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From the President

By Judy Scarborough, President

Happy New Year to all! I hope your holidays were happy and healthy.

AJS started the New Year with an officers meeting, and I'm excited about the upcoming activities planned by Ted Anderson and Alan Talbott. They have scheduled an activity for each month, so you will have a lot to look forward to.

February 16th will be our 3rd Annual Valentine Brunch at the Village Tavern. This is very popular (and delicious) so I hope you can be there.

And I hope you will plan to attend our monthly meetings. We need your ideas and input.



JAGUAR SOCIETY MEMBERS

All you need to know and more!

By Sheila Brower, Health & Hospitality Director

NOVEMBER 2018

- Randy Shaw told me that one of the early past presidents of AJS, John Mannino, and his wife, Teri, are going to be his guests at our AJS Christmas Party on December 9th.

- Alan Talbot's brother came for Thanksgiving per Dabney. They are from Tupelo, MS. Hope it was a great time as it is always a pleasure to have family visit.

- Del Champion's sister came for Thanksgiving from Memphis and then they all loaded up and went to Charlotte area to visit with some of their other relatives.

- Note of humor: In some cases (not Alan's or Del's), it is also good to see their tail lights as they are leaving ...you who are reading this know what I am talking about, don't you?

- Ed Chellino said he was taking his Jaguar convertible to his brother's to put in his garage...the top was broken so he FROZE enroute! His story made me think back when I was young and we would play "freeze out"... I was the first to give in!!!!

- Paul & Sheila Brower...I left for a 3-day meeting in Minneapolis on the 27th and returned (11/29)...it snowed, it was cold and I drove a go-cart at one of our events...so overall it was a productive meeting with all of the excitement mentioned.

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- Alan & Dabney Talbott: Dabney said she and friend just returned from North Carolina where she saw four of her nieces and nephews she hasn't seen since they were babies. She and her friend also stopped along the way there at many the outlet stores. While she was in NC visiting with family, her sister had a catered dinner for her and nine of her closest friends. She had a great time! But Dabney has fun wherever she goes.

- Joel & Maryanne Blackford are going camping, kayaking and visiting relatives and friends in Fort Meyers, then they are headed to Savannah to see Joe Bonamassa!!! Love to hear

him! I'm anxious to get a report. I love the blues music too.

- Robert Kleiner was our speaker at the meeting, and it was great to hear his stories from college days to now. Great seeing him at the meeting as usual.

- Erlinda McCabe is back from the Philippines after spending time with family. She spent a lot of time with her sister who is 91 years old and she works three days a week. Her brother-in-law is 91 years old too!!! Great to have those genes! Plus, 91 *is* getting younger all of the time! Erlinda was there from December 11 until last Thursday, January 23! Nice long visit!

- Fran McNair is going to San Diego in March to the AT&T Pioneer Conference. They love her as much as we do. Safe travels!

- Gayle Hale is going to Alabama again to visit her grandchildren. I know they enjoy having her visit!

- Steve & Jane Unti were with us, and he is retiring after 19 years in the ministry (he is also a retired attorney). To quote Steve, "he is now an ordinary layman" and will participate more in AJS! Great news Steve!

- Tony & Gerre Ode came for their first visit to AJS and are our new members. They are very excited about AJS, too! They heard about us from a flyer that was placed on their windshield by Doug McDougal! They in turn told another couple who are also going to start coming to our meetings and are considering joining!!!

NOTE: So members--it does work to put the cards/flyers on the windshield or to handout....let's get more!

- Paul & Sheila Brower are headed to Asheville, NC for our Georgia Association of REALTORS Inaugural Conference Feb. 5-8 and return to go to Cobb County's Mass Precinct Meeting on Feb. 9th ...busy week!

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

- Also continue to keep Ken & Irene Carr and Dick and Alice Thyer in your prayers.

- I know most of you saw that one of our old members, Frank Coleman, passed away.

- Wayne & Malinda Harris: They received news while visiting grandchildren in Nashville that Malinda's son, David, had died. We don't have any other details but will definitely let you know if we get more information.

- Phillip & Layne Slough: According to Del Champion, Layne is in the hospital.

- Paul talked to Alice Thyer and she said they are both doing well, but please continue your prayers for them and give them a call when you have a few minutes. They will welcome it!

Please let me know other members who need us, those who are ill in the hospital or ones that I can send a note letting them know we are thinking of them. Contact me anytime either by phone 770 355-5735 or email:

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Thanks and bless you my friends!

Sheila Brower

Director, Health & Hospitality



AJS 2018 Christmas Party







Jaguar Reopens Long-Forgotten Grand Prix Track, Sets First Lap Record In Decades

Notoriously dangerous Circuit de Charade hosts a Jaguar XE sedan ([Click for video](#))

The Circuit de Charade in Clermont-Ferrand, France, hasn't seen an official race in 30 years. The circuit's heyday was arguably in the 1960s, when the 8-kilometer track hosted the French Grand Prix in 1965, 1969, 1970 and 1972, but the last cars to lap the circuit did so in 1988.

Nestled around an extinct volcano, the circuit was built in the late 1950s and was known as a more dangerous version of the Nurburgring Nordschleife. But despite heavy use the following decade by various racing machines, four-wheeled and two-wheeled, its unique properties eventually led to its fall from popularity. If the series of sharp curves and very little runoff room weren't enough, the circuit suffered from sharp volcanic rocks falling down onto its surface, leading to numerous punctures during Grand Prix events. (It was a different time, to put it mildly.) Its reputation for danger culminated in multiple deaths in the early 1980s -- and protests by touring car teams. The last race was held 30 years ago.

And this is the track that Jaguar returned to this September with an XE 300 Sport sedan, looking to run the first lap in 30 years along the challenging route, parts of which had deteriorated.



But first, the track needed a little work and a little revision; parts of it had been converted to traffic roads, and the route now featured a roundabout, of all things, as well as two narrow gates. Jaguar worked with local authorities and the owners of the track to make it usable for this



effort, opening up the long-shuttered sections of the full 8-km (5-mile) circuit.

Driver Vincent Radermecker was picked for the attempt, having set a record Nurburgring lap for a production sedan in the XE's track-ready version: SV Project 8. "I set the production saloon record at the Nürburgring in the XE SV Project 8 last year and this lap was every bit as demanding," Radermecker said. "The agility, dynamic handling and all-wheel drive traction of the XE 300 SPORT came into its own on this challenging track. The longest straight is barely 600 metres, so I can see why drivers used to call this the French Nürburgring. It's a privilege to drive this track and it's really special to drive here with Jaguar."

The domesticated version of the SV Project 8, the European-market XE 300 Sport is powered by a 2.0-liter Ingenium gasoline engine pumping out 300 hp and 295 lb-ft of torque. With Radermecker behind the wheel, the XE was able to set a flying lap of 4 minutes and 9 seconds at an average speed of 116km/h (72mph).

Given the layout of the track we don't blame Jaguar for not bringing the SV Project 8. For one thing it's an expensive car, and from the looks of the video some portions of the track barely qualify as paved.

But we also have to wonder just how such a demanding course has managed to stay shuttered for so long. Surely, a few volcanic rocks should not keep racing from taking place along the full circuit of the track? For what it's worth, a lot of the track does look reasonably well kept -- at least the runoff areas look like they've recently seen a lawnmower.

If you're worried that this course will go quiet again now that Jaguar has proved its point, fear not -- some racing is still being done at modern, updated parts of this track, just not along the full circuit.



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Event Schedule for 2018

January –

February – 16th - Valentine Brunch

March – 8-10 – Amelia Island Concours
30th – Andersonville Overnighter

April – 27-29 – Walter Mitty Road Atlanta
- British Car Day??

May –

June – 1st – Cherokee Overnighter
- Pig Roast, Erlinda McCabe

July – Caffeine & Octane??

August — Lake Party??

September – 7th Atlanta British Car Fayre

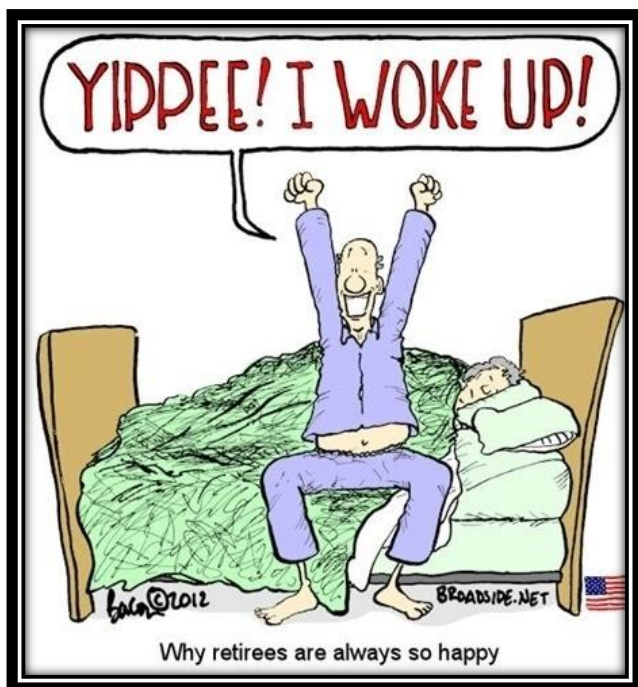
October – 5th – AJS Concours Dinner
6th – AJS Concours d'Elegance
24th - Hilton Head Concours

November – Calloway Christmas Overnighter??
Fall Drive??

December — AJS Christmas Party



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