



September 26th 2020 at Jaguar of Frisco, TX

The Texas 50th Annual Concours

Don Marpe and Ben Davis from the Jaguar Owner's Association of North Texas report on their annual concours, held despite Covid-19 complications.



Taking Covid seriously, everyone was made aware of the regulations...

The Coronavirus caused many clubs to cancel their concours and other activities this year. Although we had to reschedule, our club, the JOANT modified our event to allow for social distancing, masks, sanitizing stations, and all of the other recommended practices to



A remarkable number of red E-types turned out for the concours.

A solitary but nicely presented 420 with wire wheels in the not-so-common colour of Honey Beige.



keep all the participants safe.

Due to the restrictions, there was to be no welcome reception or awards banquet as in previous years, so we kept everything simple. We held the event at our sponsoring Jaguar dealership Frisco Jaguar, using their parking and display areas.

Many of our members and probably other club members have taken

advantage of the 'Isolate at home' time to do those things on their Jags that they never seemed to have time for before. We wanted to give those people an opportunity to display that work and see how they now compared with other Jags in their class. There was Champion/Driven/Special Classes with Awards presented and JCNA points awarded. Cars also attended just for displays without entering the competition.

Setup started at 7am, completed and Jags started coming in by 8am. Like models were located together regardless of which class they were in, and this made for a pretty impressive display of E-types and later model XKs. Registration went very smooth included having each participant sign the required Release of Liability/Covid-19 waiver forms. Thanks to the friends and family that manned the registration table and managed all the forms. One of our sponsors, Phoenix Insurance also



...and to help out everyone was given a special mask for the occasion.

provided assistance with registration and greeting the entrants and guests.

Despite all the challenges related to Covid-19, we still had 25 Jaguars entered for judging and several entered for display only, including an XK120 that was beautifully restored. In addition, we had 8 E-types (most of them red), 9 XK/XK8s, 9 XJs, 1 420, 1 F-TYPE, and 1 XE. One of our members (Steve Leek) and his friend David Crago put together two videos on the event. One was to introduce/promote the concours and the other shows the whole event. You can take a look at all the Jags and the activities at the concours on these videos. The links are <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cM1y3DXKXig> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKJhTDio-zc>

Judging the Jaguars in the Champion, Special, and Driven Classes by the JCNA criteria, is a daunting task, very different to what you experience in the UK. Fortunately, we had eight qualified JCNA members that offered to perform the duties of judges, Knick Curtis, Dave McDowell, Margaret McDowell, Fred Carvajal, Richard Cross, Ben Davis, Don Marpe and Jeff Hand (from the Central Oklahoma Jaguar Association). This was also an opportunity for apprentice judges to get experience so they could get their JCNA Judges Certification.

Each entrant was given a goodie bag with a few vendor promotional items and a JOANT logo face mask. In addition there was a nice assortment of door prizes donated by vendors to give away. Thanks to Judi Carvajal for coordinating this.

The club sold 50/50 tickets and those tickets were used to determine who received the door prizes. The last ticket drawn was for the 50% of all the money collected for the ticket sales, which was Edward Torres from the Houston Jaguar Club. Edward has been a long time entrant at the JOANT concours and good friend of David Nichols (The concours has been a memorial to David), so he donated the money back to the club in David's honour. This was a very grand gesture by Edward and the club thanks him.

After the show nearly everyone departed for home except for J J Keig who, with his wife Rebecca, was driving all night so they could compete in the Pikes Peak Clubs Concours on Sunday. It was worth the trip since he won best in class at that event.

Back to our event and a big thank you to Mike Mykeloff, Scott Pruettiangkura, and the whole Frisco Jaguar team for allowing us to use their facility and the support they gave during the event. Phoenix Insurance also deserves a thank you for being a sponsor of the concours and for being at the event to welcome guests.



This was a beautifully restored XK120 fhc.



A nearly ready for the road E-type Series 3, displayed showing off all the hard work that has been put into its restoration.



Newer models well represented by this XKR-S.