



The Reviews Are In! JCNA Version of ...

‘The Philadelphia Story’ a Real Thriller

*Delaware Valley Jaguar Club Gives Excellent Performance
At 2015 JCNA Annual General Meeting (AGM)*



By Bryan Williams

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The 2015 Annual General Meeting was held March 20-21 in historic Philadelphia and hosted by the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club (DVJC). Charles Olson, AGM Committee Chairman; Paul Merluzzi, president, and many other DVJC members went to great lengths to provide a memorable experience for attendees.



Many board members, delegates and guests arrived Thursday to see all the sites that the city has to offer. The host hotel, Sheraton Society Hill, was located within walking distance to symbols of America's beginning that we learned about in our high school history classes, including Independence Hall, the Betsy Ross House, Declaration House, and of course, the Liberty Bell. Others visited the Philadelphia United States Mint and the Hard Rock Café.

Penn's Landing was the location of two historic ships: *Moshulu*, in photo at left, which now serves as a restaurant, and the USS *Olympia*, which saw action in the Spanish American War. Penn's Landing is also the location of a maritime museum. Within a short cab ride were other important naval ves-

sels as well as the USS *United States* that for many years held the transatlantic speed record crossing the Atlantic Ocean in 3 days, 10 hours and 40 minutes in 1952.

On Friday, we were treated to a spring snow storm that did not dampen the enthusiasm of the group that continued to explore all the city had to offer. A Friday priority was returning to the hotel to prepare for a short bus ride to the Simeone Foundation Museum. Kurt Rappold, who was in charge of the event, did an excellent job arranging transportation, food and entertainment for the evening.



Upon entering the museum, the first cars were a Jaguar C-Type, a D-Type, in photo at left, and an SS100. There were several cars with race histories as well as Jaguar's new 2015 XE Saloon. A really nice



touch was that Kurt had arranged with the museum to have several of DVJC-member cars on display, including Charlie Olson's 1994 XJS, Wayne Tubbs' 1972 Series 1 XJ6C and Kurt's 1967 preservation, OTS E-Type, in photo at right.

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Before dinner, guests were able to socialize and discuss their favorite cars at the museum. Three former JCNA Presidents - Barbara Grayson, Dennis Eynon and Steve Kennedy - and one soon-to-be former JCNA president **Dick Maury, in photo at right**, were in attendance and enjoying the event. Dinner consisted of two different serving stations, the first featuring Chinese fare and the second, the famous South Philly Cheese Steak. Entertainment was provided by Philadelphia's Mummers, who offered a high-spirited rendition of "Happy Birthday" to DVJC member **Fred Mack, standing in photo below**, who was celebrating his 104th birthday with his friends on that day.



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The Main Event

On Saturday, after breakfast, the business meeting convened in the main ballroom of the hotel. Dick Maury, JCNA president, presided over the agenda topics and made sure the pace was appropriate.

The traditional U-shaped table setup (in photo at right)

would accommodate the potential 144 participants. Steve Kennedy, JCNA Secretary, completed the roll call and, after covering all the agenda items, by approximately 2:30 p.m., the meeting was completed. With the drop of the gavel, George Camp became the new JCNA president, Barbara Grayson, the new Vice President, and Mike Meyer, David Hayden, Dave McDowell and Douglas Dechant became new directors of their respective regions.



Two additional technical seminars were presented after the meeting with different topics than those conducted on Friday afternoon. Mike Tate had the silent auction tables set up and ready to accept bids on many fine items such as a book on the XJ13, a clock from XKs Unlimited, several Jaguar sales brochures and even a racing helmet. Steve Kennedy had for sale several items from the JCNA Shoppe including hats, jackets, 50th anniversary E-type badges and pins. The dinner was really outstanding with the menu choices of filet mignon with crab cake or the salmon, there was no wrong selection. The keynote speaker was Kim McCullough, Vice President, Marketing, Jaguar Land Rover North America LLC. She was able to get the crowd very excited about the new products and direction of the marque.



The competition awards were emceed by North Central Regional Director Bob Matejek and Administrative Manager/Treasurer **Deanie Kennedy (in photo at left with Dr. Ron Gaertner, Virginia Jaguar Club)** presenting the awards and photo opportunities for all award recipients.

Thank you, Delaware Valley Jaguar Club, for a memorable 2015 AGM weekend.

2015 Jaguar Clubs of North America Annual General Meeting Report

Jaguar Clubs of North America
2015 AGM


By Mike Meyer

North Central Regional Director

The 2015 JCNA AGM was held in Philadelphia and hosted by the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club. The club members did a great job organizing the event and everything seemed to run smoothly. For those not attending the meetings there was plenty to see and do within walking distance of the hotel. The afternoon tech sessions were well presented and informative. The Friday night visit to the Simeone museum was worth the trip alone. The Saturday night awards dinner featured Kim McCullough, Vice President of Marketing for Jaguar Land Rover North America who offered a glimpse into the company's future product line.

The AGM meeting itself was held on Saturday. The agenda was 107 pages long so there was a lot of ground to cover. The agenda is basically comprised of Unfinished Business, Board of Director Items, New Business and Committee Reports. To cover all the topics would not be practical so this report will try to touch on the major discussion items. The entire agenda is available on the JCNA website for those that are interested.

Unfinished Business included several items related to previous discussions about Concours scoring, first place ties and class consolidation. It was decided that scoring and ties will continue to be reviewed. North Central Regional Director Bob Matejek had prepared a comprehensive study of the various classes and the number of entrants, and made a recommendation to reduce the number of classes. His proposal was voted on and passed. Board of Director agenda items which were voted on and approved included an Honorary Life Membership for Michael H. Dale, creation of a new club, Jaguar Club of Southwest Florida, and a number of administrative and corporate policy changes.

New Business included items related to administrative policy changes, corporate policy changes, bylaw changes and JCNA administrator items. These items were discussed, voted on and passed.

The Concours Committee proposed a change to clarify the scheduling parameters of a Concours. It was voted on and passed.

There were seventeen Judge's Concours Rules Committee proposals. The proposals dealt with awards, divisions, judge certifications, judging methods, scores sheets, authenticity, OV judging, LED lights, tires & wheels and technical bulletins. All were voted on and passed and are effective for 2015.

Somewhat related to the earlier scoring and ties discussion was a proposal to rename the Western States and Challenge Championship. It was felt that the names and alternating calendar year cycle of the two events was confusing to both the members and sponsors. A motion was voted on and passed to combine and rename the events to the International Jaguar Festival, which will be held every year.

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Committee Reports from the various working groups rounded out the agenda. Fred Hammond and Gary Kincel provided details about their responsibilities as Jaguar Cars and JCNA liaisons. Deanie Kennedy provided the JCNA Financial statement. The Roster and Membership reports listed the membership of the various clubs and everyone was extremely pleased to learn there were 6,500 JCNA members.

The Publications and Trophy programs were reported to be doing well. The Tool

Loan program continues to grow and has been very well received by the membership. It should be noted that Coventry West stores both trophy and tool inventory at no cost to JCNA.

The Nominating Committee reported the results of the Regional Director elections and conducted the elections for JCNA officers. George Camp was elected President. Barbara Grayson was elected Vice President.

The Membership Outreach report was prepared and presented by Ed Avis. Using Google maps and a number of the map tools, Ed provided an overview of the membership geography and explained how JCNA could use this information to help maintain and grow the membership.

Gary Kincel prepared the Business Committee report. He noted that the financial health of JCNA is good, the investments are well managed, accounting is professionally handled, contracts and insurance are in order, and the trophy and JCNA shop are working well. Comments relating to JCNA event funding, Jaguar Journal, Tech Line, Membership and Electronic Media were also included.

Rob Thuss prepared the Legal Report and advised that the JCNA and JLR licensing arrangement continues to evolve.

Bob Matejek presented the Special Awards committee report. The results will be published in the next *Jaguar Journal*.

The Concours Rules Committee was formed to advise the JCRC. This is a relatively new committee chaired by Gary Cobble and they have been working to develop proposals to improve the Concours program and scoring. One of the highlights of the AGM was the JCNA Website report presented by Rob van Westenberg. The delegates were given a preview of the new website. It turned out to be a complicated and difficult project but the result is a huge step forward. The new website has been approved and it should be live shortly.

Jaguar Journal, under the guidance of Peter Crespin, continues to improve and the new look has been well received. One of the more recent changes has been an increase in the font size to make the magazine easier to read. Complementing the *Jaguar Journal* is the *JCNA News Update*, a newsletter edited by Candy Williams and posted on the JCNA website.

Also, Dick Maury who has lead JCNA for the past five years was acknowledged for his hard work and dedication. The club is truly better due to his leadership. Thank you Dick.

Finally, this report would not be complete with thanking the AGM sponsors and volunteers. Their efforts in both time and money are appreciated.

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Jaguar Pulls Off Incredible Launch Event to Introduce New XF in London

By Candy Williams
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If you haven't yet watched the video, you *have* to check it out ... it is SO COOL!

Jaguar found a unique way to debut its all-new 2016 XF model in grand style — even before it is “officially revealed” at the New York International Auto Show on Wednesday, April 1 — by staging a Thames River crossing of the car across a high wire suspended 59 feet above the water of Canary Wharf on London’s East End.

It was guided along on two 34-millimeter-wide (less than two inches) cables, 18 meters above the water at its highest point, 240 meters from end to end.

The stunt was inspired by the movie, *Man on Wire (2008)*, said Jaguar Product Marketing Director Chris McKinnon. After the successful river crossing, Jaguar Design Director Ian Callum said, “We like to be different — in a very British way, of course.”

View the video for yourself at <http://www.jaguarusa.com/all-models/xf/experience/index.html>



Just after takeoff ...



Jaguar Product Marketing Director Chris McKinnon and Design Director Ian Callum are interviewed after the XF makes its high-wire journey.