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A gathering of the faithful for the Spring BBQ
Graciously hosted by Karen Meinzen McEnergy and brother Rob Meinzen



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Editors' Note

Oops—

I just realized I missed most of Mr. Rosenberg's tech article and missed the upcoming Jensen East Nationals

Your input is more important than ever! Members are encouraged to submit articles, photographs or other materials of interest by mailing them to the address shown below.

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Watch your e-mail during the year for unscheduled Tech Sessions and impromptu drives



Look ahead from planning meeting

May			
Day	Date	Event	Location / Host
FRI - SUN	5/13 – 15 2022	SPRINGTIME IN THE SMOKIES 8314 State Hwy 73	BLOUNT COUNTY CAR CLUB TOWNSEND TN
SAT#	5/14/2022	DRIVE LAKE LANIER	GTA https://gatriumph.com/
SAT	5/22/2022	BRITISH CAR DAY	TOWN PARK, SUWANEE GA, ATLANTA BRITISHCARDAY.ORG
June			
Day	Date	Event	Location / Host
THUR SUN	6/9 – 12/ 2022	HIGHLANDS MOTOTING FESTIVAL (Sunday casual show)	HIAWASSEE GA, https://highlandsmotoringfestival.com/
SAT	6/11/2022	JENSEN EAST	TBA
SAT	6/18/2022	WHISTLE TOP BREWERY	GTA https://gatriumph.com/



Meinzen's Upper Garage

Calling all Jensen Healey owners (Yea THAT Healey), Jensen East was started by AAHCA's own Aaron Gross in 2000 as noted below. This event is right in our own back yard so to speak, a little solidarity to support something started by a AAHC member? http://www.jenseneast.org/uploads/3/4/4/5/34456445/2022_jensen_east_-_registration_form.pdf

Begun in 2000 largely through the inspiration and hard work of the late Aaron Gross of Atlanta, owners and fans of Jensen automobiles gather annually at different locations throughout the Eastern United States to celebrate all things Jensen related, meet each other and to generally have a good time.

While normally attracting Jensen owners located in the US states east of the Mississippi river, attendance is open to all with an interest in the marque (indeed whether current owners or not) and the event regularly attracts attendees from Canada and the western US and has welcomed on several occasions visitors with an interest in Jensen automobiles from Britain and Australia. While certainly centered around the shared love and fascination of things Jensen Motors-related, the event is really a celebration of the people who shed tears, spill blood and pour money over these cars. It also recognizes in equal measure the love and tolerance of the family members domiciled with those of us afflicted with Jensen-itis.

Activities at the annual meet include non-competitive and fun driving events, local history tours and attractions, tech sessions, organized and impromptu meals and many other social activities which are targeted to appeal to car owners, admirers and their supporters. While culminating in a car show which is open to viewing by the public and an awards meal, the

A promotional poster for the Jensen East 2022 event. The background is a dark, slightly blurred image of several classic cars parked on a grassy field. Overlaid on this image is white and yellow text. At the top, it says "Registration is now open for Jensen East 2022 at Lake Chatuge, Georgia". Below that, in a larger font, is "A Return to our Roots". The dates "June 8 - 11, 2022" and the location "Lake Chatuge, GA" follow. Then, it lists the hosts "Your hosts: Rob & Maureen Wester" with their email "robwester@me.com" and cell phone "cell: (505) 615-8612". At the bottom of the text block, it says "2022 Registration Form: click here". At the very bottom of the poster is a dark navigation bar with four links: "JENSEN EAST NATIONALS", "Home", "2022 - Lake Chatuge, Georgia", and "Prior Event Photos".

Registration is now open for Jensen East 2022
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Lake Chatuge, GA

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JENSEN EAST NATIONALS Home 2022 - Lake Chatuge, Georgia Prior Event Photos



Jensen East 2022

"A Return to Our Roots"

June 8-11, 2022
Lake Chatuge, Georgia

Registration Information and Form

Registration Information

- The registration fee of \$145.00 per attendee covers all tours and events. The registration fee also includes a lunch, a barbecue dinner, the Saturday evening awards banquet, and one (1) event shirt.
- Please indicate the event shirt style(s) and size(s) below. Additional event shirts are available for \$25.00 each.
- A block of hotel rooms has been reserved for Jensen East 2022 at the host hotel, The Ridges Resort on Lake Chatuge, 3499 US 76 West, Young Harris, Georgia 30582. **Reservations can be made at 706-896-2262 (the reservation block code is Jen2022).** Additional information regarding The Ridges Resort at Lake Chatuge can be found at www.theridgesresort.com.
- The Jensen East 2022 group rate is \$129.00 per night plus applicable taxes. This rate includes a \$10.00 per day per room credit for breakfast. **The block of rooms will be released to the public on Thursday, May 12, 2022**, so please make your reservations well-prior to this date.
- For those attendees who wish to arrive early or depart later than the official dates for Jensen East 2022, the host hotel will honor the group rate for two nights prior to, and two nights after, the meet.
- Trailer parking is available on the host hotel's property.
- A car wash station will be available on the host hotel's property. Commercial car wash facilities are also available locally.
- Don't forget to bring items for donation to the traditional Friday night auction.
- We regret that the Jensen East 2022 organizing committee cannot accommodate requests for special meals. Any requests for special meals should be coordinated directly with the host hotel.

Please make checks payable to: "Jensen East 2022" (in US funds only).

No refunds after Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

Mail your completed registration form, signed waiver, and check to:

Jensen East 2022
c/o Rob Wester
3580 Still Road
Cumming, GA 30041
USA

Any Questions? Please call Rob at (505) 615-8612 or e-mail robwester@me.com.



Jensen East 2022



Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Event Shirt Style (check one): Men's ____ Ladies' ____

Event Shirt (indicate quantity): Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ XL ____ XXL ____

Spouse / Guest Name: _____

Address (if different): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Event Shirt Style (check one): Men's ____ Ladies' ____

Event Shirt (indicate quantity): Small ____ Medium ____ Large ____ XL ____ XXL ____

Registration fee(s): ____ x \$145.00 = \$ _____

Additional shirt(s): ____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Total fees: \$ _____

- Will you be bringing your Jensen(s) to Jensen East 2022? Yes ____ No ____

If so, please provide the following information:

Jensen no. 1 (year/make/model): _____ Drive or tow? _____

Jensen no. 2 (year/make/model): _____ Drive or tow? _____

- How far will you be traveling? _____ miles

Waiver

Each above-named registrant shall carefully read, and sign and date the following:

I am aware of the hazards inherent with motor vehicle events and specifically release and do indemnify the organizers, hotel, supporting sponsors, collectively and separately from any and all liability from personal injury and property damage incurred by me or my guests while participating in Jensen East 2022.

Signature (required): _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Spouse/Guest Signature (required): _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

I left something out from last month's article. I demonstrated it at the tech session but it should have been included. Sorry; here it is. Last month I wrote about repairing your distributor and promised to tell you how to set the timing so you could crank you engine. Well, there is a little trick I use every time I pull a distributor whether for a tune up or a full engine overhaul.

Before I remove the distributor; I take long thin bladed screwdriver and mark the distributor housing with two small nicks between the ends of the hold down clamp. It just takes a small tap on the screw driver handle to make these marks. Now, since the distributor can't go in 180 degrees out, you can put the timing where it was before pulling the distributor out.

And while talking about the clamp; look closely at it and you will see the two mounting flanges are slightly offset from the big hole. Install the clamp with the mounting flanges down, in contact with the engine and the center hole upwards. This allows the clamp to grasp the base of the distributor in a more solidly position.

And while talking about this, when you pull your distributor out, look at the boss the clamp grabs and see if it is "hollow". If so, sometimes during your rebuild, fill this void with JB Weld and smooth off. JB Weld is easy to file flat when cured. This is one area that can ruin a distributor when the hollow boss cracks as you over tighten the clamp screw and the distributor will not be help tightly in position.

So, now that you hopefully have marked your distributor before removing it, you can put it back in the engine and set the timing very close to where it was before screwing

with it. The engine should start once you connect all your wires and turn the key.

A huge word of warning: **DO NOT CONNECT YOUR PETRONIX BACKWARDS!** They have zero, absolutely no tolerance for being connected backwards. Maybe I should have mentioned to mark the wires before pulling them off the coil but you know I do not like Petronix.

Not that I want you to hook the wires backwards but if you just do the tiniest flick of the wire to the wrong terminal, you get to buy another Petronix. So be extremely careful.

So, let's assume that you are installing a Petronix instead of points in your rebuild. You can still use my marking method and it should be close enough for the engine to fire.

If you want to get your timing closer before replacing the cap and rotor try this: Use a thin needle and stick it next to the magnetic black round part, ring or reluctor, that fit over your dist. cam. It will stand straight up in one of 4, 6 or 8 locations around the ring.

With your rotor temporarily and loosely installed, rotate the dist. until the rotor points I at the number one location on the cap. Remove the rotor and turn the dist a little bit until the needle is lined up with the pickup center. It would be nice if Petronix would mark the location of the tiny magnets in the ring. Remove the needle without sticking yourself and finish installing you wires and gently snug the clamp screw.

Leave it just loose enough to still be able to turn the dist and we are ready to crank the engine and set the timing. Hopefully you have installed new spark plugs and put a dab of anti-seize on the threads and snugged them.

If your carbs were set well enough for the engine to run before playing with your dist, the engine should crank now. So try it.

If it spins but does not seem to fire, first thing to check in a point dist is to make sure you put both wires in the dist under the little plastic insulator on the points and nothing is shorting to ground. One of those super fine wires in the low tension lead could easily cause a ground. The next easiest way to check is to take one of the old spark plugs, pull off your longest plug wire and install the loose plug.

I use a jumper wire to ground the metal housing of the plug to the engine, anywhere. Have someone turn the key to spin the engine and you watch for the plug to spark. It should. When it does, you know your ignition system is working.

What happens if it doesn't spark? Call AAA and have it towed. No; let's look into what went wrong. We know the dist and all it's parts are good. Check to make sure you connected the Petronix correctly and if you find you didn't; buy another, there is no fixing it now. If it is correct, disconnect the red wire from the positive side of the coil and connect it with another jumper wire directly to a positive point such as the brown wire on the fuse box.

Try again to see if you have a spark at the temporary plug. If not read the Petronix web site for other tests. No need for me to type it

all here.

Now if you have points and you have no spark using the same test plug as above, take your simple 12 volt test light and test it first against any hot wire and a ground to be sure the light works. Many times I have traced electrical problems only to find it was my test light not working.

Disconnect the ignition wire from the coil, the one to the hot side, and check for power on it. Your light should glow. Reconnect the wire and disconnect the wire going to the coil and see if you have current at that coil terminal. With the key on, you should. Then reconnect to wire and spin the engine over with the key and touch the terminal again and see if the light flickers off and on. It should. Again, it is extremely rare that a coil fails.

Well, I could just show all this to yall in way less time than it takes me to type it. If there is any interest, maybe after my eyes get fixed (something I cannot do myself) we can have a short version of tuning your car at the shop. I am not adverse to going to someones home shop or garage to do a mini tech session if it fits with my schedule.

So, I have finished with the ignition side so next month, I will look at the fuel side. That should only take two articles if I abbreviate my thinking.

So, it till we meet again, see yall somewhere soon.

Barry Rosenberg
British Car Service