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SDJC at the IEJC Wine Country Concours

On the weekend of October 6th, a sizeable contingent of SDJC member journeyed up to the annual Inland Empire Concours to visit, kick tires and party with members of other local clubs.

Many made it a festive weekend by staying two nights in the cabins of the rustic Idyllwild Inn and eating and drinking heartily at the fine local restaurants. The Concours is held right on the grounds of the Inn in front of the cabins we were staying in. Very convenient for reloading on refreshments or washing out your cleaning rags, whichever was your pleasure.



The lineup of Jags in the Idyllwild Inn parking lot



Haley and friend Nicole catch their reflection in the supremely polished fender of Vic Chang's XKR



Tom Krefetz's 1965 Preservation Class E-Type



Grant and Nedra's 2007 XK gleams in the sun



Mark Hodges' 2009 XF



Bill and Debbie Woolley with their 2002 XKR-100



Ken Smith's recently acquired 1958 XK150



Nicole in Tim Tunnell's 1953 XK120

By my rough count I think we had 14 members showing cars this year. I think almost every member of SDJC came home with a trophy. Notable happenings: Tom Krefetz showed an exceptional original early XKE in "Preservation Class" and scored very high.

A mean-spirited rumor was circulating that one SDJC member, who should remain nameless, had to bring 2 cars, one to carry all the "spirits" he needed for the weekend. That his wife, Karen, daughter, Haley, and friend, Nicole, could not all fit in their XK is not relevant.



Ken and Ann Smith's 1967 E-Type Roadster



Paul Novak's 1990 XJ12 VDP



Vic Chang's 2005 XKR



Brian Ellis' 1999 XJR VDP



Debbie Woolley's 2002 XK Coupe



George Klein's 2008 S-Type

Bill Woolley was nervous as a cat because his company was launching the first private resupply mission to the space station the next day. Thankfully they were not using alcohol as the rocket fuel or it wouldn't have made it to El Cajon on what was left in Idyllwild.



Tim Tunnell's 1953 XK120 FHC



Obligatory artsy shot



Stanley Elman's 1966 E-Type Coupe



Stick Holmes' 2001 XK8



The gang having fun at the Gastrognome restaurant

At the end of the Concours, loud cheers went up for the Inland Empire gang that worked so hard to make it a great weekend. And one of the loudest cheers went up for next year's plan which is to move the date later by one week so it will coincide with a village-wide wine tasting weekend. Oh boy, imagine, two days of wine tasting, then having autos judged on Sunday. Can you just think what some of the scores will be – a thousand point car! I going, of course, and my mission is to stuff rags in all the horns Sunday morning.



SDJC Results Table

C04	1st	Ken Smith	1958	XK150	DHC	99.96
C05	1st	Ken Smith	1967	E-Type	Roadster	100.00
C05	2nd	Stanley Elman	1966	E-Type	Roadster	99.99
C12	1st	Paul Novak	1990	XJ12	VDP	99.89
C14	1st	Brian Ellis	1999	XJR	VDP	100.00
C16A	1st	Stick Holmes	2001	XK8	Convertible	99.96
C17	1st	George Klein	2008	S-Type	Saloon	99.95
C19A	1st	Tom Krefetz	1965	E-Type	Roadster	98.28
C20	1st	Mark Hodges	2009	XF	Saloon	99.80
D01	1st	Tim Tunnell	1953	XK120	FHC	9.991
D9A	1st	Bill Woolley	2002	XKR-100	Coupe	9.985
D9A	1st	Debbie Woolley	2002	XK8	Coupe	9.985
D9B	2nd	Grant & Nedra Rummell	2007	XK	Coupe	9.991
Display		Vic Chang	2006	XKR	Convertible	NA