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### **From our President**

*By Bob Daly, President*

#### **Jaguar Joins Historic Race Cars at Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion**

Jaguar is the featured marque of the 2011 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, August 19-21 at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in California.



*(Roy Salvadori in his Jaguar E-Type (#5) holds off eventual winner Graham Hill in his Jaguar E-Type (#4) at the 1961 National Open at the Oulton Park race. Salvadori went on to finish a close third....photo Courtesy of Jaguar archives).*

Few companies are as synonymous with sports car racing as Jaguar. The event will highlight the 50th anniversary of the Jaguar E-Type and 60th anniversary of the Jaguar C-Type's win in the 1951 24 Hours of Le Mans. Today, as much as 50 years ago, hi-performance, racing and stunning design are part of the Jaguar brand. The Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion will host about 550 historic race cars. Gill Campbell, CEO/general manager for Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca commented: "We look to share Jaguar's heritage with fans worldwide. And for the E-Type, it's hard to argue with what

Enzo Ferrari said 50 years ago upon seeing the sleek E-Type at its introduction, saying it is, 'The most beautiful car ever made.'

For Sir William Lyons, winning Le Mans was a critical goal to demonstrate to the reliability and performance of the XK120-C. Three factory C-Types were entered in the 1951 24 Hours of Le Mans with great results. Stirling Moss recorded the fastest lap, and Peter Walker and Peter Whitehead won the race. It was the first of seven Le Mans victories for Jaguar.

Jaguar's American racing roots are firmly planted on the Monterey Peninsula. It was 1950 at the inaugural Pebble Beach Road Races that Jaguar achieved its first win in the US when a 23-year-old American named Phil Hill took the checkered flag.

#### **Something for married people...Robertson Racing scores podium finish at 2011 Le Mans**



It's been more than 40 years since a Ford raced with factory backing at Le Mans. Still, no

American racing team has spent more time and money racing a modern Ford GT than the husband-and-wife team of Dave and Andrea Robertson. Besides being a very experienced racer, Andrea is the only female and only grandmother competing in the American Le Mans race series.

The team works out of the Barbour Racing facility in Braselton, Georgia, a tiny crew of 10 with a small budget (compared to those of the BMW, Chevrolet, Ferrari and Porsche factory teams) does all the work, including driving the transporters and going over the wall on pit stops.

All that is fact, but the Robertson's wrote one of the great fairytales in history of the 24 Hours of LeMans by claiming a GTE class third place finish at the just completed 2011 race.

The storyline of this American Le Mans Series team could not have been better with the Robertson's celebrating their 7<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during the race. There is more...Andrea crossed the finish line to become the first female on a Le Mans podium since 1931. In addition, this was the first husband/wife driver team to finish on the podium in the Le Mans' 79 year history. What a story!!

### Jaguar XKR's and American LeMans Series Race



Jaguar finished in 26<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> place out of 31 cars at the Lime Rock track in Connecticut July 9 and 20<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> place out of 31 cars at the Mosport track in Ontario, Canada yesterday, July 24.

The next American LeMans Series will be held at the Mid Ohio track in Lexington, Ohio on Aug 6 and will be broadcast on ESPN2 August 7 at 10 PM ET.



### Guest Speaker at July's Monthly Meeting

Dan Merrill, owner of Car Custom in Alpharetta (770 667 0202), did such a good job for Don Hart on one of his cars that Don wanted to share this find with us. Dan Merrill's business specializes in windshield crack repair, restoration of cloudy headlight lenses, seat/carpet repairs



due to wear and tear including cigarette burns, paint chip repair, and painted wheel "Curb Rash" (i.e. encounters with curbs that leave a wheel ding). He does such a

good job for his customers that he needs little advertising. A big plus for customers is that if Dan does not provide a repair service he can recommend a known/trusted supplier that can do the work. We plan a follow up Tech Session at Dan's place of business. Guess what?? Dan was so impressed from his encounter with us that he plans to join the AJS...nice job members.

### Car Sales Literature

Some time ago, long time AJS member Frank Coleman, donated some mostly Jaguar Cars sales literature to the AJS. I was able to comb through this literature and I have compiled a detailed list.

This sales literature covers the following cars:

1990 Bentley...only one copy

1979 to 2000 Jaguar Cars...some duplicate copies

First come first serve...send me an e-mail and I can forward the list to you for review.

### AJS Membership Dues

Your AJS annual membership fee is payable now. There is a membership form on the AJS website. (<http://www.atlantajaguarsociety.org/>). Just push the "Join Us" button to get the form, fill it out, add your check, and mail it all to Wil Sommer at the address on the bottom of the form. Thank you

**Next monthly meeting**  
**August 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Aldo's Restaurant**  
**Social hour- 6:00 pm, Dinner-7:00 PM**

## **June's Corner**

### **Member News**

*By June Mindrup, Health & Hospitality Director*

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to Rita and Ted Anderson's tragic loss of their beautiful 26-year old Granddaughter Brittney Watts. Words cannot ease the hurt but hopefully knowing their many friends are thinking of them might bring some comfort. AJS sent a donation to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta in memory of Brittney.

Erlinda McCabe is back from a trip to the Philippines. This was a sad trip this time as she attended the funeral of her niece. Our sympathy is extended to both Erlinda and her family.

Larry Walton had surgery July 18th for a detached retina. This happened while in Tampa, Florida. Wife Deb reports he is well on the mend now.

The Senior Ladies who play tennis at the Forsyth Parks deserve a big round of applause. Alice Thyer's Team won the division and in so doing -- Won the City -- for the second time in a row. Alice received accolades for her captaining, her playing, her organizing and her leadership. Congratulations are in order.

What a blast -- the field trip to Callaway Gardens -- on July 9th and 10th! The food, the Florida State University Circus, the Hospitality Cottage for cocktails, the companionship, and the "everything" all made for a super outing...thanks to Activity Chair-person Kim Daly.

Wine Spectator Magazine lists the best wine list in the world! Seamus Wines (our Jim Foley's Corporation in California) is carried on FOUR of those "best wine lists in the world". This is quite an honor and distinction for a comparatively new winery. Oh but it's such fun to report success stories. Congratulations!

Myrna and Ivan Ruiz, Kim and Bob Daly, Linda and Vail Frost and Marlene and Don Hart

are attending the Concours d'Elegance in Pebble Beach, California. Don't you know this group will have the time of their lives. Some are extending their stay for about a week out there.

Glenn and Kathy Michalski have been on the road again! They went to New York to visit Kathy's brother; then for a stay in their Gulf Shore, Alabama home; then to Hilton Head. No wonder they have missed the AJS meetings with all these outings. Oh and in the meantime, Glenn had Carpal Tunnel wrist surgery (which he quipped 'kept him off the golf course for two months.)

Wil Sommer caught a 33 1/2 inch Stripper Bass AND a 28 3/4 inch Stripper Bass and won 3rd place in the tournament. He said the difference between 1st, 2nd and 3rd place was less than 1 inch!!

Sheila and Paul Brower are going to Orange Beach, Alabama for the Association of Real Estate Licensed Law Officials. This will be a 4-day trip.

Joel and Maryanne Blackford just returned from Arkansas where they hiked and biked all over. It appears that they were both smitten with the Little Rock area.

Brad Fry, son of Ray and Marilyn, has just accepted a new position in Salt Lake City, Utah, as Key Account Manager for eBay. Sounds impressive to me. Good luck with the new career.

What a surprise at the July AJS meeting to see a beautifully decorated Birthday Cake with candles being wheeled in honoring the writer's birthday. The group sang a melodious rendition of Happy Birthday which certainly eased the pain of adding yet another year.



## Activities

Kim Daly, Activities Director

### July Activities

We had a nice turnout for the drive and overnight trip to Callaway Gardens on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>...10 cars and 20 plus AJS members. A good time was had by all that took the leisurely drive down some fairly deserted Georgia country roads to Callaway Gardens. On the way, we stopped in Warm Springs for a country buffet lunch at the Bulloch House Restaurant.

It was a tad warm (after all it is summer in Georgia) by the time we got settled into the Big Circus tent to watch the 3:30 PM Florida State University student circus performance. Several of us were looking for moving air to cool us down. We did experience the wonderful, the spectacular, and the death-defying aerial and acrobatic performers that only a circus event provides. The knife throwing event was a bit of a letdown with no actual knife throwing, but only faints...um, but the other acts were completed with great skill and daring by the students.

After the circus performance, we cleaned up at the hotel and then met at June and Judy's place for a pre-dinner wine/cheese affair. Judging from the high noise level at the dinner that night, all members in attendance had a very good time at The Gardens, Callaway's fine dining restaurant overlooking Mountain Creek Lake and, hopefully, they will invite us back.

### August Activities

It's time to have some FUN!!!

Please note the date for the pool party has changed to August 6th. Judy Scarborough will be hosting the party this year, which will begin at 4:00 PM at her home at 4900 Gaidrew Alpharetta, GA 30022

AJS will be supplying the main course of barbecue (pork and chicken), dessert, beer, wine and sodas. You are asked to bring an appetizer or a side dish to go with the barbecue, for example: coleslaw, beans, potato salad, etc.

Judy has a beautiful pool that you are welcome to use during the party. Please bring a

towel if you are going to swim. Anyone with radio controlled boats should bring them along to participate in a mini regatta. We will have some fun summer music playing.

I will need your RSVP no later than August 2nd, so food and drinks can be ordered in a timely fashion.

Kim Daly

Activities Director

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If you have any questions please call me at 770-633-4960 or 770-410-5717.



## Calloway Weekend Trip

It started with a stop in Warm Springs for a lunch feast at the Bulloch House Restaurant



What a Feast



Waiting to be seated.



Still waiting!



I want to know who took the chicken off my plate!



Where's the food!



A smiling face to take your money after lunch.



I found it!!



The tee shirt on our waiter.



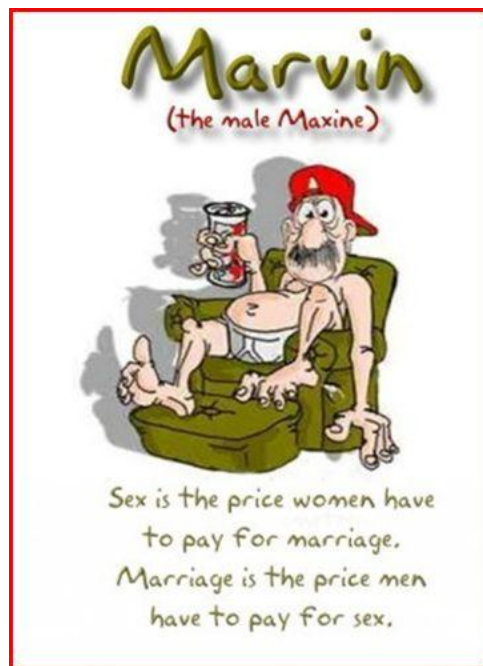
I'm stuffed!



Another friendly face on the way out!

## Event Schedule for 2011

- January 22<sup>nd</sup> - Trip to the Booth Western Art Museum
- February 26<sup>th</sup> – High Museum of Art ,  
Toulouse Lautrec & Friends
- March 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Amelia Island Concours  
26<sup>th</sup> – Tech Session – Ivan Ruiz
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – Walter Mitty, Road Atlanta
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – British Motorcar Day, Berry College  
21<sup>st</sup> – Spring drive and lunch
- June 25<sup>th</sup> – Birthday party for the Jaguar E-Type hosted  
by Erlinda McCabe
- July 9<sup>th</sup> – Callaway Gardens & FSU Circus Acrobats
- August 6<sup>th</sup> – Pool Party, Judy Scarborough  
26<sup>th</sup> – Fernbank, Martinis and IMAX
- September 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> - Two night trip to Nashville. Visit  
Historic sites and Lane Auto Museum, largest  
Collection of European cars in the US!
- October 1<sup>st</sup> – Concours d'Elegance & Party  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Concours d'Elegance @ Nalley  
14-16 – Eurofest Spartanburg  
29<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Party
- November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> - Hilton Head Concours  
12<sup>th</sup> – Blue Ridge Scenic Railway
- December 11<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party



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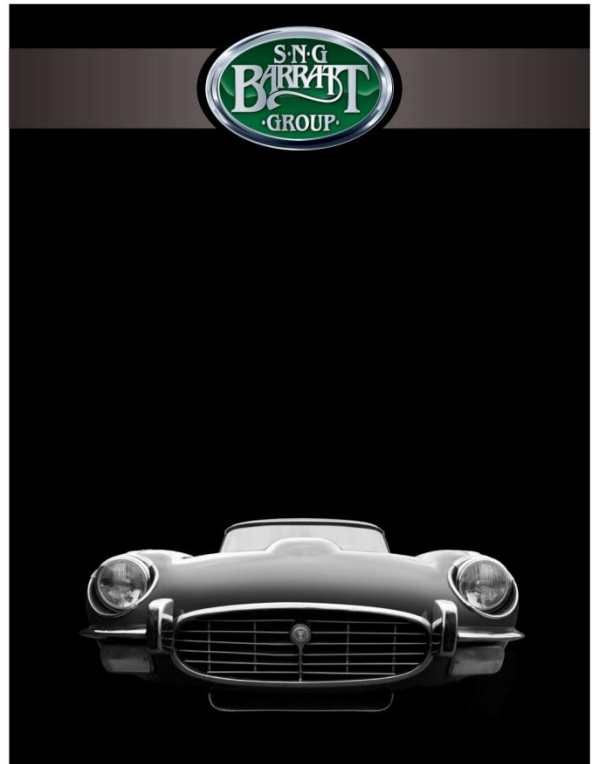
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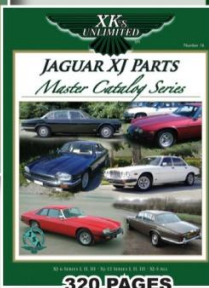
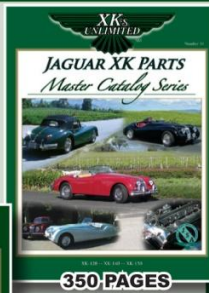
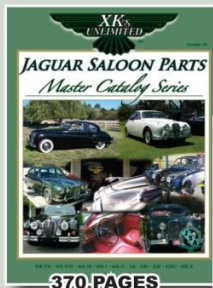
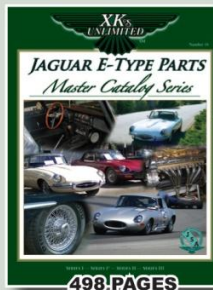
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