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May 18 - Sunday, Atlanta British Motorcar Day
June 7 - Saturday Jag & Friends Picnic NEW DATE
June 12 - 15 Thursday - Sunday Highlands motoring festival, Highlands, NC



**BEVERLY ANN
(Ms. Bev)
KIRKMAN
In Memorium**

February 13, 1944 to
April 3, 2025
Beverly passed peacefully at our home on April 3 from a heart condition. She was a longtime supporter of the NGJC and classic car owner (Jaguar E-Type in 1968 when we first met and later a Mercedes SL).

A Celebration of Life event is being planned for late May or June along with interment at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery near Canton, Ga. Club members and family friends will be invited to attend both events when plans are finalized.

I also want personally to thank everyone for their thoughtful Prayers, texts messages, and cards that helped our family though this difficult time.

Dave

**Spring Drive
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**41st Annual Atlanta British Motorcar Day Sunday, May 18
Suwanee Town Center**

Submitted by Bill Flavelle

The Atlanta British Motorcar Day event is now open for registration. If you're considering entering your car, I suggest you sign up soon as spaces are filling up quickly. There are already about 50 cars signed up on the first day of open registration. In

past years, they sold out weeks before the show! Here's the link to the website: <https://atlantabritishmotorcarday.org/so/92PNiKqXi?languageTag=en&cid=ecfb6996-9262-4e10-898b-371205d3d9da>

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International Jaguar Festival Update on Club Expenses

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

The question was recently asked about the club's financial exposure with the upcoming IJF. Lynn Cunningham was responsible for handling the 2017 IJF budget and expenses and is heading this important accounting function again this year and has told me so far, we are right on budget.

In 2017 we had 109 entries and this time we are basing the initial event budget and costs on a combination of Judged and Display cars at 80 entrants and 150 banquet attendees. These attendance numbers will cover the Savoy rental fees and generate

a modest positive revenue to help with some of the ancillary costs; sign printing, judges' shirts, volunteers' caps and meals, etc. Additional revenue is anticipated from vendors and specific event sponsors (the Friday night "Tireside Chat", and the Saturday night Awards Banquet are examples to offset any additional costs).

Should we fail to meet these very modest attendance and revenue numbers JCNA is also obligated to financially support the IJF at a total of 5k.

**18th Annual North Georgia Jags 'N' Friends Picnic
Saturday, June 7th**

Submitted by John Yates

Note the new date! Highlands Motoring Festival moved its date this year to the second full week of June. We have always selected our date for the picnic so as not to conflict with that event. Please see John Baxa's article on page two of this issue.

**Letter from the
President**

Someone has hijacked my name and is sending out phony requests for money. If you see an email that appears to be from me with the address: president431@onmail.com, it's fake. The phony emails are generally poorly written and often request payment on a fictitious invoice. I will never request payment by gift cards, ACH, or any electronic payment method. If you have any doubt, please call me or text me. If anyone knows how to stop these phony emails in my name, I'm all ears.

SAVE THE DATE for British Motorcar Day: May 18, 10:00-2:00 pm. You can now register online through the website. The cost is only \$25

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**Please welcome
new members**

Anthony Wellnitz of
Watkinsville, GA,
Piet and Sabine Dosschle
of Rocky Face, GA,
Jim and Barbara Loftin of
Marietta, GA
and
Reed and Carrie Krumrie
of Cartersville, GA.





to show your Jag. The location is the same as last year: Suwanee Town Center, 330 Town Center Ave., Suwanee. If you haven't already registered, please do so soon because last year's show sold out quickly.

I think everyone knows that our Club is hosting the JCNA International Jaguar Festival at the Savoy Automobile Museum in

Cartersville, GA on September 25-28. You can register online through the Club's website or through JCNA: <http://www.jcnaiff.com>. A special weekend is planned with the "Tire Side Chat", Concours, Awards Banquet, Rally, Scenic Drive, and possibly a slalom.

Dave



18th Annual North Georgia Jags 'N' Friends Picnic Saturday, June 7th

Submitted by John Baxa

Come and enjoy this year's annual NGJC picnic. Again this year we will have the same location thanks to the hospitality of John and Robbie Yates. It is now the 18th Annual "Jags and Friends" Picnic at their lovely home in East Cherokee County area near Chukkar Farms Polo Club on Saturday, June 7th. 2025 from 10:30am to 2:00pm with lunch around noon. The address is 379 Tellico Road, Canton, GA 30115

Arrangements are being made again this year to have a catered lunch from Smokejack Barbecue in Alpharetta. This is one event where everyone is encouraged to invite a friend with a neat car to come and share the day with us.

To register and pay online. Go to www.ngjc.us click on calendar and click June 7, 2024 and Click **HERE** for an online application and pay with PayPal.

Payments may also be made by check payable to North Georgia Jaguar Club: Linda Frost, Treasurer, North Georgia Jaguar Club, 2337 Commerce Street Alpharetta, GA 30009

NGJC 2025 PICNIC MENU
\$32.00 per person
Sandwich: ☐ Pulled Chicken ☐ Pulled Pork Shoulder
Side Dish: ☐ Potato Salad ☐ Cole Slaw ☐ Corn Pudding
Drink: ☐ Iced Tea ☐ Water

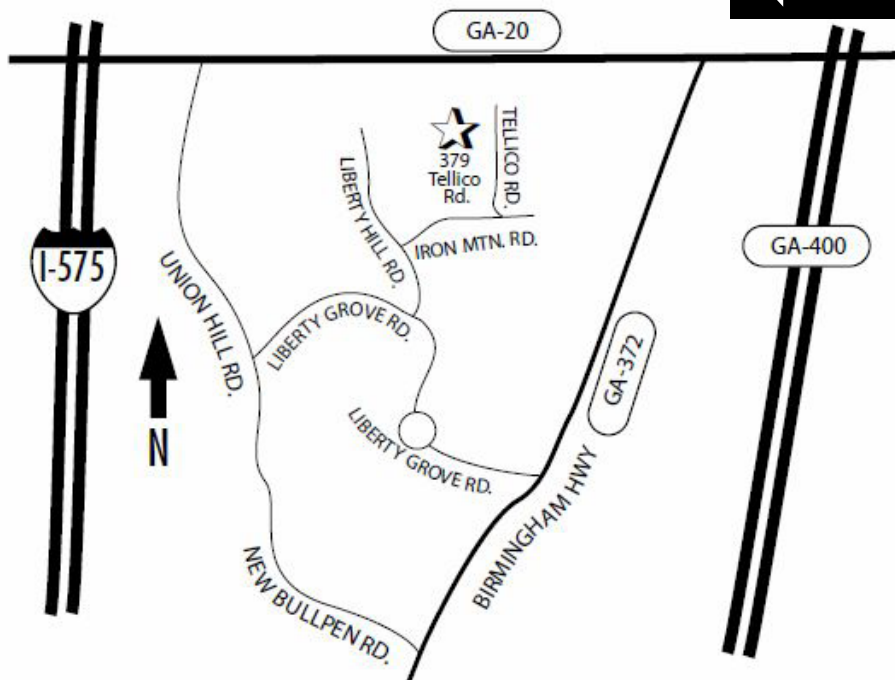
All food orders must be made in advance with the registration as additional meals might not be available for sale.

Beverages other than those listed above will not be available so please bring your own if desired.

ORDER DEADLINE IS
Friday MAY 30th



Look for the road signs



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Deadline for Newsletter Articles and Advertisements is the 26th of the preceding month. All submissions are nonbinding and subject to approval.

2025 NGJC Calendar, NGJC Sponsored event in **bold**

Submitted by Dave Kirkman

NGJC EVENTS: May

M	T	W	T	F	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
	5	6	7	8	9	10
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

NGJC EVENTS: June

M	T	W	T	F	SAT	SUN
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

Club Event
Other Event

Holiday

January

OPEN

February

15 - Saturday, Noon, Valentines Day Lunch, Pearl Lian, John's Creek
Sponsor Dave Kirkman

March

15 - Saturday, Time TBD, Cofer Car Collection, Tucker
Sponsor Dave Kirkman

21 - JCof Concours d'Elegance, Longwood, FL

29- Saturday, Gateway Caffeine and Chrome Show, Arrive by 8:45 AM
2705 Ronald Reagan Parkway, Suite 200, Cumming, GA 30041

April

11-12 Brits on the Bay (Pensacola)

25-27 Walter Mitty (Road Atlanta)

24 - 27 - JCNA Annual Meeting, JCNA AGM, King of Prussia, PA

27 - Sunday, Brasstown Resort Drive Lunch Spring Drive, Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa 6321 US-76, Young Harris, GA 30582

Sponsor Dave Kirkman

May

18 - Sunday, Motorcar Day

Suwanee Town Center, Suwanee, GA Registration will open in March.

June

7 - Saturday- Jaguar & Friends BBQ Picnic, Canton GA
Sponsor John & Robbie Yates

14 - Saturday JCNA Sanctioned Concours - Virginia Jaguar Club, Richmond, VA.

12 - 15 Thursday - Sunday Highlands motoring festival, Highlands, NC

July

TBD - Saturday - Tech Session 10:00 to 12:30

TBD - Carolina Jaguar Club Concours, Little Switzerland, NC

August

TBD - Saturday - Judge's Training, Sponsor:

TBD - Pebble Beach Concours, Pebble Beach, California

TBD - Saturday - Jefferson Car Show Jackson County Agricultural Center

September

TBD - British Car Fayre, Time: 10am-3pm Norcross, GA

25 - 28, International Jaguar Festival Savoy Museum in Cartersville, GA

TBD - Fight To End Alzheimer's Car Show, Jefferson, GA

October

TBD - Festival of Speed, Avalon, Alpharetta

TBD - Fifth Annual Chattanooga Motorcar Festival, Chattanooga, TN

TBD - Roswell Motoring Festival, Roswell, GA

TBD - Eurofest, Greenville, SC

TBD - Door Car Show, Cumming, GA

TBD - Suncoast Jaguar Concours, Sarasota, FL

November

1 - 3 Hilton Head Concours

TBD - - Saturday, 10:00 AM, NGJC Business Meeting - Sponsor: Dave Peck

December

TBD - Holiday Party,



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Jaguar Finds New Ways To Keep The E-Type Alive In 2025

By Justin Westbrook, Carbuzz

British automaker Jaguar is undergoing a controversial, fashion-forward, tech-savvy rebrand as it prepares to launch its brand-new all-electric flagship vehicle for a new age. Gone are all of the gas models before it, like the F-Type, likely never to return. But there's one special gas sports car Jag just can't let go of, and we're all going to be better off for it down the road.

That would, of course, be the iconic Jaguar E-Type sports car, which got a bevy of engines, raced just about everywhere it could, and lasted from 1961 to 1974.

The E-Type Is All Jag's Got For Now

The E-Type is often praised as one of, if not outright the most beautiful car in the world. Even the great Enzo Ferrari said so. So it makes sense that owners want to keep it alive, and so does the Jaguar brand, as it's just about all the company has left to hold onto at this point, given it doesn't currently sell anything but restoration parts now.

And now that parts selection has been widely expanded, with a ton of new parts for E-Type owners, and prospective builders, to buy and equip straight from the original manufacturer. Jaguar Classic uses

original drawings and outlines from its archives paired with modern 3D computer modeling techniques to ensure the new parts match the exact specifications of the originals.

Everybody Is Included

You can get all sorts of parts, but it's not clear which ones have been recently added to the list. The website fortunately has an online store to browse, however. The parts are available for the Series 1, 2, and 3 versions of the E-Type, with its variously available 3.8-liter and 4.2-liter straight-six engines, as well as the later 5.3-liter V12 models.

It's not immediately clear if you could actually outright build a brand-new E-Type from the ground up, but you could get pretty close. Jaguar itself recently proved it could still build "new" E-Types just last year, out of all-new parts. But most

of these continuation series parts from Jaguar Classic will be used to restore and maintain what's already on the road, and the value of that is priceless. Jag puts a price on it, naturally, as each part costs something, but it's lovely that we'll still have E-Types running for likely at least another century.







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September 25 – 28, 2025

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Savoy Automobile Museum,
Cartersville, Georgia



Celebrating 70 Years of JCNA

The venue this year is the beautiful Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville, Georgia, 40 miles north of Atlanta. Festival events include Concours d'Elegance, Rally, Scenic Drive and Slalom, plus numerous activities at the Savoy and nearby locations.

Roar of the Jaguar: Jaguar race cars will be on display at the Savoy during our event. Including a Friday Night Savoy Museum "Tire Side Chat" Featuring Jaguar Race Cars, Hosted by Ken Gross and Wayne Carini.

Secure Trailer Parking has been arranged less than a half mile from the Savoy Museum Pavilion.

Several hotel discount rates are available in the area including:

Courtyard by Marriott (Host Hotel)
Home2Suites by Hilton
Fairfield Inn and Suites

CURRENT ITINERARY

Thu	Meet and Greet @ Courtyard Hotel (heavy hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar)
Fri	Savoy Museum "Tire Side Chat" Featuring Jaguar Race Cars and Hosted by Ken Gross and Wayne Carini
Fri	Slalom, place, timing, price, determined upon location
Sat	IJF Concours, All judged classes
Sat	Display Cars
Sat	IJF Awards Banquet (Includes after hours museum admission, banquet and awards ceremony in theater)
Sun	IJF Rally For National Points with prizes
Sun	Fun Monte Carlo style Rally with prizes
Sun	Scenic Drive

Registration is now open. Go to: www.jcnaijf.com

AGM Vs Standard Car Batteries: What's The Difference & Is One Better For Your Vehicle?

By Alvin Reyes April 14, 2025 7:00 am EST

While they all share a basic common purpose, car batteries are not universal. There are many kinds of car batteries, and you'll want to make sure you have the right one for your vehicle. The most economical option are standard lead-acid batteries that — although they require monitoring of water levels — won't cost an arm and a leg to replace. A valve-regulated lead-acid battery (VRLA) will cost a bit more but offers the convenience of maintenance-free operation, meaning there's no need to add water to the case over the battery's lifespan.

Many newer cars with more sophisticated electronics and start-stop ignition systems come with Absorbed Glass Mat (AGM) batteries from the factory. AGM batteries are 40% to 100% costlier than lead-acid batteries but have a corresponding list of advantages: longer lifespan, slower discharge and faster recharge times, better resistance to vibration and extreme temperatures, spill-proof construction, and more available power when the engine isn't running.

AGM batteries use absorbent mats between the plates

An AGM battery costs more than a VRLA battery because of its more complex internal construction. Instead of lead plates submerged in water and sulfuric acid, an AGM battery has fiberglass mats sandwiched tightly between the plates. Those mats absorb the electrolytes like a sponge, spreading them evenly around and among the plates while cushioning against bumps, knocks, and vibrations. The design has a lower internal

resistance than lead-acid batteries that contributes significantly to its durability and output.

Moreover, the glass mat design has enabled manufacturers to pack more lead plates inside, enabling the battery to produce more power. AGM batteries still fall under the VRLA category despite their superior internal construction. They share the same



maintenance-free and spill-proof operation.

Since AGM batteries pack a more effective punch, they can start your car's engine 60,000 times or more, about three times more than a lead-acid battery. AGM car batteries also typically have a higher CCA (Cold Cranking Amps) rating and are more capable of withstanding freezing weather due to the lack of water inside. These attributes make them ideal for modern vehicles with immersive infotainment screens, stop-start engines, advanced driving assistance systems, heated/ventilated seats, and head-up displays.

AGM batteries are also useful on trucks or SUVs with high-draw equipment like winches and off-road lighting.

AGM or VRLA car battery:

Which is better for my car?

The choice between an AGM or standard battery will depend on the vehicle type. A flooded lead-acid or VRLA battery might be a good option if you have an older car. On the other hand, some newer vehicles require AGM batteries and might not be suited for regular VRLA or lead-acid batteries. To be sure, you can refer to the owner's manual, call your dealership's service department, or perform a physical check under the hood. If your car's old battery has an AGM label, you must replace it with a comparable AGM battery.

Vehicles with engine stop-start systems will have AGM batteries under the hood, but double-checking before purchasing a new battery is always a good idea. AGM car batteries can last four to seven years with proper care, while flooded lead-acid or VRLA batteries usually last a little bit less than that. Inspecting the battery and cleaning the terminals whenever you're under the hood to check the oil is a good habit to get into. Bulges in the casing and hard starting when cold are just a few symptoms of a dying car battery, and staying on top of the condition of your battery can help prevent you from getting stranded.

Read More: <https://www.slashgear.com/1829436/agm-vs-standard-lead-acid-car-battery/>



Virginia Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance June 14th in Richmond

Submitted by Wayne Estrada

The Virginia Jaguar Club invites you to our JCNA sanctioned Concours in Richmond, Virginia on Saturday, June 14th on the beautiful grounds of St. Joseph's Villa. As in past years, this is a "show within a show" as part of the 500+ car larger Richmond Antique Automobile Club of America (RAACA) annual show.

This is an excellent opportunity to enter your Jaguar(s) to qualify for national point qualification as well as also enjoying an

outstanding automotive event.

Registration for the VJC show is \$60 per Jaguar, however there is also a required entry fee for the RAACA show of \$15 pre-register and \$20 on day of show.

All the details for both are on our web site at <https://www.vajaguarcub.com/2025VJCConcours/> You can register and pay on-line; just follow the link at the bottom of that page. There is also a link for the RAACA page there as well.

One often asked question is about trailer parking, and yes, there is a large trailer parking area available. Once we have a map of this year's facility, we will post it on the Concours page on our web site, so please check back.

One last but important detail: Our club has a limited number of JCNA qualified judges, so registrations will be closed based on the number of participants that will also be able



For Sale: 1967 Series 1 OTS

BJ Smith

I am writing this to the principles of the North Georgia Jaguar Club. My father has owned XKEs most all of his life. He currently has two that he has owned for many decades, a series I and a series II, both roadsters. At this point in his life, he is interested in selling the 1967 Series I OTS. If you or anyone you know has been looking for a well-kept high-end older restoration with very few miles driven since restored, we would love to hear from you. If not, but you have any suggestions on someone I might contact regarding marketing and selling the car I would greatly appreciate it. I've written a synopsis of

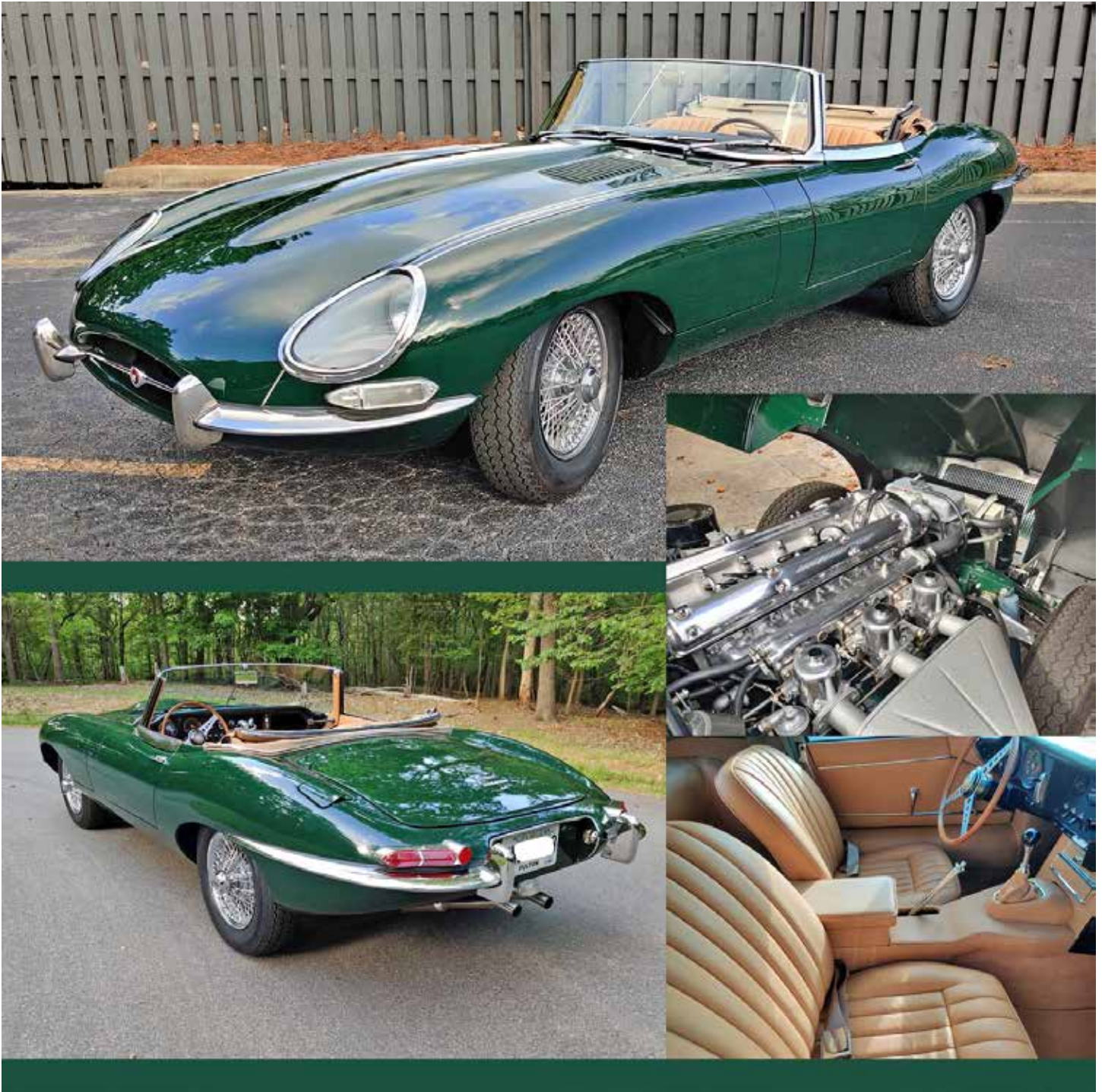
the car's history and would be happy to share it, if anyone would like. My father was never interested in showing the vehicle, but it would show nicely if the future owner desired to. I appreciate your time and any contacts or advice you can provide.

Thanks,

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Annual Spring Drive To Brasstown Resort Sunday, April 27

John Baxa



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41st Annual Atlanta British Motorcar Day Sunday, May 18 Suwanee Town Center

Submitted by Bill Flavelle

Entering our 5th decade, Atlanta British Motorcar Day has been a beloved tradition, uniting British car and motorcycle enthusiasts across the Atlanta area. This annual charity event, which began in 1984, has flourished from its humble beginnings in Grant Park to now hosting over two hundred British cars at its grand gathering.

Calling All British Auto Aficionados! If you're the proud owner of a British automobile or motorcycle, seize this opportunity to showcase your prized wheels and connect with fellow enthusiasts. And even

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if you're simply an admirer of exquisite automobiles, prepare to feast your eyes on some of the finest autos from the metro area and beyond! All makes, models, and years of British cars and motorcycles are warmly invited to join the festivities. Your registration fee will cover our minimal show expenses, with proceeds directly benefitting local charities. The car show and festival are completely FREE for Spectators.

