

**CR-15**

**Spring 2016 Concours Committee (CC) Report**

**Date: February 5, 2016**

To: JCNA President and Board of Directors

From: Gary Cobble, Chairman, JCNA Concours Committee (CC)

## **CONCOURS COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **1 – Committee Members**

<u>Reg</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Member Status</u>
SW	Mike Zavos	Inland Empire Jaguar Club (SW60)	Current
SE	Dave Kirkman	North Georgia Jaguar Club (SE57)	Current
SC	Patti McClane	Jag Owners Assn of the SW (SC35)	Current
NW	Tom Doyle	Canadian XK Jaguar Register (NW42)	Current
NE	Jim Sambold	Jaguar Association of New England (NE18)	Current
NC	Paul Cusato	Jaguar Club of Ohio (NC28)	Current

Jaguar's Concours Rules Committee Representative

Dick Cavicke

### **2 - General Activity and Duties**

- a. Monitor the JCNA and Jag-Lovers Forums concerning the JCNA activities in general and the Concours discussion in particular.
- b. Consider and recommend Concours Program changes based upon Concours Entrants, Judges, Chief Judges, Concours Chairman, and Club Presidents feedback and input regarding problem areas in the administration of the Concours Program.
- c. CC Chairman to monitor/approve Concours Sanction Requests and Concours Scoring Results

### **3 – Problem Areas Identified to Date and Suggested Action**

- a. **Judging Authenticity Guides** – More model-specific Judging Authenticity Guides are needed across the range of the Jaguar production models.

#### **Proposed Action**

1. Request the attention of the Judge's Concours Rules Committee(JCRC) and JCNA to produce additional Authenticity Judging Guides.
- a. **Concours Sanctioning** – There is concern by the Concours Committee that a number of Local Clubs do not follow the JCNA Judging Rules and Guidelines.

## **Proposed Action**

1. The sanctioning process for the JCNA Local Club Concours will require the local club's President, Concours Chairman, and Concours Chief Judge to execute a pledge in writing that the Concours will be conducted in full compliance with the JCNA Concours Rules and Guidelines current at the time of the Concours. Should a local club not comply with the JCNA Concours Rules and Guidelines, the JCNA reserves the right to review the non-compliance and apply appropriate action(s) as necessary. This requirement will be effective beginning in calendar year 2016.

- b. Upper or Second Tier Concours Program** - Per the Directive of the Board of Directors at the 2015 Annual General Meeting, the Concours Committee was to define an Upper or Second Tier Concours Program for consideration by the Board of Directors at the 2016 Annual General Meeting

### **Background**

1. This task is prompted by concerns of many JCNA members that the existing JCNA Concours Awards Program is based on misleading and/or erroneous input.
2. The misleading and/or erroneous scores result from the varying levels of knowledge each Judge has of the models being examined, the subjectivity of the assigned cleanliness and condition deductions and the philosophy of each host club.
3. For the past decade, the JCRC has attempted to standardize JCNA judging by rules clarification, compulsory Judges training and testing, and the publication of model-specific Judging Guides. JCNA now also requires that each club applying for a concours sanction, have a minimum of eight (8) fully rules-trained and currently tested/Certified judges.
4. While these changes have corrected some program shortcomings, there continues to be questionable scoring differences between clubs for equally prepared Entries. These scoring differences have caused significant upset among concours competitors and the proliferation of inflated and perfect scores have cast doubt on the validity of the JCNA awards program though-out the collector-car world.
5. There is wide acknowledgement that additional Judging Guides and the training, testing and certification of Model/Class experts would go a long way toward increasing the judging accuracy of those Judges and clubs willing to participate in such a program. JCRC will be encouraged to work toward that goal.
6. However, there is also wide acknowledgement that any dramatic improvement in judging proficiency may be years away, if ever, and something must be done now to improve the legitimacy of the JCNA awards program, using the existing judging talent. It was decided that administrative changes were required in the award program, hence, the formation of the Concours Committee.

7. **Toward that end, the JCNA Board of Directors has directed the JCNA Concours Committee to establish an Upper or Second Tier Concours Program Proposal for consideration by the Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting in 2016.** This Upper or Second Tier competition would require a side-by-side judging of pre-qualified Entries, in specified classes, by the most knowledgeable and well-prepared Judges available.

### **Proposed Action**

1. **The existing Concours program will proceed unchanged. The scores will continue to be reported and displayed on the JCNA website.** The existing program name will be revised to **JCNA Local Club Concours** to better distinguish the existing program from the Upper or Second Tier Program.
2. **The JCNA Regional Concours competition will proceed unchanged. The Concours Committee suggests that the Regional Championship require 3 qualifying scores rather than the current requirement of 2.**
3. A name should be established for the Upper Tier or Second Tier Concours Program. The Concours Committee suggests the name **JCNA Invitational Concours**. As the name implies, this Upper Tier or Second Tier competition is accessible only through an invitation process and is provided for Jaguars both Championship and Driven. **The JCNA Invitational Concours will be held as a separate and stand-alone event within the annual JCNA International Jaguar Festival.**
4. To receive an invitation to participate in the **JCNA Invitational Concours**, the Concours Committee suggests the Entrant win first, second, or third place in their JCNA Regional Concours. This will provide eligibility for an invitation to the **JCNA Invitational Concours** for the following two calendar years.
5. It is recommended that the JCNA Chief Judge and the JCRC establish a database of class-qualified and experienced Judges, while encouraging expanded and more complete training. As feasible, some number of these Judges will be invited to participate in each **JCNA Invitational Concours** event, however, availability and associated expenses will not assure their presence.
6. The judging Standard at the **JCNA Invitational Concours** will be per the JCNA rules at the time of the Event along with the JCRC supplementary rules specifically designed for the **JCNA Invitational Concours**. The Concours Committee suggests that the JCRC consider bolstering the current Concours Rules to include, but necessarily limited to, operation of all gauges, interior lighting, cigar lighter, glovebox & lighting, console, radio/sound system, air conditioning, heating, windscreen washers, window lifts (manual & electric), heated seats, keylocks, clock, and “tickover” of the engine.

7. The **JCNA Invitational Concours** will include **Championship Classes C1/PRE through C13/JS and Driven Classes D1/PRE through D9/XJS**. This will be updated annually by the JCRC to include Championship and Driven Classes of approximately 20 years old or older.
  8. The **JCNA Invitational Concours** awards will be presented up to 3 deep by JCNA to the Entrants receiving the highest scores with a minimum score being 99.00/9.90 for First Place, 98.00/9.80 for Second Place, and 97.00/9.70 for Third Place. No award is given should the score fall less than the minimum.
  9. Upon approval of the Concours Committee Upper or Second-tier proposal, the JCRC in coordination with the Concours Committee, will present the detailed specifics for consideration by the Board of Directors at the 2017 Annual General Meeting, or at a time that is practicable.
- c. **Inadequate Number of Judges per Judging Team** – If the Board of Directors approves the Upper or Second Tier Concours Program, the Concours Committee has concerns regarding the adequacy of the number of Judges.

#### **Proposed Action**

1. The Concours Committee suggests that the number of Judges per judging team and the time of judging of the Upper or Second Tier Concours Program utilize 3 Judges for the entire car as a Team for a time not to exceed 20 minutes including judging the addition of the proposed interior items.

#### **4 – Request of the Board of Directors**

The Concours Committee requests the JCNA Board of Directors approval of the Concours Committee's pursuit of the above Action Items

Respectfully submitted,

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