



SAJC Officer's Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2025, 4:00 pm

Meeting Place: La Madeleine Restaurant, I-410 & Blanco

This was an officer's meeting to go over upcoming events, and especially the recent Concours sanction outcome and next steps, per an initial agenda sent out by SAJC President Gabriel Renero. Meeting items and discussion were as follows:

1. **Progressive Dinner** - Gabriel Renero reported there are 32 RSVP's for the event in two days, which begins at the home of Steve and Shannon Collins. Steve indicated that they are ready with appetizers, and the recipe for the Jaguar Juice punch that was recently published will be on the menu.
2. **Mexico Annual General Meeting** - Gabriel indicated 11 SAJC members have indicated to him their desire to attend the event next April in Mexico City, even though the details are not yet available as to cost.
3. **JCNA Trophy Program** - Discussion among several attendees was that we did not care for the trophy idea that was recently circulated for comment by the JCNA Secretary, and Gabriel would reply with comments to that effect. While labels could be added, it was not considered as nice as what we have. Brian commented that the last time it was discussed at an AGM the current pewter castings are made in Mexico, and they may be anticipating tariffs increasing the trophy costs of \$40-50 for Champion and \$30-40 for Driven trophies.
4. **Concours Planning – October 10-11 event** - Event sanction was noted to have been approved online as of last Saturday. Gabriel deserves all the credit for turning this around. He discussed his meeting with the JC of Austin President and Chief Judge about the Concours Committee. There was a brief discussion of the value of remaining a JCNA club if we get shut out of Concours. Our members have been notified of the sanction approval, and Brian has replied to some emails about it with the latest status. Specific efforts in the short term are:
 - We need to get the invitation out by the end of the month with details about accommodations, show, and banquet. Brian emailed last year's invite to Gabriel and Manny, and he will work on updating it as details become available.
 - Brian needs to get our last two judges trained, tested, and recertified more than 30 days before the event. Having the event will also allow Manny Jimenez to complete his training and certification following our event, getting us back to 8 Judges.
 - Manny, as VP for Concours, has talked to the Jaguar dealer, the hotel, and restaurant in the last week, but more discussion will be needed.
 - We discussed wanting to have everyone under the covered parking area to avoid the direct sunlight's heat.
 - Great attention to detail will also be required to how we hold this event, given what we see on jcna.com about events that are still not showing as having scores approved. A

week ago, 11 of 22 events were unapproved. As of the morning of this meeting, it was 8 of 24 unapproved, with two having occurred the prior weekend.

5. **Financials** - No questions existed on the July Financial report emailed out by Bob Sheldon, so the only mention of financial matters was the payment to be reimbursed to Brian for the Concours trophies ordered from JCNA. These cost around \$425, and were delivered today.
6. **Nametags and Shirts** - Only 2 shirts have had embroidery ordered and only two nametags have been ordered. This is below the minimum order quantity of six, and Manny or Gabriel was to find out if Monarch would only do two of each would be possible.
7. **Future Events** - During Gabriel's meeting with JC of Austin, they discussed having joint events with the two clubs in the coming months and years due to our proximity. Their club is responsible for Jaguar Spring Fling next year, and SAJC is responsible for All British Car Day in 2026. This is so SAJC would not have to do both in one year as happened in 2023. A number of the SAJC events planned over the next two months were reviewed or discussed, including:
 - **Sunset Rally** - Event will be Saturday, September 6th, and Roger Wilkie is organizing it. Will end for a meal at Trattoria Lisina outside Deadwood, near Austin.
 - **Future Driving Event** - Gabriel discussed briefly an idea for a driving event including a scavenger hunt.
 - **SAJC Executive Committee Meeting** - Meeting to discuss plans and officer candidates for 2026 to be held for October 17th. Brian to send out an invitation to officers and directors well in advance.
 - **All British Car Day 2025** - Alamo MG Association has called the first organizational meeting for 9AM on Saturday, August 30th. Last plan we've heard was for this to be held in Gruene, rather than Boerne, on Saturday, October 18th. Brian and Gabriel plan on attending the meeting for SAJC.

Attendees at this meeting were: Gabriel Renero, Manny Jimenez, Bob Sheldon, Roger Wilkie, Stephen Collins, and Brian Blackwell.

Submitted by Brian Blackwell

SAJC Secretary 2025