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2020 has been a very challenging year for all us during the COVID-19 Pandemic, however, now that we're early into 2021 we hope things will be changing for the better. New SAJC Officers will be working hard making sure we have your back and will let you know when indoor meetings are possible. In the meantime, ZOOM meetings will be ongoing.

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Special points of interest

- Calendar of Events 2021: In the next few months be looking for new events in the new year
- Next Monthly (ZOOM) Meeting-Feb 2, 2021
- Please support our Newsletter Advertisers
- Reminder: SAJC Dues are due for 2021

EDGING IT

President's Article by Brian Blackwell—Jan-Feb 2021

In 1992, Queen Elizabeth II of the UK termed it an 'anus horribilus' in her Christmas time speeches, which is Latin for 'horrible year'. Three of her children's marriages had come apart, and her Windsor Castle had a terrible fire, costing her millions in damages. The world, Her Majesty, and the UK especially, had as much or more going on in 2020, and why she did not designate 2020 such as year could only be because she felt she only got one to a reign.

First, I want to extend the thanks of us all to Janet Martin for being our Club President for the last two years, and to the other officers for their efforts in 2020. While I am returning for my overall 11th year as President of the San Antonio Jaguar Club this year, we will have events as this pandemic makes things safer for our health. Most of us are of an age or health that we do not want to take the chance of contracting COVID-19, and having to take a chance on what the situation in the health care system is when you get there. I will not even ride my bicycle these days for fear of an accident sending me to the emergency room. I am proposing a mid March Luckenbach Rallye this year, given the present situation. Dates will likely be March 13 or 20. Distribution of vaccines for COVID-19 will make this year better than 2020, despite the peak surges we are presently enduring. Paula and I are safe and well quarantined, only venturing out for essentials like food, health care, and auto repairs, and now and then, a little whiskey. We hope you are likewise taking care of yourselves and your family. That virus can't come in your door, unless you bring it, and all risk is cumulative. I just try to keep those and faith in mind to get us through to being vaccinated.

Dues are Due!

With driving down for most of us, due to the pandemic, the energy and automotive sectors of the worldwide economy are hurting. Jaguar Land Rover has the complicating factor of Brexit coming to its finale, deal or not deal. Corporate uncertainty for anyone with a supply stream supporting their industry had to be holding their breath. American sales are a relatively bright spot for them world-wide, and we are about the only place their huge investment in diesel engine design and production has been paying them back. Europeans do not want diesels due to the VW diesel scandal making them fearful of losing a car due to an emissions recall.

The irony to me is that most of the Jaguar Land Rover development at this point is toward fully electric cars, when their new gas and diesel engine have not had the chance to pay back their investments yet. In this country, one of, and formerly their largest customer does not have the infrastructure for fully electric cars. Range anxiety and the dearth of charging technology and locations that would permit the recharge time technology and locations that would permit a recharge time measured in minutes, rather than hours, just does not exist, except maybe along major interstates. Electric vehicles, unless they are hybrids like my wife's Volt, cannot reasonably make a long trip yet.

One is beginning to wonder about having to replace your current Jaguar if you ever want it to be a Jaguar. If you wait too long, your engine and range options may be limited, or you may have to shop other brands. I hope that does not happen to me...

SAJC's Calendar of Events—2021 *(Please note: All dates subject to change)*

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You will be notified by email when events become available as well as ZOOM meetings ID & ZOOM Code.



To all SAJC members having a birthday in Jan-Feb. We want to send you best wishes for a very Happy Birthday! Fran, Newsletter Editor & Robert Clemons, Co-Editor





[FIRST DRIVE Jan 12th 2021 at 11:00AM](#)

Driving JLR Classic's factory-restored Jaguar Reborn E-Type

Why a 'reborn' Jag from 60 years ago might be a better way to spend \$400,000 today

COVENTRY, England – Moviegoers of a certain age will likely draw an association between the flag-emblazoned E-type “Shaguar” driven by Austin Powers and the car’s image as an icon of Swinging-Sixties cool. For sure, the Brits cling to this era, recalling a time when everyone from The Beatles to the nation’s car manufacturers were successfully exporting English swagger to the world.

As the 60th anniversary of the E-type’s first appearance in 1961 approaches, attention is again focused on this golden age for British automotive engineering and Jaguar’s increasingly industrialized approach to leveraging its heritage. That takes the form of an impressive modern facility on the outskirts of the brand’s hometown, where [classic Land Rover](#), [Range Rover](#) and Jaguar vehicles are “Reborn” in nut-and-bolt factory restorations. This isn’t a few old hands turning spanners in a dusty corner of the main factory — instead customers can go direct to [Jaguar Land Rover Classic Works](#), order the Reborn vehicle of their dreams and sit patiently for the spectacular return on their considerable investment.

In the case of the [Reborn E-type](#) driven here, that starts at around \$400,000, though that figure can rise considerably if you’re fussy about the vintage of the original car and want one based on a more sought-after early model. For the real fanboys Jaguar is even offering Drivsix matched pairs of restored [E-type 60 Editions](#) to celebrate the coupe and roadster that were famously driven direct from the factory to the Geneva unveiling just in time for Jaguar founder Sir William Lyons to reveal it to the world. That even Enzo Ferrari was moved to acknowledge its beauty adds to the romance of that moment, and explains why Jaguar is so keen to celebrate it.

But can the Reborn E-type do justice to such myth and legend? And is factory original really preferable to the [restomods built by independents like Eagle](#)? Wheel time in a gorgeous Reborn 1965 4.2 Fixed-Head Coupe on an authentically grey and overcast English day is my chance to find out.

The E-type may have earned Enzo’s respect for its looks but, ever the wily engineer, he will likely have been paying closer scrutiny to what was under those slinky panels. Jaguar had demonstrated it could beat the world’s best in sports car racing with multiple Le Mans wins in the 1950s. As the new decade dawned, it looked to have ambitions to do the same in showrooms with a product that made Maranello’s finest seem like old tech.

Driving JLR Classic's factory-restored Jaguar Reborn E-Type | Autoblog *(cont'd)*

Look at it this way: At the time, Ferrari was selling coachbuilt coupes based on spaceframes and running leaf-sprung live axles at the rear. Sure, the engines were exquisite, but for a fraction of the price the E-type offered a steel monocoque, an independent suspension and disc brakes all around, rack-and-pinion steering and equivalent power from a six-cylinder engine. No wonder it got his attention.

Those foundations still make the E-type relevant today. I'm driving it on the same English backroads on which it was developed 60 years ago, likely in similar conditions. The shiny facility where the cars are restored may be of the modern age but, within a few hundred yards, the roads are exactly as they were back then. Narrow and bumpy, they twist and turn between hedgerows, testing steering, suspension and brakes in a way that informs Jaguar products to this day.

Those of a 21st-century physique may find the door aperture of the E-type coupe a bit of a squeeze but, once inside, it fits like a glove, with plenty of headroom and space in the footwell to ensure you're not hitting all three pedals at once. The wood-rimmed steering wheel sits close to your chest, the four-speed shift lever is a hand-span away and the view down the long hood sets hairs to attention before the engine even fires.



When it does, the sound is as gorgeous as the looks. The [twin-cam XK engine](#) is the beating heart of generations of Jaguars and as much an icon of the brand as the famous "leaper." Breathing through three giant carbs and dual exhausts exiting under the rear bumper, it responds instantly to the throttle with a sophisticated growl. Sure, Jaguar made [an electric E-type](#) as a demo. But if that's what you want, go buy [an I-Pace](#).

This one is a later 4.2-liter, which has comparable horsepower to the 3.8 but gets 283 pound-feet of torque to the smaller engine's 260, for a more relaxed power delivery. Everything from the synchromesh gearbox to the reassuring brake feel, positive steering and balanced suspension set-up inspire confidence in the first few hundred yards. It's clear this car has been reborn for people willing to drive, not just admire. For sure, allowances have to be made for the lack of safety aids or crash protection should the worst happen. But few cars of this vintage feel so well equipped to drive at a modern pace, or so easy to get into the groove with. Your \$400,000 could buy you any one of the current crop of 200-mph supercars. But on real roads, at real speeds, you get to enjoy more of a return on that investment in a classic like this.

If you like the sound of that, then Jaguar Classic is waiting to hear from you. The current Reborn program is based on the original Series I cars, rather than the Series II and Series III that U.S. buyers enjoyed as the XK-E. But given these are arguably the prettiest and purest of the line, that's no problem. And if your checkbook can open wide enough, the guys in the workshop will entertain whatever restoration project your heart desires. Even an Austin Powers-inspired Shaguar livery? "No reason why not," laughs the man from Jaguar Classic.



SAJC Membership Application Form *(Dues are Due for 2021)*



Name:		
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:	E-mail:	
Occupation (yours):		
Occupation (theirs):		
information for joint membership		
Name of person who participates in events with you under your JCNA number:		
vehicle information (attach additional sheets as necessary)		
Model:	Body Style:	Color:
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optional information		
Activities you would like the club to include:		
Best Day of the Week for Activities for you:		
Comments:		
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<p>Note: Dues for new members and renewals for 2021 are \$75.00 per year. Memberships run by calendar year and must be renewed effective January 1st. Membership includes affiliation with the Jaguar Clubs of North America, Inc., a subscription to the bi-monthly <u>Jaguar Journal</u> published and mailed by that organization as well as featured online at JCNA.com, assistance from the JCNA Tech Line, and a bi-monthly issue of <u>The Jagged Edge</u>, the San Antonio Jaguar Club newsletter.</p> <p>**For your convenience, we have 2 options for new, renewing or updating your membership. Simply send a check c/o Robert Clemons, Treasurer, 15612 Rhodius Lane, Selma, TX 78154 or go on the SAJC webpage at www.sajaguarclub.info. Please make your check out to SAJC. Thank you!</p>		
Signature of applicant:		Date:





CONGRATULATIONS TO:
To Terrie & Gabriel who are now MR. & MRS. GABRIEL RENERO. They were married during the month of December 2020!



From Facebook: 2020 going into 2021

1. The dumbest thing I every bought was a 2020 planner.
2. I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked what I was wearing.
3. 2019: Stay away from negative people; 2020: Stay away from positive people.
4. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
5. This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house & told my cat. We laughed a lot.
6. Every few days try your clothes on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
7. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
8. This virus has done what no woman has been able to do. Cancel sports, shutdown all bars & keep men at home!
9. I never thought the comment, " I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6—foot pole" would become a national policy, but there we are!
10. I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
11. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
12. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & ask for money.

SAJC Holiday Cruise—Saturday, December 12, 2020



SAJC Members met at Scooter's Coffee at Bergheim to begin a Cruise to Wildseeds Farm east of Fredericksburg, Texas. Then on to the 3rd Annual Luckenbach, Texas Christmas Bazaar.

SAJC Holiday Cruise—Saturday, December 12, 2020 (cont'd)



SAJC Members met at Scooter's Coffee at Bergheim to begin a Cruise to Wildseeds Farm where Brian Blackwell thanked Janet Martin for two years of being SAJC President and gave her a special gift of a warm Jaguar scarf along with a President's plaque end of last year. This was our last event of year 2020.



Sixth monthly members meeting held using ZOOM, due to COVID-19. SAJC President Janet Martin thanked Gabriel Renero for his generous offer of the use of his personal ZOOM account for this meeting.

Secretary' Report: November meeting minutes were emailed out to the officers before today's meeting, and no supplements or revisions were found necessary. They will be posted on www.sajaguarclub.info.

Treasurer's Report: SAJC Treasurer Robert Clemons was not at the meeting and a Treasurer's Report was not available. SAJC President Janet Martin has repaid the club through the website the travel funds that were unused due to the AGM cancellation. The donations for the San Antonio Zoo have closed and the item is being removed on the online store. One of its last uses was by Janet for the aforementioned repayment.

OLD BUSINESS

2020 Boerne Christmas Parade: Bob Sheldon reported that the parade was canceled this year.

SAJC Zoo Paver Donation: SAJC Treasurer Robert Clemons is moving forward with purchase of a SAJC paving stone as a donation to the San Antonio Zoo. They are creating a mosaic of a Jaguar's face at the entrance to the SA Zoo. We were targeting to purchase at least a \$500 paver, but not sure as Robert was not able to be at the meeting. \$500 gets a 6x9 inch paver with our club name on it. Bob Sheldon had suggested the third line of text should be the Club's founding date, but we may be too late as Robert has probably already input the online order. We were going to ask Robert if Est'd 1989 could be our third line. The Zoo sent an invitation to a holiday reception to the Club, and due to virus concerns and the weather, it was not attended.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Club Officers:

- As the bylaws call for elections to be held at the annual Christmas party, which we cannot have due to Health Dept restrictions and common sense, we will have elections at a Hill Country Holiday Tour to Fredericksburg that will be held on December 12th. We will need a quorum of at least 12 members to have official elections. More info on that later under New Business.
- Only perceived change of Club members for 2021 are that Brian Blackwell will run for President, and Gabriel Renero will run for Vice President. The Secretary position is vacant, as he has moved to be President again, and it needs someone to fill it. During the last meeting, all other officers indicated that they could continue in their roles, except Fran indicated she was not in a position to continue as Activities Director. Brian indicated he cannot be President and Secretary without meetings being slower as one person will have to talk and take notes to make minutes like this.

⇒ *Meeting Minutes continued on pg 11.*



Janet Martin asked Brian to send a note to all members inviting them to fill vacant officer roles, and participate in the Holiday Hill Country Tour to Fredericksburg on December 12th. This was accomplished on December 4th.

Holiday Hill Country Tour: On December 12th, we will gather at the coffee shop in Bergheim at 11am, and travel to Wildseed Farms east of Fredericksburg. We may also go to the Texas Christmas Bazaar that is being held the same afternoon in Luckenbach. Elections will be held if we have a quorum.

Membership Drive: Janet Martin asked Brian to send out a membership drive email to all existing members, and this was accomplished on December 4th. As of this meeting, only Billie Bailey has already renewed. Anyone wanting to renew can do so online at www.sajaguarclub.info, or mail a check to Robert Clemons if preferred. The renewal links are at the bottom of the homepage.

New Jaguar Dealer: The Land Rover dealer at IH-10 and Hausman Road is in the process of becoming a Jaguar Land Rover dealer, within sight of the former Barrett location. There is a tarp over their leaper on the side of the new 5 story building, and their open sign appears to only apply to Land Rovers at this time. Fran expressed hope they would provide an updated ad for the club newsletter, as she has not been able to get JLR Boerne to update their ad in a while.

Newsletter Advertising: Fran asked about the ad being sought by Marvin Johnson who sells services or parts related to replacing Hydraulic hoses on modern XL Convertible tops. He has not paid, but we are not sure he has been sent an invoice to pay either. Fran and Robert were to get together about sending him an advertising invoice and obtaining payment so we can start running his ad.

Luckenbach Rally 2021: It was proposed last month and agreed to move the date of this event for this year alone from its typical late January date, to late March or early April. A primary and rain date will be proposed at the January meeting. We will avoid the JCNA AGM weekend of 27 March, and will hope that the infection rate will be lower by that time. There also may be wildflowers if the rain continues.

Personal Note: During the meeting, member, Gabriel Renero announced that he is getting married.

Club Merchandise: Merchandise can be ordered online at <http://www.sajaguarclub.info/sajclub-merchandise.html>.

Next Month's Meeting: To be held on Tuesday, January 12th. A meeting invitation will be emailed to all Club members a few days before the meeting.

Attendees: Janet Martin, Judy Mitchell, Carol and John Sullivan, Bob Sheldon, Fran Curran, Ginette & Steve Ramirez, Madeline Millet, Brian Blackwell.

Proposed by Brian Blackwell
SAJC Secretary 2020
10 January 2021





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NEW MEMBERS

Crystale Cruz

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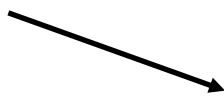
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**DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

**SAJC Zoom Meetings**

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**



**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

*(Meeting ID & Zoom Passcode  
will be emailed to you prior to meeting)*

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