What a Weird Year!

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A few years ago I bought a Jaguar XK8, it being my car of choice for the long distance driving my wife and I were planning. It didn't hurt either that, while I was unlikely to test its full capability, it has a claimed top speed of 155 mph.

With driving and other events cancelled and no wish to stay in hotels or even with friends and family,I was reduced to using the car at every little opportunity, which turned out to be all local and mostly curbside pickup of groceries and carry-out meals.

So, how far did I go and how fast? Each year I reset the trip computer at the beginning of the season and today, because it was distinctly autumnal, and I was thinking that it wouldn't be long before I got it ready for its winter hibernation, I decided to check.

My 2020 average speed was 22 mph and I went 865 miles! I could have bought a tandem bicycle; we would have done just as well.