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From the EDITOR

Welcome to the Carolina Jaguar Club May Newsletter. This is the Red edition. You will get theme as you read on.

As we enter May things are starting to calm down. With many events cancelled throughout the year including most of ours I decided to concentrate on the cars we love and cherish.

Please continue to send in images and stories about things you are doing to pass the time and photos of your highly polished cars.

I am hoping those of your that planned on showing at our now cancelled concours this year will send me photos of the cars you planned on showing. I will do a concours feature in July

Stay safe and enjoy this months jagstravaganza.

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From The President

TED HILL

I hope the month of May finds everyone healthy and enduring in these most unprecedented times. Unfortunately as a club we have had to cancel a number of events and future events due to the unpredictable of the Covid-19. When will hotels and restaurants will be allowed to open back up and to what capacity will be determined on a state to state basis depending on the the course this virus takes. Social distancing will probably be with us for the foreseeable future. This makes planning future events a challenge.

As we all know one of our premier events of the year is coming up in July. Whether to continue with our planning and registrations or to cancel this years Concours was a decision that took careful consideration and gathering as much information as possible. Considering the number of persons involved and the man hours of planning coupled with many uncertainties the CJC board has unanimously voted to cancel this years Concours and begin planning for 2021. The success and popularity of our Concours is something we can all be proud. This is as much a social event as it is an automobile event. Which makes social distancing all but impossible. It was imperative we make this decision several months in advance. I am as disappointed as anyone that this decision had to be made, however confident that this was the prudent and correct course of action. Little Switzerland has been very understanding and accommodating of which we are very appreciative.

I have spoken with Cookie Roberson, our Vice President and event chair, concerning future events for the remainder of this year. We have agreed to wait thru the month of May and reevaluate. Our concern is certainly for the health and wellbeing of our members which a large percentage are in the most vulnerable category.

The JCNA annual general meeting has been rescheduled in August to be held in Columbia, SC.. Plans are proceeding accordingly.

Please stay safe and healthy and look forward to seeing everyone in the near future.

Ted





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Carolina Jaguar Club's Concours Skips to 2021

The Carolina Jaguar Club has been fortunate over the years to have a concours event which people from several states and Canada have come to enjoy. As an example, in early February I received a phone call from a man in Colorado who had been observing from afar our concours for years, and was making plans to attend this year. Again, this was before the virus really hit us. My point here is that we attract people from both near and far. For that, our Club can be proud.

When we gather we find ourselves in very close, even crowded, conditions. Our evening dinners, social hours, congregating near our cars, and relaxing around the fire pit are wonderful, but by their very nature, bring us shoulder to shoulder with each other. I read a prediction that fall football games will be played with no fans at all or with fewer ones spread out over the stadium. "Social distancing" is simply not an option at the concours.

Our Club's membership and most of the attendees for the concours represent an age group that is most vulnerable to this virus. We should be responsible and caring by not putting our members and guests in a position that could hurt them.

A new feature is added to the 2020 Concours -- that of anticipation. Being in the car hobby, each of us has experienced the fact that anticipating the purchase of another Jaguar is a lot of fun in and of itself. So 2020 will be used to build our excitement for 2021.

The people at Switzerland Inn are awesome to work with, being understanding and very supportive, even as they face the loss of substantial revenue. They are moving all of our plans for 2020 to 2021. This includes your room reservations. All of this is being done automatically to make it easier on us to attend the Carolina Jaguar Club Concours scheduled for Thursday, July 22, 2021 through Sunday, July 25, 2021. All we have to do is simply show up. We are fortunate to be working with them.

The Carolina Jaguar Club can be proud of the great success of its concours over the years and we look forward to the event's continuation. Our enthusiasm and joy will simply be enhanced when we meet in July, 2021. It will be as if we haven't skipped a beat.

Take good care of yourselves and stay healthy.

Jerry Tester, Chair

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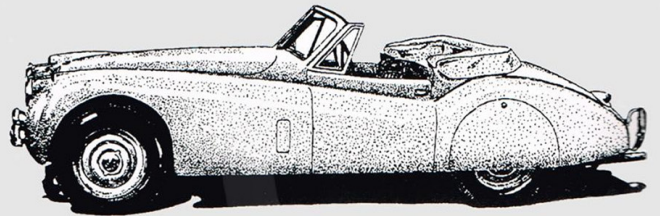
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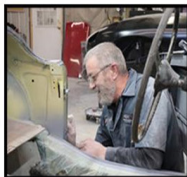


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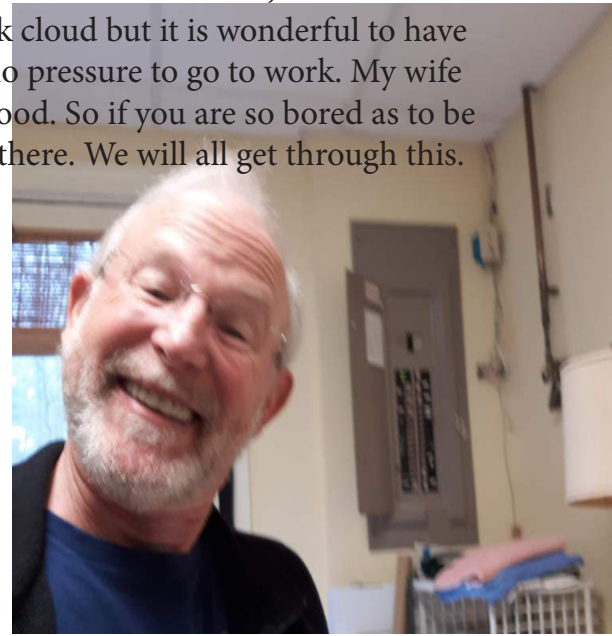
Spring 2020 Progress Report

By Harvey Ferris

It has been a while since I have posted about the Restoration 2.0 of my 1967 Etype 2+2. What progress has there been, you might ask? Not much! In my defense, I have made some wonderful progress on our house. Right after the Christmas holidays, we had a wonderful craftsman come in and repaint all the kitchen cabinets in lacquer. They now look brand new again, so that's a form of restoration, right? He also painted all the walls and trim on the first floor. After he finished, we had 2 more craftsmen come in and lay in a vinyl "floating floor" over the heartpine flooring on our first floor. This was a difficult decision, as the heart pine is beautiful. That said, you can only sand and seal tongue and groove flooring so many times and we had one sanding left. So we decided to go with a heart pine look vinyl flooring. It came out really well. My jobs were to remove everything from the kitchen cabinets (2 day job), support the painter, then partially remove everything from the first floor, remove the basemold, support the flooring guys, re-install the base mold, caulk it, apply touch up paint, move the furniture back in, etc. etc. This pretty much blew off the month of January. Right after that, one of the steps to my exterior porch collapsed due to rot. That led to all porch steps being replaced by me. That blew off another few weeks. There were a few days in there where I got to work on the Etype. I got the engine fired up. I re-assembled the front suspension parts. Re-checked ride height. Looked good, thank God, because I really really hate adjusting torsion bars. I set the torsion bars initially using the "setting links" as specified by the workshop manual. I did lot's of little things. In early March, we got a call from my daughter, who lives with her husband and 2 kids in a 2 bedroom co-op in Queens, NYC. They were sensing that the Coronavirus thing was getting bad quickly and asked if they could come stay with us. Of course, we said yes. We have a large home with a basement. My wife has immune system issues so we decided to set up 3 separate quarantine zones. One for her, one for the daughter, and one for me. Guess who got the basement! Anyway, they came and got through a 2 week quarantine without issues. I am the "go out into the world" guy and pretty much am in continuous quarantine from the rest of them. 3 weeks later my other daughter arrived from Boston with her husband, daughter, dog, and cat. They got their own quarantine zone for 2 weeks. Things have finally settled down to some degree and I am finally getting to spend some time on the Etype. I have just spent a ridiculous amount of time fettling with the doors to get them to close properly. I am going to post that as a separate article.

With the Coronavirus causing so much disruption to life in the US and the world, I am so thankful to be here in my little sanctuary. It's a silver lining to a black cloud but it is wonderful to have my daughters and grandchildren here. I'm retired so there is no pressure to go to work. My wife and daughters are all able to work from home. We have it so good. So if you are so bored as to be reading my website, things must be truly desperate! Hang in there. We will all get through this. Stay well.

Harvey
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1967 Etype 2+2: Repair of Slop in the Door Latch

After painting, new glass, re-chrome of the frames, and new gaskets, it was time to hang the driver and passenger side door. I discussed some aspects of the hanging the doors here. But recently, it became apparent that I was not going to be able to get the doors to latch properly with a reasonable closure force. One thing I discovered is slop in the door latch mechanism. We are talking about the mechanism that is mounted to the door.

When you close the door there should be 2 clicks. After the first click, the door is loosely held closed but is not all the way closed. When you hear the second click and release the door, it should stay in its proper position. What I found when testing was that after either click, the door would pop back out a bit, maybe 1/4" or so. This is enough to cause a commensurate mis-match between the surface of the door and that of the rear quarter panel. Now if you are so lucky that your door gaskets will compress an extra 1/4", then you might be able to finesse this but as noted in the previous article, the new gaskets by default are very stiff. Ultimately, I had to remove the latch to make a repair. This of course involves taking off the handles, armrest, and door card. There are 4 screws that attach the latch, as seen in the above picture. Inside the door, you have to disconnect the arm from the interior release handle and maybe an arm to an external keylock (This is not true for all cars). If you pull the window frame vertically past the latch, then getting it out is very easy. You may be able to disconnect the frame at its bottom and rotate it enough to clear the latch.

Once I had the latch on the bench, the problem was apparent. There are star wheels on both the inside and the outside of the latch, connected by a common shaft. As I held one wheel firmly, I could rotate the other one by 20 or 30 degrees.



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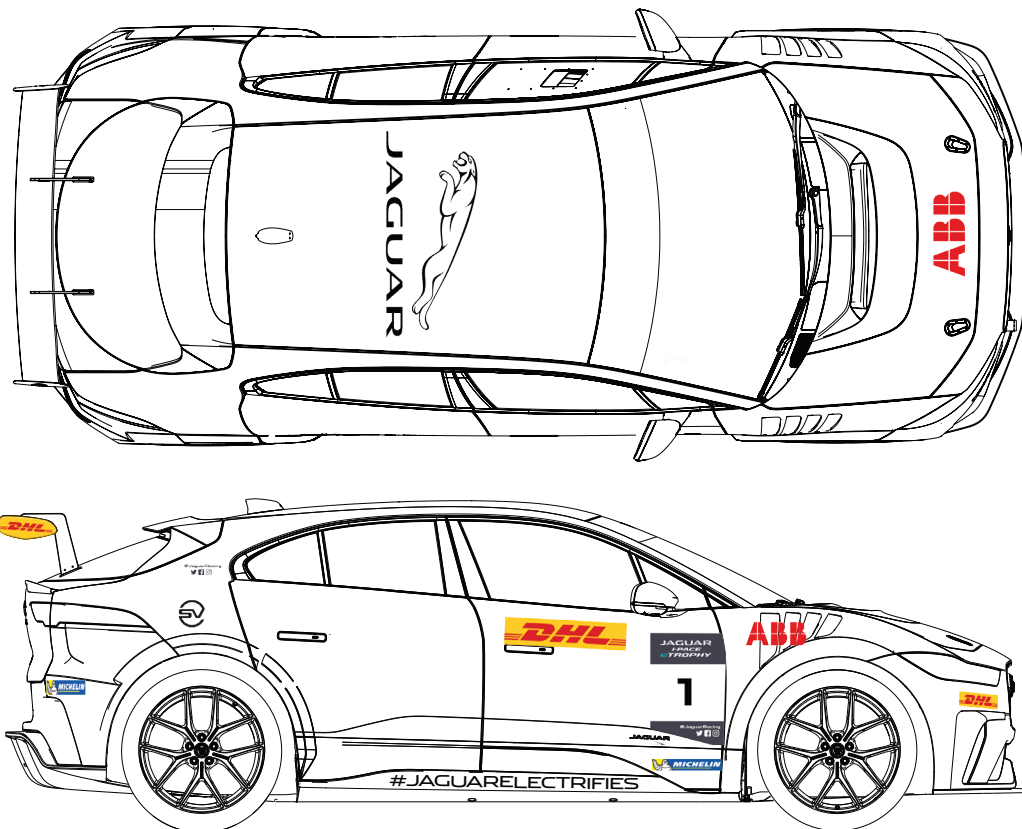
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1967 Etype 2+2: Repair of Slop in the Door Latch Continued...



On the latch shown above, when I removed the phillips head screw and washer, I found that the star wheel was mounted on the end of the shaft with 2 “flats” ground onto the shaft, with the star wheel having a mating pattern. On mine, the flats in the shaft had been wallowed out of the years, which allowed the slop.

How to fix it? Initially, I thought about using JB Weld or 2 part epoxy. I would not rule this approach out but I have two concerns. Will this material be strong enough for the task? And if any oozes down into the latch, it could lock it up from turning. Instead I used my MIG welder to add material to the shaft, when I then ground back to match the opening in the star wheel. I did apply some blue Loctite to the threads of the phillips head screw. This screw should not be overly tightened, since if it is too tight, the assembly will not rotate freely. So the Loctite should hold the screw in the correct position.

I put everything back together and was rewarded with a door that now closes correctly with good panel alignment.

I will note that I subsequently took off the passenger side latch to make the same repair. It did not have a phillips head screw, rather it just had sort of a smashed end on the shaft that gripped the star wheel. More commensurate with a mass production piece. I'm not sure which one is original. This one could not be easily taken apart so I just laid in a couple of spot welds with the MIG to firm everything up.

I hope you'll find this article helpful. I spent several days aligning and fitting each door. Another example of Etype rabbit holes that we go down during the restoration process.

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The latest overview summary of this year's event is below. Please reference our club website at www.jaguarclubofswf.com Events/IJF2020 for more details.

The Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa is the host hotel for this year's event, and what a great hotel to host this event. The resort, located on the Punta Rassa, an 85-acre peninsula on San Carlos Bay, Fort Myers, Florida, a short distance from Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

The Concours d'Elegance is on Friday, October 30, located on Marriott's Berkley Park overlooking the beautiful San Carlos Bay and the Sanibel Island Bridge.

There are many interesting and fun events scheduled:

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Wednesday evening - A two-hour Dinner Cruise on the Marriott Princess Cruise Ship, cruising down the San Carlos Bay.

- Thursday, October 29 - Morning Rally and Scenic Driving. we know you will enjoy either event of your choice.

Thursday evening is the IJF Welcome Reception - 6:00 pm. hors d'oeuvres served (dinner in the hotel or at your favorite restaurant)

- Friday, October 30 - Jaguar Club of North America/Jaguar Club of Southwest Florida IJF Concours d'Elegance.

- NOTE: An IJF Concours d'Elegance counts as two concours! What does this mean to you? To qualify for a National Award, you would need to enter at least three concours during that particular year. The IJF concours counts as attending two concours. What this means is you would only need to attend one other concours to qualify for a National Award. Example - If you received 98 points at an IJF concours, you would then receive 98 points twice, as if you attended two separate concours.

Friday evening is the Banquet Awards Dinner - 6:00 pm., 7:00 pm banquet

- Saturday, October 31 - Morning to early afternoon Slalom

Saturday evening - Poolside Barbecue - Rally and Slalom trophies honored.

- Sunday, November 1 - Farewell Complimentary Breakfast - 8:00 to 10:00 am

Please reach out to Phil Mannino (IJF Chairperson) at philmannino2@gmail.com. for questions that you may have.

We look forward to seeing you all at this year's IJF event!

Kind Regards,
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