

Jaguar Owners Association North Texas

2019
Year In
Review

President's Message

This has been a great year for the club. We have added over 30 new members which makes our total 91 members. The club's officers and board of directors have been leading the club to new levels of activity and community. The membership has become more active in club events and growing the bond among fellow members.

We have upgraded our website www.joant.club to better communicate with our membership and to show potential members all of the things the club does and has to offer. We can now accept new memberships and renewals on line including payments. The website shows all of the upcoming events with details of the event and who the lead coordinator is for the events. We are effectively utilizing the Evite system to give members individual invitations to each event and give them the opportunity to let the coordinator know who will be coming and who will not be able to make the event. This allows the coordinator to make the necessary plans to ensure the event goes smoothly.

Thanks in part to the website information and the Evite system, the attendance at the monthly meetings have continued to increase. In past years, attendance would be in the twenties. This year the attendance has doubled and in some cases has hit 60 plus people. This has been great but has created some challenges in finding restaurants that can handle a group this large. Selecting the locations for the monthly meetings is also affected by where the members are located. Clark Kirby has done a great job at finding locations that move around the city so that during the year the venue is not always a long commute for the same members. See the member location map below to see how our membership is spread all across the Dallas / Fort Worth Metroplex.

This past year has set the stage for an even better 2020. The members selected for the Board of Directors are all excited to take on their roles and ready to get started. The goals for 2020 are to continue to grow membership, determine what type of activities interest all the members so that attendance in the special events grows as much as the monthly meetings have grown, and forge relationships with area vendors / groups that will benefit the members. One very significant addition in this area is the new sponsorship agreement with Jaguar Frisco. We are also working on getting a similar sponsorship agreement with the Jaguar Dallas dealership so members in the central and western areas of the DFW metroplex can also reap the benefits. Those benefits include special attention when you bring your Jags in for service or are looking for a new Jag, 10% off on parts and service, free car washes, and invitations to special dealership events.

One of the big things for next year is the 50th JOANT Concours D'Elegance. This is a great event and we host it with the Park Cities Historical Society Annual Antique and Classic Car Show on the SMU campus. We want to encourage all members to consider entering their Jags in one of the classes. If you want to get a good perspective on how nice your Jag is compared to other Jags, you should enter it in the Champion or Driven classes. If you are just proud of you Jag and want to show it off, enter it in the Display only class. To help with this, the club will host a Concours Preparation workshop to help members understand what to do to have the best chance of getting an award at the concours. To support the number of Jags we hope to get in the concours, we are going to hold a Judges training class in February or March. We encourage any member that wants to see what cars are judged on, to take this class. It just lasts part of a day and the test is open book.

The Board of Directors is working on a calendar of events for 2020 and will put it on the website as soon as events are identified. If you have a suggestion for an event, please let me know or use the Contact Us form on the website. Thanks to all of the club members and board members that have made this year so great.

Richard Wright – Proud President of JOANT



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This Google Map shows that our members are spread all over the DFW Metroplex.

Jaguar Journal Article by Kelley Wright

The Jaguar Owners Association of North Texas has experienced amazing growth this year! Thanks to our outstanding Officers and Board members, we've grown to over 90 member families. We have tried very hard to set up many fun and interesting events for members to choose from to keep everyone active and coming back for more! We started off 2019 with some new officers and board members, folks with great ideas for the year! We participated in parades and car shows, joining with other car clubs in the area. Our Concours de'Elegance was a huge success, mainly because we changed locations and joined with another major car event in a popular area of Dallas. Members have also participated in Concours events in Oklahoma, Austin, Houston and San Antonio. In April, we had a slalom and invited other local car clubs to join in the fun. One of the most fun events by far was the Spring Fling! Members of all the Texas clubs joined together for a fun filled weekend in Historic Granbury, Texas.

One very exciting addition this year has been our support of the Genesis Women's Shelter. We have done some fundraising for them and they have several fundraising events that our members can participate in on their own. We are on the lookout for restaurants that can accommodate our growing membership! That's a great problem to have! There have been so many fun events, more than we can include here such as "Mancave Mondays" at a cigar bar, indoor go cart racing, winery and brewery tours, driving tours around North Texas, a river boat cruise, even a salute to the Queen's birthday at The British Emporium, where a whole parking lot of British cars honked their horns in her honor! Then there was the Halloween party, but that would be another paragraph all by itself! We'll finish out the year with our holiday dinner gathering including a Chinese gift exchange. Next year, we hope to have as full a calendar as we did this year, or perhaps even more. Please check out our Facebook page **Jaguar Owners Association of North Texas** and our club website at www.JOANT.club for more info!

Jaguar Owners Association North Texas - 49th Annual / David Nichols Memorial Concours D'Elegance

The weather was great, the Jags were beautiful, and the people were even better. After months of planning and preparation, the day of the concours arrived. The event started Friday evening April 26th with a Welcome Reception at the Double Tree Hotel. There was food and drink for the club members and for the out of town entrants from other clubs.



There were lots of areas for everyone to socialize and there were even some special guests.



After everyone had caught up on what their Jaguar friends had been up to over the last year and what changes they had made to their cars, everyone adjourned to either get some rest or get some dinner.

Saturday April 27 started out with sunshine and smiling faces. Club members showed up early to help set up tents and registrations area, stock the ice chest with water, and start parking the Jags in the correct spots. Dave McDowell had pre-planned the location of every car so that when each Jag drove into the show area, he directed it to the exact spot – keeping all like models were next to each other. This made the judging easier and allowed the spectators to make comparisons.



There were 21 Jags that were to be included in the JCNA Sanctioned Judging and 10 Jags that were in the Display Only Division. Six Jags were in the Champion Division, two in the Special Division, and twelve were in the Driven Division. The Champion Division cars included a 1963 E-Type FHC, 1966 E-Type OTS, a 1969 E-Type FHC, a 1971 E-Type OTS, a 1990 XJS Convertible, and a 2009 XK Convertible. In the Special Division there was a 1993 XJ220 Coupe and a 2006 S Type R Sedan. In the Driven Division, there was a 1967 420 Sports Saloon, a 1976 XJ12C Coupe, a 1992 XJ40 Vanden Plas, a 1994 XJS Convertible, a 1997 XK8 Convertible, a 2007 XK Convertible, a 2008 XK Coupe, a 2009 XK Convertible, a 2010 XKR Coupe, a 2012 XK Coupe, and a 2013 XKR-S Convertible. In the Display Only Division, there was a rare 1935 SS SS90 OTS, a 1958 XK150 FHC, a 1966 E-Type OTS, a 1969 E-Type FHC, a 1970 E-Type, a 1987 XJ6 Vanden Plas, a 1996 XJR, a 2001 XKR Convertible, and a 2014 XKR Coupe.

If the spectators got tired of looking at all of the beautiful Jags, there were over 150 other vintage cars nearby. The JOANT Concours D'Elegance was held in association with the 4th Annual Classic and Antique Car Show hosted by Park Cities Preservation & Historical Society .

The judging was completed by 3 o'clock but the results would not be announced until the Awards Banquet that night. As usual, club members pitched in to take down the tents, gather up all of the Jaguar signs and displays, and pick up the parking cones before they left to get cleaned up for the banquet.

The Awards Banquet was held at the Double Tree Hotel in a special banquet room. There was room for the 47 guests that were anxious to find out the results of the judging. Terri Clark, who was the coordinator for the Welcome Reception and the Awards Banquet, welcomed all of the guests and provided the details for the evening's program. While the guests were enjoying their meals, Glenn Jarboe had prepared a slide presentation of the award-winning cars as well as some other photos from the day's activities.



At the completion of the exceptional dinner and dessert, Don Marpe, the concours chairman, and Dave McDowell, site coordinator, announced the winners and presented the awards to the winners. For each award, there was a photo of the Jag, the name of the owner, and the judging score projected on a big screen. The awards presentation began with the Display Only Best in Class (Pre 1990) and that award went to Rufus Coburn III for his 1935 SS90 OTS. The Display Only Best in Class (Post 1990) award went to Dave McDowell for his 2014 XKR Coupe.

For the Champion Division, Best in Class awards for their class went to Clark Kirby for his 1966 E-Type OTS, Craig Miles for his 1971 E-Type Roadster, Jeff Hand for his 1990 XJS Convertible, and Terri Clark for her 2009 XK Convertible. A second place award was given to JJ Keig for his 1969 E Type FHC. In the Special Division Barry Fromberg received a Best in Class award for his 1993 XJ220 Coupe.

For the Driven Division, Best in Class awards for their class went to Ben Davis for his 1967 420 Sport Saloon, Charles Rahm for his 1976 XJ12C Coupe, John Checki for his 1992 XJ40 Vanden Plas, Barry Fromberg for his 1994 XJS 5-speed manual Convertible, Andy Kay for his 1997 XK8 Convertible, and Peter Ferrer with his 2010 XKR Coupe. Second place awards were given to Kent Poynor for his 2008 XK Coupe and Don Marpe for his 2012 XK Coupe. A third place award was presented to Peter Wen for his 2007 XK Convertible.

The Concours Awards Banquet ended with drawings for several door prizes. Even after the formal program ended, the guests continued to mingle and to praise each other on their awards. By all accounts (and later feedback), this concours was a great event and enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the members that worked so hard to make it happen and thanks to the Park Cities Preservation and Historical Society for inviting JOANT to join their event. A special thanks goes to Park Place Jaguar. Without their continued sponsorship of this event, there would not be an event.

Best of Show for the Driven Division was awarded to Barry Fromberg for his 1994 XJS Convertible. Best of Show for the Champion Division was awarded to Terri Clark for her 2009 XK Convertible. A Best of Show Award was also presented to Craig Miles for his 1971 E Type Roadster. Craig travelled all the way from Fort Collins, Colorado to be in the concours.



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JOANT November 30 Google Rally

Twenty JOANT members and guests trusted the weatherman's forecast that the rain would go away and it would be a beautiful day by the time the rally was to start. Their trust was rewarded. By the time the first car left Park Place Jaguar, the sun was bright and the roads were dry.

The group had a short drivers meeting to make sure everyone had signed the release of liability forms and to explain the route for the rally. Each car had detailed driving instructions for the route to be taken, stops that should be made, and boxes to record their times at each checkpoint. At 10:00, the first car started the route and the remaining cars followed with a 2 or 3 minute delay between the cars.

Richard Wright was at the Speedway Club in the Texas Motor Speedway complex to waive to the members as they completed the first checkpoint.



He and his passengers then started the rest of the route. There were a few members that took alternate routes (i.e. missed a turn), but they miraculously arrived at Eagles Canyon Raceway within +/- 3 minutes of the target time. The sighting of a couple of police cars along the route prevented most of the drivers from going for the fastest time certificate. But not all drivers. Billie Bailey was awarded the "I Really Like Driving My Jag" award and Ben Davis was awarded the "I Did Not See A Cop" award.

Once everyone arrived at Eagles Canyon Racetrack, there was time to take some pictures and watch the other cars on the track.



Then there was some more time to just wait until the track manager Brad Flack told us to line up for the parade laps around the track. Dave McDowell, who has driven his race car on this track, was the first car to follow Brad in the Porsche lead car.



Dave felt he could have passed Brad, but that was not the polite thing to do. You could hear some screeching tires, see some white knuckles on steering wheels, and watch some passengers grab the door handles during the parade laps. Everyone survived the laps and some got a taste to maybe do some driving on the track at a future open track day.

The group then convoyed (at a more reasonable pace) to Decatur. There was a stop for photo opportunities at the Petrified Wood Gas Station and then on to Sweetie Pies Ribeye for lunch. During lunch those that qualified for the Google Safe Driver awards were presented with their certificates. Billie and Ben also got their certificates for their driving performance.

After lunch, the sun was still shining and everyone could enjoy the rest of the day driving their Jaguars.

Jaguar Owners Association North Texas November 30 Road Rally

The goal of this rally is to allow club members and guests to exercise their Jaguars on mostly open scenic roads. The routes have been determined utilizing Google Maps and the target times for the rally are based on the Google time estimates. There will be Certificates for the entrants that match the Google times. There will also be Certificates for the shortest overall time, longest overall time, and "Must have gotten lost" time. Remember, this is not a Cannon Ball Run, but do feel free to exercise your Jags within the laws of the land. If you need to pass another driver, give them a lights flash, then pass. If you are being passed, be sensible.

Driver _____ Navigator _____

Starting Point – Park Place Jaguar Start Time _____

Directions: Exit Park Place Jaguar and stay on the frontage road to Texan Trail. Turn left on Texan Trail and cross 114 to get to 114 north entrance. Follow 114 (not 121) to the Texas Motor Speedway entrance. Find the Speedway Club parking lot and record the time you go through the circle. Arrival Time _____

Leave the Speedway Club parking lot and get on 114 north. Exit on FM 156 north. Follow FM 156 through Justin, through Ponder, and over 380, to Krum. At the intersection of 156 and 1173 (the stop sign in Krum) record the time.

Arrival Time _____

In Krum, turn left on 1173 (West McCart St) and follow 1173 to 455 (Chapman Road). Follow 455 through Slidell and on to junction of 51. Turn left on 51 and follow it to the entrance to Eagles Canyon Raceway on Right. Record the time when you pass the main gate at raceway. Arrival Time _____

Total Travel Time _____

When all participants arrive at Eagles Canyon Raceway, the group will follow a lead car for parade laps (normal highway speeds) around the upgraded race track.

Following the laps, we will go to Sweetie Pie's Ribeyes restaurant in Decatur for lunch and awards.

Call Don Marpe (504-812-8611) if you have problems.

Park Place Car Club Showcase





Spring Fling 2019

Texas Jaguar Clubs

*****Preliminary Schedule*****



May 17-19, 2019

Jaguar Owner's Association of North Texas has the pleasure of hosting this year's Spring Fling in historic Granbury, Texas.

This event will include the combined clubs of Texas; The Jaguar Club of Austin, The San Antonio Jaguar Club, the Jaguar Owner's Association of North Texas, and The Jaguar Club of Houston. However, other members of JCNA and other Jaguar car owners are invited to join us for this event.