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LYONS' ROAR



"Trophy man" Peter Showalter, Vice President Sherm Taffel, Events Chairman George Parker and VJC President Bill Sihler were all smiles at the awards ceremony.

VJC's Annual Concours was the work of many

By Bill Sihler

VJC President

Dear Fellow VJC Members:

As David Glick has already reported, the 2016 VJC Concours was held Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Wyndham Virginia Crossings Resort east of Richmond. David was the Concours Chair and worked vigorously during the year to make the event a success.

At the Concours itself, he was ably assisted by Chief Judge Sherman Taffel. Judges on the field included Jerry Ellison, Ron Gaertner, David Harrison, Ted Hill, II, Don Jackson, George Parker, Peter Schowalter, Bill Sihler, and Steve Thomas. Peter and Jeffra Schowalter, Mary Sihler, Camellia Taffel, and Rod and Juanita Taylor helped with the paperwork. Thanks to Rod Taylor for his photographic work.

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ON THE COVER:

Scene from our 2016 JCNA Concours Sept. 17 at the Wyndham Virginia Crossings Resort in Glen Allen.

SAVE THE DATE:

NCJOC Slalom on Nov. 5 in Manassas. (See pg. 10)





Howard Bollinger's yellow 1961 E-Type and other wonderful Jaguars that were on display.

Roar

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Many, many thanks to all those who helped make it such a rewarding event! Sincere apologies to anyone I've omitted.

Photos of the event are at: <https://vajc.smugmug.com/>

Thanks also to our sponsors, XKs Unlimited, Welsh, SNG Barratt, Griot's Garage, JCNA, Hagerty, and Jaguar Cars for their essential support.

The weather was very pleasant compared to the very hot days preceding and the cloudy, overcast weather afterward. A light breeze helped keep the temperature manageable. Judging was started earlier than usual so that those who wishes to participate in the Nation's Capital Club's concours on Sunday could make the trip after the scores had been calculated and awards determined.

There was a high amount of diversity among the cars

entered. Five cars were in the Championship class ranging from Ron Gaertner's 1960 XK-140 FHC to Bill Sihler's 2013 XJL.

Among rare cars was Stephen Thomas' 1988 XJS-C Cabriolet.

There were also five cars in the Driven class, ranging from Jerry Ellison's 1956 XK-140 OTS to Rod Taylor's 2007 XK convertible. Finally, there was one entrant in the Special class (Howard Bollinger's yellow 1961 E-Type).

Eight cars were provided for display purposes including Bill Krzastek's "Shaguar" Special with Union Jack paint. Three members of the Carolina Jaguar Club participated and one from Toronto.

Presentation of awards was made at 5 p.m., after a brief

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reception. Many participants stayed on to attend the dinner combining the VJC, the Classics on the Green (which was held the next day), and the Nash collectors group. The Nash group, which spent a week at the Wyndham, displayed an interesting portfolio of Nash cars from the 1920s up through the pre-American Motors era. The COTG on Sunday showed about 300 cars, which were appreciated by a couple of thousand visitors.

Looking ahead to 2017

Although David Glick claims he has done enough Concours, he has applied to the Jaguar Clubs National Association for permission to have the VJC 2017 concours on September 17-18. Again, it will be held in conjunction with

the Classics on the Green event, which is being moved to the Wyndham Virginia Crossings next year. We hope you will participate or, at least, stop by to see the cars.

As COTG is a very large event indeed, plans are still preliminary. Because we do not yet know whether COTG will be held on Saturday the 17th or on its traditional Sunday, the 18th, David asked JCNA for both dates.

Please hold those dates on your calendar! One of them will be for the VJC Concours. The Nation's Capital Club has also asked for those dates, but David got our request in first. We hope it will be possible to arrange our concours so that members could also participate in the NCJOC's concours.

With best Jaguarian wishes,



Owners put the finishing touches on their Jaguars by early morning's light.

Sunshine greets Jaguars at Glen Allen

By George Parker
VJC Events Chairman

It was a dark and stormy night.... Well, not really. It was a warm and sunny Saturday morning when we gathered at the Wyndham Virginia Commons resort for our annual Concours, "the British are Returning."

At the final tally, we had 19 cars in the show, which shared the resort grounds with the Grand NASHional event (Nash Club of America) and the Classics On the Green pre-show activities.

Of the cars entered, there were 11 judged in the Concours, the rest on display. Those exploring the showfield were

even treated to the Austin Powers XK8, which happened to win the "Most Shagadelic" award.

As it turned out, there was a very nice cross section of Jaguar automobiles – from early XKs, to a beautiful MK IX, several E-Types, and XJ or two and some more modern XKs and XJs!

Though we can always hope for more cars, from this writer's perspective, the diverse display of Jaguar cars proved to be well enjoyed by everyone attending, including those from the Nash and COTG events.

Among the judged Jaguars were Ron Gaertner's perfect

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Virginia Jaguar Club



Greg Snell's beautiful gray Jaguar XK 120 was brought to the show by George Parker. It sits next to Jerry Ellison's and Ron Gaertner's cars.

Concours

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XK-150, Don Jackson's MK IX, and Howard Bollinger's highly modified bright yellow E-Type. (Howard's list of modifications was almost longer than the judging sheet!) Jerry Ellison's XK140 earned a perfect score in the Driven Class, and would likely have done the same if in Champion.

Ted Hill and Steve Thomas helped Jerry and Howard ensure that North Carolina was well represented. Julien Brosseau brought his near perfect 2004 XK8 all the way from Toronto, proving that essentially near new XK8s still do exist.

The evening was topped off with a fantastic banquet. Kings of Swing help keep dozens on the dance floor, and about 200 guest enjoyed the opportunity to share the camaraderie of enjoying the car hobby, whether a classis Nash, Jaguar or other great automobile.

We had a number of Jaguars on the field the next day for Classics on the Green.

We would like to take a moment and thank our sponsors and supporters of the Concours. Welsh, SNG Barratt, XKs, Griots Garage, and Hagerty provided some nice giveaways. The Concours could not have happened without the support from JCNA and Jaguar of North America.

Kudos and appreciation is appropriate for all those who

participated or helped out with the Concours to make the entire event an overwhelming success!

Please visit the club website and <https://vajc.smugmug.com> for pictures. If you have great pictures of the event of the submit, please let us know so that we can post them for others to enjoy.



Chief Judge Sherm Taffel presents Steve Thomas of the Carolina Jaguar Club with award for first place in C12/J for his 1988 silver Cabriolet.



Jaguars of all vintages fanned out on the hillside Saturday.

A tale of two classics on a busy weekend

By David Harrison
VJC Past President

It was the best of times. Two classic events back to back, the VJC Concours at the Virginia Crossings twinned with the Nash club Nashional, and the Classics On The Green (COG) event at New Kent winery the next day.

Two classy and well executed events with great weather; well maybe a little warm.

The VJC Concours fitted nicely in with the Nash and COG events, thanks to efforts of Concours Chair and coordinator-in-chief David Glick.

We had almost thirty Jaguars which perfectly filled the grassy lawn adjacent to the Colonial style courtyard of the Crossings. Judging, under the direction of C.J. Sherm Taffel started really early to allow participation in the 1 p.m. scenic drive organized by the COG team. I got up at 5 am.

Notable Jaguars on the field included Don Jackson's impressive Mk9, the always popular Austin Powers Shaguar, the grey XK 120 driven in by George Parker and Dr Ron Gaertner's immaculate XK 150.

Julian Brossard drove his XK8 all the way from Ontario, we really should award him a long distance award for International participation, he brought his MK 5 to our Williamsburg Winery Concours last year. My Series 1.5 E type decided it did not want to participate so I displayed Una's Jade Green 1997 XJ6.

Another highlight was presenting Dr Ron Gartner with a limited edition early JCNA badge in recognition of his

service to the VJC when chairing our hosting of the 2011 JCNA AGM and XKExperience (with VIP guest Norman Dewis), and the Challenge Championship two years later. These two major national events were incredibly successful in every way, thanks to Dr Ron.

The Nash event was a nice contrast and I enjoyed browsing their boot sale booths, an idea that might enhance a future VJC event.

The COG scenic drive took us on a very rural route to Patrick Henry's surprisingly simple home, we were shown around by knowledgeable docents. I had to rush back to Chester to pick up Una for the evening's COG dinner dance, highlighted by the music of the "Kings of Swing" and the

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David Harrison's 1933 MG L2 Magna factory racer.

FROM THE EDITOR'S LAPTOP

The best laid schemes of mice and men

By Greg Glassner
LT Editor

The best laid schemes of mice and men often go askew. Poet Robert Burns is credited with first saying that, though he put it in that nearly inscrutable Scots dialect he favored.

According to online wisdom, Bobby Burns was plowing a field and cut right through a poor little field mouse's nest, ruining her careful preparations for winter.

I doubt today's farmers would even notice this from their lofty perches in air conditioned tractor cabs. If so, they would not waste their time writing a lengthy poem about it.

But that saying still has relevance today.

I carefully planned two trips in August and September to have a minimum impact on my pro bono duties with the Virginia Jaguar Club, and other organizations.

Then it all fell apart, or at least much of it did.

The first trip was to my sister's house in New Hampshire, where I also caught a weekend with six guys who had graduated with me from U.S. Army Transportation Officers Candidate School at Ft. Eustis in 1967.

Up to the point where I stumbled on a beach in Maine and bonked my left knee on a rock, that first trip went pretty much as planned.

The second phase of my plans got tripped up almost from the beginning.

I had planned well in advance a trip to take in a reunion



The LT Editor checks out Dan Ghose's D-Type and has an "Ahh-Hah! Moment" when he realizes why there were so few 6-1, 300-pound Jaguar racers in the 1950s.

in Colorado Springs of men who had served in Thailand during the Vietnam War, followed by a road trip through New Mexico and ending up at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin Texas with a couple of Porsche club friends for the IMSA event and World Endurance Championship 6-Hour race.

I assumed I would miss the annual New Kent show but be back for our VJC Concours. When that date changed, I knew I would miss both.

Then everything fell apart.

On the way back from the Granite State, I took in the Sunday in the Park Concours at Lime Rock, and after walking around half a day on my gimpy knee, I headed for Virginia.

During the 8-hour trip back, my left knee started throbbing and swelled up as big as a melon. The diagnosis was a staph infection.

I quickly realized that I could not cram my bad leg into an airline seat a couple of days later, even if I felt like it and was medically cleared, which I wasn't. (Even in the best of circumstances my knees are jammed into the seat back ahead of me and my size 12EEE feet start swelling



L. T. Editor Greg Glassner driving Miss Virginia around in his XK8.

Laptop

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up on a long flight.)

End of my Western swing and, as it transpired the VJC Concours and Classics on the Green as well.

Although I don't usually opt for it, I bought trip insurance on the flight and was able to cancel my hotel reservations and rent-a-car without penalty. So I should come out of this fiasco all right from a financial standpoint.

While my fellow VJC members frolicked at the Wynd-

ham Virginia Crossings resort and my PCA friends guzzled bottled water in 100 degree heat and watched an excellent WEC race, I covered at home on antibiotics and painkillers and watched the race on the tube.

It wasn't the same.

Hopefully I will recover most of my faculties and appendages and put all of the aforementioned events back on my bucket list.

Meanwhile, I recalled Bobby Burns' words as well as the lyrics of those late 20th century poets, the Rolling Stones: "You can't always get what you want."

Harrison

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sax playing of multi-talented Bruce Woodson.

The next morning saw another early start, I had entered my 1933 MG L2 Magna factory racer in the COG Vintage MG class, and decided to drive it from Chester as a shake-down cruise for the Hilton Head Concours in November. I took I-295 as I had heard the Benjamin Harrison bridge was closed for repairs.

The North lanes are still unpaved, I counted about a



Peter Showalter with President Bill Sihler, VJC Concours award winner Jerry Ellison (D1/PRE 1956 XK140 OTS) and Concours Chief Judge (& VJC Vice President) Sherm Taffel.



President Bill Sihler with Ted Hill of the Carolina Jaguar Club who won first place for his XKR convertible at the VJC Concours awards presentations.

thousand bumps coming through the cart springs, but once on Rt 60 the drive got better and better closer to the Winery.

The classic view down the long bonnet on a country road always is a thrill. The COG show was impressive as always, and I got to judge the Old Timers class of the featured "Cars of Significance."

Takes one to know one.

VJC MEMBER PARTICIPATION



Members of Jaguar Group at the Polo Match.

Carolina Jaguar Club 2016 Summer Road Trip

By Bill Sihler
VJC President

By the end of August, Mary had recuperated sufficiently from her hip replacement that we could participate in the Carolina Jaguar Club's late Summer Road Trip, August 22-28. Participants could join for the entire Trip or join for whatever time they had available. We opted for the entire experience.

This year, the Trip was headquartered in Lexington, KY, from which excursions departed for day trips over hill and dale. Each evening, the participants split into smaller groups to have dinner at one of several fine restaurants. There were some 20 cars participating, primarily XKs of various vintages, and over 40 individuals. Detailed maps and instructions were provided by the Trip's organizer, Jerry Ellison, who had spent countless hours on the project.

A significant part of the Tour consisted of driving over Kentucky's many scenic by-ways and its less well-known

back roads. Some went through hilly, wooded country. Some through horse farm areas. Some along lovely rivers. In one instance, the road led through a one-lane tunnel blasted out of an inconvenient rock outcropping. These all gave XK drivers a challenging and fun opportunity. Fortunately, the Trip was blessed with sunny although extremely warm weather.

Places visited included Kentucky's Natural Bridge, one of the largest of the Shaker settlements (the photo shows the water house to which water was pumped from a stream below and then distributed to the settlement's buildings), Kentucky's capital city of Frankfort, Berea and Berea College, the Heaven Hills distillery (which produces many of the familiar bourbon brands), and Churchill Downs (photo).

On Thursday, we met with members of the Kentucky Jaguar Club – Area 51, in Versailles. The group is shown in the photograph on the steps of the lovely home of a KJC

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CALENDAR

North Georgia Concours scheduled Oct. 16

By John Hoffman
NGJC Concours Chairman

The North Georgia Jaguar Club 14th Annual Concours d'Elegance will be held on Sunday, October 16 at the Chattahoochee Country Club in Gainesville, Georgia.

As in years past, this will be a JCNA nationally sanctioned Concours open to all classes in Champion, Driven and Special Divisions. Jaguars may also register in Display Only.

If you have attended our Concours in the past I'm sure you'll agree that the Chattahoochee Country Club is one of the best Concours venues in JCNA. Hennessy Jaguar has been kind enough to sponsor a wonderful brunch; two of which are included with your registration fee.

I would like to invite all members of the Southeast Re-

gion Clubs to attend. We have reserved a book of rooms on Saturday night, Oct. 15 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Gainesville where we have obtained a special room rate of \$100. Reservations can be made by calling 770-531-0907, reference the North Georgia Jaguar Club to obtain the special rate. That evening we get together for a reception and small plate buffet dinner at Luna's Restaurant.

Also, if you attend and are a JCNA Certified Judge, we would welcome your participation in the judging. Please contact our Chief Judge Craig Kerins, at 706-736-8964 or craigkerins@knology.net

The Concours registration form can be found at www.ngjc.us. Click on the Calendar. Under the Oct. 16 date will be a link to the form.

Capital Jaguar Club Slalom set for Nov. 5

The National Capital Jaguar Owners Club Fall Slalom will be held at Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, with Registration and technical inspection start at 9 a.m. at Stonewall Jackson High School, 8820 Rixlew Lane, Manassas, VA 20109 (Drivers Ed Lot behind School).

The JCNA slalom course provides a convenient "mini-race course" experience to drivers of all ages with all types of cars. The entire slalom course fits into an area measuring only 200 feet by 100 feet. The JCNA slalom is also a family sport for parents, spouses, children and grandchildren as participants or spectators.

We can practice our vehicle control and driving expertise in a safe, well-controlled environment free from the hazards of wheel-to-wheel competition with other cars. The game is just you and your car on the course against the clock. Most drivers may approach a maximum speed of 25 MPH, but only for one second before having to brake for the next turn. Cars compete within specified classes based on year and model, similar to but not identical with concours classes.

Bring: Driver's license;

- Car registration/Proof of insurance
- JCNA number
- Helmet (loaners available)
- Long-sleeved shirts and pants preferred
- Registration fee (\$25 for JCNA members; \$30 for nonmembers).
- Sunscreen; folding chairs; water (no alcohol)
- Tires with adequate tread
- Functional brakes
- Carburetor/intake return springs good
- Battery snug
- Loose carpets removed (fitted upholstery stays)
- (See JCNA website for technical details)

Interested persons may call or send email to:
John Larson, NCJOC Slalom Steward. Cell (301-520-3620),
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Coming events of interest to Jaguar owners

East Coast and National Events of Interest:

Oct. 16 -- North Georgia Jaguar Club Concours. (See story above)

Oct. 21-23 -- United States Grand Prix (F-1) at Circuit of the Americas in Austin Texas.

Nov. 5 -- NCJOC Slalom at Manassas. (See story above)

Nov. 5 -- Battersea Plantation drive. (Details to be announced)

Nov. 5-6 -- Hilton Head Concours de Elegance, South Carolina.

(See any dates we should add to this calendar? Let us know.)

Road Trip

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member who generously offered the residence as a meeting place. There were over 40 Jaguars present, again mainly XKs but with one E-Type and several Jaguar sedans. All then proceeded to Irish Acres for lunch at the Glitz restaurant.

We joined again with the KJC on Saturday to attend a polo match courtesy of Jaguar Louisville, which is a major sponsor of KJC. If you drove a Jaguar to the event, you



Churchill Downs racetrack has seen its share of history.



Water Reservoir Building at Shaker Village. Note "fill" flag on roof.

did not have to pay the entrance fee of \$75 a person (which included a buffet and adult beverages). Jaguar Louisville was also sponsoring one of the polo teams. The photograph shows the group shortly after arrival before they had wilted. Despite the heat, a good time was had by all (except, perhaps, the polo ponies). And, indeed, a good time was had throughout.

Membership

Membership in the VJC is open to any Jaguar enthusiast regardless whether you own a Jaguar or not.

For more information please send an email to Ron Mitchell, VJC Membership Chairman: rmitchelljag@cox.net and we will send you details on how to become a member or fill in and return the

membership application on the following page.

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-- The Editor



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