

The JOASW 39th Annual Concours d'Elegance was a tremendous success according to both local members and those attendees that traveled here from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and other parts of Texas. The new venue and host hotel surpassed our expectations.

There was a record turnout with a grand total of 38 registrations in 23 spread-out classes. Including Club Class, there were 42 entries on the grid! Juried Jaguars totaled 11 Championship classes with 15 solid entries, 10 Driven classes with 16 competitive entries, 2 Special classes with 3 entries and 4 entries in the club (or display) class. Continuing the excellent heritage of Championship Jaguars from the South Central Region of JCNA there were six 100 point perfect Jaguars evidencing the outstanding quality of Jaguars from the Region.

The perennial hands down winner in Class C01A, the 1935 SS-90 of Rufus & Pat Coburn was magnificent a second year in a row and winning "Best of Show" last year. Who can fault Frank Shaffer's 1968 E-Type, winning again with a perfect 100 points? Going on his 8th year in Class C13 is the 100 point XJ40 VDP of David Nichols. Then the incredible ride going on 4 years in Class C15B is the 100 point competition of Alexandra Eaton and Margaret McDowell. Rounding out the perfect Jaguars was the 2000 S-Type of our Region Director, Dave Belanger. All of these cars were national winners last year! A great testimonial to the SC Region members establishing the standard for the JCNA. Other outstanding scores in Championship Classes included the lovely Judy Nichols closing in to David's perfect 100 with a 99.99 on her 1996 XJR Saloon, Gary & Martha Vaughan's 1967 E-Type, Dave McDowell's XJ6 VDP, Mark Filardi's XJ8 Super V8 (drive it Mark!), David Stephen's 1994 XJS-V12 (continues to be a challenger for the class winners!), Mike Sunday's 2006 XK8, and of course, Spence Mann's Preservation Class 1967 E-Type. Then a herculean restoration of a 1955 XK-140 OTS by Leland Kew in Class C03 took "Best of Show" for a period correct outstanding XK enjoyed by all present!

Competition in the Driven Classes was just as exciting with a very wide participation in the 10 Driven classes. Jim Dawkins brought his XK-150 OTS slalom prepared for racing. Three E-Types were representative of the marque by Knick Curtis, Alan Barclay and John Krieger in three separate classes. The MKs were well presented by Mike Sunday and Paul Ridley with Mikes' D05 1967 MK II taking a long overdue "Best of Show-Driven" honors. Don & Patti McClane's 1988 XJS-V12 Hess & Eisenhardt won the D8A for pre-facelift XJS, while Dennis Cheever's beautiful post-facelift 1995 XJS won in Class D08B. D09A held the hottest completion in Driven with a tie for first place between David Sivils and Jim Hockstadt's XK8's. Chris Goldsmith led a full field with a win in D10 with his 2005 XJ8L, followed by Gail Cheever's sparkling XJ8 Sport, and newcomer Karen Phillips' beautiful 1998 XJ8L. In the Special Classes, Lisa Shafer took S01 with her Blue XJ12 and "Fireball" Steve Houtari showed off his 2004 XKR in S03 followed by Richard Wright in his stunning 1997 E-Type racer.

The awards dinner was attended by 70 members/guests at the Embassy Suites. After a wonderful dinner and spectacular dessert, the Awards presentation went off with Margaret McDowell presiding and Patti McClane (now elevated to Co-Chair Concours 2010) presenting. A very special congratulations and thanks to the following for their efforts on behalf of the 2009 39th Annual Concours d'Elegance:

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