY WIPE

A CAR. Drywiping is the act of rubbing anything (hand, cloth, rag, etc.) across the painted surface of a car. Cars are not furniture; they should never be dusted. Yes, I know that feather dusters and microfiber towels are sold but remember that if a piece of dust with sharp edges gets caught under anything it is going to scratch your paint.

When washing your car be sure to use the hose liberally. The object is to float the dust/dirt off the paint as much as possible. Never wash in the hot sun. I prefer to use warm sudsy water mixed in the kitchen sink. There are several car washes available. I prefer either 3 M or Meguiar

brands. DO NOT USE DISHWASHING SOAP. Dishwashing soap will strip wax from the paint and can streak the paint easily. First hose the entire car off including inside the wheelwells. You are trying to remove the heavy dirt with the water. Use only 100%

cotton rags that have been washed and dried several times to wash and dry the vehicle. Do not use towels with tags or binding as the tags and binding will scratch. (I use old bath and hand towels). Divide the car into areas, remembering that as you go closer to

the ground there will be more and heavier dirt present. I wash the entire top of the car then rinse it. Next I wash then rinse the top of the boot and bonnet. Then the sides, but leave the lowest 6 inches for last. Wheels and tires come last. I dry the entire car after one, last all over rinse. This method has always worked and leaves very few scratches.



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North Georgia Jaguar Club 2006 Calendar of Events

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

Membership

By Mary Ann Kretz

January 14-22-
Barrett-Jackson Classic
Car Auction
Scottsdale, AZ

January 21-
Microcar Museum
Madison, GA
*Tom Koballa

February 17, 18 & 19-
World of Wheels
Georgia World Congress
Center

February 17 or 25-
Upholstery technical
session with Dan Paul
*Skip Smith

March 10-12-
Concours d' Elegance
Amelia Island, FL
*Dave Kirkman

March 19-
JCNA sanctioned Slalom
Smoky Mountain Jaguar
Club Knoxville, TN

March 30-April 1-
JCNA AGM
Seattle, WA

April 22-23-
Carolina Jaguar Club
JCNA Sactioned Concours
d' Elegance (22nd) &
Slalom (23) Dobson, NC

April 27-30-
Walter Mitty Challenge
Road Atlanta
Braselton, GA

April 30-
NGJC Drive to Wolf Mtn.
Vineyards and lunch
with Classic Thunderbird
Club *Dave Kirkman

May 13-
British Motorcar Day
Berry College Rome, GA
www.atlantabritishmore-
carday.com *Joe Newell

May 20-
Smoky Mountain Jaguar
Club Concours d' El-
egance Gatlinburg, TN

May 28-
NGJC Sanctioned Spring
Slalom, Chocopee Woods,
Gainesville, GA *Dick
Maurly & Lynn Cunning-
ham

June 3-
Annual Concours Judges
Training hennessy
Jaguar Gwinnett *Pat
Harmon

June 25-
Drive to Tickenetley &
beyond *Dave Kirkman



July 15-
Concours d' Elegance
101: Introduction to
Concours Participation
Hennessy Jaguar
Gwinnett *Pat Harmon

August 19-
Tour of McMichael
Motorsports, Inc Carroll
Shelby's Superformance
coupe Braselton, GA

September 16-
2006 British Car Fayre,
10:00 am to 4:00 pm,
Norcross, GA

September 16-17-
Overnight Driving Tour
of the U.S. Air Force Mu-
seum Warner Robbins,
GA *Pat Harmon

September 24-
NGJC Sanctioned Fall
Slalom, Chocopee Woods,

Gainesville, GA *Dick
Maury & Lynn Cunning-
ham

September 27-30-
Petite LeMans
Location TBA

October 8-
NGJC Sanctioned Con-
cours d' Elegance Chat-
tahoocoe Country Club,
Gainesville, GA *Roy
Cleveland & Pat Harmon
- Concours Chairman

October 20-22-
Euro Auto Fest @ BMW
Plant Greer, SC *Dave &
Beverly Kirkman

October 28-29-
Southern British Car Show
Chattanooga, TN

November 3-5-
Hilton Head Concours d'
Elegance, Hilton Head,
SC *Dave Kirkman

November 18-
NGJC Annual Business
Meeting *Club Officers

December 17-
NGJC Annual Christmas
Party at Vinings Club
Atlanta, GA

*Joe Newell

We would like to
welcome our new
members since
the last newsletter.
They are

**Robert & Dian Van
Kirk and Vincent
Canipelli**

This gives us 111
members at present.
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are available to any
member by mail or
e-mail. If you would
like one, call or e-
mail Mary Ann
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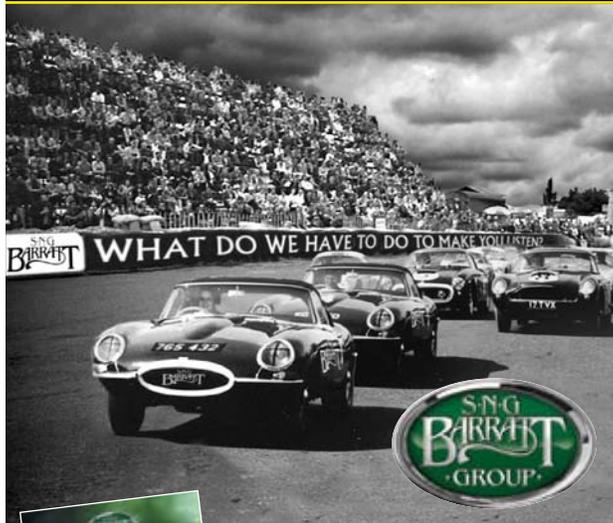
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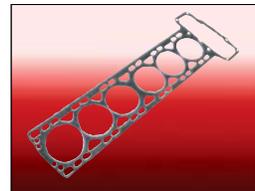
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LONG-TERM REPORT ON AN ALUMINUM BODIED XJ8

Submitted by Roy Cleveland

As I read reports of slow sales at Jaguar, I am somewhat puzzled based on my experience with one of the first of the new aluminum bodied XJs (referred to hereafter as the "current model"). My wife and I purchased a new 2004 XJ8 VDP in September of 2003 and as of this writing have accumulated approximately 34,000 miles. Our overall experience has been very favorable. The only repairs which have been necessary are: replacement of a faulty fuel pump and sending unit, replacement of the yaw control sensor, and replacement of a tail light lens. Of course, all of these were covered under the 50,000 mile, 4 year warranty and were quickly and efficiently handled by Hennessy Jaguar. The overall fuel mileage to date has been 21.6 MPG. This is based on a calculation using actual miles and actual fuel consumption. The 34,000 miles covered to date have been a mixture of expressway miles and "around town". Interestingly, two of the major automobile magazines (*Road & Track* and *Automobile*) completed long-



term tests of the current XJ in 2005 and they reported 21.3 and 22 MPG, respectively. (Road & Track covered 50,418 miles and Automobile covered 33,780 miles).

Both the *Road & Track* and *Automobile* tests yielded very favorable comments about the most important aspects of the car such as ride, handling, responsiveness, braking and comfort and they praised many other features such as the operation of the cruise control and navigation system. Perhaps one of the most important conclusions of these two long-term tests was that the car had been very reliable. The words of the authors of the articles can say it better than I can.

Automobile –

"The driving experience is excellent thanks to a supple ride, just-so brakes, beautifully linear

steering, and handling that's both composed and athletic." "I found myself blasting out of intersections leaving everyone in this car's dust."

Commenting on an earlier comparison test of the Audi A8L,

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BRITISH CAR FAYRE IN HISTORIC NORCROSS September 16

Submitted by Roy Cleveland

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All registered cars will receive a raffle ticket.

As is the case in many small Georgia towns, Norcross has rehabilitated its town center. There are several interesting shops and a number of good restaurants in the central area of town. More information

can be obtained at www.babg.org/events.html. The website for a Taste of Britain is www.tasteofbritain.com.

Unfortunately, this event conflicts with our planned drive to Warner Robbins and tour of the U.S. Air Force Museum. For some of you who don't plan to participate in the club event, this might be an enjoyable alternative.




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DRIVE TO TICKANETLEY AND BEYOND

Submitted by Dave Kirkman *continued from front cover*

It was very gratifying to see this large a turn out for a drive with questionable weather in the forecast. We will start planning for a nice fall drive on the same kind of back country mountain roads with a date to be determined soon.



LONG-TERM REPORT ON AN ALUMINUM BODIED XJ8

Submitted by Roy Cleveland *continued from page 4*

BMW 745Li, Mercedes-Benz S430 and a Jaguar XJ8: "... the XJ8 was the foursome's true athlete." And "...the most fun of the bunch."

Road & Track –

"The Jag continues to purr along contentedly, virtually trouble-free... We must confess we are both impressed and surprised by the most un-Jaguar-like high reliability record of our XJ8...For the most part we just show up at the dealer every 10,000 miles for its free scheduled maintenance, and not much else." (May 2005-interim report at 44,460 miles)

"After its final service and a good detail job, our XJ8 looked the same as it did the day it arrived—beautiful. In the last 5,000 miles, many editors commented on the chassis robustness and that it didn't seem to have been fazed by harder-than-average use. This probably had to do with the XJ8's aluminum chassis, which is 60 percent stiffer than the previous iteration."

These are just a few of the comments made by the magazines in their report. If you would like to read more from the *Road & Track* long-term test go to www.roadandtrack.com. Where it provides a place to search the site, enter August 2005 (the



month in which the conclusion of the long-term test was reported) then click on "In This Issue" and then scroll down until you see a caption for the long-term test under Features. You can go back and review interim reports by working backwards through the various months prior to August 2005.

Both magazines commented on the fact that Jaguar's depreciation (drop in market value) is more severe than many other luxury marques. If you believe that the current model is a winner, this could be good news for those who like to let the first owner take the depreciation hit. Hopefully, over time the market will recognize that these are great cars and the depreciation will be more in line with BMW, Mercedes, etc.

The styling of the current model versus the previous model is a matter of personal preference – I think the previous model was more distinct but the current model has some practical advantages (we previously owned a 1998 XJ8). In my opinion, the current model is a much quicker car and feels more responsive and is in fact a superior car.



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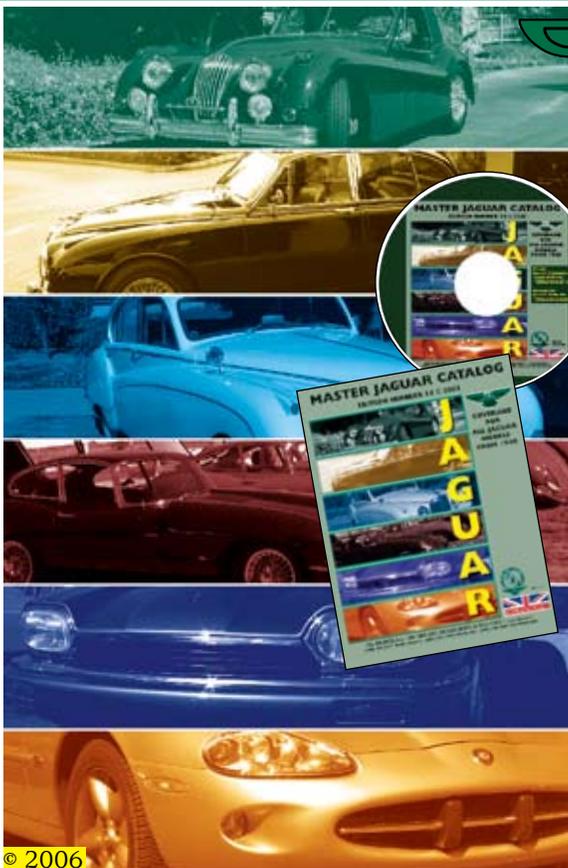
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