

JCNA 2021 SLALOM REPORT

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SLALOM PARTICIPATION

The 2021 slalom season was in “recovery” from the meager 2020 pandemic year when only three clubs held slalom events. In 2021, 8 clubs held a total of 10 slalom events that drew a total of 94 slalom registrations. Those numbers were down slightly from the 2018 and 2019 seasons when 11 clubs hosted 15 events that drew 124 (2018) and 102 (2019) registrations. The number of registrations has declined slowly from 2016 to 2022 except for the sharp spike in 2017 with 17 clubs drawing 161 registrations. That spike in activity was produced with the help of three “singleton” clubs who showed 35 registrations. Without those “one-off” participants, the slow decline would appear consistent across the five-year period seen in Table 1.

Note that the number of registrations reported here exceeds slightly the number of individual drivers because some individuals may register at several events and/or with more than one car. Also, these data include only JCNA members, unlike the previous Slalom Reports that also included non-members. Thus, this reports focuses more specifically on the activities of clubs and members rather than the overall attractiveness of the sport to non-members.

A review of Table 1 suggests something of the “slalom culture” in JCNA. Among the 63 clubs active in JCNA since 2017, 21 held at least one slalom event between 2016 and 2021. And, of those 21 clubs, 9 held only one slalom event since 2016. Broadly speaking, in 2021 about 13 percent of the clubs were “recently active.” Another 14 percent were “singletons” during the five years reported, and about 68 percent were “not active.” By way of historical contrast, in 2009 21 clubs hosted 229 registrations.

Table 1. Number of Slalom Registrations and Number of Slalom Events by Club for Years 2016 to 2021 – JCNA Members Only.

	CLUB	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021
	EVENTS					
NC28	The Jaguar Club of Ohio	1	6	8	7	3
		2		6		
NE08	Jaguar Club of Southern New England	1		10		
NE18	Jaguar Association of New England	1	11	13	7	7
		2	9	13	4	7
NE25	Jaguar Association of Central New York	1	5	7	9	4
		2	6	4		5
						11
NE33	Delaware Valley Jaguar Club	1	8	14	8	4
NE40	Nation's Capital Jaguar Owners Club	1	11	4	12	9
		2	8	10	7	8
NW32	Jaguar Owners Club of Oregon	1	16	12	5	7
		2			8	6
NW41	Jaguar D & R Club, NW America	1		11	6	4
NW42	Canadian XK Jaguar Register	1	3			
		2	5			
NW61	Jaguar Car Club of Victoria	1	12	11	10	10
SC16	Heart of America Jaguar Club	1	7	5		4
SC35	Jaguar Owners Association of North Texas	1		6		7
		2				14
						10
SE09	Jaguar Club of Florida	1	11	10	15	13
SE54	Jaguar Car Club of North Florida	1	6			
SE57	North Georgia Jaguar Club	1		14		
SE68	Jaguar Club of Southwest Florida	1				19
SW02	Jaguar Club of Central Arizona	1	9			
SW04	Jaguar Owners Club of Los Angeles	1			9	
SW07	Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club	1		14		
SW46	Reno Jaguar Club	1	5			
SW66	Jaguar Club of New Mexico	1		7		
TOTAL JCNA SLALOM REGISTRATIONS			132	161	124	102
TOTAL NUMBER OF EVENTS			16	17	15	15
NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING CLUBS			12	14	11	11
						8

Notes: In a given year, registrations exceed member counts because members may register more than one car in more than one event. Data for 2020 are omitted because just three clubs registered a total of 25 drivers.

TYPES OF CARS REGISTERED IN SLALOM CLASSES

Table 2 shows that the F-TYPE variants and the two E-Type variants appeared most frequently among all other Jaguar classes. Those two groups each accounted for between 10 percent and 16 percent of the slalom registrations between 2016 and 2021. Among E-Types, the V12 models have dwindled in number to just 2 during the last two years reported here while the 6-cylinder models have maintained a more consistent slalom presence.

JCNA members take advantage of the slalom events to test their various non-Jaguar models in Class Z. In fact, Class Z was the most popular class in four out of the five years reported in Table 2, accounting for almost one in five registrations (19%) in 2021. Apparently for a significant number of slalom fans, the event is enjoyed for its own merits rather than for competitive standings. The remaining 76 registrations (94 minus 18) were spread out among 16 Jaguar classes.

Several slalom classes appear on the “endangered species” list. The older classics made prior to the XK engine (A) make only an occasional honorary appearance. The older XK saloons (C) have been seen only once or twice per year since 2017. And, the older sport models from XK120 through XK150 (B) appear rarely. These legacy models have largely been retired due to age or increasing market values.

Jaguars that have been modified in some ways large or small (H, I, SP/H and SP/L) have mostly been sidelined, with the exception of the SP/L E-Type cars. Compared to all other models that appear in their stock configurations, the owners of these modified cars likely spend considerable resources and skilled labor to produce a variety of performance advantages. Many modifications to suspension, wheel/tire, and engine configurations that disqualify the older models from stock classes are now made available as factory stock options on modern Jaguars. Thus, it is likely that the incentives to compete with modified cars have been reduced in recent years.

Table 2.
Slalom Class of Cars Registered by JCNA Members
For Years 2016 to 2021.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2021
A Older Classics, Pre-XK					1
B Older XK's	1	2	4	3	3
C Early Saloon/Sedan	4	1	2	1	
D E-Type/6	12	17	6	10	13
E E-Type/v12	6	4	4	2	2
F XJ6/12, Ser.1,2,3	10	3	5	5	
H Modif.Light	1	2	3	2	2
I Modif.Heavy		3	1	1	
J XJS 6/12	6	10	11	8	6
K GT, RWD, Not Suprchg	12	23	9	12	8
L GT, RWD, Suprchg	11	7	7	13	7
M 4dr Sedan, 1986-->	10	14	10	11	5
N AWD, X-Typ,F-Pace, XF, XE	6	15	14	6	6
R All F-TYPE	17	21	11	9	15
SP/H Street Prep Heavy	9	6	7	4	2
SP/L Street Prep Light	7	8	4	3	6
Z Non-Jag Powered	20	25	26	12	18
TOTAL	132	161	124	102	94

FASTEST DRIVERS WITHIN CLASS

Table 3 lists the drivers who qualify for JCNA awards for the fastest times within class (for up to three drivers.) Three of the classes had just a single driver in the 2021 season (A, H, and SP/H), and Class E had just two drivers. The remaining 9 classes had three or more drivers. The fastest time on the 2021 slalom track was achieved by Tyler Hayward with 41.056 from the Jaguar Owners Club of Oregon. He is no stranger to the SP/L Class, having appeared among the fastest three drivers in SP/L in the past four years. Among 10 stock classes, the fastest time went to Lee Towne in his F-TYPE from NCJOC with a time of 42.814.

Table 3.
Fastest Three Times within JCNA Slalom Class for 2021.

CLASS		RANK	TIME	DRIVER
A	Older Classics, Pre-XK	1	71.130	John Boswell
B	Older XK's	1	51.602	Steve Poland
		2	60.580	Art Patstone
		3	66.214	David Martin
D	E-Type/6	1	46.404	Charles Epstein
		2	46.724	J. J. Keig
		3	47.750	Craig Jones
E	E-Type/V12	1	47.017	Michael Eck
		2	54.424	Edward Petrow
H	Modif.Light	1	41.540	Richard Wright
J	XJS 6/12	1	47.153	Rick Van Tuyl
		2	49.605	Vars Smith
		3	51.410	Jay Greene
K	GT, RWD, Not Suprchg	1	45.714	Martin Kukla
		2	46.586	Bill Beible
		3	47.670	Eric Klerholm
L	GT, RWD, Suprchg	1	44.779	Rex Schneider
		2	45.739	Bob Gilmore
		3	46.298	Stephen Kress
M	4dr Sedan, 1986-->	1	49.370	Ellie Hall
		2	51.343	Peter Crespini
		3	53.975	Dyle Wilson
N	AWD, X-Typ, F-Pace, XF, XE	1	45.473	Steven
Schultheis		2	46.123	Dave Harris
		3	46.722	Mike Meyer
R	All F-TYPE	1	42.814	Lee Towne
		2	43.520	Ian Crawford
		3	45.180	John Mensie
SP/H	Street Prep Heavy	1	47.812	John Larson
SP/L	Street Prep Light	1	41.056	Tyler Hayward
		2	45.579	Lloyd Lumpkins
		3	48.400	Jack Wade