

Athens Tour April 19th

Our April club outing promises to be a special one with something for everyone. Club member Tom Koballa who lives in Athens has planned this event. Our thanks to Tom for his efforts.

Tom has arranged for us to visit the George Bugg car collection which includes more than 40 cars displayed in a 40,000 square foot building. Among the items in the collection are: mint condition Fords from 1928 through the mid-1950s displayed in chronological order, some Chevrolets and DeSotos, and various auto memorabilia such as restored gas pumps and oil company signs. George has amassed the vast majority of the collection within the last four years!

After touring George's collection, we will have lunch at the Hoyt House Restaurant located at the Foundry Park Inn on Daugherty Street in Athens which is about 15 minutes from the car collection. The

Foundry Park Inn is a newly renovated Athens landmark and is believed to be owned by a member of the Panoz family who developed Chateau Elan. Lunches range in price from about \$7 to \$12. Tom has made reservations for 25 persons and will need to give the restaurant a more precise count nearer to the event date.

Our last official stop for the day will be at the Georgia Botanical Garden. The Garden has both indoor and outdoor botanical displays. Many azalea

varieties and other flowering plants will likely be in bloom at this time of the year, making the Botanical Garden a great place to spend some time.

The times and general directions are as follows:

- 9:30 AM: Meet at the Athens Home Depot which is located at the intersection of Hwy. 316 and the Athens Bypass
- 10:00 AM: Depart from the Home Depot for Bugg car collection
- 10:30 AM: Tour George Bugg car collection which is located just off Newton Bridge Road in Athens
- 12:30 PM: Lunch at the Hoyt House Restaurant at Foundry Park Inn on Daugherty St. in Athens
- 2:00 PM or later: Visit the Georgia Botanical Garden on South Milledge St. in Athens

If you plan to attend, call or e-mail Roy Cleveland (see officers' list for numbers). We'll have more information on directions in the April newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

March is here and with it our first driving event of the year. I am sure that many of you are looking forward to the opportunity to get out and enjoy the multifaceted pleasures that driving your Cat can bring. We have just returned from the Amelia Island Concours and I must admit to a trace of disappointment on a couple of levels. First, there were only two Jags entered. There was an SS 100 and an E- type coupe. Neither of them belonged to anyone in our club. We have several cars in our club that would be worthy entries in this event. Don't be scared off by the Concours word. Many of the cars that come to this show are not that nice; they are just unique. It is not that difficult to enter. You request an entry form and provide them with some pictures of your car. I want to encourage you to consider entering this event; I am sure you will enjoy it. My second disappointment was the weather; it rained the entire time we were there. Car shows in the rain are just not as much fun as they are when the sun is shining.

Elsewhere in this issue there is a blurb about the upcoming trip to Athens. Let me encourage you to attend this event. It sounds like a great time. I want to thank Chris Padgett for planning our March event and Tom Koballa for doing the same for April. I hope that others will come forward with plans for events. It really gives us a nice variety when different people plan events.

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