

# NORTH GEORGIA JAGUAR CLUB

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## North Georgia Jaguar Club Christmas Party, Sunday, December 17 at the Vinings Club

*Submitted by Roy Cleveland*

**Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres – 6:00PM to 7:00PM**

**Dinner in the Main Dining Room – 7:00PM to 8:30PM**

**Conversation & Dessert – 8:30PM until ....**

Enjoy your holiday season by celebrating and looking back on the year's events with your fellow members. The Vinings Club will provide their usual delicious fare in a sumptuous buffet. We'll have hot hors d'oeuvres, several delicious salads, a variety of excellent entrees, followed by several desserts and a champagne toast. Coffee and tea will be included. All of this, good friends, lively conversation and maybe a surprise or two. What more could you ask for? Well, how about door prizes (you never know what they might be)? Of course to enjoy any of this you must be present.

The dress will range from dressy casual to black tie. The bar will be cash only and the dinner will be \$60.00 per person (gratuity included).

We need to provide a preliminary count to the Vinings Club in late November so don't delay. A Christmas party invitation will be mailed to you shortly and with it will be a response form and a preaddressed return envelope. Please mail your checks made payable to the North Georgia Jaguar Club to:

*North Georgia Jaguar Club*

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Even though your check is not due until December 2, it helps us tremendously if we have some idea of the number attending earlier than that date. When you have a good idea whether you are attending, a quick e-mail (rmcleveland@charter.net) or phone call to Roy Cleveland would be appreciated. Directions to the Vinings Club will be included with the invitation. We look forward to seeing you there! 

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

October was an excellent month for our club beginning with our 4th annual Concours d'Elegance. Pat Harmon has a more detailed article in this newsletter about that but I would like to make a few comments. This was our finest concours in our brief history. The weather was near perfect and the turnout was excellent and the quality of the cars on display was

superb. If you enjoy viewing top quality new and vintage Jaguars and talking with their owners, you should strongly consider attending this event next year. Consider becoming involved with the judging process but if you don't want to judge, there are several other jobs needing volunteers. With the number of cars which were entered, the judges were really hustling. If we had even four or five more judges, the members who volunteer to judge would have a bit more time to enjoy the event. Thanks to Pat and Nancy Harmon and all of you who judged or did other jobs at the concours. Of course without the participants,

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## What A Day It Was - Concours 2006

*Submitted by Pat Harmon*

The North Georgia Jaguar Club has done it again! Our 4th Concours D'Elegance fielded 62 cars this year at the gorgeous Chattahoochee Country Club in Gainesville including national competitors from as far away as Connecticut, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and South Carolina. For those of you who are new to Concours D'Elegance events, it is essentially a car show in which cars are judged for authenticity, cleanliness and condition. A perfect car is one that looks like it did the day it rolled out of the factory. You can imagine the amount of time (and money) required to restore one of the older cars to factory new condition so it's a real treat to see, not only one, but many of these beautiful cars on display.

In a JCNA Concours we are required to follow fairly strict rules and our judges must be trained

and certified. To ensure fair competition, the cars are divided into divisions and classes. Champion Division is by far the most stringent and the engine, exterior, interior and boot are judged. For those who enjoy driving their cars frequently we have the Driven Division where only the Exterior and Interior are judged. Also, there is a Special Division which covers cars prepared for racing and replica cars. Finally we have a non-judged category called Display Only which gives owners the opportunity to show their favorite car. This year we had 21 cars entered in Champion Division ranging from a 1954 XK-120 to a 2004 XKR. We had 16 cars entered in Driven Division ranging from a 1954 XK120 to a 2005 XJ8. And, in Special Division, we had one car – Dick Maury's 71 E-Type which



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## 2007 Event Calendar

*Submitted by Mary Ann Kretz*

We are in the process of planning the Club's 2007 Calendar of Events and we'd very much like to hear your ideas for drives you'd like to take, car events you'd like to attend or participate in and places you'd like to share with the other club members. The 2007 calendar already includes our nationally sanctioned concours and slaloms, several scenic drives, two technical sessions and our annual Christmas party.

We would like to include varied events so that everyone will participate. This is your club and your ideas are what we need for 2007.

Please give this some thought and send your ideas by replying to this email. If you would like to contact the planning committee directly, you can contact Tom Koballa at tkoballa@uga.edu. 



## NGJC ESTABLISHES WEB SITE

Submitted by Roy Cleveland

President's Letter continued from front cover

there would have been no show to enjoy so thanks to all who entered their cars. Our Fall mountain drive was also a great success. A more detailed report will either be in this newsletter or next month's. Our turnout again was very good. There's nothing I enjoy more than a mountain road in the Fall and a line of Jaguars on the move. I think the true beauty in these cars can be fully appreciated only when they are moving. I was fortunate in being near the back of the line and I could see examples of many of Coventry's finest sport cars through my windshield: XK120, XK150, a variety of E-Types, XJSs, XK8s, and even a new XK. Thanks again to Dave and Beverly Kirkman for planning this drive.

For November, the Hilton Head Concours d' Elegance which many of us will be attending is on the 4th and 5th. Our annual business

meeting which is coming up soon is a good opportunity for you to express your opinions or find out more about the club and how you might like to participate. We elect our officers for the new year at this meeting and we need to have a good participation in the voting so please return your ballot by mail if you can't attend.

Cheers,  
Roy



Dick Maury has generously offered to create and maintain a web site for the club. The official web site address is [www.ngjc.us](http://www.ngjc.us). Please note the web site address ends in ".us" instead of ".com" or ".org". As someone said, it makes us seem so "international". Actually, the ".com" ending was already taken.

Having our own web site has been a goal of the club for some time but until now we have not had someone willing to establish and maintain the site. We are very appreciative that Dick is willing to accept this responsibility.

There are many pluses in having our own site. The first plus I can think of is that I don't have to try to upload pictures or data to the JCNA web site anymore. Of course, we will maintain our

presence on the JCNA site but we'll have a link from it to our main web site where we will place most of the information which we wish to disseminate. Other advantages of having our own site are: availability of past newsletters for reference, pictures of members and their cars, more comprehensive and timely information about events on our calendar. In the future, if you have questions about an event, you can visit our site and read the relevant newsletter for details or find what you need listed in our calendar of events. We also have a section for advertisements of things which members might want to sell or buy (parts, cars, etc.).

If you have something which you would like to place on the site, contact Dick Maury at [rcmaury@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcmaury@bellsouth.net). All postings, etc. need to go through him. Dick would like to eventually have a picture

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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  
Smoky 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  
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carday.com \*Joe Newell

**May 20-**  
Smoky Mountain Jaguar  
Club Concours d' El-  
egance Gatlinburg, TN

**May 28-**  
NGJC Sanctioned Spring  
Slalom, Chicopee Woods,  
Gainesville, GA \*Dick  
Maury & Lynn Cunning-  
ham

**June 3-**  
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 Superformance  
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 Mu-  
seum Warner Robbins,  
GA \*Pat Harmon

**September 24-**  
NGJC Sanctioned Fall  
Slalom, Chicopee Woods,  
Gainesville, GA \*Dick  
Maury & Lynn Cunning-  
ham

**September 27-30-**  
Petite LeMans  
Location TBA

**October 8-**  
NGJC Sanctioned Con-  
cours d' Elegance Chat-  
tahoochee Country Club,

Gainesville, GA \*Roy  
Cleveland & Pat Harmon  
- Concours Chairman

**October 20-22-**  
Euro Auto Fest @ BMW  
Plant Greer, SC \*Dave &  
Beverly Kirkman

**October 29-**  
Fall Mountain Drive,  
Dave Kirkman & Larry  
Kludt

**November 3-5-**  
Hilton Head Concours d'  
Elegance, Hilton Head,  
SC \*Dave Kirkman

**December 2**  
NGJC Annual Business  
Meeting \*Club Officers

**December 17-**  
NGJC Annual Christmas  
Party at Vinings Club  
Atlanta, GA  
\*Joe Newell

## Membership

By Mary Ann Kretz

We would like to  
welcome our new  
members since  
the last newsletter.  
They are

**Ivan and Myrna  
Ruiz  
David and  
Priscilla Rodgers  
Bill and Laly Davis  
Judy and Jack  
Caulfield**

This gives us 126  
members at present.  
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are available to any  
member by mail or  
e-mail. If you would  
like one, call or  
e-mail Mary  
Ann Kretz



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# EURO Auto Festival 2006

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

The EURO Auto Festival, staged annually at the BMW plant located between Greenville and Spartanburg, SC, is not a cruise in, concours, or car show. It is a "happening"; a true two day celebration of our car hobby and most especially car people. This was the sixth consecutive year that Beverly and I have made the pilgrimage to this event and it just keeps getting better and better. There were over five hundred cars representing European marks both well known and obscure and I would venture to say that 95% of them are driven to the event with virtually every state in the southern and eastern U.S. represented. The cars range from pre WWII to some of the latest offerings with the vast majority being the cars of the 50's, 60's and 70's. But Euro is far more than just cars. BMW makes their Performance Center test track and cars available to drive; there is a wonderful banquet with a guest speaker on Saturday evening, and a rally and SCCA slalom on Sunday. All proceeds from the various events go toward local charities.

Our trip to this year's event started on Friday mid morning when we met Ivan and Myrna Ruiz and Paul Nichols at Starbucks. Ivan and Paul both chose to drive excellent examples of Alfa Romeo Spiders to this year's event and were most welcome travel companions. A short drive to Clarksville found us having a delicious lunch at Zanos Italian Restaurant on the town square. The skies had cleared and the tops were down as we continued on the back roads into SC along scenic Route 11. The fall colors were



at their brightest and I believe they are always best viewed at a leisurely pace in an open roadster on old country roads that wind and curve their way through the country side. A stop or two to confirm that we were going, more or less, in the right direction and we arrived at the host hotel in time to check in and clean the cars before putting them away for the night in the covered parking garage. Mike Fulton, the chairperson for this year's event, was there to greet us and to make sure everything

was alright. Mike is the proud owner of "Peaches" and attends our NGJC Concours every year. Brian Hernan was already there as he and several buddies had come up earlier in the day and I must say his '72 Series One XJ6 never looked better.

Saturday morning held the promise of a perfect fall day as we followed the parade of classic cars headed for the BMW plant grounds. We were directed to the other Jaguars and placed among a large gaggle of E-types. A quick clean up of the car and Beverly and I were off to see what the other folks brought. Almost immediately we came across a Riley

that Clifford and Lesley Price had entered. We watched as an even older Riley wobbled its way into place on skinny tires. Out jumped a very proper Pembroke Welsh Corgi. The Corgi took one look at Clifford's Riley and immediately relieved its self on the back tires! Talk about peeing on the competition! The dog then headed off towards a collection of Sunbeam Tigers, amid much

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# What A Day It Was - Concours 2006

Submitted by Pat Harmon

has been specially prepared for slalom racing. This year we also had a People's Choice award which went to Glen Michalski's 1959 Mark IX Saloon.

Our club is rapidly becoming well known for putting on first class events and this one was no exception. Last Fall we hosted the biennial JCNA Challenge

Championship at Chateau Elan (Braselton, Georgia) which brought us national attention. This year the weather was excellent (except for a bit of mist near the end) and the venue spectacular. The Chattahoochee Country Club in Gainesville is a perfect location for one of these events and the brunch (included in

the entry fee) was superb. As a matter of fact, the meal was so good, we had trouble getting the judges away from the dessert table to start the judging on-time.

Our club's strongest sponsor is Hennessy Jaguar and our thanks goes to Tricia Williams and her staff for generously sponsoring the brunch and bringing new cars for display. A special thank-you goes out to club members, too numerous to mention here, who volunteered their time to prepare for and present this event. Our 14 judges have been training and preparing for this Concours since March and a special "hats off" goes to them for taking on the very challenging task of scoring national level cars.

For most of us, Jaguars are special cars, and Concours events such as this one, are great times to meet and enjoy these beautiful machines. Ours is only one of many shows in the country and, if you haven't had the chance to attend, you need to give it a shot. The schedules are posted on the JCNA website, [www.jcna.com](http://www.jcna.com), under the Concours section. See you next year!



NGJC Establishes Web Site Continued from page 2

of all members and their cars so when you have an opportunity, send one to him. He is also trying to compile as many past newsletters (in electronic form) as possible to have available on the site. Take a look at the issues which he has there and if you have one stored which he does not have listed, send it to him.

The cost of establishing and maintaining the site is nominal and the benefits seem substantial. If you have any further ideas, suggestions, or comments about the web site, contact Dick or any of the officers.



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# A Good Drive Was Had By All...

Submitted by David Kirkman



If you missed the last club drive for 2006 then you missed one of the great ones. The weather gods were truly smiling on us for the fall drive. Not a cloud in the sky and warm weather that allowed for top down motoring but cool enough that a sweater sure felt good!. After the rain we encountered during our spring drive this was a real pleasure.

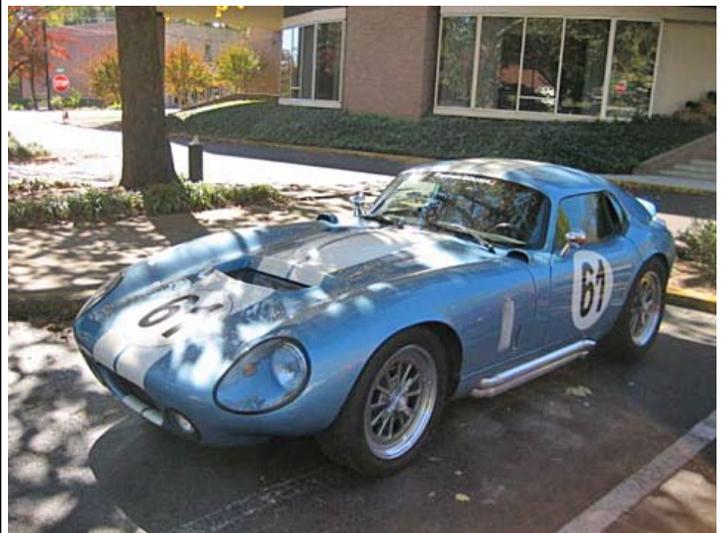


of eighteen, nineteen, or perhaps twenty cars (we could never get everyone in the same place at the same time to count!) on the drive to Suches, Wolf Pen Gap, and the Richard B. Russell Scenic Highway. Unfortunately, the best laid plans went quickly wrong as some folks got lost at various times during the drive. This is the first time that we have had this happen and this many cars to manage and we promise to

We started the day at Starbucks where we were joined by five Cobras from McMichael Motorsports. Rob Ginn and Bill Baker were our hosts at their facility back in August and we were pleased to have them join us for our fall drive. A leisurely drive up Highway 9 and Aurara Road brought us to Dahlonega through the beautiful fall foliage. We met with the rest of Jaguars at the BB&T parking lot. What a wonderful sight! We had cars ranging from Bob and Linda Ray's 1952 XK120 to Pat Murphy's brand new 2006 XK. There were also five XKE's and the Harmon's XK150 as well as XJSs, XKs and sedans and of course our guest's five Cobras. After a group lunch at Wyle's Restaurant everyone was ready to enjoy a perfect afternoon on a beautiful fall day. We had a total

take steps to make sure that we keep everyone together on our next drive.

It was nice to see some new and not-so-new members along for the drive in the persons of Bill and Mary Ann Fortenberry, Gary and Opal Beaver, Robert and Linda Ray and Alex and Jean Haas. We hope all participants enjoyed the drive and the camaraderie and look forward to seeing you on most or all of the drives scheduled for 2007 as we have some fun and interesting ones lined up.



# EURO Auto Festival 2006

Submitted by

laughter, with it nose to the ground. Clifford told us that the car had originally belonged to Lesley's Dad as we shared a chuckle about the antics of the Corgi. Next we ran into Ray Gore and Pete Scarborough standing between a mid 60's Ferrari 250 GT and a much newer Ferrari F40 (don't see those cars everyday do you?) in the Italian car section. Ray and Pete were just up for the day to enjoy the cars and see old friends. We then wandered through large collections of beautiful Porsche, MG, Austin Healey, Morgan, Lotus, Triumph (this year's honored marque) and many other lesser known makes until we stopped to visit with Joe and Maureen Walker, our next door neighbors in Cumming. We found them among a stunning collection of Mercedes Benz. They had driven their beautiful Mercedes cabriolet and were awarded first place in their respective Mercedes Benz class at the end of the day. By the time we had made it back to the Jaguars we were hungry and ready for lunch.

After lunch Beverly and I sat by the Jaguars with Brian Hernan and enjoyed the warm afternoon sun and good conversation with the folks who came by to admire and ask questions about the cars. Jim Anderson and Mary Ann Kretz stopped by to say hello on their way to the BMW Performance Center to burn some Z4 rubber on the test tracks. The Peoples Choice Awards were announced and we were very surprised and pleased that our '69 OTS had taken second among the E-Types. Brian Hernan's XJ6 took third in his class. Ivan Ruiz took first in his Alfa class and Paul Nichols took third in the same class. So it was some happy

folks that headed back to the hotel to get ready for the evening's festivities.

The evening banquet featured Janet Guthrie as the quest speaker. She delighted the packed room with stories of her earlier racing career (she started with a Jaguar XK 140 in SCCA events and hill climbs) and her eventual success as the first woman to qualify and race at the Indy 500. She later had success racing in NASCAR (a fact I did not know as I have always found watching Fords and Chevy's going around in circles on Sundays somewhat less than thrilling). Janet eventually won the respect of the male competitors she raced against (well most of them anyway) but the real story is how tall the walls were for a woman to gain entry into the testosterone laced and good ole boy world of Indy and NASCAR motor racing. Denise McCluggage, of Sebring and Dayton driving fame, writer, and frequent contributor to AutoWeek, introduced Janet and told the story of how women were not even allowed into the Indy press area in the mid 1970's and she had to conduct her driver interviews through the fence! These ladies truly opened doors driving older, tired machinery and one can only wonder how history might have been written if they had been given top flight rides to pilot.

After dinner Beverly and I wondered through the silent auction to see if my bids had won...they never do and this year was no exception. Sunday found us taking our time before heading home with memories of another wonderful weekend, a smile on our faces, and a definite plan to return next year. Hopefully, more of you will choose to join us!!



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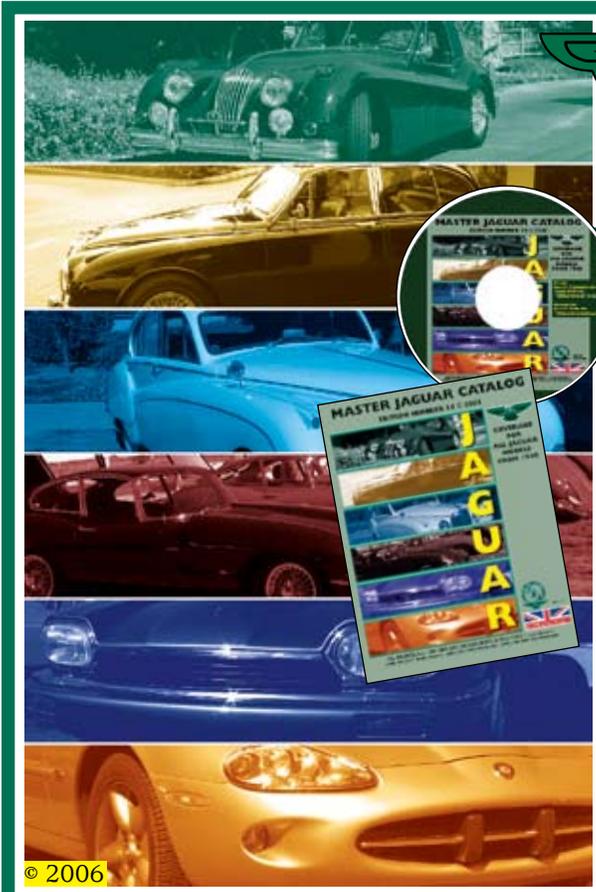
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NORTH GEORGIA JAGUAR CLUB  
BALLOT FOR OFFICERS' ELECTION – 2007

The nominating committee has recommended the slate of officers listed below for 2007. If you wish to vote for the entire slate of officers listed, check the space listed below the names. If you wish to vote only for certain individuals, circle those for whom you wish to vote. If you wish to write-in names for any position, simply write in the name of the person for whom you wish to vote in the blank provided beside the title of the office.

Office	Committee Recommendation	Write-in Votes
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Vice-President	Larry Kludt	_____
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Vice-President for Concours	Pat Harmon	_____
Vice-President for Membership	Mary Ann Kretz	_____
Treasurer	Roy Cleveland	_____
Secretary	Jack Sweeney	_____
Newsletter Editor	Larry Kludt	_____
Newsletter Publisher	John Yates	_____

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to vote for the entire slate of officers recommended by the nominating committee.

Member Signature (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

JCNA Number (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this ballot to: Larry Kludt, Secretary  
820 Whitehall Way  
Roswell, GA 30076-1365

Bring this ballot with you to the NGJC business meeting on December 2, 2006.  
The meeting will start at 10:30 AM. The meeting location is listed in the newsletter.

## Business Meeting – December 2

*Submitted by Roy Cleveland*

Our annual business meeting will be held at 10:30AM on December 2 (Saturday) at the Hilton Garden Inn near North Point Mall. At this meeting, we will elect officers for 2007, review our activities for 2006, and make plans for 2007. If you have suggestions or ideas about events, meetings, the newsletter, JCNA, or anything related to NGJC, please attend. If you can't attend, call or e-mail one of the officers (e-mail addresses are in the newsletter) and present your ideas. The nominating committee (John Yates, Joe Newell, and Dave Kirkman) have proposed a slate of officers. A ballot containing those nominees is included in this newsletter. We would appreciate it very much if you would bring this with you to the business meeting. If you cannot attend, please mail it as soon as possible to one of the addresses listed on the ballot. It is important to have as many votes as possible included.

For those of you who do not live in the metro Atlanta area, this Hilton Garden Inn is less than 1 mile from North Point Mall. After the meeting, some of us will probably have lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Directions to this Hilton Garden Inn: Heading north on GA 400 from Atlanta, take Mansell Road exit (No. 8), and turn right at end of exit ramp onto Mansell Road heading east. At the first intersection (about one-quarter mile), turn left on North Point Parkway and proceed to the intersection with Haynes Bridge Road. Turn right on Haynes Bridge Rd and look for the first street on the left which is Georgia Lane. Turn left on Georgia Lane. The Hilton Garden is on this street. If you are heading south on GA 400, take the Haynes Bridge Rd. exit and go east until you cross Northpoint Parkway. Immediately after you cross Northpoint Parkway, look for Georgia Lane on your left. Turn left on Georgia Lane. Hotel phone number is 678-566-3900

