

# 1998 AGM Minutes, Golden Colorado

## Club Feature

### Zero to Sixty in Four Days!

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#### AGM Delegates Arrive in Billzard, Leave in Shirtsleeves

The 40th Annual General Meeting of the Jaguar Clubs of North America got off to a wintry start with early delegates arriving Wednesday, March 18, during a late winter storm that dumped over 15 inches of snow on the Denver area. It took the weather a couple of days to thaw, but the RMJC welcome in the well-stocked hospitality suite had the out-of-towners warm from the beginning! By the time we left, the outside temperature was 60 degrees, but the friendship index was much warmer!

Activities on Thursday catered both to those who like to risk breaking legs and those who enjoy trying to break the bank. Skiers were bused off to the Breckenridge resort and the other risk-takers went to Blackhawk and Central City to try Colorado's casinos. We have no report on how many bank accounts suffered withdrawal symptoms, and we saw no personal slope damage.

On Friday, while the JCNA Directors convened for their pre-AGM meeting, the sun came out, further clearing the streets and more tours were in order. One group went shopping and another had a fascinating time touring Coors Field, home of the Colorado Rockies baseball team. Despite the number of people involved in these activities, the hospitality suite seemed always to be filled full of convivial club members, eating, drinking and gabbing. A healthy

number of non-delegates, locals and visitors, attended.

Starting the program of events at the hotel, many delegates gathered on Friday afternoon to enjoy a presentation on Jaguar restoration by Ron Nelson of Autoweave. He covered a lot of ground, emphasizing techniques in paint and upholstery.

AGM hosts Al and Liz Bernhardt had arranged a group evening meal at a local hangout a few miles west and a couple of thousand feet up from the Marriott. En route to the historic El Rancho, the bus drivers took a slight detour off the interstate to show us a herd of buffalo, one more reminder that we were deep in the once-wild West. El Rancho itself had great atmosphere, excellent prime rib and a gift shop stocked with Jaguar Beanie Babies! We had noted the steep angle of the highway on the way up but returning to Golden felt like sliding down the mountain, not driving.



Most of the Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club working crew that put on a sensational AGM. Back row: Jeff Hynes, Doug Bevan, Deanie & Steve Kennedy. Front Row: Bill & Lynn McClure, Al Bernhardt, Paul O'Meara, Gene Cookenboo, Andrea & Joel Phillips, Judy & Gary George. Seated: Stella Lofland, Lis Bernhardt, Ona Bevan.

The AGM got under way promptly on Saturday morning, beginning with welcoming applause for the new Las Vegas affiliate represented by Chuck Plato. It continued with a string of additions to the agenda that had some delegates rolling their eyes and betting on how late the meeting would run. However, the new system of circulating committee reports to clubs in advance accomplished its purpose perfectly. Without the usual hour and a half of reports, the meeting marched along smartly and the election was held, on schedule, just before lunch. In support of the prime goal of JCNA, all of the candidates for office stated that they would work to make sure that they and the JCNA membership would have fun in the Jaguar hobby. Better management, better communications within JCNA and less complexity in club operations were also mentioned. Since Secretary Dick Howe, was unable to attend the AGM, Jerry Nell spoke for him and noted that JCNA owes a great debt to Dick for his work on behalf of the club.

The delegates' lunch was excellent but most people first took time out to enjoy the brilliant sunshine and a display of Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club members' cars in the hotel parking lot. These included a couple of Mark IX sedans, a clutch of E-types and a pair of Mark V dropheads, one of which came (by trailer) from Cheyenne, WY, 90 miles north.

The afternoon portion of the AGM began with the announcement of the new JCNA officers: President, Jim Morton; Vice-President, Jerry Parkhill; and Secretary, Dick Howe. Jim Morton read a list of names of members who would receive certificates of appreciation from the Board for their volunteer efforts on behalf of the club. They were: Outgoing Directors Tom Pascale, Bill Streitenberger and Arnie Taub; 1997 Biennial Chairs Gary and Sue Hagopian and David and Elsa Roth; Membership workers Ray DeLuca, Jackie Maletsky, Lorry Maletsky and Sue Parkhill; Business Committee

1 & 2: One group of delegates rushed the baseball season a bit by touring Coors Field, home of the Colorado Rockies. Inside they went into the visiting team locker room and checked the view from the purple seats — a single row of purple seats marks the exact mile-high altitude point. 3: Local Jaguar wheel enthusiast strolls past two Mark Vs on display at the Denver AGM. Al and Lucy Simpson's car (L), from Cheyenne, WY, has a red top to compliment its glistening white paint — what an eye-catcher! Black drophead belongs to Ray Satter. 4: Two Series III E-types, belonging to Gary George and Nancy Rife, graced the Marriott parking lot at the AGM. The remains of the 15-inch snowfall makes a nice backdrop. 5: Jim Morton at the mike, giving the delegates his qualifications to be JCNA President. To his right is Past President, Jerry Parkhill. On his left Tom Palisi, Southeast Regional Director and Randy Price, Director from the Southwest Region. 6: John Horen presented the Treasurer's report at the AGM. Next to him are Jim Hendrix and Brock McPherson, South Central Region Directors, Jerry Nell, North Central Director and Judy Ferring, newly-elected from the Northeast Region. Judy was taking minutes, rubbing for Dick Howe who was unable to attend the AGM. 7: Yes, that is John Elway's autographed shirt but no, that is not the Super Bowl winning quarterback. That's Dave Eckrote, Carolina Jaguar Club, cooling out in the Marriott Sports Bar after a hectic day at the AGM. 8: Delegates were treated, as usual, to a hosted luncheon during the AGM. Bill Streitenberger (L) JCNA concours chair, Jane Dawson from IOC, Inc. and Charlie Morgan from Nation's Capital enjoyed the variety of sandwich specialties. 9: Jerry Parkhill received the Fred Horner Sportsmanship Award for participation in all three JCNA competitions, driving his faithful 420G. 10: Jack Stamp was the 1998 winner of the Andrew Whyte Service Award, honoring Jack's many years of work for JCNA. 11: Steve Kennedy has been researching the various colors used by Jaguar on cylinder heads to identify XK engines for various models. This head shows, from top: Pumpkin, Ochre, Old Gold, Light Green, Red, Light-Medium Blue. 12: Henry Ver Valen, JC Pittsburgh (L) and Jim Morton, CJC, with new found friend at El Rancho restaurant. 13: Chris Acker, Jaguar Touring Club, clutches his raffle prize and helps Al Bernhardt select the next winner. As Class 18 champ, Chris had plenty to celebrate. 14: Two 100-point winners, Mike Mueller (L), JA of Austin, won class 15 with his 1961 E-type and Tom Palisi, Sun-Coast JC, brought his 1953 XK 120 OTS to the Class 2 victory. 15: At the cocktail reception before the AGM Awards Banquet, Carol and Doug Carr from the Canadian XK Jaguar Register, flanked Gary Hagopian, JANE. The Carrs were at the AGM to promote the 1998 Western States Meet which CXXJR is hosting in Victoria, British Columbia and the Millennium AGM in 2000 which will be in Vancouver. 16: Some of JCNA's 1998 officers and Regional Directors posed at the banquet. Seated: Judy Ferring, JTC, Northeast Director; John Gleadle, JD&RC/NWA, Northwest Director. Standing (L-R) Charlie Morgan, NCJOC, Northeast Director; Brock McPherson, HOA, South Central Director; Jim Morton, CJC, President and Southeast Director; Jerry Parkhill, CXXJR, Vice-President and Northwest Director; Tom Palisi, Sun-Coast JC, Executive Committee member and Southeast Director.



**Left:** Jerry Parkhill responded to a question by Kurt Rappold, DVIC, during the seminar on how to operate the XK 50 events. **Right:** Charlie Morgan (L) and Karen Miller, making a point during the XK 120 up-date seminar at the AGM.

members Knick Curtis, Mike Ksiazek, Barry Greenstein, Nelson Rath and George Keller; Protest Committee members Gary Hagopian, Dick Cavicke and Barbara Grayson; Rulebook Editor Steve Kennedy; Nominating Committee members Jack Sanft and Jack Stamp; Roster Maintainer Nelson Rath; Larry Currie for Concours results processing; Al and Liz Bernhardt and Steve and Deanie Kennedy for the 1998 AGM.

A presentation was made by Charlie Morgan of Nation's Capital Jaguar Owners Club for the 1999 AGM to be held in the Washington, DC, area. Doug Carr of the Canadian XK Jaguar Register spoke about both the 1998 Western States meet in Victoria, BC, and the Millennium AGM, proposed for Vancouver in 2000. The delegates approved the presentations with enthusiasm. It appears that the 2001 AGM may return to the Midwest, hosted by the Heart of America Jaguar Club in Kansas City.

## Some Important AGM Highlights

Following are summaries of the major actions taken at the AGM. Complete minutes are being sent to affiliate club presidents by Dick Howe.

**Board Members Present:** Jerry Parkhill, President & Northwest Director; Bill Streitenberger, Vice President & Southwest Director; Tom Palisi, Elected Member of the Executive Board & Southeast Director; Jerry Nell, Past President & North Central Director; Charlie Mor-

gan, Northeast Director; Jim Morton, Southeast Director; Randy Prince, Southwest Director; Brock McPherson, South Central Director; Jim Hendrix, South Central Director; John Gleadle, Northwest Director; Judy Ferring, Northeast Director & Acting Secretary  
**Board Members Absent:** Dick Howe, Secretary & North Central Director; Judy Sturup, Jaguar Designated Director, Eric Schumaker, Southwest Director

John Horen reported that total cash assets at the end of 1997 were \$160,000 compared to \$117,000 at the end of 1996. The money is divided between investments, mostly certificates of deposit and a money market account. Net income for 1997 was \$43,000 compared to \$24,000 in 1996. Nelson Rath reported that membership was up by 7 percent at the end of 1997.

The Judges Committee chair Jack Stamp reported that 1998 will be a transition year for the new licensing program. Membership cards will bear the letter "J" to designate a licensed concours judge. Beginning in 1999, judges can only maintain their credentials by attending at least one judging seminar a year. As soon as a club holds a seminar it will send a list of attendees to Jack for certification. There is no rule that each club must hold a seminar; clubs may stage these cooperatively and judges may attend any seminar, anywhere, that fits their schedule. We still do not have enough judges so the "one licensed judge per team" rule still applies. Arnie Taub, JD&RC/NWA is working on upgrading the judging program.

Business Committee Chair Jim Hendrix re-



**Left:** Nelson and Nancy Rath, JDC Area 51, obviously enjoyed picking up their second place trophy in Class 9 for their 1962 3.8 Mark 2. Nelson is JCNA's hard-working Roster Maintainer and needs a chance to smile once in a while! **Right:** Dick France, JAG, editor of Jagazette, won Best Magazine Format in the 1997 Newsletter Awards and was half of the winning Editor/Publisher of the Year team. Dick works with Publisher Bill McGraw to make the tabloid newsletter both a club publication and a marketing tool. He received both plaques from Tom Palisi.



ported that Treasurer John Horen will remain in the post through next March to facilitate preparing the annual report and budget. Jim, John and Jerry Nell are searching for someone to take John's place. Jim also reported JCNA has added insurance to cover club inventory.

**JCNA Press Kit:** Delegates were given copies of a new JCNA general information press kit containing a news release describing JCNA, a history of JCNA and a description of JCNA's three competitions, concours, rally and slalom. The kit is a tool for use in promoting local club events to the media and general public. Kits are available on request from Journal Editor Mike Cook at the regular Journal address.

**JCNA Committee Reports:** These reports were all furnished to JCNA affiliate presidents and editors in advance of the AGM so were not read during the AGM and were not included in the AGM Minutes unless there was additional information to be presented. Members can get copies of these reports from their own president or editor. Copies can also be obtained from JCNA Secretary Dick Howe

## POSITION STATEMENT BY THE CLASS 18 LONGTERM SOLUTION COMMITTEE

*If original authentic cars do not come out to a positive non-threatening (unjudged) event where they will all be recognized, there is no demand/need for a Preservation Class.*

## PROPOSAL

**That the Preservation Class 18 for 1998** be a non-threatening, non-judged class, where every car is recognized by being presented a certificate, medallion, trophy or other item, at the discretion of the individual Concours committee. This item will be given to express recognition and appreciation for unrestored, preserved, original cars.

## BACKGROUND

The Preservation Class 18 was implemented immediately following its approval at the 1997 AGM. Judging proved difficult, leaving contestants and judges frustrated. Normally, an item approved at an AGM is not implemented until the season after the season following the AGM.

Further study to determine the proper judging methods is needed.

This study will be conducted by a committee composed of Lee Eggers, Gary Hagopian, Larry Martz, David Reilly, Peter Scadron and Bill Streitenberger. The head judge of each Concours will be requested to submit his evaluation of the Preservation Class cars to the Class 18 Long Term Solution Committee who will bring a recommendation to the 1999 AGM for immediate implementation of this permanent class.

## DEFINITIONS

**Authentic:** Presented in the configuration originally intended by Jaguar Cars.

**Original:** Presented with the actual parts, materials and components with which the car was delivered to Jaguar Cars.

**Preserved:** Carefully kept in its original state.

Judy Ferring made the L.E.A.P.E.R report for chair Lorry Maletsky. (See complete article beginning on page 12) There were more entries this year and they carried better information about local programs. L.E.A.P.E.R award pins were delayed a year but can now be ordered by clubs to present to members they wish to honor for promoting membership. Prices are expected to be \$28 for silver, \$76 for gold with a silver rim and \$81 for all gold. A full set is \$185 and no club can buy more than three pins per year. Jaguar Cars is underwriting the cost of tooling. Several members noted that the program rules favor small clubs and do not recognize membership retention. The committee will address these issues in 1998.

Barbara Grayson, JCNA Special Events Coordinator, announced the names of the six XK 50 host clubs. She then presented a report on the 1999 Biennial, renamed "National" by the Board of Directors. The event will actually be called the International Jaguar Festival and will be held in Colorado Springs at a hotel to be named later. The 1999 event will be a test to determine format and frequency for future events. It was noted that the Board had committed to going ahead with the project and that matters such as how to determine JCNA Champions would be studied in connection with the event. Items discussed included the cost of the event for entrants, the effect on local events, what prizes should be, how sponsorship can be obtained, etc. Several motions were made but none reached a vote. Bill Streitenberger, JOC, proposed a vote of confidence for Barbara to proceed with plans for the event which was passed with a unanimous show of hands.

**JCNA Director Terms:** Directors can no longer serve more than three consecutive two-year terms. This includes Directors already in office.

**JCNA Class 18, "Preservation":** This class will not be judged in 1998 so that a committee can formulate a better method of judging it. Members will be urged to bring their Class 18 cars to events for display. See separate box.

A proposal to split Class 18 into 20-year old and 30-year old groups and another to establish a Driven Division Preservation Class were made by Peter Scadron, JC Ohio. Neither passed.

**JCNA Concours Rules:** Steve Kennedy passed out Rule Book revision sheets at the AGM and will furnish additional revisions to the clubs incorporating decisions made in Denver, particularly concerning Preservation Class 18.

A proposal to have JCNA pay coach airfare for the President to attend the AGM and the "Biennial" was made by Gary Hagopian, JANE and was passed. The proposal included the statement that, by accepting the Presidency, the individual agrees to be present at those events unless prevented from doing so by extreme circumstances.

A proposal to adopt a revised judging format for car's electrical elements and another to allow concours entrants until the end of the 15-minute judging period to repair non-functioning electrical items, both by Gary Hagopian, did not pass.

Eric Schumaker, SW Director, was given the responsibilities of Authenticity Committee Chair and "Senior Facilitator" to include liaison with the Protest Committee and establishing a JCNA system to resolve and publish details of disputes on unusual items such as the recent hood prop color protest.

Jerry Parkhill, CXKJR, was given approval to have a JCNA web site designed and set up with a budget up to \$1,000.

Pat Shasby, JAG, proposed setting up a committee to study the possibility of limiting the number of classes for concours competition, stating that the cost of trophies was too heavy a financial burden for some clubs. The measure passed but no action was taken on the membership or format of the committee.

Vote totals were:  
 President: Morton 64  
 McPherson 33  
 Vice-President: Parkhill 58  
 Nell 38  
 Secretary: Howe 66  
 Ferring 32

After adjournment, delegates immediately headed for the afternoon seminars. The first one, given by Barbara Grayson, Jerry Parkhill, Charlie Morgan, Karen Miller and Mike Cook, covered the mechanics of publicizing XK 50 and other JCNA events. Following that was an XK 120 up-date, continuing the series of individual model presentations put together by Charlie Morgan assisted by Karen Miller. Last was a presentation on Jaguar tool kits by Steve Kennedy and Gary George of RMJC. This featured a terrific display of original and complete tool rolls or special cases for XKs, Mark 2s, Mark X, etc., and was an excellent guide for owners of these models. Steve also brought an XK cylinder head painted in segments with the various colors used by Jaguar to identify displacements and states of tune of the XK engine.

On the sixth floor, the hospitality suite hummed with activity right up to the start of the cocktail reception before the awards banquet. The banquet itself featured excellent food and the usual parade of trophy winners most of whom, unlike Oscar recipients, merely smiled their thanks and avoided the microphone. The Denver committee had amassed a huge table full of raffle prizes so the flow of trophies was frequently interrupted by Al Bernhardt calling out yet another winning number.

Al Bernhardt thanked the companies which sponsored the AGM. These included Doug Bevan of Images West, Apple Hydraulics, Bassett's Jaguar, British Auto Parts, Coker Tires, The Gold Mine Casino, Jaguar Denver, Jim Rickel Kats, Meguiars, Terry's Jaguar and Stevinson Jaguar. **We should always remember that JCNA and Jaguar Cars are sponsors of every AGM.** Recognition also went to the organizing committee and RMJC workers, including event chairs Al and Liz Bernhardt, Rob Bernhardt, Steve and Deanie Kennedy, Joel and Andrea Phillips, Ed and Sandy Dunlap, Tom Lunnon, Stella Lofland, Jeff Hynes, Bill and Lynn McClure, Paul and Pam O'Meara, Gene Cookenboo, Judy and Gary George, Doug and Ina Bevan, Joyce Wilkuski, David and Kim Johnson, Valerie Novak and others.

Jim Morton, in his new role as JCNA President, recognized the efforts of Jerry Parkhill and Bill Streitenberger as past President and Vice-President. He went on to present the Fred Horner Sportsmanship Award to Jerry and Sue Parkhill for their successful season in concours, rally and slalom events with a 420G sedan during 1997. Special recognition, with thanks



**Left:** Tom Palisi presents the First Place trophy for Class 18, Preservation, to Larry Mertz, Sacramento. Larry's 1959 Mark IX was the first winner of this new class and Larry leads the special committee which will study how to set proper judging standards for the class. **Right:** Peggy Thompson, heart of America JC, holds the trophy she and husband Charles share for their 1997 Driven Division Class 4 victory. The car is a 1974 Ser. III E-type OTS.

from the Board, was accorded to Larry Currie, JOC, Inc., who has done the annual concours scoring computation for several years, working with Bill Streitenberger.

A high point of every AGM Awards Banquet is the presentation of the Andrew Whyte Service Award. Named for Jaguar's famous PR man and later independent author and Jaguar historian who died in 1988, the award honors an individual for outstanding service to a JCNA club or JCNA itself. The 1998 recipient was Jack Stamp, Great Plains Jaguar Owners Association. Jack is a six-time winner of the JCNA Challenge Cup with his legendary XK 140 DHC. He served as a JCNA regional representative for many years and has readily volunteered his time and talent to help the club in many ways. Most recently, he has been in charge of judges' licensing and is a member of the Nominating Committee. His nomination came from the Jaguar Association of Greater St. Louis, appropriately because he purchased his first Jaguar in St. Louis, 47 years ago.

Following the banquet, delegates dispersed to various places including the hospitality suite and the Marriott's sports bar where car talk was heard far into the night. Goodbyes began before daylight Sunday as some delegates caught early morning flights. Others hopped into rental cars headed for more sight-seeing in Colorado. Whatever their immediate plans, many delegates had a 1999 destination in mind. Cherry blossoms and the sights of Washington, DC, were already beckoning them to attend the last AGM before the millenium. We'll see you there!



Gary George, RMJC (L) and Bill Streitenberger, presented Steve Kennedy (R) with a special award in recognition of his work on the JCNA Rule Book.