



Newsletter

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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.



Happy Motoring Terry



NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our new members since the last newsletter. They are **Mark and Lisa Counsell** and **Bill Caswell**. Our membership is now up to 47 and several applications are in process.

Membership lists are available to any member by mail or e-mail. If you would like one, call or e-mail Roy Cleveland

TEST DRIVE THE NEW XJ SEDAN

Hennessy Jaguar Buckhead has invited us to a test drive and tech session on the new XJ Sedan. The tentative dates for this are May 10 or May 24. They will have cars ready for us to drive and an instructor from their technical center on hand to either answer questions or to do a presentation. We will have the exact date and time and more information on the format in next month's newsletter.



FOR SALE: 1986 XJ6 Sedan,

Old English White with Biscuit interior, 10,000 miles on rebuilt engine, \$8,500. Call Steve Rinaldo at 770-739-9439 (days) if interested. (Steve conducted the automotive lubricants seminar for us in February; he is the Service Training Manager at the Hyundai Training Center).





OILS AND LUBRICANTS

There was a large turnout for our tech session devoted to oils and lubricants but for the benefit of those few who were unable to attend I am going to attempt to summarize the points made by Steve Rinaldo. Oils have changed dramatically since the bulk of our cars were new. They are purer and actually do a better job of lubricating than they did 30 years ago. The biggest change has been the move to synthetics. But can they safely be used in our older Jaguars? The answer is a resounding yes. Fully synthetics are completely compatible with our oiling systems. Synthetics offer several advantages; they are better lubricants, they are longer lasting and they are not as affected by temperature extremes as conventional oils. Synthetics are offered in weights that range from 0 to 50. Most older Jags were designed for 20 w 50. Do we need to stick with that? The answer according to Steve is usually a resounding NO.

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MAY 18th Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance

First Annual Jaguar Concours d'Elegance on May 18, 2003 in Gatlinburg, TN. This event is in conjunction with the 2003 Gatlinburg Scottish Games. If you didn't receive your mailing, please let me know. If you have any question, please let me know.

Gary Cobble Concours Chairman Smoky Mountain Jaguar Club Knoxville, TN



CALENDAR AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2003

February 15 – Tech session at Hyundai Training Center on automotive fluids, oils, etc.

March 16 – Driving tour in North Georgia; lunch at the Smith House in Dahlonega

April 19 – Tour of Athens, visit to G. Bugg car collection, lunch & Ga Botanical Garden

May 17 – British Motor Car Day

May– Possibly a one day driving tour in North Georgia

June 28 – Overnight driving tour

July 19 – To Be Determined

August 16 – Tech session

Aug. or Sept. – Training session for judges for JCNA Concours

September 21 – JCNA sanctioned Concours at Chattahoochee Country Club in Gainesville

October 11 – Fall Leaf Cruise in North Georgia

18 – EURO 2003 Auto Festival at BMW manufacturing plant

November– Southern British Weekend in Chattanooga

15 – Business Meeting in the Atlanta area – location to be announced

December 14 – Christmas Party at the Vinings Club





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Remember, when the cars were designed lubricants were more primitive than they are now. Steve suggests starting out with a 10 w 30 fully synthetic. If you notice a drop in oil pressure or an increase in consumption then you can go to a heavier weight. The first number in the oil weight is what is going to determine the wear on a cold engine. The lower the number the less the engine will wear during those first few crucial minutes of warmup.

Greases are also offered in synthetics. Steve advises the use of fully synthetic grease. It has a higher strength and better lubrication properties than regular grease.

I want to thank Steve for doing this tech session for us. If you missed it there is a lot of information we were given that we will be glad to share with you.



JAGUAR AND CLASSIC AUTOMOBILE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2003

March 7-9 – Amelia Island Concours

March 12-16 – Atlanta Auto Show

March 21-22 – JCNA AGM in Charlotte

May 1-5 – JCNA Challenge Championship in Phoenix

May 9-11 – XK Register (Jaguar Drivers Club) Spring Weekend in Yorkshire, England

June 11-13 – Goodwood Festival of Speed – Goodwood, England

June 15 –

International XK Day (Jaguar Drivers Club) at Brooklands, England

August 17– Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance – Pebble Beach, California

September 5-7 – Goodwood Revival – Goodwood, England

October 17-19 – EURO 2003 Auto Festival at BMW manufacturing plant







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