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Cover Page: Our president, Gabriel Renero, has gotten together with SAJC member, Stephen Collins to create a new bi-monthly technical articles called "Off Side Undo". Steve and his wife, Shannon, have been members for a few years now and last year they opened up Steve's Jaguar Condo for one of our events for a tour of his shop. Steve drives a beautiful Silver E type OTS that is shown above from our past Concours at Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) of SA.

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Special points of interest

- Info on upcoming SAJC's meetings an events are on the Events Calendar on pages 5 & 6 and meeting dates and times are on the last page .
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From SAJC President, Gabriel Renero

Perspective:

From the President:

Hello to all, and welcome to our March – April newsletter.

Our main topic of conversation during our last meetings was the need to expand our membership base in the club. As was mentioned, the SAJC may be considered as one of the best kept secrets of the automobile scene in San Antonio. Our net number of members for this year is 35, a net loss of two members over 2023.

Therefore, we are launching some initiatives to gain new members.

- We are creating new Facebook and Instagram pages to reach as many Jaguar enthusiasts as possible who are not aware of the benefits of joining the club.
- We are displaying copies of our newsletter where there is the best opportunity to reach Jaguar owners, the two local Jaguar dealerships and Victor's Service Center.
- We have printed business cards with the SAJC logo and information on how to reach us, that we plan to place under the wipers of any Jaguar we may encounter parked during any of our daily activities. (you are encouraged to participate in this initiative by requesting some cards from any the club officers.)

Please contact any of the officers if you have any ideas on how to accomplish our membership objective. We welcome your help and ideas

From the Club:

During the last two months we had our social meetings as planned. A lunch reunion at La Madelaine in Alamo Heights and a social dinner at Seasons 52 restaurant at the Quarry.

We had very good participation in both, particularly at our March dinner in which we had 25 members and spouses. The seating arrangement at the restaurant, in round booths, contributed to lively conversation and great camaraderie among all present. Thanks to BJ Mamuzic and Bob Sheldon for being the leaders of this event. Great job!

Please save the date for our next gathering, this time at lunchtime on April 12 at noon at Big'Z Burger Joint. (Officers meeting at 11:30. Everyone is welcome).

From SAJC President, Gabriel Renero

From the Industry:

I want to share some interesting articles, especially to those of us who own 2000 -2008 XK8's or XKR's, regarding the market value of our pride and joy.

A recent article in the *Jaguar Journal* (January – February, pg. 40) mentioned that the prices on most classic cars have come down in the last year. (Other publications have mentioned that this is a trend happening since COVID). The article in the JJ gave the average prices of E-Types, XK's, XJS's, Mk's, XJ6's and XK8's.

The article indicates that the XK8 has shown a decline in value of almost 30%, while the values of the supercharged XKR have been steadier.

However, an extensive article in the January – February issue of Hagerty's *Drivers Club* presents a much more encouraging picture.

Hagerty's magazine, in my opinion, has taken the place of Road & Track with which many of us grew up, and may be missing. (Remember Thos L. Bryant, Henry Manney III, and especially Peter Egan? Some of the finest automobile writers of all time). Interestingly, the current editor of *Drivers Club* is Larry Webster, a former editor from R&T.

Hagerty's Driver Club just published what they call the *2024 Bull Market List*. This list consists of an annual selection of vehicles that are most likely to appreciate in the next 12 months. As they mention, even in a slowing market, there are vehicles poised to have gains in value well above the average.

As Yogi Berra said, "It is tough to make predictions, especially about the future," but Hagerty has a valuation tool with some impressive numbers. They have a price guide that includes more than 40,000 cars, trucks, etc. and have a database of more than 1 million transactions every year, not only in auctions, but also in private sales. They pick these vehicles based on an extensive analysis of this data, and more importantly, they have a track record that indicates that from their 61 previous selections the average annualized return on these vehicles has been 13.7% annually. Not bad by any standard.

With this background in mind, the 10 cars selected this year include, among others a 1989 Lamborghini Countach 25th anniversary, a 2007 – 2013 BMW M3, a 1964 – 1966 Ford Thunderbird, and most important for us a 2000 – 2006 Jaguar XKR.

So, what are the traits that make these XKR's part of the 2024 Bull Market list?

The current value range for the XKR is \$38,900; \$26,700; \$15,100 and \$8,300 for conditions #1, #2, #3, and #4, respectively.



From SAJC President, Gabriel Renero

From the Industry: Continued

When Ford purchased Jaguar in 1989, it laid plans for long-overdue updates to the XJ sedan and XJS two door, which had been on the market largely unchanged for more than two decades. The design by Geoff Lawson, came out as a low, lovely, and sleek grand tourer whose oval snout evoked *“the most beautiful car ever made”* (Ferrari’s words, not mine) the E-type. Even though the overall design pointed squarely toward the 21st century, it was identified as a Jaguar, even by casual observers.

Jaguar’s first ever V-8 engine with the attached Eaton supercharger, supplanted the previous V-12, debuted for the 2000 model year with 370 HP and a style not seen out of Coventry in decades. With both the XKR and XJR sedan, Jaguar was finally able to compete with the high-performance models of Mercedes, BMW, and even Aston-Martin.

Car and Driver wrote “Just look at Jaguar’s XKR. It’s sex on wheels...provocative, confident, not at all trashy, with an upper-class British accent.” Well, what else can I say.

Hagerty mentions the following reasons for having chosen the XKR as a car with a high probability of appreciation in the near future:

The most important datapoints for this car are simple: power and price. Enthusiasts of all ages love performance, and there aren’t many cars that offer more of it for less money. Although cost of maintenance and repair must always be a consideration with Jaguars, the XKR – relatively speaking- has proven reliable. The average value for a XKR is \$26,700, and nearly 1 in 3 people inquiring about this car is gen X or younger. Today a good example of the XKR can be had for the low \$20’s – not bad for beautiful styling, and for one of the world’s great V-8’s.

The high points mentioned for the XKR are a silky-smooth supercharged V8, sensuous good looks, particularly the coupe, and as cheap as a used Camry.

The lows mentioned are a cramped cabin, back seats suitable for groceries only, no manual gearbox, and because many have been hard used, maintenance records are essential

I hope you find this insightful whether you own an XKR or simply appreciate it as a car that may follow the steps of that *“most beautiful car ever made”*.

...and remember, let’s keep on driving our prides and joys!

Gabriel Renero

SAJC President



2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

MONTH	EVENT*	DAY
JANUARY	"Ferrari" group movie at The Santikos Palladium	Saturday 6th. Time TBD
	<i>Cars & Coffee Breakfast</i>	Saturday 20th 8:30 am (Officers meeting at 8:00) @ Jim's restaurant 8427 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209
FEBRUARY	<i>Social Luncheon</i>	Saturday 17th 12 noon (Officers meeting at 11:30 am @ La Madeleine Restaurant (Blanco & 410)
MARCH	<i>Social Dinner</i>	Wednesday 13th "Seasons 52" Restaurant @ Alamo Quarry 6:30 pm (Officers meeting Monday 11th @ 2:00 pm. Madelaine 410 & Blanco)
	JCNA Annual General Meeting	March 14 - 17 Charlotte NC
APRIL*	<i>Social Luncheon</i>	Saturday 6th 12 noon (Officers meeting at 11:30 am) @ BigZ Burger Joint on 5539 UTSA Blvd. SA 78249
*No conflict with Fiesta (April 18 - 28)	Luckenbach Rallye	Saturday 13th (Rain day Sat 20)
MAY*	Driving Tour & winery visit (Fund Raiser)	Saturday 18th (winery TBA)
*No officers meeting scheduled for this month, unless some specific issue may require it. If so it will be announced on a timely manner.	Spring Fling	Hosted by the Houston Jaguar Club. May 10 - 11. La Grange TX.
JUNE	Technical session @ S. Collin's car condo	Saturday 8th (Time TBA)



San Antonio Jaguar Club's 2024 Events Calendar *(continued)*

	Social Dinner	Thursday 13th At Victor's Service Center. 5:30 pm. Officer meeting 5:00 (The club will provide the food)
JULY*	Progressive dinner	Saturday 20th. (Location and time TBA)
*No officers meeting scheduled for this month, unless some specific issue may require it. If so it will be announced on a timely manner.		
AUGUST	Judges training	<i>Saturday 10th</i>
	Cars & Coffee Breakfast	Saturday 17th 8:30 am (Officers meeting at 8:00) @ Jim's restaurant 8427 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209
SEPTEMBER		Saturday 21th (distillery TBA)
OCTOBER	Concours D'Elegance	Saturday 5th
	Director's Meeting	Friday 18th 5pm. (Victor's Service Center)
	All British Cars Day	Saturday 26th.
NOVEMBER	2025 General Activities Planning Meeting	Sunday 10th 2:00 pm @ Parman Library (20735 Wilderness Oak)
	Hill Country Driving Tour (Fund Raiser)	Saturday 16th (destination TBA)
DECEMBER	Christmas Dinner & Officer's Election for 2025	Saturday 14th 6:30 pm (Location TBA)

*Events will be generally held the 3rd Saturday of the month

35th Annual San Antonio Jaguar Club's Rallye to Luckenbach—Sat, April 13, 2024

(with rain date —April 27th)

35th ANNUAL SAN ANTONIO JAGUAR CLUB RALLYE TO LUCKENBACH



DATE: *Saturday, April 13, 2024 (rain date – April 27th)*

Meeting Place/Start Point:

**Rudy's Leon Springs BBQ
25615 Boerne Stage Road
San Antonio, TX**

IMPORTANT INFO

Registration:	11:00 AM – 12:15 PM
MANDATORY Drivers Meeting	12:15 PM
Registration Fee:	\$20.00 per vehicle
First Car Out:	12:31 AM
START POINT:	Parking area by Takeway

- ✓ This is a JCNA sanctioned time, speed, distance event.....NOT A RACE!!!!!!
- ✓ Rallye will total approximately 100 miles and three (3) hours, ending in Luckenbach.
- ✓ Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded to drivers and navigators AND our Famous "Stray Cat" prize for the last driver to arrive in Luckenbach.
- ✓ The Rallye route is on paved roads, some very narrow with cattle guards and loose livestock. Please be careful and use caution in these areas.
- ✓ NO DRINKING ALCOHOL AND DRIVING!!
- ✓ There will be breaks during the rally, and information on fuel and restroom availability will be updated as rallye route and checkpoints are defined.
- ✓ JCNA rules will be used for scoring and ties will be permitted for JCNA results.
- ✓ Bring a watch, digital watch or stop watch and pencil.
- ✓ Call or text SAJC rallymaster Brian Blackwell at below number if you suspect bad weather on the morning of the rallye and do not have internet access. Please check the event calendar on www.sajaguarclub.info for updates.

- ✓ **Questions?** Call Brian Blackwell at (210) 255-0361 Cell
- or email blackwbg@gmail.com

SEE Y'ALL AT THE START, AND HOPEFULLY LUCKENBACH!!!!!!



Off Side Undo

Technical Article

OIL PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE

The oil pressure relief valve does a lot of work very quietly and very well...until it doesn't.

Most British sports car engines have a small oil pressure relief valve, (typically 1/4 the length of a pencil), external to the block located close to the oil pump outlet and correspondingly close to the oil filter housing. The purpose of the valve is to regulate oil pressure to the engine and provide constant oil pressure to the bearings. The valve rests against a spring which is calibrated for the maximum designed engine oil pressure.

Pressure beyond the maximum design limit overcomes the spring rate allowing the valve to open. When the valve opens, excess oil pressure diverts to the sump. The oil pressure relief valve can fail in either the open or closed position, (both are bad), usually the result of sticking or binding of the valve from too infrequent oil changes, (sludge), or contaminants in the engine, (i.e. debris in oil passageways not removed after machining).

When the valve fails in the shut position excess pressure from the oil pump is delivered directly to the engine; it can crush the paper oil filter element, defeat the O-ring on the spin-on oil filter or canister, damage the head gasket, spray excess oil into the cylinders, and generally leak out through any available engine gasket. Initial effects of high oil pressure will be a higher than usual oil pressure reading, engine stuttering, oil leakage and a burnt oil smell. If not quickly addressed, the resulting leaks can result in dangerously reduced oil pressure.

Conversely when the valve fails in the open position, oil pressure can go to zero because the diversion to the sump prevents oil from making it to the bearings, valve train or cylinders causing catastrophic failure.

The best way to keep the oil pressure relief valve in good working order is to change the oil regularly and when getting an engine back from the machine shop, blow absolutely every oil passageway out with compressed air, then observe a meticulously clean rebuild environment.

Spring rates, (their resistance to compression under force), are extremely important especially in vintage engines; for example, they dictate when the thermostat opens,

Technical Articles by SAJC Member Stephen Collins—*Continued*

they prevent valve float at high RPM's, they regulate piston travel in an SU or Stromberg down-draft carburetor, as well as regulate oil pressure as discussed above.

As a bit of trivia, specialized springs were widely used in diesel engine governors before solid state engine controls to determine torque curve characteristics. I mention all this to underscore the importance of the integrity of your oil pressure relief spring.

While I've never received a bad spring from a parts supplier, I've received a mountain of other bad parts in the last five years for my British cars, (bearings, rocker shafts, set-screws, throttle linkages, brake re-build components, exhaust pipes, etc.). We can no longer assume that the supplier has control of quality, and it is obvious a few foreign cottage manufacturers have no interest in quality. As such I assume every part I receive now, unless it is NOS, is faulty so I take the time to check the part as best as possible with a micrometer, test fitting, ohm meter, etc. In the case of the oil pressure relief valve spring, I do not own a spring dyno so the best way to "test" the new spring is to install it, turn on the engine and check for correct oil pressure.

The oil pressure relief valve and spring are not normal maintenance item so I would only replace them during an engine rebuild or possibly if I had low or high oil pressure readings. Low oil pressure can also come from a worn oil pump, worn bearings, engine contaminants, etc., all good topics for a future tech article!

Stephen Collins,

Technical Officer SAJC



SAJC's "APRIL" Social Luncheon on Saturday the 6th at 12 noon (officers meeting at 11:30 and everyone is welcome to attend). Let's get our Jags revved up and ready to take a Saturday drive to Big'z Burger located at 5539 UTSA Blvd. SA 78249. You can get additional details along with extensive menu choices on Big'z website: <http://www.bigzs-burgerjoint.com>

Seasons 52 SAJC Social Dinner on Wednesday, March 13, 2024



Table 1 Caption: Ken & Kathy James, Brian & Paula Blackwell, BJ Mamuzic & Bob Sheldon, John Sullivan



Table 2 Caption: Gabriel Renero, Manny Jimenez, Janet Martin, Dora & Eddie Garcia



Sullivan Caption:

"I'll try them all!" says John Sullivan to the dessert selection.



Table 3 Caption: Bobbi & Terry Socall, Joe Romo III & Fran Curran, Billie's friend Melanie, Billie Bailey, Albert Estrada



Table 4 Caption: Shannon & Stephen Collins, Steve & Ginette Ramirez, Dennis & Rosemary Lamm

Spring Fling hosted by the Houston Jaguar Club—May 10-11, 2024



HOUSTON JAGUAR CLUB SPRING FLING 2024 MAY 10TH – MAY 11TH



The event will be held in the La Grange/Round Top/Schulenburg area.

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Hampton Inn in La Grange. Special pricing can be obtained (\$128/ night for 1 bed. \$139/night for 2 beds) by calling the hotel directly at 979-968-4900 and stating you are part of the Jaguar club event.

FRIDAY		
"Meet and Greet" in hotel conference room Beer, Wine, Sodas and Snacks will be provided		5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Dinner at Riverside Café, La Grange They serve both Mexican and American dishes		6:30 p.m.
SATURDAY		
Breakfast is included at the hotel or members can go out on their own. Weikel's Bakery is located 2 minutes from the hotel		
Monument Hill State Historic Park We will start the day by meeting at the park which is a 5-minute drive from our hotel.		9:30 a.m.
This is a beautiful property on the Colorado River with unique Texas history and original buildings. A guide will lead us on a 30-minute easy walk. Members can additionally walk to see the Kreische Brewery which was the first commercial brewery in Texas		9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Drive to Painted Church #1		11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Drive to Round Top, TX		11:30 a.m. – Noon
Lunch choice at Popi Burger or Royers café. These restaurants are located close to one another and we have reservations at both for 20 people each. There other restaurants in the area if wanted.		Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Three more painted churches with scenic drive		1:30 p.m. – About 4 p.m.
Dinner at Sealand Seafood and Steak (2-minute drive from our hotel) Dinner is a fixed menu with choice of Fish, Chicken or Steak		6:30 PM
Sunday		
On your own nearby attractions to visit		
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The officers, directors, and members of the San Antonio Jaguar Club would like to introduce and welcome our newest members to our Club:

NEW MEMBERS:
Don Olsen & wife

Remember...Please send in your articles and tech tips. If you are buying or selling a Jaguar, please let me know. I can be reached at the following phone # or by e-mail: Fran Curran, Editor of the Jagged Edge (210) 508-5572; fscurran@aol.com

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**NEWSLETTER THOUGHT
FOR THE DAY**

The pursuit of truth and beauty is a sphere of activity in which we are permitted to remain children all our lives—Albert Einstein, physicist, Nobel laureate (1879-1955)

For all SAJC members having a birthday in Mar -Apr 2024. I want to send you best wishes for a very Happy Birthday!
From Fran, The Jagged Edge Newsletter Editor

Three balloons in orange, blue, and red are tied together with a string. They are set against a dark green background with a black and white checkered border.

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**SAJC's UPCOMING EVENTS**

Social Luncheon  
@ Big'Z Burger Joint on 5539 UTSA Blvd, SA 78249  
On Saturday April 6th at 12 Noon  
(Officers meeting at 11:30 am and all are welcome)

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