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From the President

By JP Summers, President

Greetings AJS Members,

Hello everyone, I hope you are having a wonderful summer and your air conditioners are operating at maximum efficiency. We had a good turnout for our Memorial Day meeting. The decision to have the meeting was a good one.

We have the annual Pig Roast at Erlinda McCabe's home on June 25. I would like to remind everyone that the club is no longer providing alcoholic beverages. Please bring your own if you would like a drink. Regarding parties past, people have told me they have brought a bottle or a six pack and only gotten one drink from what they brought, so please... if you didn't bring it ... don't drink it. We will be providing soft drinks.

The XJS is 40 years old. September 2015 was the 40 anniversary of the XJS. This model has the distinction of being the longest Jaguar model in continuous production.

The original XJS was designed by Malcom Sayer and was a distinct departure from the elegant curves of the 60's. In vogue at the time were technical shapes designed to Cleve the air as efficiently as possible. Chrome was replaced with plastic and no wood veneers or leapers were to be found. This had a negative effect on Jaguar's existing customers. In 1975 this was not an inexpensive car selling for \$13,500 it was very close in price to Mercedes and Porsche.

Although faster than most G.T. cars of that era the 5.3 liter V-12 was extremely thirsty at

15 mpg. Sales seemed encouraging for the first couple of years but soon declined.

In 1980 a new cylinder head was presented, known as the Fireball. This increased the efficiency to 22 mpg an increase of 57%. This automobile was badged XJS H.E. (the H.E. was for High Efficiency). A bonus also came along with this new efficiency which was an increase in Horsepower to 300.

In 1981 the H.E. engine was introduced along with a minor facelift. The steering was crisper, and the stark interior was given a more traditional Jaguar transformation. The interior revisions included wood veneers in the cabin along with an extensive leather makeover.

Following the H.E. coupe the most important car during the eighties was the 3.6 liter cabriolet. This was Jaguars first open air automobile in a decade. The car was more of a Targa top than a convertible which made it more complicated to operate. The 3.6 liter engine was offered for the first time. It was very advanced for its time with a 4 valve head and produced 225 Horsepower. It was offered with a 5 speed manual transmission or a 4 speed automatic.

In 1988 the XJS V12 convertible was launched at the Geneva Auto Show. The price tag was \$54,000, making it the most expensive Jaguar to date. It was very much a success and nearly 31,000 units were built during the final 8 years of XJS production.

By the start of the nineties the XJS was appearing a bit dated and a major face lift was carried out along with an even more leather, wood and chrome for the interior. The XJS had 490 different panels making up the automobile

out of those 180 were changed. The 3.6 liter 6 cylinder engine was replaced with the 4.0 liter 6 cylinder which made its debut in the XJ40 in 1989. More changes were made engine wise in 1993 and in 1994 the car received the new AJ16, 6 cylinder engine which made 244 hp. The XJR-S 6.0 liter V12 was also offered and was the fore runner of today's R-Models. The engines in these cars were actually TWR racing motors. In 1991, 92 and 93 only 787 were produced at a cost of \$72,000 each. This automobile could reach 60 mph in 6.1 seconds, which was 1.5 seconds quicker than the standard XJS V12 which was also available. This standard V12 XJS now had a 6.0 liter engine developing 308 Horsepower. The last XJS models were produced in 1996. In all 115,330 XJS's were produced over their 21 year run. (Hint: See our Car of the Month!)

Be well,
J.P. Summers



JAGUAR SOCIETY MEMBERS

All you need to know and more!

By Sheila Brower, Health & Hospitality Director

- Maidee and Jim Spencer returned from the Chelsea Flower Show in London which were glorious gardens flowers from around the world. It is set every year on the grounds at the old soldier's buildings in Chelsea/Kensington on the banks of the Thames River, not far from Buckingham Palace. There was an unbelievable amount of blue type of flowers and flower garden displays from around the world. Maidee and Jim returned the 29th of May. June 6th, Maidee had, so far, a great full knee replacement. This is her second knee replacement this year so she should be in the 2020 Olympics. She probably will come home for recovery June 8 or 9.

- John & Carol Almeter were in Minneapolis to visit their son, a UNLV grad who is Asst Food & Beverage Manager at Loews Minneapolis Hotel. The Who, Paul McCartney and Tony Bennett had all stayed at Loews the week prior to their arrival.

Sheila Brower
Health & Hospitality Director

Next monthly meeting

June 27th

**Hudson Grille, 6317 Roswell Rd
Social hour- 6:00 pm, Dinner-7:00 PM**



Jaguar Land Rover Makes a Change

Old Cars Weekly

Jaguar Land Rover has consolidated its services for owners of its older models into a new department to be called "Jaguar Land Rover Classic". The department replaces the former "Jaguar Land Rover Heritage" department. The new Jaguar Land Rover Classic will provide services and parts for classic models and a parts catalogue with more than 30,000 items.

Jaguar Land Rover Classic will also complete restoration projects at facilities in the United Kingdom. The department will also coordinate drive events where participants can pilot vehicles from Jaguar Land Rover's official collection and race series for early Jaguars.



The first inaugural Atlanta Motoring Festival and Concours d'Elegance

by Philip Carroll

The first inaugural Atlanta Motoring Festival and Concours d'Elegance featured marque was Panoz Motors from right here in North Georgia! They are an American manufacturer of high performance sports automobiles and of some of the boldest, most successful, and most innovative racecars in history.

The event featured Georgia's unique local automotive gems from the "Honored Atlanta Collection of Carolyn and Marvin Sikes" and "Honored Alpharetta Collection of Richard Peden."



Hats off to our skilled volunteers and to our exquisite Platinum Sponsors for sharing knowledge and experience in the automotive industry and the latest technology in automotive luxury. To the Vendors who participated in the event, thank you for your donations in the silent auction.

Friday morning's classic car tour, escorted by Alpharetta Police, through the country side arriving at the magnificent Cashin's Sculpture Garden. The youthful experience of the walk through the gardens was strikingly beautiful and impressive. Next, was lunch in the Chukkar Farm & Polo Field pavilion with live music!

Vinny's Friday evening reception dinner was a perfect time to mingle with other car enthusiasts, manufacturers, and for the public to gear up for the Atlanta Motoring Festival and Concours d'Elegance Main Event. A family fun event and in attendance the beautiful Carol Brickell Miss Georgia Ambassador 2016 for America's U.S. Miss.

Professional Auctioneer William C.W. "Chip" Lamb the EMCEE celebrating the winners and seamlessly taking care of the owners all day. James Strickland and Billie are featured in the photograph with his very rare 1967 E-Type Jaguar A/C, bought from the original owner. Current owner for 42 years; "Awesome"

The Saturday evening Motoring Festival Gala and Jazz Jubilee dinner was amazing. "Chip" Lamb's attention-getting specialty brought a compassionate fun filled atmosphere to "get in the race" and bid on the auction to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The Atlanta Motoring Festival and Concours d'Elegance event triggered a feeling of "I want more!" and "let the music begin!"

Sunday the 33rd Annual Atlanta British Motorcar Day rounded out the weekend with thirteen local British car clubs for a casual car show in historic downtown Roswell.

The weekend events brought crowds of spectators from all over the South East! We want to thank everyone for attending our ground breaking and mark your calendars for the 2nd Atlanta Motoring Festival and Concours d'Elegance to be held May 20th, 2017.



Car of the Month



Ted Anderson's 1989 Jaguar XJS V12

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Event Schedule for 2015

- January –
February –
March – 5th - Booth Museum
10th-13th - Amelia Island Concours
d'Elegance
April – 30th - Porsche Museum Tour
May – 13th-14th - Atlanta Motoring Festival.
15th - British Motor Car Day (Roswell)
June – 25th - Annual Pig Roast, Erlinda
9th -12th - Highlands Motoring Festival
July – 23rd - Lake Party
August – Barber Museum Tour (over night)
September – 10th - Atlanta British Car Fayre,
Norcross
- Pool Party, Matt & Emily
October – 7th - Concours Party, Vail & Linda
8th -Concours, Jaguar North Point
November –
December – 11th - Christmas Party



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