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The Steam Cars of Amelia Island

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on the fabulous Concours d'Elegance at
Amelia Island, GA*

April 2006 Meeting

Monday, April 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Real Canadian Superstore, Kirkwood & Richmond Rds.

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The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

(And how we stumbled across it)

There we were, Bonnie and I, camped out in the middle of the Okefenokee Swamp, 30 kilometres from the nearest town, Fargo Georgia, population 380 (or, at least 1000 if you include hound dogs). This is rough backwoods country. The bush was so dense that I couldn't get a satellite TV signal and we were reduced to watching cable television courtesy of the Georgia State Parks Service.

The majority of channels were from Jacksonville, Florida and all of them were abuzz with news of the upcoming Concours. It was widely advertised, mentioned in all the newscasts and a popular topic on local talk shows. This was Amelia Island's 11th Annual Concours d'Elegance, and with about 300 cars lined up, it promised to be the best.

The Concours is held at the Amelia Island Golf & Country Club on the grounds of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Amelia Island is just north of Jacksonville, Florida, and a little south of the Georgia State line. This is "Jaguar" country, home to the Jacksonville "Jaguars" NFL team and just oozing with moneyed people who can actually afford new Jaguar autos. Jaguar is also a major sponsor of the event, (along with Bentley, Ferrari, Porsche, Mercedes and others,) so I expected that there would be lots of fine Jaguars to ogle.

This three-day event started on March 10th; the Concours, however, is scheduled for Sunday March 12th and is the only event open to the public. We are due to arrive at St. Mary's Island in Georgia on the 11th of March and a quick check of the map shows that we will be only about 35 kilometres away. Sounds like a plan, assuming that they have a gas station in Fargo. We had planned to stop for gas in Lake City Florida on our way to

the Okefenokee Swamp, but due to road construction we zigzagged through the town missing all of the gas stations. Plan "B": get gas in Fargo, the map shows Fargo on the highway (89) where it changes to state road 177. Wrong, we arrive deep in the Okefenokee Swamp with about a ¼ tank of gas. Oh well, we'll worry about that when we leave.

March 11th and we say good by to the Swamp. Fortunately, they do have a gas station in Fargo and we do find Fargo 1 mile west of the intersection of Hwy 89 & SR 177. The trip to St. Mary's was pleasant and uneventful and we settle in for the night looking forward to tomorrow's Concours d'Elegance.

We are up and away early—well, sort of early. We *are* retired and it *is* Sunday. We arrive at Amelia Island shortly after 10 a.m. They are already parking cars out at the Island Airport and shuttling visitors back and forth to the Concours several miles away. This seems like the smart thing to do, so we park the truck and take the bus. The bus drops us conveniently at the gate, admission is \$45, and boy

am I glad I wasn't obliged to sign up for Saturday's Coastal Living Golf Classic for Concours entrants only.

The Program

Now, what to do? Where to start? I feel like a kid in a candy store. Bonnie suggests that I read the program. Read the program? Isn't that like reading a map? Do I have time for that? The Concours finishes at 5 p.m., that's less than 7 hours do the math, its less than 1 ½ minutes per car and doesn't include the sponsor's cars and the concept cars... Can't hang around here, let's get going!

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side tracked. All those old Stanley Steamers, there are 15 of them, they are beautiful, fascinating and all running. The Stanley Rocket has just completed a tour of the field. It's then that the realization sets in, it was over 100 years ago that this "steamer" set the world's land speed record just a few miles south of here! This soap box derby looking car reached a speed of 127.659 mph with driver Fred Marriott at the wheel, January 28th. 1906. Wow! and we aren't in a museum, this car is actually touring around and I can touch it—but I don't.

While on the topic of alternate fuel, let's check out those alternate fuel cars. Some of them look familiar. There's that GM Sun Powered solar car that we have all seen in National Geographic and on TV.

There are a couple of gas turbine cars, one is a Lotus 56 - Indy Turbine Race Car, the other looks like an early 60's Thunderbird but is actually a Chrysler product. 50 were built, this one is one of only 6 existing today. The oddest one is the French Herlicron No.1. Anyone who may have taken an airboat ride in South Florida will give thanks that this concept didn't take off (excuse the pun). There were many others, even a Baker Electric Coupe from Baxter, Ontario.

Hey, there's that GM Futurliner that was just sold at the Barrett-Jackson and that '54 Pontiac Bonneville prototype, it was at the Barrett-Jackson, too. There's some more recent heavy Detroit iron here as well, but what's this, a

1969 Shelby GT 500 Convertible? This car is immaculate, in spite of the fact that it has come all the way from *Swift Current, Newfoundland!*

Time is slipping away and we haven't even got to the serious stuff yet. It's lunchtime. Find the food tent! Did I mention the bars? There were several bars set up throughout the Concours area—a Martini? Dom Perignon? just a beer? Whatever your fancy, it was available. But right now food sounded good. The food tent was excellent, right off of the menu from the Ritz-Carleton and reasonably priced. Bonnie and I split a Chicken Caesar Wrap for \$7. Half, along with a \$2 bag of chips each, was ample.

Lunch is over and now the portapotties require honourable mention (they did come on wheels). No Johnny-on-the-spots here. Instead we find large transport trailers complete with portable generators. Entering these mobile facilities was akin to entering the washrooms inside the Ritz-Carleton itself. Wood panelled walls, faux marble counter tops, yes sinks, with your choice of paper towel or hand dryers. I actually thought that this was worth a picture but, just like the cars outside, very difficult to get without somebody standing in the way. All very top notch!

Now back to the cars, and the realization that it's almost 1 PM and we still have lots more to see, probably the most serious of the show. We found the Jaguars, the Talbots, Delahayes, Bentleys, Buggattis, Packards and even the fascinating mini cars and much more. I was in awe with the fact that none of these cars were roped off, you could get up close and personal with them all. I took about 170 pictures before I ran out memory (both, me and my camera).

Obviously there's not enough space here to do the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance justice. Watch your upcoming issues of *Jaguar Jottings* for more about the cars of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance.

- ◆ May - The Jaguars of Amelia Island and Concours Winners
- ◆ August- The Exotics of Amelia Island
- ◆ October - The little cars of the Amelia Island Concours

More to come ...

Ray Newson



1906 Stanley Rocket



Amelia Island

Above: 1954 Pontiac Bonneville Special

Middle: 1940 GM Futureliner

Below: Nfld. 1969 Shelby GT 500 Convertible

Bottom: Lining up for trophies



March Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 13th, 2006

Mike O'Brien greeted the 24 members present and opened the meeting. He then introduced **Doug Mahew** from the **Canadian Automobile Association North and East**.

Doug gave a presentation on the impact of aging on drivers. His topics included the effects of prescription drugs, eyesight and dementia from a driver's health point of view. He also discussed minimizing driver distractions inside the car interiors, such as cell phones, food, cigarettes and passenger conversations. He discussed mandatory driver's tests at 80 years of age and the loss of a driver's license due to health reasons. In his summation, Doug stated we should stay active, drive as much as possible and take a defensive driving course.

Frank Basten thanked Doug for his presentation and relayed a story about his first use of CAA with his Jaguar. The meeting then paused for a short refreshment break.

Following the break, Mike opened the meeting to discussion. Mike is trying to get Mr. Tony Lant from Lant & Co. Insurance Brokers (SILVER WHEELS plan) to speak to the club on insurance charges. He stated it may be worthwhile to make the next meeting a multi-club event if Mr. Lant agrees to come to Ottawa.

There was discussion regarding appraisals. Frank Basten complained of the cost of appraisals even though nothing had changed on his car. The consensus was that ASE Motorsports does a very good job and the appraisal is worth the money. Contact information for ASE is below.

Lee Harrington received members' agreement to having the club's activities, administration notes and agenda sent via e-mail on the weekend before the meeting.

Paddy Robertson presented a brief update on the Concours at the Rockcliffe Flying Club. **Alan Graves** stated there were still a few openings for organizers of three events - the barbecue, the fall drive and the Boots and Bonnets drive to Kingston.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting: April 10, 2006 at the Real Canadian Superstore Richmond Road & Kirkwood

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Jaguar 1987 Series 3 XJ6. BRG with Biscuit interior. 2nd owner, 63,000 miles, Kent wheels, \$12,000. Pictures can be forwarded upon request. Contact: Bob Bowen (250)477-7830; e-mail bobin victoria@telus.net. [FMA]

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During the course of four hours, they will serve approximately 200 people, at \$10 per person. Most items are donated, and they usually raise about \$2,000 towards the training of guide dogs. This is a rain or shine event with outdoor and indoor seating.

Please contact Al Graves (afgraves@rogers.com, 613-592-6176 if you can attend this fun afternoon.

Welcome to Spring 2006

It seems impossible that we are already three months into the new year. Ray says the April edition is about to hit the street and if I want to say something to all of you I had better get at it.

The time we all look forward to is fast approaching-getting the car(s) out of storage. My two older "cats" are stored at home so I get to see them regularly. They are both covered in cat prints (barn cat not jungle cat). Last year we had no cat and I had the largest mouse house in the universe buried in under the throttle body on my V12-chicken feathers and all. There is nothing this year that a bucket of warm water won't remove.

My first task on my cars this year is to drain the brake fluid and replace it. Last fall's discussions about the effects of moisture in the brake fluid boiling to leave an air pocket and little or no brakes sure opened my eyes. The discussion periods at the Club meetings are offering up these tidbits if you haven't been out for a while.

The delay of the annual dinner is inconvenient but that could not be helped. We hope that May 13th will offer us a larger attendance with the return of the snow birds and the better weather.

June will be busy for the Club. We have a series of drives combined into one with the return of the Jaguar Owner's North American Tour. You will hear more of that elsewhere but I would like to encourage you to plan to drive at least one leg. The Concours is co-located with the Rockcliffe Flying Club and I can hardly wait. I have heard rumours that there might just be a Spitfire to see (one that flies and doesn't have Lucas wiring).

Your executive is working hard to create interesting things to do. Don't let us down – plan to get involved in something that you enjoy – bring your car and show it off.

See you in April!



Mike O'Brien
President

A Snapshot of 2006 Calendar

- Meeting 10 April, 7:00 PM, Loblaws
- Annual Dinner 13 May, Algonquin College-
International Restaurant
- Tour 21 May, Spring Drive
- Concours Judging Seminar June TBC
- Meeting 12 June, 7:00 PM
- Tour JONAT 11 & 13-16 June
- Concours 23 June, Meet & Greet, Chimo Inn
24 June, Hosted by Rockcliffe Flying Club
- Meeting 10 July, 7:00 PM, Loblaws
- ABCD 15 July, 10 am - 4 pm
All British Car Day - Britannia Park
- Tour or Joint event Late July/ early Aug
could include other clubs
- Social August
- Meeting 14 August, 7:00 PM, Loblaws
- Tour/show 21 August, Drive to Boots and Bonnets -
Kingston
- Meeting 11 Sept, 7:00 PM, Loblaws
- Fall Tour 16 or 23 September

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 Name: JDCLI Concours d'Elegance
 Sanctioned: P
 Location: Planting Fields Arboretum,
 Oyster Bay Long Island NY
 Chair: George Stephani, (631)981-
 5708, geolee@optonline.net
 74 Orienta Avenue
 Lake Grove, NY 11755
 Chief Judge: Dave Jaycox

Jaguar Association of New England

Date: 2006-05-07
 Type: Slalom
 Name: Spring Slalom
 Sanctioned: P
 Location: Nashoba Valley Ski Area,
 Westford MA
 Chair: Adrian Curtis, (603)293-4938,
 ascurtis@metrocast.net
 39 Curtis Rd.
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 Chief Judge : Aldo Cipriano

Additional information about these
 events can be found in the JCNA
 Online Calendar: [http://
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Sneak Preview:

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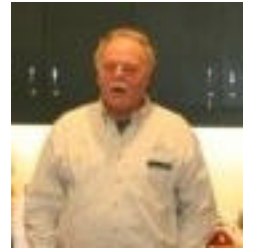
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Photo Gallery: The March Meeting



Clockwise from top: **Doug Mayhew** of CAA talks to the members, **Paul Davis** and **Edwin Tamez** in earnest discussion, **Frank Basten** at the head of the class, and "recess" with refreshments before the general discussion.

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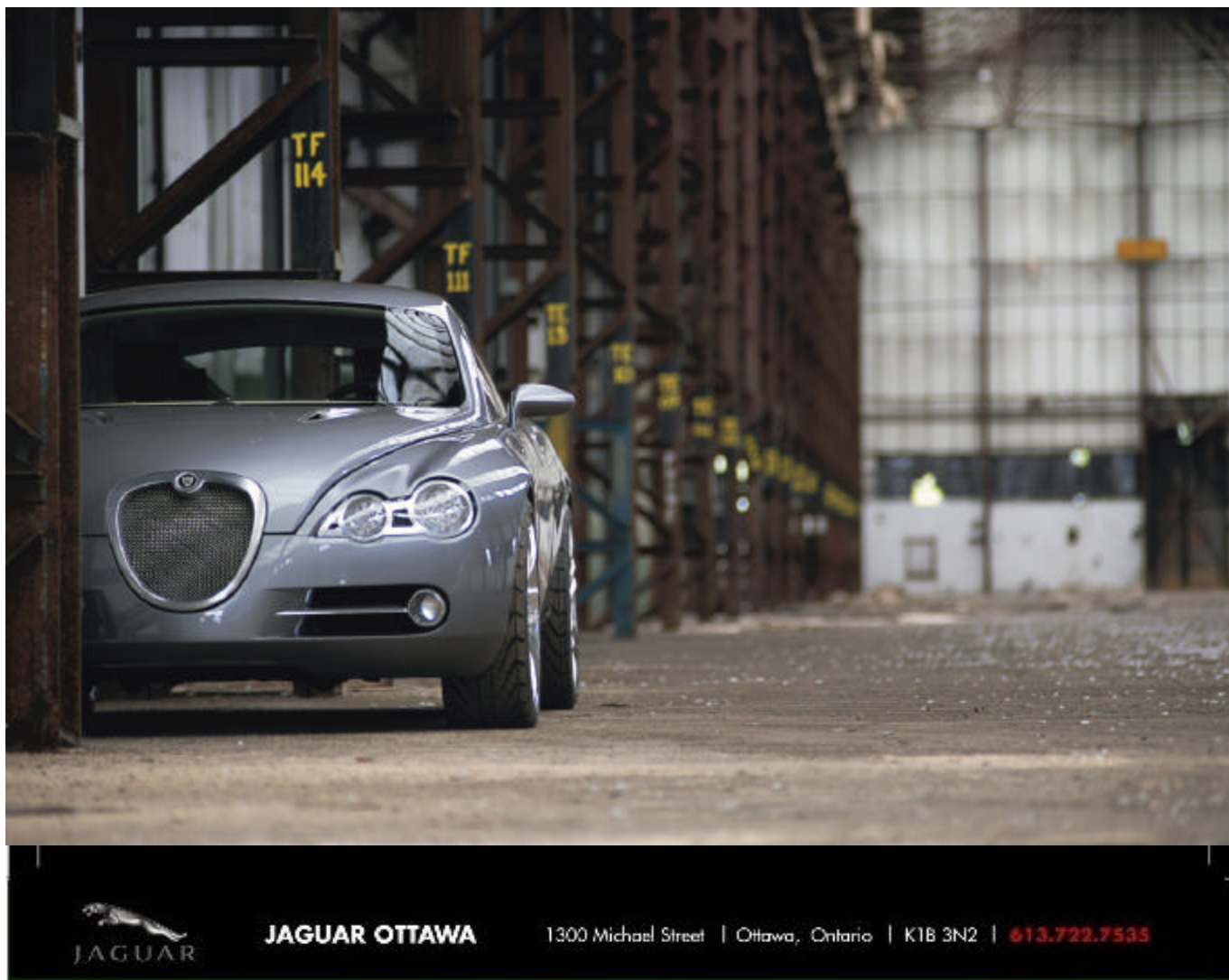
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