



THE LITTER BOX

The official magazine of the Carolinas Jaguar Club.

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Dedicated to our dear friend Jerry Ellison

JCNA S.E. Region - Club #21

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***DONT LET THIS BE YOUR LAST ISSUE
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY***

FROM THE EDITOR

Richard Lloyd-Roberts

Fellow Carolina Jaguar Club Members

**Welcome to the January issue of the Litter Box.
I am dedicating the entire issue to Jerry Ellison who sadly
passed this last week.**

**Jerry was a wonderful kind man who for many years dedicat-
ed his time and never ending energy to creating the most won-
derful road trips amongst other things. His passion for plan-
ning and finding things to entertain his fellow club members
was the work of a master.**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Naoma his loving wife.

**I hope you will forgive my indulgence to use this newsletter to
acknowledge his life and work for the club. May he enjoy his
future eternity with his maker on that great road trip in the sky.**

**May all your future road trips be as joyous as the ones you
bought to us.**

Rest In Peace My Friend.

**Richard Lloyd-Roberts
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Happy Motoring.**



From The President

Eric Dunn

Hello Everyone.

This is the first newsletter of the New Year and I hope each of you have begun this Gregorian Calendar event with health and happiness. Our club enters 2022 in a healthy, adequate financial position and a happy headcount of membership totals, both tributes to you, the club membership, for your support and participation. Thank you!

The club officers' annual planning meeting was held on January 8th in a conference room at the Residence Inn in Huntersville. There are some great events being organized over this year, which we trust will be both entertaining and geographically diverse throughout North Carolina. Details TBA.

Latest auto news indicates that Jaguar will not introduce any new products until 2025 when it becomes focused on the all electric platform. That will also be when the company will up brand to compete with Aston Martin and Bentley. The F-Pace (not F-Type) and E-Pace will most likely be eliminated in the brand overhaul. By 2026, a full 25% of Jaguar manufacturing volume will decline with expectations of increased revenues. English translation---higher pricing from upmarket branding.

Jaguar Cars will again sponsor its only race effort in the Formula E Racing Championship for the new year. As you may recall the Formula E cars look similar to Indianapolis type cars but they have covered wheels and are, of course, total electric power. They race on street circuits in cities around the world including Rome, Mexico City, Monaco, New York, London, Seoul. First race of the 2022 season is January 28 in Diriyah, Saudi Arabia.

We are deeply saddened with the recent loss of our long time club member and dear friend, the beloved Jerry Ellison. Truly one of the most dedicated members of our club and to the Jaguar Marque. A portion of this newsletter is devoted to him.

Regards.

Eric Dunn

President

His gas guage never worked...

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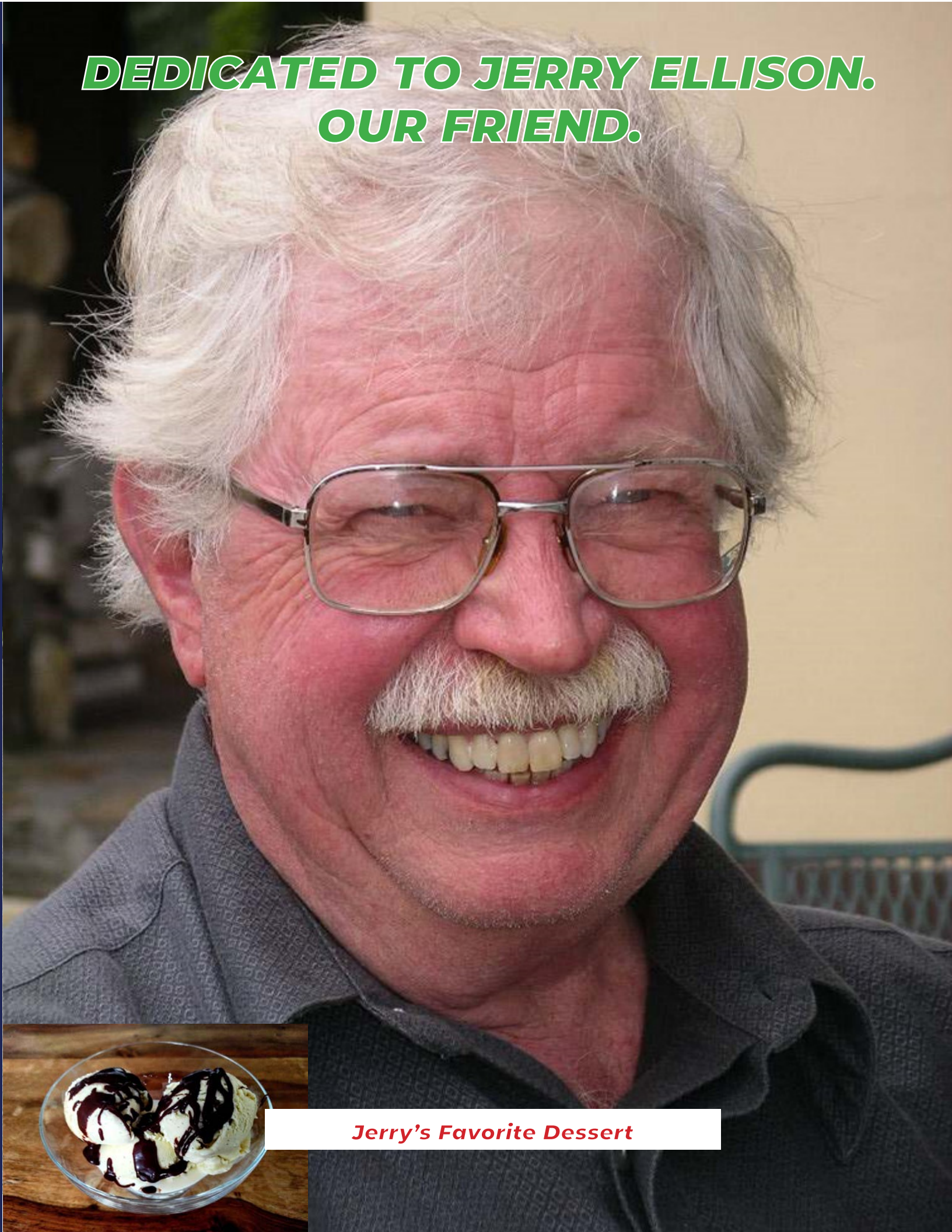
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**DEDICATED TO JERRY ELLISON.
OUR FRIEND.**



Jerry's Favorite Dessert

Gerald L. (Jerry) Ellison, M.D., departed his remarkable life on earth on Friday, January 7, 2022. He was born on April 9, 1938, in Beckley, West Virginia, to Avril M. and Merial Beaver Ellison. He was educated in public schools in Beckley and attended Concord College. He graduated from American University and George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. Upon completion of an internship at Lancaster General Hospital in Lancaster, PA, he joined the U.S. Public Health Service/Communicable Disease Center and served three years at a communicable disease clinic in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Upon the completion of a three year residency in Diagnostic Radiology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota he joined the Radiology staff at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, NC and practiced there until his retirement in 2003.

From childhood, Jerry, loved anything with wheels. In 2001 he realized a lifelong dream of owning a Jaguar XK140 open 2-seater which he believed to be the most beautiful car ever made. This opened a whole new world for him in the states of North and South Carolina and the Jaguar Clubs of North America. For many years he planned annual road trips for the Carolina Jaguar Club which received rave reviews and grew to include Jaguar Club members from three states. In August of 2021, Jerry received a Lifetime Service Award from the Jaguar Clubs of North America.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Kyra Ellison Hicks and a niece, Jennifer Mann. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Naoma W. Ellison and his dear cats, Grayson, Jet and his devoted Companion Cat, McCloud. He was a special "Uncle Jerry" to his surviving eleven nieces and nephews: Kent Hicks, Kendra Hicks Pacifico, Kelly Hicks, Eric Workman, Dawn Craft, Craig Workman, Mark Workman, Lori Fuselier, Mary Kulick, Erica Eder, and Karen Kulick; brothers-in-law William K. Hicks, Gene Workman (Lynda) Bill Workman (Diane) and sister-in-law Julia A. Kulick.

Jerry and Naoma were especially grateful for the wonderful care by William White who could drive his XK140 and made it possible for Jerry to attend some special Jaguar events in the past year.

Jerry was an avid art collector and served on various non-profit boards in Fayetteville. He was especially supportive of the arts organizations. He would indeed be honored by any memorial gift in his honor, and especially to the Cumberland Community Foundation for the Gilbert Theater Endowment Fund or the Cape Fear Botanical Garden Endowment Fund. Address: Cumberland Community Foundation, P.O. Box 2345, Fayetteville, NC, 28302, or online at www.cumberlandcf.org.

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MONTH	DATE	EVENT	CITY	LOCATION / ACTIVITY
JAN	8-Jan	Board Meeting	Huntersville	Marriott Residence Inn
FEB	19-Feb	New Members Welcome	Greensboro	Starmount Country Club
MAR	19-Mar	Judge's Training	Greensboro	Starmount Country Club
MAR	26-Mar	March Getaway	Asheboro	Lunch at The Table & Drive to Air
APR	23-Apr	British Car Gathering	Dobson	Shelton Vineyards
MAY	TBA	Coventry Foundation	Columbia	Lunch and tour
JUNE	TBA	Winery Luncheon	TBA	J-Lo or Raffaldini
JULY	7/21-24	Carolina jaguar Club/ JCNA sanctioned CONCOURS	Little Switzerland	3 nites, 2 dinners + Concours + scenic drive.
AUG	TBA	Drive and Tour	Fayetteville	Lunch & tour of Airborne Special Ops
SEPT	24-Sep	Autumn in the Mountains	Mills River	Car Show + Brewery Tour, etc.
OCT	TBA	Fall Getaway	Smithfield	Lunch at Heidi's 2 Wheel Cafe
NOV	TBA	Officer Elections	Cary	Open House at Leith Dealership
DEC	TBA	CJC Christmas Weekend Propose	Wilmington or Charleston	2 dinners + Activities TBA

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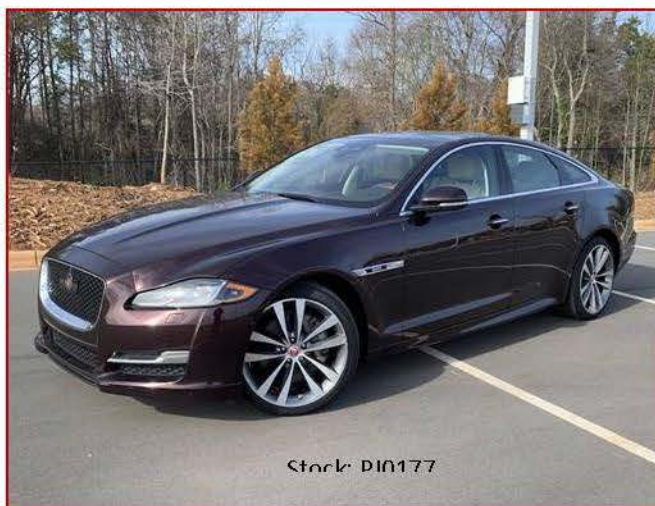
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This event sent in by Peter Shanahan:

March 26, 2022

In March, Kevin Fielden is organizing another "Best of Britain" Car Show in Charlotte. It is in a new venue with quite ample parking. It is open to all British autos and motorcycles.

The event will be held on Saturday, March 26 at 131 Main
131 Main Restaurant (Blakeney Location)
9886 Rea Road
Charlotte, NC 28277

Details (Registration/Times, etc.) will be available closer to the event by contacting:
Kevin Fielden: grigio308@gmail.com

The event will be in an upscale/modern shopping plaza with many stores, restaurants, coffee, etc. The Motori Italiani car show held there a few weeks ago was a great success. Hopefully, this event will be both of interest to club members

May 14, 2022

Triangle British Classic Car Show

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

Dennis Taylor, Car Show Chairman dltpilot@hotmail.com, 919-610-7166



Thanks for the well planned road trip



THE KING'S (or Queen's) ENGLISH

A continuing series of road adventures in English motor cars by Jerry Ellison

(From a past issue.) Jerry and Naoma Ellison along with Wilson and Charlotte Yarborough, their friends and partners in "Pee Wee's Great Road Adventure Group" closed out saying that they had uneventful trips to the Up-country in SC and to VT & NH. As Jerry said though "never trust your luck twice". **(heres what they wrote back then)** In the Spring of 1996, we headed further EAST for a trip through the DelMarVa Peninsula with its many small, quaint fishing villages, & Chincoteague Isle. A "must – see", however, is the Ward Museum in the area of Salisbury, Maryland-- filled with bird carvings I would give most anything to own -- (except the Morgan or Jaguar- though some would cost almost as much as the Morgan!).

Everything appeared to be doing well until the last day, when the Prince of Darkness struck AGAIN and the Morgan developed serious problems on our way back from Delaware and FINALLY stopped completely while crossing the bridge between the Peninsula & Annapolis. Let me tell you --you don't know what FUN is until you try to push a car across a busy highway bridge!! Fortunately, I was on the crest of the bridge & the Morgan is a light car. We got up enough speed on the "down-slope" to "jump-start" the car and finally get it to the "base camp" motel and the tow vehicle --where it quit completely.

For even MORE FUN, try pushing a car up on to a trailer!! (AND to cap it all off, in all of the excitement & confusion, I inadvertently locked my car keys in the Suburban, and we had to call a "lock-smith" to get into the van.).

Problem: A bad voltage regulator.

Lesson learned: (1) I now carry a spare voltage regulator in my "parts –box"; (2) I also carry a "heavy-duty" ratchet block-&-tackle in the tow vehicle; (3) Naoma also now carries an extra set of keys for both the tow-vehicle and the Morgan with HER!!

In the Fall of 1996 -- a trip to Western North Carolina was uneventful and a great trip with Balsam as the "home-base", going out each day & returning back to Balsam each evening. There is a great OLD Hotel in Balsam & this trip plan would make a very enjoyable 3-4 day trip for the CJC! (Maybe next year??)

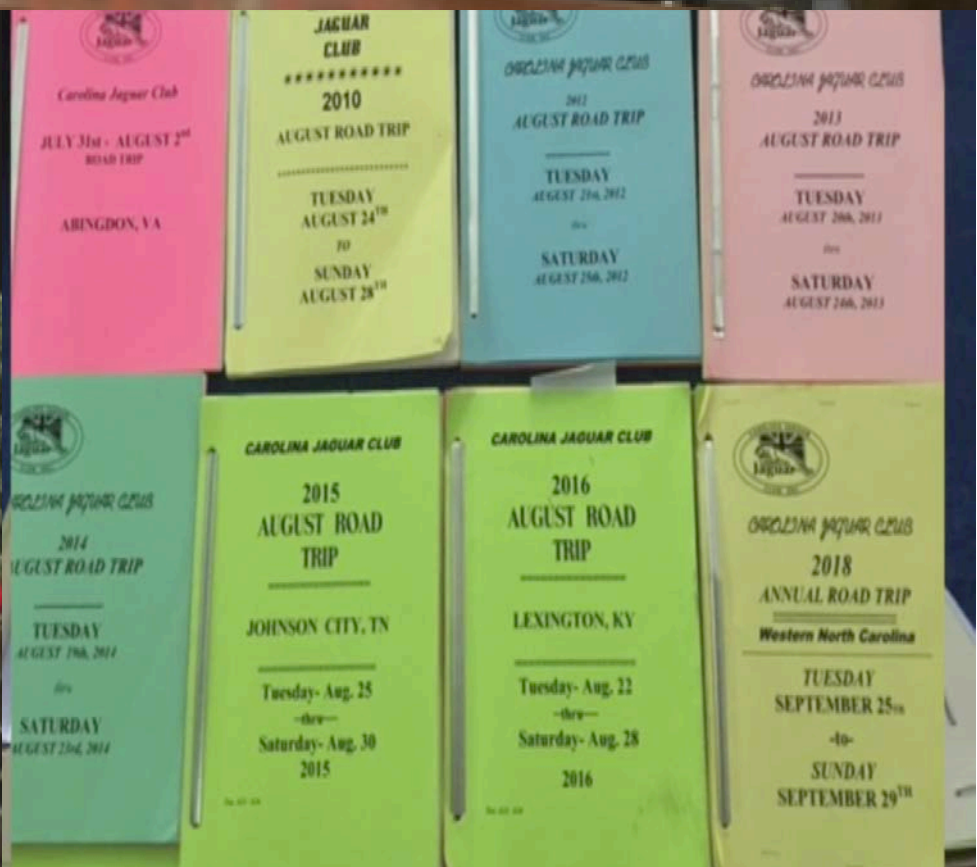
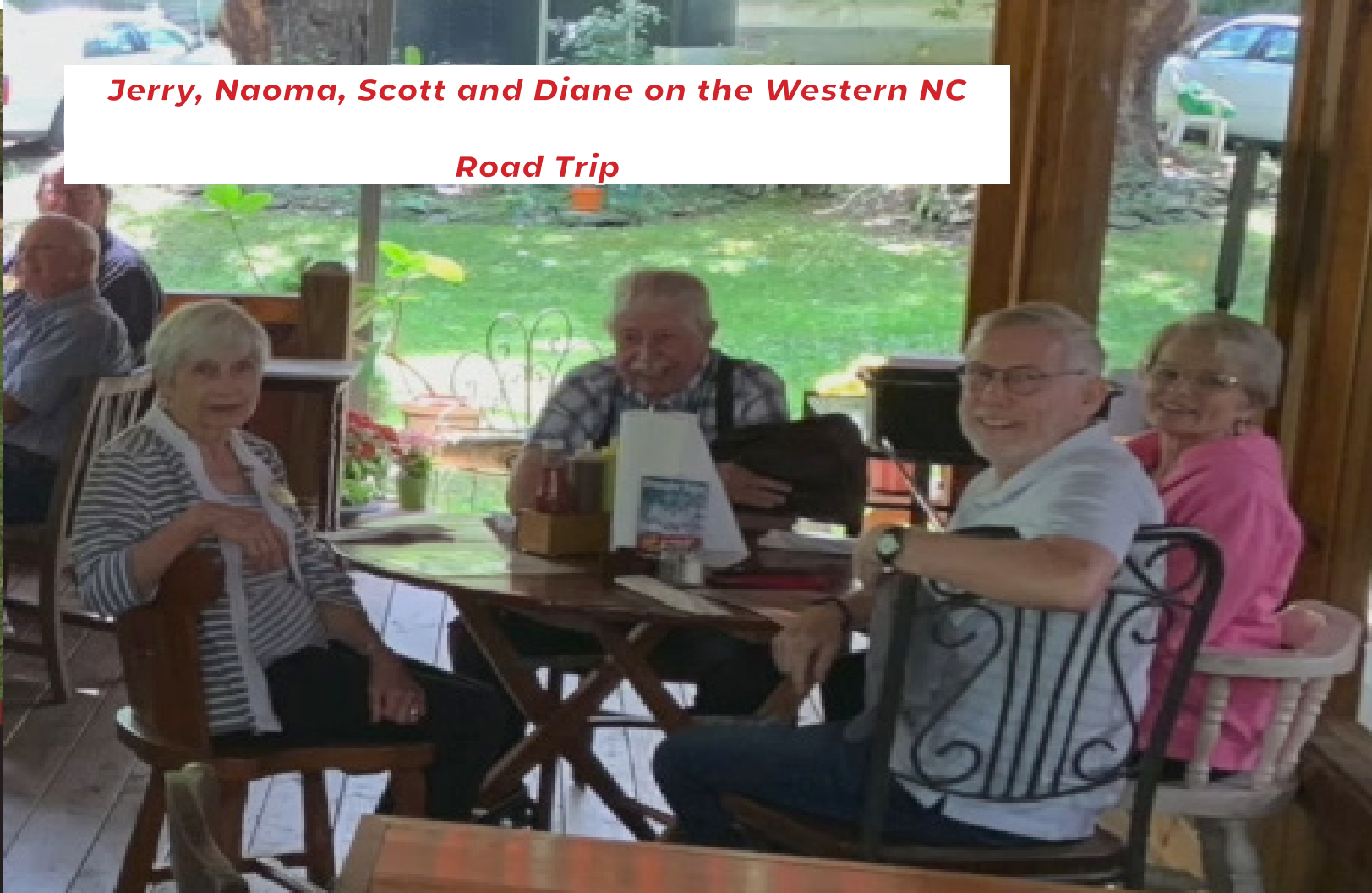


Another Happy Group Of Friends



Jerry, Naoma, Scott and Diane on the Western NC

Road Trip



THE BOOKS!



It appears however that all the "good luck" was used up in the Fall 1996 Trip, as the trip down the Lower Mississippi Valley in the Spring of 1997 was full of trouble!! Our troubles started on Day 1 at our "Jumping-Off" place in St. Francisville, Louisiana, when the Morgan stopped running less than five miles into the trip!!

Wilson and I "jiggled" some wires around and got the car started and we took off for Natchez, Mississippi. Although the Mississippi Valley was the site of many fierce and destructive battles during the Civil War (a.k.a "The War of Northern Aggression") -- with the capture of Vicksburg & New Orleans, the North (aka "Yankees") controlled the Mississippi River, and the great Ante-bellum river plantation homes, and beautiful Ante-bellum River Towns --like Natchez, Mississippi and St. Francisville & Vacherie, LA were untouched by the ravages of the Civil War - (i.e., Sherman didn't come through here!) Many of these beautiful old Plantation homes have been converted into B&Bs, filled with the original ante-bellum furniture. This includes Dunleith (where we stayed in Natchez) -which looks like something out of "Gone With the Wind", and Oak Alley Plantation (where we stayed in Vacherie, Louisiana) - which may have been used as a "Tara" in "Gone With the Wind".

There are many others of equal elegance -- all along this stretch of the Mississippi River and now open as B&Bs. It would be a treat just to spend your whole vacation just traveling from B&B to B&B -especially in an open-top British sports car. -But I digress. Having spent two days in Natchez, we returned south to St. Francisville before heading to New Orleans. Having had intermittent starting problems in Natchez, the Morgan quit completely in St. Francisville, Louisiana, on the morning of the third leg of the trip heading South. Fortunately, we were only five miles from "base camp" and the Tow Rig. Re-loading the car, we transported it to a local garage (see -- a good strong Block & Tackle should come as standard equipment with every pre-1970 British automobile). The young "automobile mechanic" at the garage could only scratch his head in trying to figure out what was wrong with the car, BUT fortunately there was an elderly, retired farm-tractor mechanic in town. (The Triumph engine in the Morgan is the same engine used in the Allison - Ferguson tractor). After checking out the engine and ordering parts from the local Auto Parts store, by mid afternoon we were up and running again and on our way South for a wonderful & troubles-free remaining trip.

Problem: a bad distributor condenser & burned Points, & something else.

Lessons learned: (1) Young mechanics have never SEEN a distributor OR points before, AND if you ever break-down in a Vintage British Car in a rural area, try to find an "Elderly Farm-tractor Mechanic"; (2) I put a spare set of Points & a Condenser in my "spare-parts Box" (until I installed an electronic ignition); (3) Don't forget your "Block&Tackle" --Stupid!

Next month The trip down the Natchez Trace... will there be an Elvis sighting?

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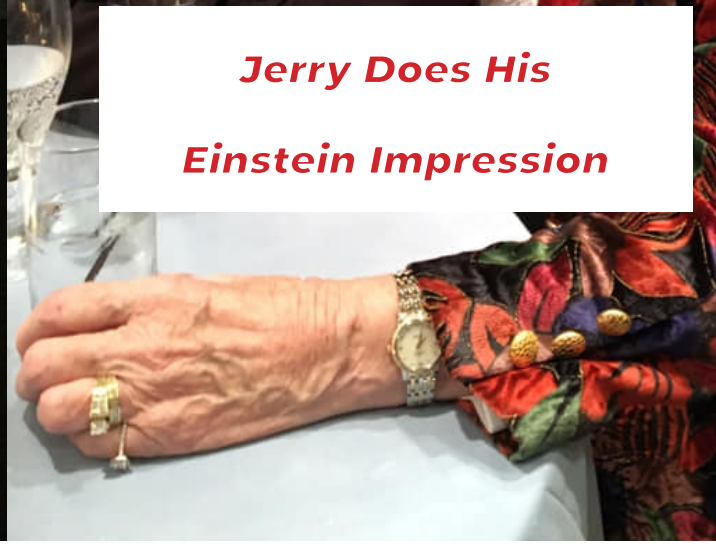
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Jerry and Nancy Willis at Tail Of The Dragon



***Jerry Does His
Einstein Impression***



Membership Section

By Kevin and Nancy Willis



Take Advantage of ALL Your Member Benefits

As we begin another exciting year of camaraderie, fun outings and road trips, now is a good time to think about how we can each get the most out of our memberships.

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The membership term corresponds to the 2022 calendar year.

Renewals are due by January 1 of the renewal year and new memberships are accepted yearlong.

Please attach your check made payable to **Carolina Jaguar Club, Inc.**, and send it with this application to:

**Kevin and Nancy Willis
1120 Claverton Court
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Applicant's Signature _____

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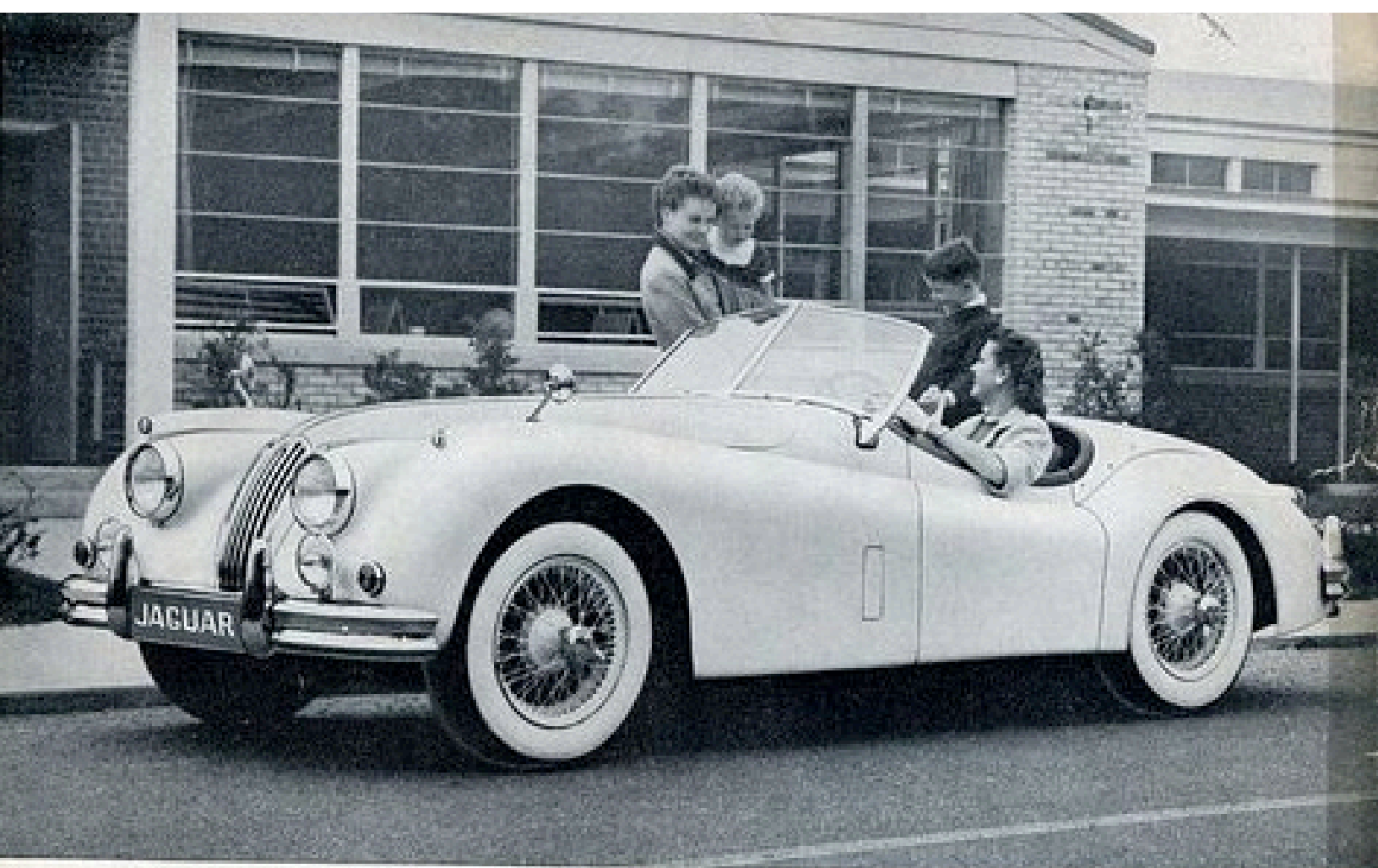
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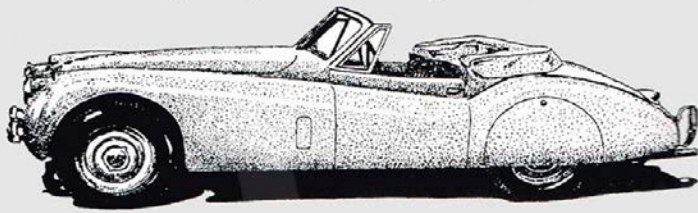
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Jerry after his car had broken down and he had locked his keys in the Suburban

A Jerry Ellison Story...

CATS PROWL THE PARKWAY

BY: Isabel Parish (reproduced from a prior issue)

Once again the Carolina Jaguar Club hosts its annual mountain driving trip. This years event was held from August 24th through August 28th with it's base in Blowing Rock. Fully planned and tested by Jerry and Naoma Ellison. Isabel Parish gives this delightful account of the trip.

Monday

It all started at the Kangaroo Truck Stop in Sanford. I was excited about this trip and even the name of this rendezvous point seemed to lend a jaunty air to my anticipation! Hav and I were meeting the authors and masterminds of this journey, Jerry and Naoma Ellison, to begin our ride across North Carolina with them to our destination in Blowing Rock and subsequent tour of the Blue Ridge Parkway. We were the vanguard of an adventure that would ultimately include 12 couples. This tour was cleverly designed on a Hub and Spoke pattern so that participants could arrive or leave at any point according to their wishes.

The trip that began for me and Hav at the Kangaroo, began for the Ellisons months before on Jerry's planning board where he spent many hours plotting and organizing the myriad details involved in a week long adventure with so many activities. Thanks to him, each couple received a thick packet containing the complete tour schedule, maps, interesting information on each site to be visited and numerous brochures. All of this was organized in a Day 1 - Day 5 format. He and Naoma even made a dry run of this trip weeks beforehand to make certain this would be a smooth operation. It was.

And so we set out from Sanford, Jerry in the lead towing his Morgan, Hav and I following in the Firebird. An easy ride on I 40 most of the way, arriving at the Green Park Inn early afternoon.

A word about the Green Park Inn, the center of our activity. This stately white framed Victorian manor was built in the 1880's where Americans went to the mountains to escape the sweltering heat of the summer. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, it retains its wicker porch furniture, uniquely furnished rooms and dignified presence of more than a century past. It was a perfect location.

After drinks in the hotel's bar (called the Divide for its location on the Eastern Continental Divide), followed by a lovely dinner at Best Sellers Restaurant up the mountainside, the Ellison and Parishes settled in their rooms comfortably for the night, anticipating the morning, new arrivals, and beginning Day 1 of our 5 day adventure.

Tuesday Day 1

Early rising to unhitch the Morgan and unload Hospitality Suite goodies. We enjoyed a nice continental breakfast in the library, then drove to Flat Top Manor, a short 15 minute ride south on the Parkway. The manor is the former home of Moses Cone, the philanthropist, and its Craft Shop is operated by the Southern Highlands Handicraft Guild. It sells handicrafts to the public and also keeps several permanent items on display. We spent the morning here. Next, further along and just off the Parkway, we lunched outdoors on a picnic table at the Ham Shop in historic Valle Cruces before moving on to the original Mast General Store (1883), once known for selling everything

from "cradles to caskets"....a real Appalachian landmark that still carries nearly everything you'd need for life in the 19th century, and most of this one. Grandfather Mt, 20 minutes away, was an easy drive through glorious mountain woodlands.

Back to Blowing Rock and while the men went in search of Moose Track ice cream, Naoma and I scouted the Tanner Discount store for beautiful bargains in exquisite ladies' fashions. On arrival back at Green Park we were happy to welcome the Paces, Linda and Richard. Tonight the 6 of us enjoyed seeing "A Touch of Rosemary" at the Blowing Rock Stage Company. Quite a good musical.

Wednesday Day 2

A great big breakfast buffet awaited us in the main Dining Room, as did the surprise arrival of 2 gentlemen from Lenoir, Allan and Chuck, members of the Smokey Mountain Jaguar Club who came to join us on the Morrisette Vineyard visit. Chateau Morrisette is a long Parkway drive into Virginia and we drove safely through heavy fog to get there. Sally and Von Patterson who now own a home in this area, met us at a way point half way there to join us for lunch, a tour of the winery and wine tasting. This was fun and we all left loaded, not on wine but with cases of wine we could not resist. It was a late return to the Green Park, and we hastily set up a Hospitality Room to greet newly arrived members, the Wassons, Koepnicks, Mortons, Bennett's and Bingham's. Our little group just kept getting bigger and better!

Thursday Day 3

The Cats lined up early this morning for our trip on the back roads to Roan Mt. State Park in Tennessee. There, we visited a farmstead of the early 20th c. and enjoyed a picnic lunch in a nearby, reserved covered picnic patio. After lunch, and traveling more gorgeous winding mountain roads, we arrived at Penland, a national center for craft education. It was founded in 1929 and began as an outgrowth of a craft based economic development project. More than 1200 people come here each year seeking instruction in 10 media. Our group was given a complete tour and enjoyed a lovely punch reception on the porch at the end of it. The items on display at the gallery were extraordinarily beautiful and of the highest quality. Some of us made purchases. The CJC made a generous contribution to the school and it was greatly appreciated.

On return to our hotel we were happy to greet Dick and Samantha Geoghegan!

Friday Day 4

This was a full day. We traveled to Glendale Springs and West Jefferson to visit the churches of the Frescoes, Holy Trinity and St. Mary's Episcopal churches. In 1971, the priest's interest in art and his friendship with Ben Long led to the painting of the frescoes for which the churches are now famous. Ben Long is from Statesville, and a high school friend of Bob Wasson. It is he that painted the murals on the walls of the Bank America and the Episcopal Church uptown in Charlotte. Since the frescoes were completed, hundreds of thousands of people have visited the churches, and worshipping in these churches has taken on a new spirit. The churches are no longer small quaint Episcopal parishes. Their scope of influence has become vast, reaching all over the world.

After lunch in West Jefferson, we strolled through shops in town and visited the Ashe County Cheese factory and loaded up with a variety of locally made cheeses and crackers.

The day was sunny and beautiful. Hav and I rode with the Firebird's T-Top off and turned up a CD of Doc Watson as high as it would go. It never sounded better than on those mountain roads! We were heading to the Patterson's property for afternoon dessert. Sally and Von awaited us with champagne and a table full of assorted gourmet delectables which we thoroughly enjoyed. Such a nice thing for them to do for us! It was such a pleasure to see their beautiful new piece of land with houses right on the S. fork of the New River. We all had so much fun, we probably stayed too long, but heavy rains blew up suddenly and we used that as an excuse to linger longer.

On return to Green Park, the Eckrotes and Fultons had arrived. We just had time to hastily change into cocktail attire so Mike could lead us up the mountain to the home of his friends, Steve and Eileen Swayney who were our hosts for a beautiful cocktail party. Their home is 3 stories high, right on the side of the mountain, with views and patios on every level. What a pleasant send off to our gourmet dinner at Crippins in Blowing Rock!

Saturday Day 5

Our last day. We drove to Little Switzerland, just off the Parkway and not far from Mt. Mitchell (6684'), the highest point east of the Mississippi. Little Switzerland has a darling Alpine Inn and Restaurant where we lunched before holding our club meeting on the patio overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains. Then on to the hinterlands and the EnergyXchange. You may well wonder what this is. So did I! Simply put, it is a mission to demonstrate the responsible use of landfill gas as an energy source for small enterprise in craft and horticulture. It includes a clay studio, a glass blowing studio, 4 greenhouses, a gallery and a visitor center. The furnaces and boilers are fueled by the methane gas being generated by decomposing garbage in the landfill. And what treasures are produced there!! I left with a beautiful pottery bowl and 8 adorable liqueur cups, each one different and designed by "Kelly", one of the attractive resident artists.

Our last gathering was held on the patio of the Green Park and we all lingered a long while enjoying one another and hating for the week to come to an end. There was enough food and drink to account for dinner, and some of us did end up back at the Divide for a simple supper and to watch the NASCAR race and make final good-byes. What a great week we all enjoyed!

I cannot close this article without further praise of Jerry and Naoma who so kindly and cleverly designed and led this spectacular tour of the Blue Ridge Parkway. This part of our state now takes on a whole new meaning for me, and for others too, I am sure. Those of you who could not join us missed out on the fun and excitement of fellowship with darling people, and the exhilaration of the breath-taking beauty of our North Carolina mountains. You must think seriously about joining us next year for another good adventure with the Carolina Jaguar Club.

The following article ran in the Times-News of Cumberland, Maryland reporting our club's visit to their fair city as a part of the annual CJC "Road Trip".

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Pack of southern Jaguars prowls center of Queen City

Carolina car club opens trip with stop on downtown mall

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CUMBERLAND — Tops down on the convertibles, 16 Jaguars, ranging from the mid-1960s to modern day, rolled onto Cumberland Town Centre Tuesday afternoon driven by members of the Carolina Jaguar Club on the first day of a weeklong road trip.

The classic automobiles were parked throughout the brick pedestrian area to be viewed by the public.

"We have 144 members in our club and once a year we take a road trip," said Jerry Ellison, the journey's organizer. "We stay in one place and go out from there to nearby places of interest. This year we are staying in Berkeley Springs."

Ellison, a Fayetteville, N.C., resident, said club members come from throughout the Tarheel State.

Once the club made reservations to eat at City Lights, restaurant owner Bill Shaffer made Downtown Manager Ed Mullaney aware that the motorized entourage would be in town.

"We made arrangements to display the Jaguars on the mall and have welcomed the group with an electronic sign and a banner,"



Michael A. Sawyers/Times-News

Ward Hill, Ridgeley, W.Va., brought his 1969 Jaguar to Town Centre Tuesday and mingled with visitors from the Carolina Jaguar Club, who stopped in the Queen City during a weeklong road trip.

“Old cars should be driven. Although many of our members show their Jaguars as well.”

Jerry Ellison, RTCFL

Organizer of Carolina Jaguar Club excursion



Mullaney said. "This validates that what we offer downtown is good. We love to show neighbors from the South how nice we look and how friendly we are."

Ellison said he likes to make sure the club is one for driving Jaguars and not just showing them.

"Old cars should be driven," he said. "Although many of our members show their Jaguars as well."

Local Jaguar owner Ward Hill of

Ridgeley took advantage of the club's visit to bring his 1969 E-Type, blue, 2x2 Coupe to the mall.

Hill tours as well, the most recent drive being to Carlisle, Pa.

Included in the tour for the Carolina Jaguar Club this week will be visits to the C&O Canal Center at Williamsport and a day at Antietam National Battlefield.

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Jerry contemplates the next road trip

Lining up for the CJC Concours.



Jerry and Naoma in GA at the JCNA Event





It's takes a village to put the top up

Members Letters

I am Garry Wilson in Lexington NC and have been the proud owner of a project xk140 fhc and a Sunday morning driver Mk2 for over 15 years. In acknowledgement of the wisdom and experience of the NC club members, I have a question. Over the past few years I re-restored the mechanicals of the MK2 to ensure its safety on Sunday am rides. My sites are set on getting the XK140 driveable which will require drivetrain and support function rebuild. This I can do. The part I am no good at is the bodywork. This car will need the wings removed to address the door hinge support structures, a complete body blast, primer, and single coat top-coat (not a fan of clearcoat). My thought was that I would strip everything not to be painted from the car but leave the body on the frame with wheels and trailer it to someone who could do this work. I am not wanting a concours level finish just a daily driver (all due respect and apology to Mr. Ferris). My advancing age and seeing the loss of so many people recently tell me it is time to get this done. I am asking members to email me at garrywilson@ptmc.net to let me know their opinions and advice on who and where I could get this done. My condolences to all who have lost loved ones and our members I have read about and admired for years.

Thanks in advance,
Garry Wilson

Road Trip 2005 In The Planning By Jerry Ellison

Hav has asked me to plan another trip next year (2005), perhaps to see if I can get it right this time. It will be planned for **August 23 (Tue) thru 27 (Sat), 2005**. Although details are incomplete, it will be in the Western part of N.C.. The highlights I will try to include on this trip will include: the Foothills Parkway; the Cherokee Skyway; the Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest; the "John C. Campbell Folk School of Crafts" in Brasstown; shopping in Highlands and Cashiers; the "Waterfalls Byway"; the "Forest Heritage Scenic Byway"; parts of the "Indian Lakes Scenic Byway"; the "Nantahala Scenic Byway"; the NC Arboretum; Biltmore Village [?]; and the "Tail of the Dragon"-(if you want to know what this is, ask any of your motorcycle buddies!).

As with the previous trip, the plan is for a **"hub & spoke" format** -as we will stay in one "Hub" or "home-base" place each night and go out each day for fun and adventure -returning back to "home base" for Dinner and socializing. This way, members can join the group as their time allows and for as many days as they can. I am now working on a "home base" location that will allow the most sights and scenic driving -but with reasonable "driving-time" days. Although details are incomplete, it will be planned with fun and relaxation combined. I will also let the "Smoky Mt." Jag Club and the No.GA Club know- to see if any one from the "neighboring" clubs would like to join us. So warm up your navigation system for August 2005!



Leading the Pack

Jerry heads the road trip in his XK 140



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