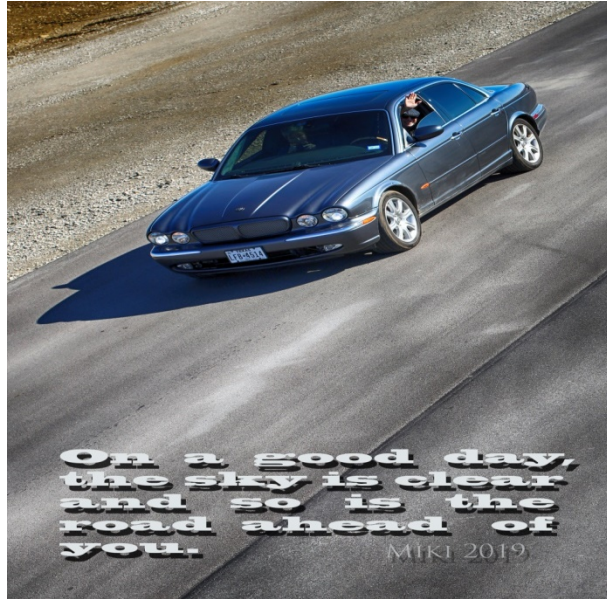


Jaguar Owners Association of North Texas - November 30 Google Rally

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.