NORTH GEORGIA JAGUAR CLUB

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DRIVE TO TICKANETLEY...AND BEYOND TO BLUE RIDGE **SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2006**

Do we have a wonderful early summer drive for you! We have found the best scenic, and in some cases the only, paved backcountry roads from Exit 13 off GA 400 through Tickanetley with a final destination of Blue Ridge. Yes, Virginia there is a Tickanetley. Well, at least there is a creek and a road named after what was once probably a general store in the vicinity. As the ole Crow flies Tickanetley is about ten miles or

so east of the Scrougetown Cemetery. But not to worry we know the way!

This is a perfect drive for our older cars too because the round trip distance is less than two hundred miles and the chosen roads are best traveled at a leisurely pace.

Thanks to a tip from Joe and Betty Newell a wonderful lunch is waiting for us at the Victorian House in the old town section of Blue Ridge.

Beverly and I made the drive and the mountain scenery from these backcountry roads is spectacular and Beverly commented that our lunch at the Victorian House was "...excellent and beautifully presented..." After lunch there is shopping in the quaint stores in the area before we head home again. This is one

backcountry and mountain drive you do not want to miss!!

WHERE TO MEET:

Starbucks on Hwy141 at Hwy 9. For those coming north on GA 400 take Exit 13 and turn left (this is Hwy 141). The first road you come to is Hwy 9. Cross Hwy 9 and the Starbucks is on your left. We will leave Starbucks at 9:15 am sharp. So come early and have a cup of coffee with us.

> Those folks north of the Cumming area will meet Roy Cleveland at Burt's Pumpkin Patch at 9:45 am. and join the rest of us in progress. Burt's is iust west of Amicalola Falls State Park on Hwy 52.

Those folks who wish to take I 575 to Blue Ridge plan to meet us at the Victorian House at 11:30 for lunch.

CALL: Dave Kirkman (770) 886 7435 (home) for more details and to let us know that

you are coming so we will be looking out for you. Call Bev's cell phone (678) 656 6051 the day of the event if you need directions.

THIS IS A NON RAIN EVENT. If it is raining on this day we will reschedule for Sunday, July 9.



LETTER

British Motor Car Day is covered in more detail elsewhere in this issue but I can't resist saying that the Berry College site seemed tailor made for this event. With the British influenced architecture of the buildings on the edge of the show field, the green field filled with British automobiles and a temperature/ humidity level more like an English summer day, one could be forgiven for momentarily feeling as if he or she had been somehow transported across the Atlantic. Several members commented that we should do a club drive that involved another visit to the Berry campus. If we don't do it before the next British Motor Car Day, we'll certainly do it then.

Dave Kirkman has taken me over some of the roads which he has planned for our drive in June and if you enjoy driving uncrowded. scenic backroads at a leisurely pace and stopping for a delicious lunch afterwards, you should consider joining us. More details about this

DRIVE TO BLUE RIDGE SUNDAY, JUNE 25 DIRECTIONS TO STARBUCKS SUNDAY, JUNE 25 MEET AT **STARBUCKS** AT 8:45 AM. LEAVE AT STARBUCKS 9:15 SHARP! TAKE GA 400 NORTH TO EXIT 13. TURN LEFT AND CROSS HWY 9 STARBUCKS IS ON YOUR LEFT

CONCOURS 101 – COME JOIN THE FUN!

Submitted by Pat Harmon

As many of you know our club is all about having fun with our cars. We have road tours to some really neat places and also participate in JCNA-sanctioned events which include Slalom Races, Road Rallies and, finally our biggest event, the Concours d'Elegance. I

don't know about you, but when I bought my first Jaguar several years ago, and joined the local club, I was reluctant to enter my car in the Concours fearing I couldn't compete with the "experts." Boy was I wrong about that! It doesn't matter if you have a brand new car or one just past 50 years old with a lot of work yet to be done; the important

thing is that you have a JAGUAR. Folks join our club to have fun with their cars and be with others that share our common interest.

So, have we got a deal for you! On Saturday, July 15th we're going to hold a special session for all of

our club members at Hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett. Called "Concours 101" this will be a short presentation explaining just what a Concours is all about, tips on how to maintain and prepare your car and, if you want, have one of our judges go over your car with you and point out things to make it even better than it is now.



CONCOURS 101 – COME JOIN THE FUN!

Submitted by Pat Harmon continued from front cover

drive and lunch are provided elsewhere in this issue.

We are going to begin planning our events for 2007 in the next few months. In preparation for this, we will form our event planning committee and have our first meeting probably in July. If you are interested in joining this committee, let me know.

Many thanks to Mary Ann Kretz who has agreed to accept the VP Membership position. If you have a change of address or other contact information (phone, e-mail, etc.), please let her know. Her contact information is in the "Officers" section of the newsletter.

Cheers, Roy



So, what do you say? We'll meet at 1:00 pm, Hennessy Jaguar, 3393 Old Norcross Road (West). If you haven't been to this dealership take Pleasant Hill Road to Satellite and it is near the intersection of Satellite and Old Norcross. If you want to come a bit early there is a neat restaurant called Bugaboo Creek at 3505 Satellite Blvd. Nancy and I plan to be there around 12:00 so come join us.

If you've never entered a car in a Concours d'Elegance (or never even been to one) this is your chance to find out what these neat events are all about. Like anything, once you know the rules and how the game is played it's a lot more fun to watch.

See you on the 15th!!







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North Georgia Jaguar Club 2006 Calendar of Events

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

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 Smokey 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.atlantabritishmorecarday.com *Joe Newell

May 20-

Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club Concours d' Elegance Gatlinburg, TN

May 28-

NGJC Sanctioned Spring Slalom, Chicopee Woods, Gainesville, GA *Dick Maury & Lynn Cunningham



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Annual Concours Judges Training hennessy Jaguar Gwinnett *Pat Harmon

June 25-Drive to Tickanetley & 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 Super Performance coupe Brazelton, 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 Museum Warner Robbins, GA *Pat Harmon

September 24– NGJC Sanctioned Fall Slalom, Chicopee Woods, Gainesville, GA *Dick Maury & Lynn Cunningham

September 27-30-Petite LeMans

Location TBA

October 8-

NGJC Sanctioned Concours d' Elegance Chattahoochee Country Club, Gainesville, GA *Roy Cleveland & Pat Harmon - Concours Chairman

October 13-15-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

Officers

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By Mary Ann Kretz

welcome our new

the last newsletter.

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and

Robert Woods.

members at present.

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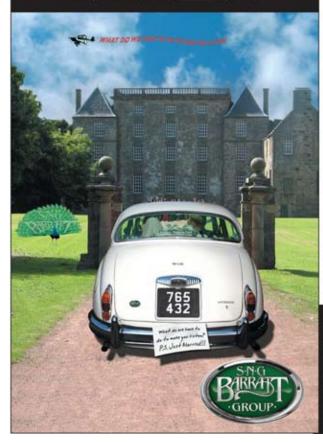
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Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club Concours, May 20

Submitted by Chris Engelhorn

After a picturesque drive through North Georgia and the Smoky Mountain National Forest, Pat and I emerged into Gatlinburg, TN on May 19. We were greeted in the same hospitality room the Smoky Mountain Club uses each year with the same warmth and good spirits we encounter every year.

This club had just the month before held their slalom, and the conversation regarding it was lively and positive, with the participation of the North Georgia Jaguar Club members in the slalom mentioned with great appreciation. The outlook for the next day's concours was optimistic, too, but we forgot one thing: it always seems to rain the night before a concours in Tennessee, and rain it did. Somehow, thunderclaps sound

louder in the mountains than around my home in Suwanee, Georgia.

Pat and I arrived at the high school the next morning around 9:00am, and the field was soggy. With the bagpipes sounding at the Highland Games outside the field where the concours was

held, we spent the morning cleaning the cars, and in the afternoon the judging began. Present was an excellent group of XJ-S's and saloons, a half a dozen or so being owned by a single family! And XK's, too, including Von and Sally Patterson's brand new XK Coupe. The most notable Jaguar present was without a doubt Rov Cleveland's XK150, which unfortunately got its first exposure to mud here. Roy's superb XK150 deservedly won Best in Class,

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Jaguar Car Club of North Florida Concours: "Legends on the Green", May 6

Submitted by Chris Engelhorn

The first concours Pat and I attend each year with our XJ-S always seems to arrive quickly. No matter how much we intend to prepare over the winter, it seems that the car isn't ready, and we have to clean and polish the coupe at the last minute in order to make it at least

presentable. Throwing caution to the wind, we gave the S a thorough vacuuming on the inside, took a ten second look at the engine compartment, and decided it was good enough for a fun trip to Florida. We decided to drive this time and brave the Florida bugs and the I-75 rock chips.

There were bugs—a lot of bugs. We now needed to search far and wide for a car wash. You would think that on a warm, clear, Friday afternoon a good car wash would be easy to find. We did find them, but they all were either closed or, perhaps, broken down. The biggest carwash in St.

Augustine is a ferryboat design; a monument to complexity, with its entire exterior outfitted with bright lights you could see for miles, yet it was not open for washing cars. We eventually found one, which, by the way, also appeared closed until we installed our quarters, making the soapy water flow. At last, the car was presentable. Afterwards, Pat and I celebrated with a nice dinner at the Conch House restaurant.

The World Golf Village, site of the concours, wraps around a large reflecting pool with a fountain in the middle and a putting green just off the walkway, and around it the cars are parked single file, allowing onlookers an opportunity to see each car and chat with owners as they stroll around the circumference of the pool. The Caddyshack restaurant is open all day and the hotel there is convenient, with excellent accommodations for trailers. Of course, the oldest city in the U. S., St. Augustine, with all of its history and charm, is just down the road, making this an excellent venue for a weekend event. Public choice awards were given on-site and JCNA awards were presented at the evening banquet.

For Pat and me, this event makes a nice weekend trip. By the way, my XJ-S's right fog light did not work during judging. It worked quite well before we left, and after getting home Sunday night, it was working again and has worked ever since! Like a dog that does not like baths, our S does not like carwashes. We will be better prepared next spring.

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2006 British Car Day at Berry College

Submitted by Larry R. Kludt

The rain and sun played peeka-boo with us car aficionados all weekend long but for the most part the weather was gorgeous. With daytime temperatures in the low 70s, the first British Car Day, on the beautiful and pastoral Berry College campus was a success.

The British car marques were well represented on Saturday,

with entrants from Jaguar, Morgan, Triumph. Austin Healey. Mini Cooper, Land Rover, MG and Rolls Royce just to name a few. The new Aston Martin DB9 V12 coupe was also on display with a \$172K price tag and a gas mileage rating of 12 city, 19 highway, I think I'll have to save up a wee bit more money to be able to afford one... but a convertible please. A new model XK8 coupe was also on display with a more "reasonable" price tag...and similar styling cues as the DB9.

The NGJC was fairly well represented with an assortment of member's cars. While the guys were able to talk cars and walk among the various cars on display, the ladies were able to take a shuttle bus into Rome for shopping and/or lunch, so there was something for everyone to enjoy.

I thought that the 1954 Rolls Royce that was on display was particularly impressive with its right hand drive, lavish interior and rich black finish it was a true credit to this luxury marque. On the other end of the spectrum I'm also a truck guy and I really liked a few of the older, restored

Land Rovers that were there with their stout roof racks, big tires and attached shovels and pick axes... they appeared ready for any outdoor adventure.





was so nice. My special thanks to Joe for planning a route that took us through some really beautiful country as we drove from Rome to Mentone, AL, Valley Head, AL, and Ft. Payne, AL and back to Rome. The weather was ideal for convertibles as two XK8s and two XJSs set out on the three hour drive that wound through part of the Chattahoochee National Forest and

the hills and valleys of Georgia and Alabama.

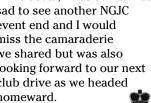
The next day, on a partly cloudy Sunday morning, before leaving Rome, we decided to return to the Berry College campus for a driving tour of the campus. What a great idea this was (our wives' as I recall), and if you've not taken the opportunity to tour this campus and its 28,000 acres you owe it to yourself to do so.

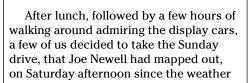
The field where the car event was held is only a tiny portion of this

beautiful campus with its

winding, tree lined roads, wildlife refuge, woods, Old Mill Wheel and English Gothic architecture. I can tell you that another college degree wasn't looking like such a bad idea if one could study and live in this kind of an environment!

As usual, I was somewhat sad to see another NGJC event end and I would miss the camaraderie we shared but was also looking forward to our next club drive as we headed homeward.







Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club Concours, May 20

Submitted by Chris Engelhorn continied from page 4



Best in Show, and Popular Choice honors, and was lauded by the head judge at the awards banquet that evening. The club members and event sponsors also contributed unique items to the silent auction for the American Cancer Society.

Pat and I always enjoy this club. We have also come to appreciate Gatlinburg, which I in jest refer to as the "Disneyland in the Mountains". Case in point: when we entered a small biker bar near the old Ramada Inn where we stay each year, we ordered sandwiches and coffee. The sandwiches were unexpectedly good, and the coffee was excellent. However, I noticed that the proprietor had not made coffee. When I asked him

about this, he said, "I didn't have any coffee brewed, so I ran down the street to the fudge shop and bought you a cup. It's on me." Now, where else but in Tennessee can such service be found!

The World Golf Village, site of the concours





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