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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

If you are like me it is hard to believe that June marks the mid point of another year. It seems that our personal yearly calendars are always set with important milestones from life's events...and this is as it should be. Still, June marks the mid point between one Christmas and the next...and I always wonder where the time went.

While all of our national automotive news has been about the continued demise of the US auto manufacturers with Chrysler's and GM's impending bankruptcy, and Pontiac being relegated to the ranks of the Orphan Car Club, our favorite marque has been making news of a much different sort. The lads in the UK have been busy developing a new motor that is the equal of any on the planet in a production car. This new 5.0 liter motor, the AJ-V8 GEN III, has found its way into two very exciting cars... the XKR and the XFR. The May 4, 2009, issue of AutoWeek calls these cars "...magic and the farthest from vanilla you will ever savor." In my opinion the new product road map for Jaguar is headed in the right direction with a return to the concept of visually gorgeous highly innovative cars that truly stir the blood of the automotive enthusiast. Hopefully now that Jaguar is no longer saddled with Ford's "volume first"

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## XKSS Will Be Displayed at High Museum Next Year

*Submitted by John Baxa*

Eighteen of the world's rarest and most brilliantly conceived automobiles including the 1957 Jaguar XKSS Roadster, formerly owned by Steve McQueen will appear at Atlanta's High Museum of Art next spring. The exhibition "The Allure of the Automobile" will run from March 20th through June 20th, 2010 and will consider the stylistic development of automobiles in the context of prominent design movements such as Art Moderne and Postwar Modernity with examples from the 1930s to the 1960s.

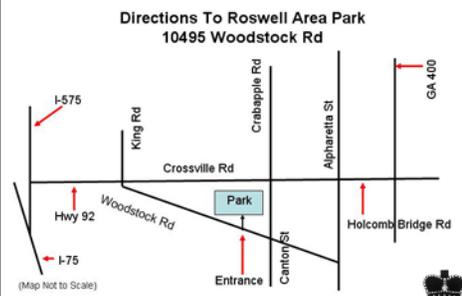
"Our visitors will be surprised to find that today's vehicles come from a legacy of beauty and innovation comparable to the finest decorative arts that may be found in museum collections," said Michael E. Shapiro, Nancy and Holcombe T. Green, Jr. Director of the High Museum of Art. "This exhibition will showcase the greatest feats of engineering and luxury design from 1930 to 1965, when cars became synonymous with success, power and wealth. Created for the privileged few, these luxurious, custom-built automobiles

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## Last Call for the Picnic

*Submitted by Dave Kirkman*

One of our club's most popular spring events is our Car Show and Picnic at the Roswell Area Park. Brian Hernan is making all the arrangements for food and awards and needs your form with food choices and money by Saturday, June 13 (the form was in the May newsletter and can be retrieved at www.ngjc.us if you need to reprint it) so he can make the final arrangements. Send your check to: Brian Hernan, 1080 Grace Hill Drive, Roswell, GA 30075. Running late on the date? Call Brian at (770) 998-2032 and let him know you are planning on attending.



## Last Call for the Picnic Registration Saturday, June 13

## Summer Overnight to Little Switzerland, NC July 16-19, 2009

*Submitted by Dave Kirkman*

Time to pack your bags and head for the mountains! Our summer overnight this year is to Little Switzerland located on the Blue Ridge Parkway not far from Asheville, NC. Little Switzerland is located near the highest point in the Eastern US and a perfect place to relax and enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery far from the Atlanta summer heat. Our overnight is being held in conjunction with the Carolina Jaguar Club annual JCNA Concours at the same location. You DO NOT have to have your car judged at the concours to participate in the overnight. Just like our concours in the fall you can choose to enter the "Display Only" category. The important thing is to come and enjoy the weekend!

The Carolina Jaguar Club has a wonderful three day event planned. Thursday evening is a reception sponsored by our good friends at Coventry West. A mountain drive on Friday to the Biltmore Estate area for lunch and shopping; Sea Food Dinner on Friday night at the Inn; Concours on Saturday morning and choice of activities in the afternoon (horse back riding, hiking, site seeing, or just relaxing) before the awards banquet that evening. Sunday will find some of us heading back towards Atlanta on the Blue Ridge Parkway while others may choose to visit Asheville again for more shopping before heading home.

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## Club Supports Our Troops

*Submitted by Dave Kirkman*

Many of us may not know but Ray Gore is a retired Air Force Officer and the Gores have always been willing to lend a hand anytime the call goes out to help our troops overseas. Margaret Gore has been helping with just such an effort, sponsored by one of the local banks near their home in Dahlonega, to collect needed personal items for the troops in Iraq. She asked our club to bring items to our E-type gathering at the Frost's home to assist her in this effort. And respond to her request we did! We filled up the back of the Gore's E-type 2+2 to overflowing and Margaret was barely able to squeeze in for the ride home! Margaret called me later to make sure that we thanked everyone who contributed and to let them know how much she appreciated our generosity.



## Texas Hospitality - Challenge Championship San Antonio

*Submitted by Mary Ann Kretz*

While Atlanta was being doused with a week of rain and thunderstorms, San Antonio, Texas experienced near perfect weather for the bi-annual Challenge Championship in May. Dick Maury, Jim Anderson, and I had decided to take our green (race car) E-Type to the event to try our luck at the national competitions including, of course, our favorite event, the slalom.

We were able to borrow a Cadillac Escalade for our tow vehicle which made the nearly one thousand mile trip to Texas much more tolerable than our usual

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production philosophy the company can focus on making exciting lower production cars that are the envy of all.

On the local club scene the rain did not keep everyone away from British Motorcar Day and those that did make the drive to Berry College in Rome found a wonderful selection of British cars...and not a drop of rain there all day.

The Jaguar E-type gathering at Vail and Linda Frost's was a tremendous success with over 50 folks in attendance to view and learn a little about the various models of the iconic E-type. Later a delicious low country boil was served up to the delight of everyone. I cannot thank the Frosts enough for their generosity and gracious hospitality.

I also want to thank all those who responded so generously to Margaret Gore's request for help in gathering up needed personal items for our troops overseas. The smile on Margaret's face said it all. Drive Friendly.

Dave K



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embodied speed, style and elegance, and influenced art, architecture, fashion and design."

Here is a list of the cars to be featured in the exhibition:

### Pre-war American

- 1934 Packard Twelve Runabout Speedster
- 1935 Duesenberg SJ Roadster, formerly owned by Clark Gable
- 1937 Cadillac V16 "World's Fair" Aero-Dynamic Coupe

### Pre-war European

- 1934 Mercedes-Benz 540K "Autobahn-Kurier" Coupe
- 1937 Bugatti Type 57S Atalante Coupe
- 1937 Delage D8-120S, Surbaisse, formerly owned by Louis Delage

- 1937 Hispano-Suiza H-6C "Xenia" Coupe
- 1938 4 1/4-liter "Embiricos" Bentley
- 1938/39 Porsche Type 64 coupe

### Postwar European

- 1953 Porsche 550 Le Mans/La Carrera Panamerica Coupe
- 1956 Mercedes-Benz 300SLR "Uhlenhaut" Coupe
- 1957 Jaguar XKSS Roadster, formerly owned by Steve McQueen
- 1960 Aston Martin DB4 GT Zagato
- 1961 Ferrari 250 Short-Wheelbase Berlinetta, "SEFAC Hot Rod"

### Postwar American

- 1948 Tucker Model 48 Torpedo
- 1954 Dodge Firearrow III Concept

Coupe

- 1957 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham
- 1959 Chevrolet Corvette "Bill Mitchell" Stingray Prototype

"The Allure of the Automobile" is organized by the High Museum of Art and is made possible by lead sponsor Porsche Cars North America, Inc. The exhibition's guest curator is Ken Gross, writer, automotive historian and former executive director of the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles. Ron Labaco, the High's curator of decorative arts and design, is the managing curator. The exhibition will be accompanied by a full-color catalogue..



The Carolina Jaguar Club has reserved the Switzerland Inn with special room rates until June 16. Contact them directly at 800-654-4026 or info@switzerlandinn.com. Some of us will be heading up on Thursday and others perhaps on Friday. Contact Dave Kirkman as he will be

compiling a list of who is going and setting up meeting places both days for those who wish to travel as a group. If you are interested email me at kirkmandav1@aol.com and I'll send you the complete details.



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# North Georgia Jaguar Club 2009 Calendar of Events

Submitted by Larry Kludt lrkludt@kcc.com \*Club Member Facilitator

## Officers

### January 2009

Sunday, 18th – Jim Gebhardt's Personal Car Collection, (Jim is the owner of California Car Co) \* d. kirkman

### February 2009

Saturday, 14th – Valentine's Gathering \* d kirkman

Saturday, 21 – Leatherique Tech Session, \* i.ruiz

### March 2009

Saturday 7th – Ron Green's Classic Car Collection, \* d. hart

13th, 14th & 15th – Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance

19th, 20th & 21st – AGM, Denver, Colorado, \* d. maury

Sunday, 29th Spring Slalom \* d. maury

### April 2009

Sunday April 5th - South Florida Jaguar Club Concours.

Saturday, 19th – Tech Session (E-Types... Bonnet to Boot) (Rain date - May 31) \* p harmon

Sunday, 26th – Spring Drive to Reynolds Plantation (Rain or shine) \* d. kirkman

### May 2009

1st, 2nd, 3rd – Walter Mitty Historic Races, Road Atlanta, (Jaguar is the featured marque at the Mitty), \* p harmon

Saturday, 16th – British Autocar Day, and Drive \* d kirkman

19th - 23rd – JCNA Challenge Championship, S. A., Texas \* d. maury

Saturday, 16th – Smoky Mountain JCNA Concours

### June 2009

Saturday, 20th – Annual Club Picnic & Car Show \* b. hernan p. harmon

June 19-21 - Jaguar Club of Florida Concours

### July 2009

Saturday 18th – Club Overnight and Carolina Jaguar Club Concours to Little Switzerland NC\* d. kirkman

17th, 18th & 19th – Carolina Jag Club JCNA Concours

### August 2009

Saturday, 8th – Summer Drive,

Saturday, 15th – Annual Judges Training, \* p. harmon

### September 2009

Sunday, 20th – Fall Slalom, \* d. maury

Sunday, 20th - Virginia Jaguar Club Concours

Saturday, 12th – Norcross British Car Farye \* p. harmon

### October 2009

Sunday, 11th – NGJC Annual Concours \* p harmon

Saturday, 17th – EURO, BMW Plant, Greenville, SC

Saturday, 24th – Fall Drive \* d. kirkman

30th & 31st, – Hilton Head Concours, \* d. kirkman

### November 2009

Sunday, 1st – Hilton Head Concours, \* d. kirkman

Saturday, 21st – Annual Business Meeting \* d kirkman

### December 2009

Sunday 6th – Gainesville Christmas Car Parade \*p. harmon

Sunday, 20th – NGJC Annual Christmas Party \* I. kludt



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## E-Type Tech Session Succeeds on Second Attempt

Submitted by Pat Harmon

It couldn't have been a better day. Our E-Type Tech Session, rain delayed from April, found blue skies and 65 of us gathered at the Frost's beautiful home on the Chattahoochee River in Duluth. We all came to learn more about the E-Type models and were able to present eleven cars in all. It was a real treat to see Wayne Phears' 1961 Series 1 and hear him tell the story about how he found this....The tenth E-Type off the assembly line...in Alabama...with a Ford V8 engine. Through some unbelievable luck he was able to locate the original

engine for this car years later. Starting with the earliest cars we then went from car to car listening to their owner's stories and learning how the various models differed.

The Frosts then opened their home and we finished the day treated to a fabulous Low Country Boil dinner on the veranda. My sincere thanks to the Frosts for hosting this event and to the members who took the time and trouble to prepare their cars and make the presentations.



## NGJC Goes to "The Mitty"

Submitted by Pat Harmon

Music from Flight of the Valkaries fades... Ahh... There's nothing better than the smell of fresh gasoline in the morning! So, there we are... the more adventurous of our club at the Road Atlanta Raceway for the annual "Mitty" vintage car races on Saturday, May 2nd. When we found out that, through Motorsports Magazine, we could get our precious cats on a real racetrack, we teamed up Jaguar clubs from Pennsylvania, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee and even Canada to do "The Mitty" this year. In all, over 45 cars responded to our call to service and what a gathering it was! In between actual car races the track allowed a period for parade laps and pretty soon we were all lined up behind the pace car. Then, we were off! We all thought the pace car would take us on a leisurely drive over the road course but, to our delight, we were soon revving up through third gear. What a blast! Nancy and I found ourselves behind

a gorgeous red E-Type whose navigator was telling the driver he was going way too fast so it didn't take us long to figure out to just slow down a bit and, when he was about a quarter mile ahead, we nailed it! I'm sure we

couldn't have been going much more than 70 tops but it sure felt like we were going a lot faster. It gives you a real appreciation for just how talented the professionals are. As we pulled off the track we had quite a bit of oil

smoke pouring out of the louvers. A track official said to us "You know your smoking." Nancy just waived her hand at him saying "Sure, it's a Jaguar!" Our thanks to Ivan Ruiz for pointing out my loose oil filler cap. Problem solved.

Aside from driving the track, it was a great reunion for many of us that had attended the 2005 Championship Challenge and Concours events throughout the Southeast. The afternoon was then spent swapping stories and sitting on the berm watching 60's era cars racing. The famous Group 44 team was there as well including Bob Tullis' E-Type and Jaguar GT racer. In all it was a great day doing just what our club is about... driving and enjoying our Jaguars.



# Texas Hospitality - Challenge Championship San Antonio

Submitted by Mary Ann Kretz

configuration of open trailer and pickup truck. We loaded all the spare tires and tools, chairs and tents, advertising materials, and personal gear and set out before daylight on Sunday morning. We wanted to allow ourselves plenty of time to arrive in Texas by Monday afternoon. The luxurious ride was nice but we found the trailer to be somewhat unstable at sustained highway speeds and were not able to maintain more than about sixty miles per hour without the trailer starting an alarming side to side motion. This was looking like it could turn into a very long trip indeed.

While Jim and Dick were discussing tire pressures and tongue weights, springs and shock absorbers, I was watching the right side of the trailer in the rear view mirror. I noticed the rear trailer tire looked a little odd and said so. That was about the time I saw some rubber pieces detaching themselves from the tire. Oh oh, not good. Naturally, all this was happening in a highway construction zone with no safety lane to pull over. Just as we saw the tiniest break in the concrete guardrail, I saw the remains of the right rear trailer tire rolling off down the road behind us! We just managed to slalom the truck and trailer in between the highway cones and slide to a stop on a small piece of paved



shoulder. The good news was we had a spare trailer tire and one of those large floor jacks to make quick work of the tire replacement. The bad news was the spare tire was a different size than the other tires and looked like it was the original spare tire for our "vintage" trailer. Clearly, we needed to find a replacement tire as soon as possible.

Sometimes, the highway angel is just looking out for you. Armed with the GPS search function and an i-phone internet connection, we were able to find a tire store in rural south Georgia that was open early Sunday morning and had two trailer tires in stock that were the exact size we needed. We discussed buying some lottery tickets as lady luck was definitely looking out for us today. We were on our way in less than an hour. By adding some air to the truck tires, we were able to increase our speed to about sixty-five and pressed on through the swamps and marshes of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

We arrived at the historic Menger Hotel in downtown San Antonio on Monday afternoon. The

original hotel, which is directly across the street from the Alamo, was built in 1859 and has gone through many upgrades of rooms and facilities. The hotel is furnished with many pieces of antique art and furniture and the beautifully restored three-story lobby contains an original stained glass window. Memorabilia of famous visitors and events is displayed all through the impressive lobby. We soon made our way to the Menger Bar which was purported to be a favorite haunt of Teddy Roosevelt. Many stories of gunfights, mayhem, and historic events are chronicled here.

The evening weather was perfect for a stroll down the famous Riverwalk, only a short distance from the hotel. The beautifully landscaped walk runs for several miles on both sides of the river and takes you past numerous restaurants and shops. It is rightfully the pride of downtown San Antonio. Every restaurant features outside dining right along the river in the shade of beautiful old oak trees. After much consideration we made our dining choice and were not disappointed.

The hospitality suite was open on Tuesday



morning and a practice slalom event was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon at the Alamadome. The parking lot was a very large clear area with plenty of room for the JCNA slalom course, and was just minutes from the hotel. This was a great chance to lay out the course, check out the timing equipment and get in some training for eager novice drivers.

The welcome reception was held at the hotel Tuesday evening. This was a great opportunity for some of the drivers and navigators to plan their strategy for the rally on Wednesday morning. I managed to snag a driver spot with an experienced navigator which was great for me. All that calculating and instruction reading makes me car sick.

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## Texas Hospitality

Submitted by Mary Ann Kretz

Traveling as driver, I would get a better chance to see at least some of the scenery.

The rally driver's meeting started at 8 a.m. sharp on Wednesday morning. After a few final instructions, the first car was off at 8:31 a.m., headed for the Texas Hill Country. Our route led us around a few one way streets and out of town on the highway to the odometer check point exactly ten miles away. Next, our route took us down narrow country roads through farms and ranches with many cattle guard crossings, all noted in the detailed instructions. A few longhorns and lots of goats were busy munching grass and seemed not the least concerned about a parade of Jaguars racing through their turf. The rally ended in the musically famous town of Luckenbach, Texas, population three, a definite cowboy, motorcycle, and tourist destination. There was just enough time for a group photo in front of the post office/gift shop before we made the short (untimed) drive to Fredricksburg, Texas.

Fredricksburg, like many towns in the area, was founded by people of German heritage. It was also the home of the famous Admiral, Chester A. Nimitz. The hotel that his family owned when he was a child is now known as The National Museum of the Pacific War. A traditional German lunch with sausage, sauerkraut, and German potatoes was served at the museum in a room that was purported to be the third oldest dining room in the state of Texas. After lunch there was time to tour the surprisingly large museum. The exhibits were very well done and included the actual Japanese mini sub captured on Pearl Harbor Day.

Wednesday evening activities included our own personal guided river boat tour and dinner at the very elegant Club Giraud. Once again the weather was perfect for the outdoor reception on the patio. San Antonio was beginning to seem like the perfect place for outdoor dining.

Thursday morning started early with the long awaited slalom event. Approximately forty drivers registered and were tech inspected and given last minute instructions on

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## 26TH Annual British Motorcar Day

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

Despite the weatherman's forecast of rain and thunderstorms this year's British Motorcar Day at Berry College in Rome was another success. Over 300 British cars showed up and over \$3,800 dollars were raised for charity. While the clouds threatened rain all day not a drop fell during the event. This year's featured cars were the Morgan and the Mini. These famous marques were celebrating their 50th anniversaries and they were well represented. Don and Marlene Hart played host to all the Jaguar owners again this year. Everyone appreciated their hospitality as we gathered under their tents to visit and enjoy good food and drink. This year the "Dean's List" award for the Jaguars went to our club's Wayne Phears' XK150 (The Dean's List is determined by the personal choice of the Dean of the College as he selects a car from each of the marques that he would like to own). George Haldane drove up early again this year and helped with herding all of the cats to their proper parking spots. Big thank you's to George for his help, Don and Marlene for their hospitality, and to all our club members who came out and supported this charity event again this year.



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Submitted by Mary Ann Kretz

cone avoidance. The audience was larger than expected but everyone was able to find a chair and some shade to view the roaring engines and squealing tires. Many of the classes were decided by fractions of seconds. Jim managed to win our class by a mere eye blink of one-tenth of a second on the very last official run of the day.

On Thursday evening, Victor's Service Center, a very impressive local Jaguar repair facility, sponsored a reception at their location just a few miles from the hotel. If the thought of dining and dancing in a garage makes



you wince, you would be wrong in this case. "The Cat's Meow" as Victor has dubbed this annual event has been going on for many years and is an excellent chance for Victor's customers from near and far to display some of their rare and exotic cars and to enjoy Victor's outstanding hospitality.

Friday morning was the time to get out your secret cleaning tools and elixirs to chase down all those tiny imperfections in fit and finish for the concours d'elegance. The event was held in Alamo Square, just a few blocks from the hotel. Cars were placed in the historic square while owners feverishly preened and buffed. Just as the last cars filled the square, a small rain shower decided to stop by. San Antonians insisted that it had not rained for months and that the shower was a good thing, an attitude we are familiar with in Atlanta. It's my understanding that judges ignore rain drops in such situations, but how do they know if they are new or old rain drops? The judging and concours was finished by mid afternoon which gave everyone a few hours to enjoy the city before dinner.

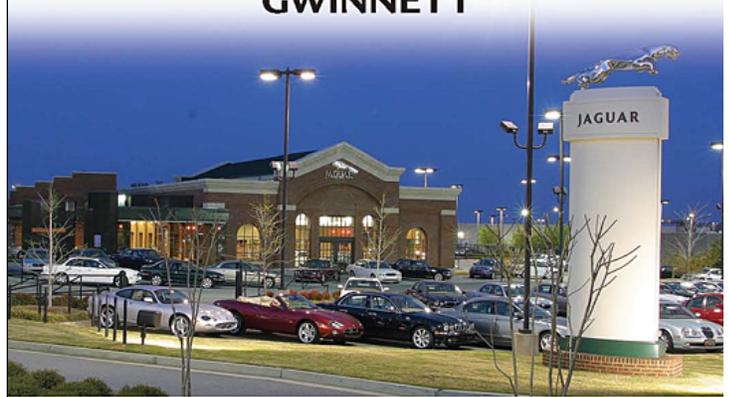
At the awards dinner we were treated to a lively presentation by Michael Mohan, Jaguar Cars Programmes Director. He spoke about and presented videos of the current performance models and gave us just few small hints of the new models to come. The long awaited awards were presented and for some the party continued on in the Menger Bar. We found ourselves pretty exhausted and still faced with the task of re-packing all of our "stuff" plus some new "stuff" that we always seem to acquire. Somehow it all had to fit back in the truck for the trip home. It looked like yet another early morning wake up call.



Armed with new trailer tires and adjusted trailer tongue weights, our trip home was delightfully uneventful. Our many thanks to Brian Blackwell and his team for a great time in San Antonio. We know these events are a lot of work, but Brian and his team made it look easy.



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