

SDJC at the IEJC Concours

Idyllwild, California

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The Inland Empire Jaguar Club's 2009 Concours d'Elegance was held Saturday, October 3 in beautiful Idyllwild, California. The venue was the cabin area of the Idyllwild Inn. The San Diego Jaguar Club had a good showing with eleven entries and one display.

The night prior to the show, the IEJC hosted wine and hors d'oeuvres in Chief Judge Rusty Beard's cabin. After an hour or so of socializing, a group of ten of us San Diegans walked across the street to enjoy the food and warm hospitality of the Gastrognome Restaurant, a long-time favorite of the Club. The we bumped into Bob and Lyn Brown who had brought their MK 2 all the way from Arizona. After dinner we returned to our cabins, lit a fire in the fireplace and snuggled in for a good read before the show.

We were up bright and early Saturday in the chilly morning air to give ourselves plenty of time to do those last minute preparatory cleanings and buffings. Unlike previous years, the weather stayed temperate with evenings in the 40s and day time in the 70s.



At the wine and hors d'oeuvres in Cabin 11

Photo provided by Vic Chang



Mike Smith and his Black Cat



Brian Ellis enjoying the warmth of the morning sun



The Brown's MK 2 from Arizona



1 Paul Novak feverishly cleans the bugs off his 1984 XJ6 after the morning drive up the mountain. 2 Patsy Millard with her Bluebird of Happiness. 3 Rob Cohen proudly displays his 2008 XKR. 4 Ken Smith with his 100 point E-Type! 5 Stick Holmes' Titanium 2001 XK8. 6 The Chief Judge's bark was worse than his bite. 7 JOCLA member Steve Kirby with his XK150.



SDJC Standings

	Make	Color	Score	Place
Ken Smith	1967 E-Type	Silver	100.000	1st C5
Patsy Millard	1996 XJ6	Blue	99.200	1st C13
Brian Ellis	1999 XJ8	Alpine Green	99.910	1st C14
Stick Holmes	2001 XK8	Titanium	97.670	1st C16A
Tim Tunnell	1953 XK120	BRG	9.000	1st D1
Paul Novak	1984 XJ6	Antelope	9.991	1st D6
Linda Smith	1996 XJ6	Carnival Red	9.964	2nd D7
Mike Smith	1990 XJ-S	Jet Black	9.958	1st D8A
Vic Chang	2007 XK	Winter Wheat	9.999	1st D9B
Rob Cohen	2008 XKR	Indigo Blue	9.998	2nd D9B
Mark Hodges	2009 XF	Frost Blue	9.990	1st D12



Lyn Smith loves to clean her XJ6!



Tim Tunnell cavorting with his XK120



Vic Chang's XK is ready for the judges



Mark Hodges and son by thier 2009 XF

The show was an unmitigated success. The turn-out was excellent with twenty-four Jaguars entered in competition and twelve more on display. Judging was efficient and fair. I am proud to report that all of the San Diego entries came away with trophies. With the combination of good friends, wine, weather, and surroundings, I think I speak for us all when I say, "I'll be back!"

