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Presidential Perspective

January – February 20224

I mentioned in the last Perspective that there were two events planned for November and December. The first was the Election Luncheon held at the San Diego Yacht Club in November sponsored by Al and Kathleen Steele. It was a gorgeous day and we again had a large turnout. We even had George Bush - or at least his limo courtesy of Jim Harkins. The election results were tabulated and calculated by James Waite and certified by Dave and Marie Allen. The recap is provided starting on page 12 along with photos and a write up by Kathleene Steele. Spoiler alert: expect to see some familiar names.



The December event was a drive in North County to the Welk Resort in north Escondido for a Show ‘n Shine of our Jags, again thanks to our VP of Pretty Much Everything Nedra Rummell. This was followed by lunch at the Canyon Grille (for those who could find a spot) or a pizza from the adjacent takeout area. Again, the weather was perfect. While I didn’t choose to see the play “Elf” that was showing at the Welk Theater, several who did say it was well done. See page 16 for a recap by Nedra.

Near the conclusion of the Election Luncheon, I thanked the members on the ballot that were elected and continuing to serve on the board. However, as was pointed out to me after the luncheon, I forgot to acknowledge others that have and will continue to be important contributors to the club but were not on the ballot. My oversight would have been addressed at the Holiday Party where we introduce the incoming Board members and Functional Chairs; however, we didn’t have a party this year. So here is a shout out to Matt Allen, Webmaster and Photographer; Al Steele, Director (continuing); Dave Putnam, Director (continuing) and British Car Club Council Rep; Terry Tilton, San Diego Auto Museum Rep; Dave Allen, Concours Chief Judge; Nedra Rummell, Club Historian, Roster, and Raffles; Jim Hallameyer, Dealer Rep; Ali Proctor, Raffles and Marie Allen, notable club support.



What, you think I missed someone? Not true! Another long-term key contributor to the club is our inimitable *Jaguar Tracks* Editor, Chuck Leuthen. Chuck and Kathy joined SDJC in January 2010 and Chuck stepped up to Editor in October 2017. From then through 2022, he prepared 63 monthly editions. When we transitioned to a bi-monthly version, he produced 6 more. Wow! I served as Editor for a few years, as have a few other current club members, and we have some understanding of what is needed to prepare an effective newsletter: management of input from contributors, organization of content into the electronic format, and the addition humor and anecdotes that keep readers interested in perusing the *Tracks* each month. Chuck has the ability to do all of these in spades. So, Chuck, from me, members of the Board, Functional Chairs, and club members, thank you for providing many hours of reading pleasure and humor.

As you might image, after 75 editions, Chuck is looking forward to a well-deserved “retirement” from his role at the end of 2024. If you would like to consider being Editor and learning the tools and talents that he uses, please contact him or any Board member. Thanks.

Dan

Editor’s Note: *Thanks Dan! More about this later in this issue. -Ed.*

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SDJC 2024 Calendar of Events

Date, Day	Event	Sponsor(s)	Club
January 13, Saturday	2024 Meet and Drive, The Windmill	Nedra Rummell	SDJC
February 10, Saturday	Drive and SAVE THE DATE and Stay Tuned	Stay Tuned	SDJC

GREEN - SDJC EVENT PLANS FINALIZED, RED - SDJC EVENT - PLANS NOT FINALIZED, BLACK - EVENTS NOT HOSTED BY SDJC

November - December New Members

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DEMETRI VARDOULAKIS

1965 E-Type OTS Carmine Red

Michael Dubos

1970 E-Type OTS Red

Dr. M. LaMar

1971 E-Type 2+2 V12 British Racing Green



SDJC Business Meetings

Business meetings are held monthly on the second Wednesday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM. If you would like to participate, call to receive the Zoom log-in information.

Jan 10
Feb 7
Mar 13
Apr 10
May 8
Jun 12

Jul 10
Aug 7
Sep 11
Oct 9
Nov 13
Dec none

A Note to All Members

Do you enjoy the Club's monthly get-togethers, events, drives, luncheons, dinners? Do you know a great place the SDJC Members might enjoy? Do you want to share a favorite drive you've made in your Jaguar? Do you have a favorite luncheon or dinner place that would make a good venue for an SDJC Club?

Think about sponsoring one of the monthly events. Please contact any club officer or director find out what is involved or just to talk about a possible event. The club values participation from its members.
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Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA)

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San Diego Auto Museum

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Car Information

Jaguar USA

www.jaguarusa.com

Jaguar information sites www.jag-lovers.com

www.jaguarforums.com

If you are planning a trip, be sure to check the JCNA webpage at www.jcna.com/all-upcoming-events and look for events you might like to attend on the road.

Ongoing Events

Note: all events are contingent upon COVID-19 requirements and restrictions.

San Diego Cars and Coffee is a monthly gathering conveniently located in Miramar.

[San Diego Cars and Coffee - Home | Facebook](#)

Every Saturday morning

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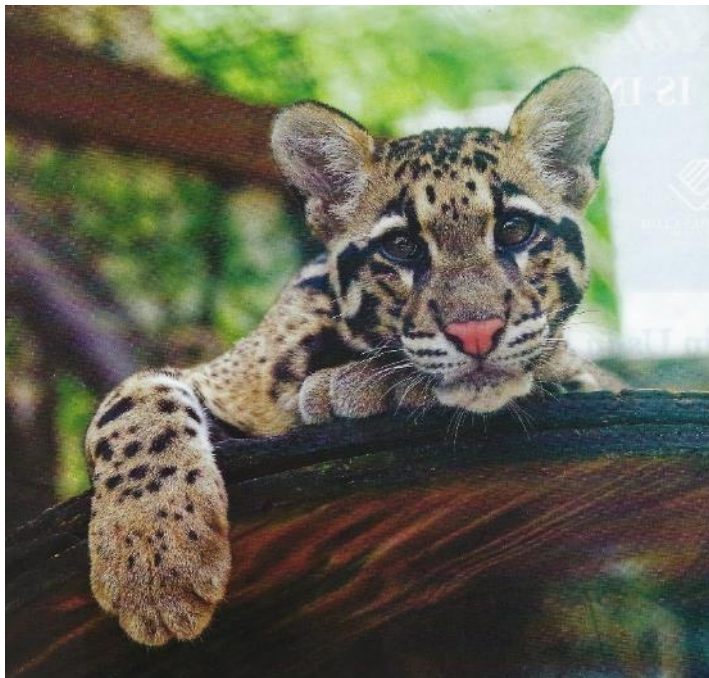
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CalClubs Reunion 2023

Morro Bay, October 26-29, 2023
Recap and photos by Nedra Rummel

The Cal-Clubs Reunion 2023 was hosted by the Jaguar Owners Club of Los Angeles, with Mark Mayuga serving as Chairman. A big thank you to Clive Collins, owner of XKS Motorsport, for being a generous event financial sponsor and his team of hard workers to make this a fun experience. There were 52 attendees with Joe Harding, Nedra Rummell, Celia Hunter, Mike & Peggy Loper, and Craig & Jane Roubinke (and their two fur babies) representing the San Diego Club.

The Cal Clubs Reunion 2023 “kick off” event was Thursday’s Welcome Reception at the La Serena Hotel. The XKS Motorsport team hosted a fun Mexican themed reception with abundant Mexican food and a well-stocked bar featuring margarita’s blended by Delani. Sherry and Delani, representing XKS Motorsport, did an excellent job of setting up the room and assisting Clive, hosting a fun evening while guests enjoyed meeting new friends and reuniting with old friends! It was obvious everyone was ready for an enjoyable time!

After a complimentary Friday morning breakfast at La Serena Inn, the group gathered waterside next to the Maritime Museum for a Show and Shine. The participants had an opportunity to vote for various People’s Choice Awards. It was a beautiful blue-sky day with our incredible Cats were parked across from the famous Morro Bay Rock, causing lots of lookie lou’s as they cruised along the waterfront. SDJC member Joe Harding and his friend Paul Lisec experienced an alternator problem on the way to Morro Bay, but Clive Collins and his team came to the rescue during the Show and Shine. Before long Joe, Paul, and his E-Type were good to go for the remainder of the Reunion.

Tom Meinhold, a famous local photographer, invited the entire group to his beautiful hillside home in San Luis Obispo for an outstanding BBQ dinner under the stars. A special thank you to Tom and his wife Juliette for a wonderful evening with friends. Delicious food (especially the BBQ prepared personally by Tom!), beautiful Jags, beverages provided by Clive Collins, and a huge bonfire to enjoy while chatting with friends under the stars. The San Diego group cheered wildly as Mike and Peggy’s Pastel Green 1955 XK140 FHC won People’s Choice for Best in Show! Of course, I refer to her as “Pistachio” – she is always a winner!

Saturday morning featured a day for Touring – Option 1 was a picturesque tour to Hearst Castle and Ragged Point for lunch. Option 2 was a test of driving skills to Avila Beach for lunch at Fat Cats! Easy drive for Celia and I, as we had the pleasure of following Joe Harding in his E-Type, no need to refer to the printed driving directions, thanks Joe and Paul! After a great lunch, except for the bees wanting to share our food, we had a fast drive back to Morro Bay and a fun afternoon of shopping and enjoying a glass of wine with a water view at Dorn’s.

Everyone gathered at D’Stansio’s Italian Restaurant on Saturday night for our Farewell Dinner. Even though the restaurant was overwhelmed trying to serve us all, we packed our patience (well most of us!) and had a fantastic time, lots of smiles and laughter and stories being told!

And then.....it was complete. Sunday morning, after a quick breakfast and the goodbyes, we were on the road to return home safely. As they say, time flies when you are having fun, and this event is ALWAYS fun. The 2024 Cal Clubs Reunion will be hosted by the Jaguar Associate Group in San Francisco and will be held in Carmel, CA, October 24-27. Although it will be a longer drive from San Diego, I highly recommend you consider attending this fun event. I always drive away with a big smile, having made new friends and spending time with old friends – Jag people are the best!

Nedra Rummell







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SDJC Election

November 11, 2023

Recap by Kathleen Steele

Photos by Matt Allen and Dan Jensen

A beautiful, perfect, San Diego day saw a wonderful celebration of cars and friends, both old and new, at the San Diego Yacht Club for our traditional Election Luncheon. For all the SDJC members it started out with a warm greeting by our parking volunteers Joe Harding, Malcolm Lloyd-Smith, and Dave Allen (who performed the same task at the last event at the SDYC!). Although we didn't have designated parking this time, these great "Cat Herders" (bad pun intentional) managed to help people at least to a general area!! What a trio of Jaguar knowledge!! Deborah Harding greeted members on the front porch and made them feel at home, and guided them to the Commodore's room upstairs, where Member of the Year Marie Allen along with Elizabeth Waite did a lovely job at check in, with efficiency and graciousness. A BIG "Thank You" to all these people who set the tone for our friendly club.

When we finally managed to get almost everyone to the Room and had our adult and non-adult beverages in hand, President Dan Jensen called our attention to the Election Ballots on the table. (Thank you, Lyn Lloyd - Smith and James Waite for making Dan's day easier!). We were admonished by the President not to write in names of people who hadn't said they would accept. (Would we do such a thing?) Then, he introduced Al Steele, who began his newest iteration of the Jaguar Knowledge Exam, photos of car parts, with the prize being first in line for the Buffet!! There were "SDJC member Jaguar Google sources" at every table, which made the game fairly equal. No one got the "stop button" on the end of the adjustable E-type steering wheel. Probably a bad photo!! Congrats to Table 2!!!! After dessert, Nedra Rummell provided wonderful raffle prizes. How she finds time to do all she does for the SDJC and JCNA is amazing.

There was a wonderful camaraderie at the Election Luncheon. We are known as "a friendly" club, and it showed. Many stayed on and chatted for a long time afterwards, and some SDJC members wandered around the Club grounds and docks to continue to enjoy the beautiful day even a little longer.

P.S. Of interest is that the staff had wonderful comments about our group. They appreciated the members' positive comments to staff about service, food, bar, and ambience. They said to make sure that our club knew this, and we were a fun group to work with. Kudos to all of you who attended for your kindnesses!!



Our hosts: Kathleen and Al Steele







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2023 – 2024 Election Results
11/11/2023

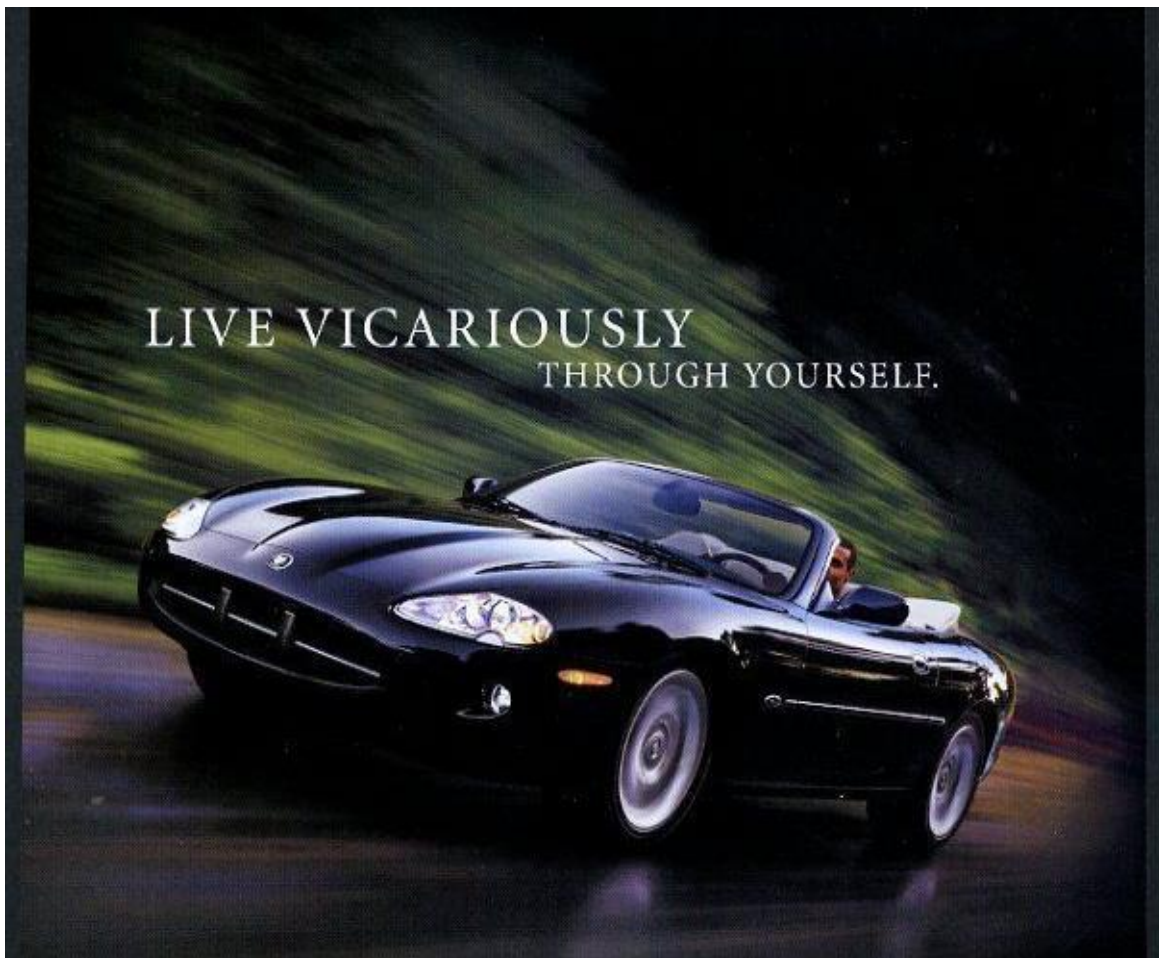
Position	Name
President	Dan Jensen
2 nd VP of Membership	Nedra Rummell
Secretary	James Waite
Treasurer	Dave Allen
Director	Tim Bennett
Director	Terry Tilton

Changes to club Bylaws & Dues

Vote on Changes to Bylaws: Changes passed.

Vote to increase club dues: Yes.

Scores calculated by James Waite and certified by David & Marie Allen.



SDJC Holiday Drive and Elf - The Musical

December 10th, 2023

Recap by Nedra Rummell

Photos by Nedra and Dan Jensen

Celebrating the Holidays is always a busy time – we all have gift shopping, wrapping, and mailing deadlines. Cooking, hosting parties, attending parties, attending services, volunteering, sending Holiday cards --- the list goes on and on! But one thing we can count on is a festive group of SDJC members taking time to meet for a Holiday Drive. For 2023 we decided to forego the formal Holiday Party for a Buffet of Offerings – a Drive, a Show and Shine, Competition for Best Decorated Holiday Jaguar, Lunch, and/or attending ELF the Musical at the Welk Theater at the Hyatt Resort Escondido. Our members did not disappoint – nearly 20 Jaguars and 36 members took time from their busy schedules to participate in the December 10th event.

The Drive portion started at the Old Spaghetti Factory in San Marcos. Although we have taken the Twin Oaks route to I-15 before, I did find another route through the foothills to the Hyatt Resort. What great fun leading the “pack” of Jaguars! When I looked into my side mirror, the first thing I saw was four Holiday red Jags behind me, such a gorgeous view!



Terry Tilton was the first on-site at the Hyatt-Welk property and secured a perfect area in the parking lot for the Show and Shine. Immediately after parking, those electing to decorate their cars were busy dressing up their Jags in full Holiday attire. I was especially happy two new members took the time to join the group – it was great to see Aleksandr Pavlov again, and to meet Michael Dubos for the first time!





Before lunch the ballots were collected for Best in Show and the winners were:

Modern: Igor and Mary Jercinovich – 2014 F-Type R British Racing Green

Classic: Mike and Peggy Loper – 1955 XK140 Pastel Green

Best Decorated: Terry Tilton - 2005 XK-R Salsa Red

Interesting – all the winners were Holiday colors - red and green! No fancy trophies were awarded, just fun silly prizes such as Elf Hats, reindeer antler gear, and lighted Santa hats – all in the name of fun!



Elf the Musical was incredible, fun. Will Nighswonger summed it up the best: “The Musical was beyond my expectations; so professional and fun. What fun to meet our members and celebrate the Holidays.”

As this year closes, I personally want to thank you all for being members of the San Diego Jaguar Club. Thank you for your participating throughout the year, as well as your friendship. I hope to see you all in January for yet another fun event. Aren't we lucky, we can drive our Jags all year long, while other clubs in the North and East store them for the “winter”.

Happy Holidays
Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2024.
Nedra Rummell



SAN DIEGO JAGUAR CLUB

2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER



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Wishing you all Happy Holidays!

Thank you for your ongoing interest and support in the San Diego Jaguar Club

Nedra Rummell

Second Vice President– Membership San Diego Jaguar Club
JCNA Membership Committee
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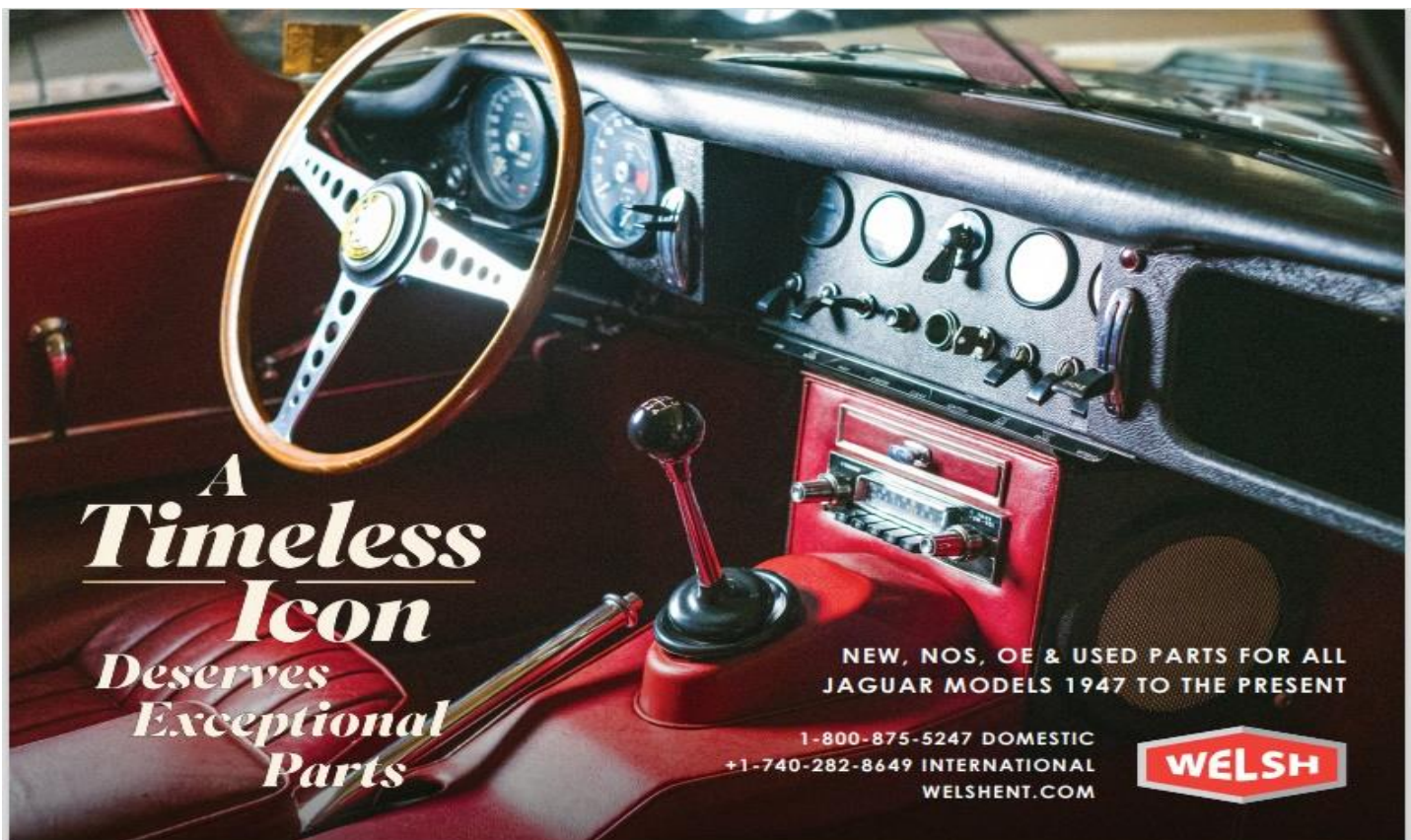
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Notes from the Concours Judge's Tent

January – February 2024

By Dave Allen, Chief Judge, San Diego Jaguar Club



Our 2023 Concours d'Elegance season has come to a close. We had four great events in Southern California:

- June 4th - JOCLA Concours at Huntington Central Park

San Diego Judges supported the event and judged in many classes. Bridget and Matt also completed their apprenticeship by each scoring three different cars. Their scoresheets were then checked for reasonableness against the more seasoned judges. Both apprentices passed and qualified as certified judges - well done!

- July 15th - SDJC Concours at Spanish Landing

The freshly restored 1961 E-Type entered by Glenn Chapin was a fabulous entry, and interesting to judge because at the time the E-Types were hand-made with many changes at the factory occurring at the time. The beautiful 1938 SS100 entered by Tom Krefetz was another entry to challenge the judges. Jumping forwards 69 years, we had another special entry: Steve Quilty brought his very rare X-Type Wagon all the way from Virginia! Other fabulous entries included Yory Campbell with a spectacular F-Type SVR in Santorini black. Dan Jensen with his 2013 XK Coupe in a beautiful Carnelian Red Metallic, and Bill Wainer with his 2011 XKR Coupe in Salsa Red (1 of 18 ultra rare Poltrona Frau special editions). Jan Daniel's E-Type, Mike Loper's XK140, Hal Michaels XX150S, Kathleen Steele's S-Type R, and Will Nighswonger's XKR Convertible. Again, these are all spectacular cars and also represented a fabulous range of Jaguar style through the ages.

- September 30th - Inland Empire Concours at Idyllwild

Weekend highlights included a movie at the Rustic Theater, Saturday's IEJC Concours, an Awards Banquet (with accompanying downpour).

- October 1st - Southwest Regional at Idyllwild

The weather cooperated (just). We had a brief drizzle just as judging was ending, and for the most part the score sheets, judges and cars stayed dry. We also had a convoy through town and a drive to a fabulous lookout overlooking the Hemet and Paris Valley.

All the Concours were supported by Judges from San Diego, Los Angeles and Inland Empire, and I'd like to thank everyone for their support, including runners and score keepers also.

Other Highlights from 2023

- Tom & Debbie Krefetz picked up a National Award for their beautiful 1938 SS100 !
- 2023 saw our Concours Chair, Mark Hodges, move to Rhode Island. Before "putting his pencils down", he booked the venue for the 2024 Concours. Please mark your calendars for the 60th San Diego Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance to be held Saturday July 13th at Spanish Landing Park.

We are continually looking for a few good women and men to become new Concours Judges. The process to become a judge is simple and training is given. Also, a short period as an apprentice judge is required to gain experience and confidence. Additionally, judges can focus on models they have the most familiarity. Speaking of training, I've started updating the training material for next year - my focus is to include a few more photographs of the newer models to capture details while they're still new, and also make some minor updates in line with this minor rule changes for this year.

If you have any questions about becoming a judge or JCNA Concours d'Elegance participation, please contact me chiefjudge@sdjagclub.com or phone / text (858) 335-0763.

**CALLING ALL JAGUAR ENTHUSIASTS - JOIN US
FOR OUR FIRST SDJC MEET AND DRIVE TO
WELCOME 2024!**



SATURDAY - JANUARY 13, 2024



10:00 Meet and Greet

The Westfield Mall, 298 East Via Rancho Parkway. (From 1-15 exit Via Rancho Parkway East. Turn left on Beethoven Drive, make an immediate left into the mall parking lot and look for the SDJC Feather Flag.

10:30 Drivers Meeting

10:40 Departure

**Destination: Windmill Food Hall, 890 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad
Arrival estimated between 11:45 and 12 Noon Just off I-5 on Palomar Airport Road, the Hall offers both inside and outside seating. Food vendors options include Thai, BBQ, Sushi, Kebabs, Street Tacos, Pizza, Pho and Italian plus a bar! This would be the perfect location to bring your fur babies for a casual day of socializing.**

As an added bonus, after lunch you could check out the post-Holiday sales at the Carlsbad Outlet Mall located across the street from the Food Hall. Interested in a new Jaguar? The newly remodeled Hoehn dealership is located just a few blocks north of the Food Hall, remember - it doesn't hurt to look!

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Once again, Happy New Year! I'd like to begin this month's column with a thank you to Dan Jensen, our president, for the kind words he said about my tenure as your Newsletter Editor and my continued desire to hand that fun filled task on to the next lucky recipient. With that in mind, I'd like to draw your attention to Section 5.05.06 of our current Bylaws:

Section 5.05.6. Newsletter Editor.

The Newsletter Editor, once elected, shall remain in office until either removed by the Board at its discretion or when the Newsletter Editor resigns.

You will note that one of the options I have at my disposal is to simply resign. Sure, I guess I could do that but after thinking about it a bit more, and not being one to quit, I think it might be a quite a bit more fun to be REMOVED BY THE BOARD AT ITS DISCRETION. That's right, get fired! Therefore, please be prepared to be shocked, offended, insulted, and perhaps even flummoxed until such time as I get the boot!

As Dan mentioned, my first issue was October 2017. Since that time SDJC has brought on board, and kept, 113 new members. That almost half out current membership! That being the case, I'm quite confident that I can get away with running some of the Bits and Pieces articles I like most from the past as many of you newer members will not yet have seen them. This also fits in with my long-term objective of removal-by-cause. So here goes:

From the October 2017 issue:

Dear Abby,

I surely need some strong advice. I am starting to suspect that my wife of nearly 30 years is having an affair. She has been coming home later and later in the evenings these past few weeks and her excuses of having to work late or meet with clients seem very flimsy. Quite often when I answer the phone, I just get an immediate hang up. She's paying less and less attention to me and I really think somethings going on behind my back.

I thought that If I could find out who bringing her home after a late evening out I might have the proof. I discovered that if I kneeled down next to the driver's window of my 2003 XJR and looked through the windshield I had a clear vision of the street in front of our house without being seen.

Last Thursday she once again called with the excuse that she would not be home until quite late so I took the opportunity to do my detective work and go spend some time waiting for her to come home. While I was looking through the driver's window and windshield, I noticed that both windshield wiper blades are in desperately need replacing. Abby, should I simply replace them with generic blades from PepBoys or spend the extra time and money acquiring genuine Jaguar blades for that year and model?

Sincerely, Perplexed in Point Loma

Dear Perplexed,

There's really no question here. Non-original replacement parts are going to get you significant deductions in either Champion or Driver Divisions at your next concours event.

And from the February 2020 issue:

Tech Corner – Tools of the Trade

Dear Mr. Editor,

Can you tell me why so many Jaguars of the 50's and 60's came with these rather extensive tool kits as shown here?

Curious in Cuyamaca



Dear Curious,

The purpose for such equipment is often misunderstood by Americans at car shows. In fact, sometimes they make crude and insensitive jokes about unreliable Jaguar cars needing such tools all the time. In fact, the tools were **NOT** provided because Jaguar cars often required their application. Indeed, this was very seldom the case.

These tools, included with Jaguar cars exported to the United States, were provided so that charitable Jaguar drivers would be properly equipped when they stopped to assist American drivers whose Detroit products were broken-down on the side of the road. This generous and thoughtful planning on the part of the Jaguar Company was solely intended as a subtle gesture of appreciation for American aid, however slight, in helping the British Empire to win World War II. ...Ed.



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And now on to more serious matters. Club member extraordinaire, Tim Bennett, spotted this British AutoExpress article and sent it on. Thank you, Tim! Serious and in MHO controversial and a bit troubling. Guess we'll have to wait and see.

JLR's future: CEO Adrian Mardell talks Jaguar, Discovery, Defender and the focus on reliability.

The JLR CEO tells Auto Express about the brand's future direction, from new products to the renewed focus on quality and reliability.

You could hardly call Adrian Mardell's rise to the top at JLR meteoric. "It's been 32 years, nine months and four days," he says, with the warm smile that's become his trademark around the business.

It's fair to say his appointment as CEO was as much a surprise as the departure of his predecessor Thierry Bolloré after just two years and four months in November 2022. Mardell slipped into the interim CEO role – "I literally moved two desks from where I'd been," he tells us – which was then confirmed last month.



In a short space of time, he's had a big impact on staff, with one senior insider telling us "He's really united the company and the workforce" and another saying, "He's one of us and is giving us all a clear vision about what's expected to get where we need to go".

Bolloré's Reimagine plan – which Mardell had a hand in – isn't itself being reimaged, the board – with a few tweaks – has remained the same, and stability is leading to growth: there's black on the balance sheet for the first time in a while.

JLR – as we must now call it – has plenty of challenges ahead, not least to earn the money to reinvest back in the business, but also with supply issues only just starting to ease, the long-awaited Jaguar reinvention still work in progress, overlap amongst the product range and a reputation for poor quality that just won't go away.

So how does Mardell plan to do it? Teamwork seems to be the key, empowering those around him to do the very best they can. His strong, yet calm, approach, particularly the way Mardell presented the financials to investors, was said to be one of the reasons his paymasters at JLR owner Tata gave him the job.

"I definitely feel comfortable not being a technical expert in the boardroom," he admits. "You don't need people exactly like you. You do need complimentary skills.

“You need to make sure that people recognise themselves as the leader or the expert in certain ways. We've got three people on the board who are technical engineering experts, and I'm not one of them, but I'm a business expert.

“It's also about understanding what consumers want from a vehicle and fulfilling that. And that's why we've gone to four brands, because that will enable us to curate four different answers rather than two different answers. It's as simple as that.”

Let's start with one of those challenges: are supply issues still affecting JLR? “There are still supply challenges, no doubt about that,” he says. “For the moment at least, but it's less about semiconductors – that's because we've gone and put contracts in place.

“We're still supply constrained, but with the break even point down to 300,000, we are now becoming very profitable even at constraints of supply.”

Securing a strong supply of batteries is key to JLR's future and Mardell is clearly delighted with the deal parent company Tata has struck with the UK government for a Gigafactory in Somerset – “That really is brilliant,” says Mardell, knowing how important it is to have battery supply, as with steel, available “within the broader family”. The first batteries will arrive in three years, he tells us.

New electrified car platforms.

Mardell refutes suggestions that JLR is behind the curve on electrification, reminding us that the company will launch six new battery electric vehicles before 2026, with the all-electric Range Rover going on sale later this year and the first deliveries in 2024.

Similarly on technology, JLR's relationship with software giant NVIDIA will start to come to fruition with the next generation of platforms, JEA (Jaguar Electrified Architecture) and EMA (Electrified Modular Architecture).

JEA, obviously, will be used for the three all-new Jaguars we'll see from next year, while EMA will be used across the SUV family – no longer think Land Rover, instead it's Range Rover, Defender and Discovery, all part of the House of Brands.

The MLA 'flex' architecture comprises ICE, PHEV and BEV powertrains, currently only in Range Rover models, but that will be expanded. “We have to electrify Defender of course, and we will be looking to electrify the existing Defender off MLA later this decade.”

That's not all for the Defender family, as Mardell reveals. “We are looking at creating other vehicles within the Defender family. I would've thought by this time next Global Media Day we'll be clear on what we are comfortable with producing off EMA and when. Even though I won't confirm, because you can guess the ones that we've got coming at us initially?” Auto Express understands that will be a smaller all-electric Defender, potentially badged Defender Sport and previewed in our exclusive image.



But while the Range Rover family is going great guns – with future Velar and Evoque models also expected to make use of the all-electric EMA platform – the future for Discovery is less clear...

Land Rover Discovery up for reinvention.

JLR execs have admitted that the success and appeal of Defender has caused problems for the Discovery, with sales of the latter struggling compared to its newer sibling. And there is no firm plan for how to reinvent Discovery yet. “We haven't yet done enough thinking on Discovery,” Mardell tells us.

“It's not because we can't, it's because we just haven't got to it. We know it'll be the later products out of the architectures. We know it's not going to come off MLA, because we just won't be able to get an affordable proposition off MLA. We know it has to come off EMA because that's the only other one for Land Rover.”

Mardell confirmed that EMA is flexible enough to accommodate a three-row, seven-seat family vehicle, but the platform switch could possibly lead to a hiatus for the Discovery name plate.

The Discovery currently shares its D7 platform with Defender, with the two built alongside each other at the Nitra plant. But with Mardell confirming Defender's switch to the MLA platform – and production likely to stay at Nitra – that could mean a pause for Discovery until a new all-electric model is launched on EMA, with other EMA models expected to be built at JLR's plant at Halewood on Merseyside.

It's not impossible for cars on different platforms to be made in the same plant but that's unlikely in this case, especially given the success of Defender and how it currently dominates Nitra production. Mardell was keen to stress, however, that Discovery was still very much part of the House of Brands. “We haven't found [the solution] yet, but nobody's going to lightly give up on the word Discovery.”

Mardell's predecessor was less than certain about the future of the Discovery Sport, though, and it seems that any replacement for that vehicle would be some way off, if at all. “I think I need to see the design intent for the Discovery before we talk about how many we get to,” says Mardell.

Jaguar four-door GT to be first of three models in new family.

The future for Jaguar is clear though, with Mardell revealing the brief given to the team. “Thierry set the team off and asked them to come back with just four words to explain the emotion and what that brand actually stands for, and they were exuberant, unique, fearless and progressive.

“That took me back to when I was a nine-year-old boy and my first experience with Jaguar. My dad was a painter and decorator, and he worked for a builder and the builder owned an E-Type. So as a nine-year-old boy, I spent an hour in a beautiful, sky-blue E-Type doing all the things nine year old boys would do, noises and switches and all that good stuff. 20 years later, I started working for Jaguar – and that was 32 years, nine months and four days ago!

“The designers went away. They produced 18 full-sized clay models in three groups. Gerry [McGovern, JLR's chief creative officer) asked 20 people to review those models and 19 of us chose one particular design. That was the design from Massimo Frascella [JLR design director]. From my perspective, it did tick those four words – we think we've got a jaw-dropping design”.



That design language is set to be used across the three different Jaguar models, as Mardell reveals, “It’ll be a family. It’s really important that there’s an association, a family look for it. But to actually meet the design intent here, because there’s going to have to be a wider wheelbase to meet the exuberance, that’s why Jaguar needs its own architecture. Making what would be a compromise to get Jaguars off the EMA platform, we are not going to be able to meet that without a discreet and a dedicated Jaguar architecture.”

Jaguar’s present hasn’t been helped by words from Gerry McGovern at a recent investor conference. JLR’s chief creative officer said the brand today has “no equity whatsoever” and the current strategy had led to “mediocrity”. Jaguar owners have been up in arms over McGovern’s comments.

“I would never make those comments,” says Mardell, citing recent brand studies in the US putting Jaguar at the top of the premium pile for appeal.

For the new cars, insiders have spoken of a truly groundbreaking design, but everything – including a new Jaguar logo – will be kept tightly under wraps until next year when we’ll see a concept, probably around April/May time at the start of a new fiscal year. “Yeah, you’ll see a version of how the vehicle’s going to look. Call it a concept if you like,” says Mardell.

The first production car, a four-door GT, the rear of which is previewed in our exclusive image, is still scheduled for a reveal in 2024 and on sale in 2025, with two other crossovers to follow.

The new Jaguars will be built at Solihull, but where will that leave Jaguar’s traditional home at Castle Bromwich? “We’ve actually made it super-clear to the people at Castle Brom that we won’t be building production units there going forward,” says Mardell.

“The intention is to use it for stamping facilities. At some point we’re probably going to have some form of recycling within the facility there. We may use it for SVO (JLR’s Special Vehicle Operations performance arm). We may use it for a pilot plant. We just reassured people that their jobs are not under threat. They may need training, but you know we’re retraining 29,000 people for electrification, so join the group. I’m getting retrained on a day-to-day basis in this job. Great people want to continue to develop and train and we want our people to continue to develop.”

Quality and reliability in focus.

Another challenge to JLR comes from the far east with a host of new brands coming from China alone, but Mardell us up for the fight. “It’s a wake-up call, but it’s not an existential threat. It’s a great opportunity for us to think through where we go with our house of brands and curate the answer for us. And I think we’ll gain more clients, not fewer clients off the back of that.”

However, the elephant in the showroom for JLR has always been reliability, with survey after survey putting the company’s brands towards the bottom of the pile – although it doesn’t seem to be hurting sales. Mardell has given board member Nigel Blenkinsop an ‘enhanced’ role as Executive Director, Enterprise Performance & Quality to ensure the improvements JLR is seeing in reliability data continues.

“The first public appearance I had on the board in 2019 I was really clear: our quality and our warranty claims off the back of it was unacceptable,” says Mardell. “Sometimes you’ve got to put your hand up and say it’s just not good enough.”

“Over the last three launches, we've delayed the point of introduction to the product because we've wanted that product to mature. Enabling the engineers to finish to make sure that the vehicle's ready for the customer is a big thing. And it doesn't give anybody a mandate to be late either, by the way. But if we are just not ready, we have to do the right thing and we have to be brave enough to give people more time. As the chief executive, I will do that.

“Let's go to the data. You've seen the latest study in the US, for both Jaguar and Land Rover we're better than the average in premium. We've been second in terms of the vehicle dependability study in China for the last two years.

“We are moving, and the intensity and the work that Nigel and the team have done, actually beyond three years, but mostly from the last three years, it's starting to show. It's hard yards – we know this.

“People don't forget that stuff and it takes time – we are not where we need to be. We need to keep improving. I used to spend two days a week on supply issues. I spend more time on quality issues than supply issues today, and we'll continue. It's just making sure that the teams are given every opportunity that they can to keep getting this right. And the engineers, the gold medal is the engineers get it right before release. We're getting better and the data shows that.”

And getting better is what JLR is all about, from the top down. The product today – even on the Jaguar side – is more than competitive. And with Mardell in charge and the team really rallying behind him, you really do feel that the best is yet to come for these great British brands.



Well, that's it for this month. I'll leave you with this simple job description of the Newsletter Editor. It's fun!! Let me know if your interested in learning more!!

Section 5.06.06. The Newsletter Editor.

The Newsletter Editor shall produce a newsletter called the Jaguar Tracks for the benefit of the Members designed to convey coverage of past, present, and future club events and interests, and other items of interest to the Members. The newsletter is designed to satisfy the requirements of Article III, Section 2 of the JCNA Bylaws pertaining to a newsletter or other publication at regular intervals.



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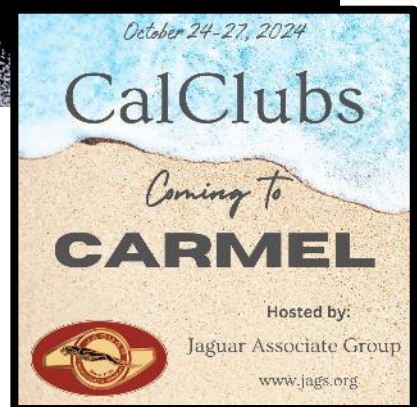
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SDJC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

James Waite
November 8, 2023

Call to Order / Attendance:

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm via Zoom Video Conference by the 2nd Vice President, Nedra Rummell.

The officers present were Dave Allen, Treasurer & Chief Judge; James Waite, Secretary; Chuck Leuthen, Newsletter Editor; Matt Allen, Webmaster; Al Steele, Director; Tim Bennett, Director; Dave Putnam, Director & British Car Club Council Representative; and Jim Hallameyer, Dealer Representative.

Board Reports:

- **Secretary's Report:** James reported that the Minutes of the October 11, 2023 meeting were approved electronically. The Minutes were forwarded to Chuck for inclusion in the newsletter.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Dave A. reported the following:
 - For October, the activities include income of \$1,427.50 comprising \$41.50 received for classified ads and \$1,386.00 for the Election Luncheon registration. The expenses for October were \$312.80, comprising bank fees (\$23.80), JCNA dues paid on behalf of members (\$140.00), monthly storage locker fee (\$144.00), and the monthly payment for the domain name email accounts (\$5.00). Overall, we had a net income of \$1,114.70 for the month due to the time-phasing of income for the Election Luncheon in October, with expenses to occur later this month. Club finances remain healthy. The Concours security deposit has been received from the Port Authority, resulting in the Concours being essentially neutral for costs. (Net expense of \$36.45).

 - Regarding Money Market accounts, Dave followed up with Quontic, the online bank. Unfortunately, they only provide accounts for individuals, and not "organizations." He will follow up with alternate banks and report back. Chuck stated that Wells Fargo has a 12-month CD for 6%. We agreed that we should pursue a possible short-term certificate of deposit.

- **Activities Report: 1st VP, Activities Nedra Rummell –**
 - As to the CalClubs Reunion 2023 event in Morro Bay, CA – the event was from October 26 to October 29, 2023. Nedra reported that all had a wonderful and relaxing time. There was a total of about 55 attendees, of which about 10 were from our club. Next year the event will be in Monterrey, CA. Nedra reported that she will write up a summary of the event for the *Jaguar Tracks*.

 - As to the Annual Election Luncheon set for November 11 at the San Diego Yacht Club – Al reported that the event is ready to go. We currently have 58 registered attendees. Nedra reported that Dan will have the election ballots and proposed Bylaws at the luncheon.

 - As to the Drive to The Welk Theatre at the Hyatt Resort in Escondido, CA set for December 10 to see "Elf – the Musical." Nedra reported that Matt Allen sent out an E-Blast for the event. She is working on the start location and timing for the drive. Once completed, she will forward it to Matt as an update for ongoing reminders.

- For an event in January of 2024, we discussed several options including:
 - January Option #1 – Rally or Drive, Tour, and Picnic at San Luis Rey Mission, Oceanside
 - Option #2 – Rally or Drive, Tour, and Picnic at Julian Gold Mine which has
picnic grounds, tours of tunnels, a museum, gold panning, and
rock shop.
 - Option #3 – Other ideas?

- February - Use the option not used above.

We discussed the options and the likelihood of rain. Tim suggested possibly going to the Oasis Camel Dairy as a rally destination. Nedra will contact the venues and will report back. We discussed that the club should reorient to having more picnics to build club camaraderie.

- **Membership Report – 2nd VP, Membership:** Nedra reported the following:
 - We have two new members, Marcus Webb and Demetri Vardoulakis. A Motion to Accept the new members was submitted by Dave, seconded by Chuck, and approved unanimously.
 - The new member listing, the roster, the SDJC Membership Directory, and the SDJC Ownership Directory were updated. They were forwarded to the Webmaster.

- **Jaguar Tracks Newsletter Report:** Chuck reported that the last Jaguar Tracks was completed and sent. Chuck asked for confirmation of the email statistics that 75% of the club members open the Jaguar Tracks email and of those 50% open and read the Jaguar Tracks magazine from the email. We all thanked Chuck for the outstanding job he is doing. Chuck is willing to continue as Editor next year but hopes someone else will take over the following year.

- **Webmaster Report:** Matt reported that he added a flyer to the website for Elf the Musical; scheduled an eblast for the Election Luncheon and Elf the Musical; updated the classified section; and will host tonight's Zoom meeting.

Functional Chair Reports:

- **Advertising Sales in Jaguar Tracks** – Dan – No report.

- **Auto Museum** – Terry – No report.

- **San Diego British Car Club Council (SDBCCC)** – Dave P. reported that their next meeting will be November 13. At that meeting, he will propose changing the date of the British Car Show to a date in October of next year. We agreed that is acceptable.

- **Concours Chair & Property Manager** – Terry / Dave A. – No report.

- **Chief Judge** – Dave A. reported that with all the Concours events behind us for 2023, he is focusing on updating one or two areas of the training materials with better pictures. Also, while judging at the SW Regional Concours, we identified a discrepancy in the steering wheel size between the Mk II Judges Guide and the Jaguar Parts Manual. Dave has forwarded a request to Jim Sambold at JCNA for further investigation.

- **Dealer Representative** – Jim reported that he recently visited the San Diego Jaguar dealership and spoke to Dustin King, the new General Manager. Jim and Dustin discussed having a reception at the showroom. Jim believes this is a worthwhile event to introduce members to the new dealership. Nedra asked Jim to set up a meeting with herself, Jim, and Dan at the dealership to discuss further. Chuck suggested that we hold off on an event until Jaguar introduces their new electric vehicles.
- **Historian** – Marie – No report.
- **Raffles / Roster / Awards** – Nedra reported that the raffle prizes for the Election Luncheon are ready. Nedra will have the nameplates engraved for the two trophies.
- **Social media** – No report. Nedra reported that she is posting to social media on an informal basis.
- **Director's Reports:**
 - a. Tim – Tim reported that he would like to see a list of the registrants to an event before registering. Dave will forward the request to Matt to determine if this is possible.
 - b. Dave P. – Nothing further to report.
 - c. Al – Al requested that the guidelines for awarding an Honorary Membership be reviewed.
 - d. Terry – No report.

Old Business:

- As to the 2023 Member of the Year – Nedra proposed that the 2023 Member of the Year be Marie Allen. Nedra stated that Marie is the functional Chairperson for the Historian position, is transferring documents to electronic versions, organizing files, and scanning and organizing photos. At any club event, we can count on Marie to ask if anyone needs assistance. Marie continually volunteers to check in guests, sell raffle tickets, decorate, and assist. Marie is always on the lookout for new members and several new members are due to her efforts. Marie represents the ideal member, and we need more like her. A Motion to nominate Marie as the Member of the Year was submitted by Nedra, seconded by Tim, and approved unanimously.

New Business:

As to dues for 2024 – Nedra reported that the JCNA Executive Board advised the Affiliate Club Presidents and Membership Chairs that for 2024, they are raising the JCNA annual dues by \$5.00 this month to \$45 for the year. This was unexpected. For 2023, JCNA raised the dues by \$10.00 but the SDJC board agreed not to pass along the increase to the club members but to absorb the increase. This resulted in the club retaining \$30 of the 2023 dues. Nedra prepared numerous options for 2024 for our review. The board discussed the various options and their potential effect on the club. For reference, the JOCLA dues are \$100, the IEJC dues are \$80, and the Jaguar Associate Group dues are \$105. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to increase the annual dues for 2024 to \$80 per year, which will result in JCNA receiving their \$45 and the club retaining \$35, an increase of \$5 from last year. A motion to increase the dues from \$70 to \$80 per year was submitted by Dave, seconded by Nedra, and approved unanimously.

Adjournment / Next Meeting:

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. There is no meeting in December. The next board meeting is Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom Video Conference.

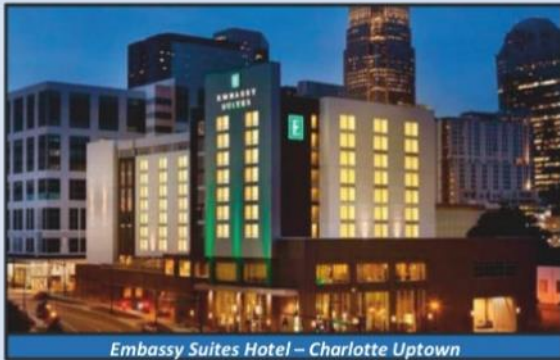
Respectfully submitted, James Waite, Secretary of SDJC



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Rob Kaufman's Private Museum

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