

Remembering Jean-Marie Georges through photos and videos

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I first met Jean-Marie Georges about 35 years ago, when he and two colleagues (J.-M. Martin and P. Kapsa) visited W. Zisman's lab at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) in Washington, D.C. He talked about tribology of interfaces and materials at the Laboratoire de Tribologie et Dynamique des Systemes (LTDS), which he had recently founded at l'Ecole Centrale de Lyon (ECL). I was impressed. We next met in Lyon, twice, during my sabbatical at Cambridge University in 1985-86. First in September 1985 during EuroTrib-85, held in Lyon; secondly, seven months later, when I visited LTDS to write about tribology research for ONR's European Scientific Notes. Over the next seven years, Georges and I saw each other often, at Gordon Conferences and Leeds-Lyon meetings, then in Braunlage, Germany (summer 1991) and during my NRL sabbatical year at LTDS in 1992-93. Braunlage was the site of the NATO ASI meeting on friction at the microscopic and macroscopic level, in which Georges was an invited lecturer. I will show several video clips of Jean-Marie (and Françoise) at the meeting. I met with Georges many times during my subsequent visits to LTDS and saw him last at Lyon Perrache in 2006. He and Françoise were racing to a train, carrying their art supplies, on their way to some part of France to paint. "What a life," I thought.