



Newsletter

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TECH SESSION ON THE XK ENGINE

March 21st - Coventry West Facility

Coventry West will be hosting a technical seminar at their facility in Lithonia, GA, on Sunday, March 21, from 2:30PM to 4:30 PM. The subject of the seminar, which will be conducted by Dick Maury, is the XK engine. If you are not familiar with the internals of these engines, here's your chance to view all the bits and pieces up close and personal, as



bare blocks, crankshafts, cylinder heads, etc. will be shown during the seminar. Dick has been working on Jaguars for decades and will almost certainly be able to address any questions you might have. Subjects covered will include rebuilding, problem areas, performance enhancements, and interchangeability. If you have specific matters you'd like to hear him address, let us know.

Coventry West is one of the largest Jaguar parts vendors and rebuilders in North America and occupies a 74,000 square foot warehouse near downtown Lithonia. Tours of their impressive facility will be a part of the program. Coventry West also will offer NGJC members a 10% discount on any parts purchases made during the meeting. The chance to buy at a discount from Coventry West's already great prices is another reason not to miss this seminar.

Directions heading East on I-20 from I-285:

Exit off I-20 onto Evans Mill Road (approx. 3rd exit from I-285 – 7 or 8 miles from 285), **Turn left** onto Evans Mill Road and go to the intersection with Covington Highway, **Turn left** onto Covington Highway and go to the next traffic light, **Turn right** onto Lithonia Industrial Blvd. and go to the next light, **Turn right** onto Marbut road and go to the next stop sign, **Turn right** onto Randall Road and look for Coventry West about 300 yards on the right Coventry West is at No. 2101.

If you get lost, call 770-484-6500 or 404-218-9717 or 404-386-9868.

Reservations are not necessary but if you would call George Haldane at 770-949-9779 to let us know how many are coming, it would be appreciated.

Walter Mitty Challenge and Auto Festival – April 30th to May 2

The 27th Walter Mitty Challenge and Auto Festival is being held at Road Atlanta on April 30 – May 2. For those of you who aren't familiar with this event, it includes one of the largest vintage auto races on the East Coast. In addition to the vintage races, a lot of car clubs will be attending as groups and there will be a variety of car parts and automobilia vendors on the premises. There are also some autocross activities planned. More information on this event can be obtained at www.hsrrace.com (under "Updates", click on Mitty Auto Festival and Mitty Auto Festival Update). If there is enough interest, we may want to arrange to meet near Road Atlanta and enter as a group. Please provide feedback to Joe or Roy or one of the Event Planning Committee Members. Be sure to bring your JCNA membership card with you since supposedly a club membership card will permit you to gain admission for \$15 versus \$20.

PRESIDENTS LETTER

We had a good turnout at Skip Smith's shop in Marietta on February 21st and those attending were not disappointed! A.J. Erisman worked tirelessly for four hours sharing all his knowledge and tricks of the trade with our members to help them understand detailing every part of their car! I think we all came away with the realization that doing it right is a lot more complicated than we might have thought. Thanks again to our host, Skip Smith, for his hospitality and showing us some great cars – not just Jags, but Camaros, Chevilles, and even great old trucks and thanks again to A.J. for giving so freely of his time and information!

We have several important things to mention as our first driving event for the year comes up April 17th. It is an overnight drive to beautiful Townsend, Tennessee and the surrounding area. The event committee won't say exactly what the route will be yet, but they assure me that we will not drive through downtown Gatlinburg. (Remember - the last time it took an hour to go five blocks!) If you plan to attend, please get your room

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reservations in early since space at the Richmond Inn is limited! For those habitual procrastinators, there are six other motels in Townsend and some are less expensive than the Richmond. Everyone is truly welcome, and the more that come the better time we seem to have, so get out the Jags, clean them up and get them ready to ride!

As usual March and April are packed with events. We have Amelia Island the weekend of the 13th of March, the JCNA AGM in Long Beach the same week end, and

the Coventry West tech session Sunday the 21st of March. April has our first drive on the 17th, and both the South Carolina concours in Charleston and the Walter Mitty Historic Races at Road Atlanta are April 30th thru May 1st. You have no excuse for not doing at least one fun Jag Club event in each of the next two months! Also, be sure to review the club calendar this month for changes. The calendar of events is still evolving and subject to change.

May we have only great driving weather!

Joe



EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Event Planning Committee is comprised of Richard Bowers, George Haldane and Larry Kludt. If you have any ideas or suggestions for an event, trip, tech session, or tour, please contact one of them. Their contact information is as follows:

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2004

January 17 – Indoor Tech Session on Paint by Terry Hulsey at Joe Newell's

February 21 – Indoor Tech Session on auto detailing at Skip Smith's
General Membership Meeting.

March 11-14 – Amelia Island Concours ** Club Event overnight

March 21 – Indoor Tech Session on the XK engine by Dick Maury of Coventry West, (Note: This is on a Sunday afternoon)

April 17 & 18 – Drive through Nantahala National Forest and Great Smoky Mountain National Park (Contact Richard Bowers By March 15th @ 706-636-5879 for overnight room reservations "Richmont Inn, Townsend, TN) Space may be limited** Club Driving Tour Event overnight

April 30 – May 1 – JSSC

Low country Classic Jaguar Concours, Charleston, SC ** Club Event

April 30-May 2 – Walter Mitty Challenge and Auto Festival at Road Atlanta

May 8 - British Motor Car Day at Chateau Elan **Club Event

May 15 & 16 – Smoky Mtn. Jaguar Club Concours, Gatlinburg, TN **Club Driving Event overnight

May 15 - Milton Robson Car Collection, Gainesville, GA. Joint event with classic Thunderbird club and visit to Milton Robson car collection near Gainesville – club day driving even.

June 13 – Carolina Jaguar Club Concours, Salisbury, NC ** Club even

July 17 – Tour of Wolf Winery – Dhalonega Georgia Area ** Club event

July 24 - Indoor tech

session – "JCNA Club Rallying & Program Rules" 1st Session "What you need to know to participate in a JCNA Sanctioned Rally" – George Haldane Place to determined

August 21 – Tech Session "Judges training session for JCNA Concours Events Place" - to be determined

September 12 – Driving tour through Helen, GA area **Club Driving Event not overnight

September 26 - Annual NGJC Concours at Chattahoochee Country Club, Gainesville, GA.

October 9 & 10 - Fall leaf cruise through Highlands, NC **Club Driving Event overnight

October 15-17 – EURO 2004 Auto Festival at BMW Plant, near Greer, SC (near Greenville)**Club event

November 5-7 - Southern British Motor Car Day,

Chattanooga, TN **Club driving event (We could all meet at the event and after lunch drive back south together using back roads)

November 20 - Annual business meeting, Place to be determined

December 12 - Annual Christmas Party at Vinings Club, Atlanta, GA.



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NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our new members since the last newsletter. They are **James and Terri Byers, Jack and Darlene Sweeney and Larry and Ivy McKinley**. Our membership is now at 66. Membership lists are available to any member by mail or e-mail. If you would like one, call or e-mail Roy Cleveland.

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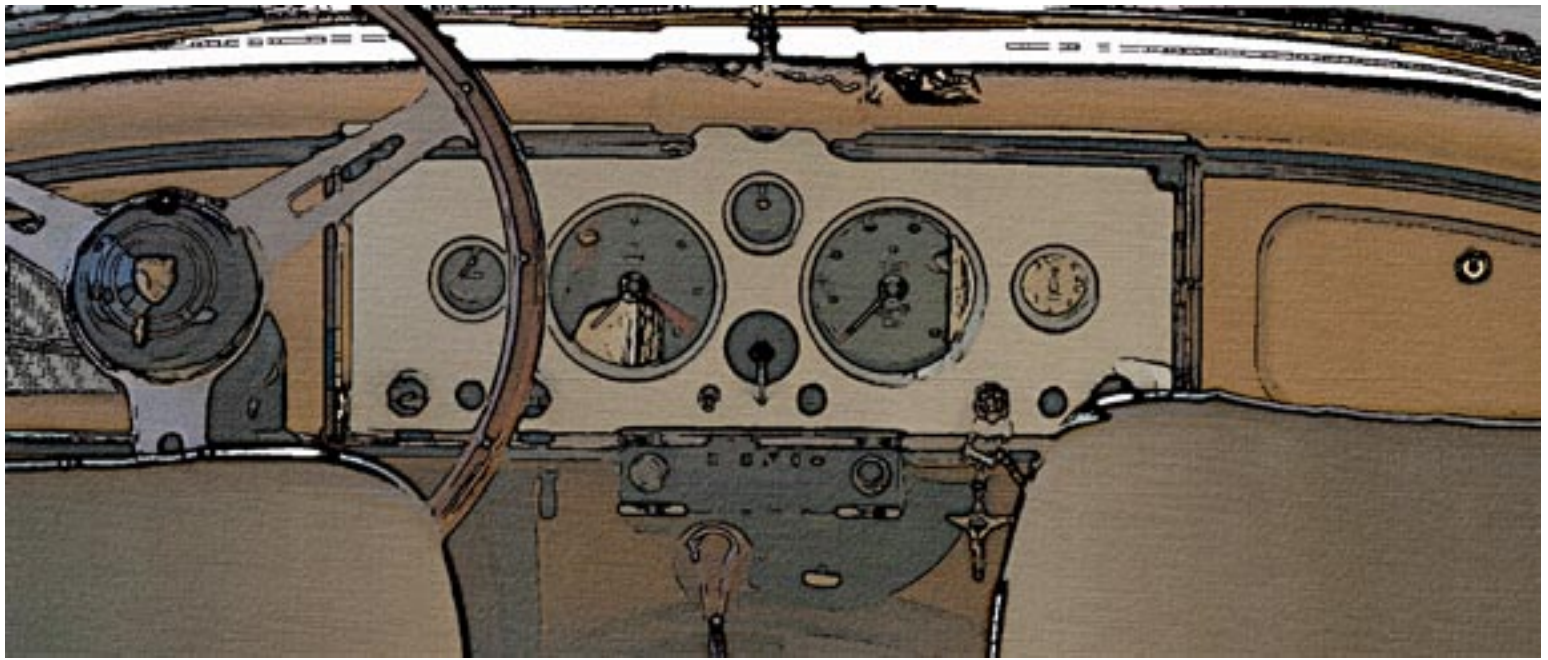


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Driving Event Through Nantahala National Forest April 17-18

Our April event will be an overnight drive through the Nantahala National Forest area. An overnight stop in Townsend, Tennessee is planned at the Richmond Inn (1-866-267-7086 or www.richmontinn.com). This is a small inn so reserve your room early. If all of the rooms are taken, call Joe Newell or Richard Bowers (706-636-5879). There is also a Best Western Inn (800-292-4844 or 865-448-2237) nearby where we should be able to obtain more rooms. More detail on the route will be provided in the April newsletter or before then by e-mail if you notify one of the Event Committee that you want to participate.



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All members are encouraged to provide content for the newsletter whether it be "letters to the editor", technical questions or comments, book reviews of automobile related books, Jaguar or car related experiences, auto museum visits, car products which you have used and would recommend or other Jaguar related articles. The deadline for submitting articles for the newsletter is the 28th of each month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter. Please submit any articles for the newsletter to Roy Cleveland and he will forward them to John Yates. The preferred format for submissions is Microsoft Word. 

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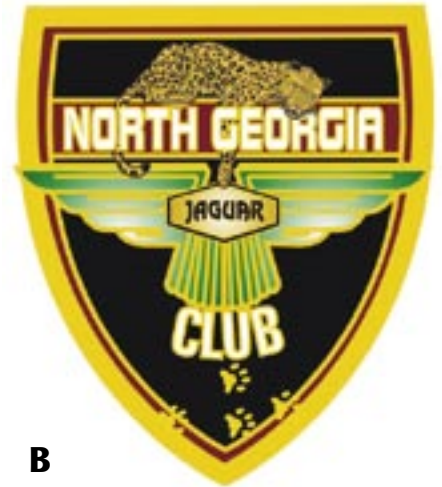
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