

Report from the AGM

by Jerry Nuijen

JCNA had a new President, Dick Maury of Coventry West, a new Vice-President, D Bryan Williams of Pennsylvania, and a new Secretary, Steve Kennedy, of Colorado. There are also a few new regional directors, including yours truly.

National membership is down. As of Dec 31, 2009 we had 5525 members. Two clubs have dropped out, Visalia and Central Coast, but two new clubs are forming in Idaho and Kentucky. Costs are up, revenues are down (sound familiar?) and for the first time in recent memory JCNA lost money (~\$7000) and losses are projected for the next few years. On the other-hand, the treasury is robust at over \$300,000. These funds will be needed to see all the clubs through some lean years as we update and expand JCNA services to members. One new service, just getting off the ground, is the Resource Desk. It will be a clearinghouse for technical info, manuals, authenticity guides, and, in the future, a place to borrow specialty tools. All thanks to George Camp of the South Carolina club. The website will receive an overhaul and Member Services will be updated.

Jaguar Cars sent a real car guy, Dan Algarin, as their representative. He “drove up” in the one and only XJ13 in existence!

Gary Bartlett was nice enough to display his D type and gave an evening talk on his near fatal accident in the Mille Miglia where he slid off the road in his XKSS and landed upside down. He was medivaced to the US (something which costs about \$150,000) and advises anyone who travels overseas to buy the medivac insurance (~\$400). He’s sure he’d be dead today if he’d stayed in that Italian hospital one hour longer.

The Indiana Jaguar Club (JAGIN) did a great job of hosting the meeting. Friday night we had dinner in the Stutz museum among the display cars, which included a very original 1914 Bearcat. The General Meeting on Saturday was held in the Grand Lobby of the Indianapolis Union Station that is about 200 ft long, 100 ft wide and 70 ft high. We couldn’t even



Jaguar XJ13 and our regional director, Jerry Nuijen

see the delegates at the other end of the room, but thanks to a great sound system everyone was able to have their say and be heard.

There have been some minor concours rules changes (for those who care) putting teeth into the rule that the person showing a car must prove they actually own it and commercial endeavors have no place on the competition field (no For Sale signs and no business promotions). Two main Bylaws changes make the Secretary an appointed position and Regional Directors are no longer term-limited. These changes were necessary because, just like at the local level, JCNA can’t get enough people to volunteer to do the “heavy lifting”.

Forgot to mention; that big swoopy thing in the background of the picture is the new XJ sedan. Very impressive.



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