

Coventry Foundation Liaison Report

2020 Annual General Meeting

As the liaison for the Coventry Foundation, I think it's important that everyone knows the mission of the Coventry Foundation.

Coventry Foundation Mission: To perpetuate the heritage of Jaguar® Cars in North America, being a major archive of printed material, specialty tools related to Jaguar® Cars, and desirable older Jaguar® Cars. Providing annual scholarships to students interested in the automotive restoration arts, and attending accredited programs for the restoration of older (Classic) cars. Be a resource for historical information related to the restoration and repair of Jaguar® Cars, and providing information, copies of out of print documents, loan specialty tools to anyone with an interest or need related to Jaguar® Cars. Serve the needs of the Jaguar® Enthusiast throughout North America by providing a forum for the exchange of information, and ideas. We believe that the cars should be enjoyed and driven/raced, and we should share the joy of these wonderful cars and their fascinating owners. Promote the hobby and encourage people of all ages to become involved.

Coventry Foundation has had a very busy year. They continue to gain support from JCNA clubs as well as individual sponsors. By the end of 2019, Coventry Foundation had 17 JCNA club patrons. And 1 non JCNA club patron and over 200 individual patrons. Additionally the foundation has obtained support from 3 major business patrons. They have also added the Amazon smile program. Please sign up, it is no cost to you, and part of your Amazon purchase will help the foundation. Fundraising is important to our continued growth, and to help provide services to the Jaguar Community.

Fund raising is just one side of the story, however. Coventry Foundation is also giving back in several ways. This last year the foundation named its third scholarship recipient at Penn Technical Collage, Logan VanBlargan. To date the foundation has given \$18,000 toward endowing scholarship grants. In addition, the students at Penn Technical College are now working with a foundation S3 E type Coupe, during a class on preservation of original cars. In August 2018, the foundation opened the Coventry Foundation Library/Research Center in Columbia SC. In 2019, they opened a second facility inside the Classic Showcase facility in So. Cal., to better support the Jaguar Community on the West Coast, and in Mexico. These facilities offer decades of Jaguar photographs, manuals, brochures, magazines, and house the tools used in the tool loan program, and an ever growing assortment of Jaguar cars, at the Columbia SC facility, for any Jaguar enthusiast's review. Then closer to home, Coventry Foundation awarded the 2nd annual Founders award in 2019, recognizing the JCNA member that exemplifies the mission and core values of the Coventry Foundation. The 2019 recipient was Dr. Gerald & Rebecca Mitchell. Dr and Mrs. Mitchell recently made a significant donation to the foundation that included 3 beautiful cars, and an assortment of Jaguar related material.

And finally, in late 2019, Coventry Foundation leadership made a deal to take over ownership and management of the British Sports Car Hall of Fame. Please visit the Hall of Fame website for more detailed information.

All of these accomplishments by the foundation are incredible considering the short time the foundation has been in existence. That said I feel JCNA needs to play a bigger part in the foundation. Last year the administrator agreed to lower his salary by \$500 a month with the suggestion we paid that \$500 a month to the foundation to cover the rental cost to store the JCNA records. Currently the foundation has completely assumed the tool loan program and done so in a more efficient manor by having 2 tool distribution locations. One on the East coast and another on the West coast. I would like to make a motion that JCNA increase it monthly contribution to the foundation to \$1,000.

For those individuals wanting more information about the Coventry Foundation, Please attend the seminar during the AGM or visit them at coventryfoundation.org or on Facebook.

Respectfully Submitted: Liaison

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