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# *Cat Tracks*

Central Oklahoma Jaguar Association  
September 2020

## **Bar-B-Que and Bikes**

By Rich Wager

August 1<sup>st</sup> Despite having to change the date and meeting time (not to mention COVID-19), our Jaguar group had a nice showing for the August activity. We met at Pop's on Route 66 at 10:30 before making the trek to Wellston. Present at Pop's were Alvin Harrell, Randy and Terri McCormick, Jill York, Harry and Susan Frantz, Tex and Diane Cloud, and Chris and me.



Also joining us was my Guest, Dave Browning, who bought my XK8. At our gathering spot, we had a great time catching up, admiring our vehicles – not the least of which was Harry's Jag-ette!



Alvin was unable to go on to our lunch destination so we bid him adieu and headed east on 66 to the Butcher Bar Be Que Stand in Wellston. I had moved our meeting time after being apprised of the potential for a



long wait to get in and order food, and sure enough, a line had already formed prior to our arrival. Thankfully, our wait for the 11:00 opening was not too long, nor, mercifully, did we have to bake for long in the August sun. Once inside, the order line went smoothly enough, as was the food delivery. Everyone seemed to find something desirable – and in my opinion, the BBQ was outstanding.



After stuffing ourselves, Harry and Susan, Jill York and Dave Browning headed back home, and the rest of us headed further east on 66 to Warwick, the location of the motorcycle museum, Seaba Station. The guys all found bikes that we had owned (or something similar), and traded stories about them and we shared comments about some of the more interesting displays. I have to say the gals were all really good sports about the bike viewing, and all of us enjoyed perusing the gift shop. After we had seen all

there was to see, and a purchase or two was made, we said our good-byes and departed for home. It was a brief respite from the quarantining we've endured, to be with our fellow club members and experience a sense of normalcy; Chris and I were most appreciative of all who were able to join us. Can't wait until that normalcy happens completely!



## Upcoming Events

### OPA - Annual Car and Planes Show

By Ben Ratzlaff

The Oklahoma Pilots Association's Annual Car and Planes Show will be the first Thursday of September (September 3<sup>rd</sup>). This is not a judging show - just fun to look at cars and airplanes.

For the members who would like to participate, the meeting will be held at Southern Wings Hanger located halfway between 63rd and Wilshire on North Rockwell at Wiley Post Airport. For those members who do not want to eat at the OPA dinner, we can go to Chili's at Rockwell and NW Expressway to eat after the show at approx. 7:00 pm

So, polish up those Jags and let's go to the meeting and show off our cars. The time to bring your car is between 5:30 and 6:00. If you plan to bring your car or have any questions, please give me a call at 215-2622. I will need to have a count of members who would like to eat at Chili's so that a space can be reserved. Hope to see you there!!

### **Fall Fling**

By Harry Frantz

Good news! The Fall Fling is on. We won't have 15 cars this time like we've had in the past but we're going to have a great time and eat very well.

Susan and I made a dry run to Amarillo earlier in the month and found it to be the "new normal". People were social distancing, wearing masks and everything was open in Amarillo. There was one significant exception on our trip out that was not open...the Devils Rope Museum. That is quite a loss to our plans but we have replaced it with something else. All in all we felt very safe every place we went.

We will gather the Cats at the Walmart in Yukon on I-40 exit 144 at 8:45 am for a 9:00 am departure on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. We will stay on I-40 all the way to Amarillo with two bathroom breaks on the way to Shamrock, TX. One at Weatherford and the

other at exit 20 to Mangum. Once in Shamrock we will visit the U-Drop Inn and Conoco Tower Station ...a Route 66 Art Deco highlight. It was built in 1936 and is quite photogenic. It was a service station, café and Greyhound bus terminal. Don't know where the "Inn" comes in.

The next stop will be McLean, Tx. where we will have lunch at the Red River Steakhouse and visit the McLean-Alanreed Area Museum. (Did you know that there was a WW II POW internment camp in McLean, TX.?). This is where we were going to the Devils Rope museum but they closed because of the virus. We'll have to wait 'til we get there before we decide which comes first, food or museum.

And finally after a long drive we will arrive at our hotel on the east side of Amarillo. It will be the Hampton Inn and Suites at exit 75. It is a new and nice hotel with free parking and free breakfast. They are very nice and even the patrons were wearing masks in the public spaces. For those that would like a cold, frosty, adult beverage after the long drive, the breakfast area is available for pre-dining socializing.

We'll meet in the lobby at 6:15 for a 6:30 departure for dinner at 7:00 pm. Dinner will be at the Drunken Oyster Seafood and Absinth Bar. This is a fun place with nice décor and live music. If you've never tried Absinth, try it and make sure your spouse can drive back to the hotel afterward. The menu and food is excellent.

On Saturday morning, October 24<sup>th</sup>, we'll gather in the lobby after breakfast at 8:45 for a 9:00am departure to Palo Duro Canyon which is about a 30-45 minute drive. This is called the Grand Canyon of Texas. This is

important...reservations ARE REQUIRED for entrance. You can either phone (512-389-8900) or go online (recommended) at Texas State Parks. Entrance fees are \$8.00/person, must be made within 30 days of date and have your car tag number handy because it will be needed. Online, tickets can be downloaded and printed. Each car will explore at their own pace. After a set time, we will meet back at the Trading Post for lunch. Nothing fancy...burgers and such.

Afternoon will be on your own. On our way back we will skirt the town of Canyon. Some of you may want to go into Canyon to visit the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum at 2503 4<sup>th</sup> st., \$12.50/person. There are a plethora of things to do in Amarillo. Here is a short list.

- Botanical Gardens
- Amarillo Railroad Museum
- Texas Air and Space Museum
- Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian
- Amarillo Zoo
- American Quarter Horse Museum
- Amarillo Art Museum
- Jack Sisemore RV Museum
- Madam Queen (outdoor train engine)

Dinner will be at the Hoffbrau Steak and Grill House. This fine looking and highly rated restaurant was recommended by our president who was an Amarillo local (thanks Randy) . Dinner will be at 7:00 pm. We'll meet in the lobby at 6:15 for a 6:30 departure.

Sunday you are pretty much on your own. You may have breakfast at the hotel or join us at the Ye Old Pancake Station for a full breakfast menu. Afterwards try the Historic Route 66 district (Old San Jacinto) on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. between Georgia and Western Sts. in downtown Amarillo. On your trip home you

may want to take a leisurely drive on portions of old Route 66 which parallels I-40 most of the way.

If you have not made reservations at the Hampton Inn yet, the number is [\(806\) 418-2000](tel:8064182000) and ask for a room for the Jaguar Club.

Looks like a great trip. Looking forward to seeing everyone and above all, be safe.

## **COJA Christmas Party**

**By Susan Frantz**

This has been such a crazy year that it's hard to plan very far in advance. As you may recall, the original plan was to have the Christmas dinner at the Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club. The Board decided to forego guaranteeing the room since a nonrefundable deposit was required and there was no certainty that we would be able to fulfill the obligation.

But all is not lost!!! We have identified an alternative location without the financial commitment. The new tentative plan is to have a fine meal catered by one of the best restaurants in Norman at a private building where we can assure social distancing and only COJA members and their guests will be present (along with servers).

More details will follow, but in the meantime, it would be *very helpful to me to get a tentative headcount or indication of interest so that I can gauge the number of people who think they will still attend.* Please send me a "yea" or "nay" email with the knowledge that you are not making a commitment but rather an "I hope so" or "I know I can't" vote! My email address is



[susanfrantz1@gmail.com](mailto:susanfrantz1@gmail.com). Or call me at 405.250.1082.

DATE: December 5, 2020

LOCATION: Beautiful Norman, OK

COST: TBD, but approximately the same as last year (\$45/person)

My hope and prayer for all is that you remain safe and healthy, especially during this pandemic, and that we may all be able to gather again soon for our usual good times.

## Miscellany

### A Detailing Testimonial

By Susan Laurence

Dear Jag Friends,

I don't know if any of you would ever have need or interest in having your Jags spruced up over and beyond the monthly wash, but recently I thought my XK8 needed a little extra love. So I called Katie at EuroTech, who forwarded me on to NJT Detailing. Honestly, there are not enough superlatives about this young man's expertise. The car literally glistens and you can bet that I do my best preening as I tool around town doing my best imitation of a spoiled society gal. Please note that I am not including Nam Tran's (the owner) phone number because this will necessitate your putting in a call to me - and that is definitely my intent. I think of all of you all of the time - I love you all.

By the way, I have to share that I was recently in my Jag driving home from a venue out in the country east of Arcadia

when I hit a deer. Amazingly, the car came out essentially unscathed. Do you believe it??!!

XOXO, Susan



*Editors note: What a testimonial...have your car detailed by NJT and the deer just slide right off. HF*

### Reflections on Burma Shave (Roadside messaging)

By Dick Heiderich

Back in the Old Days (defined as before an Interstate Highway System existed) there were numerous two lane highways of decent quality which displayed "Burma Shave" signs. Since I had driven Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles in 1957-1958 a number of times in my quest to move up on the food chain, (which didn't exactly work out) I saw firsthand the wit of those ad writers. Burma Shave, by the way for those who forgot or those who have no idea, was a brushless cream in a tube used in place of a soap bar, brush and cup for shaving, which was the previous norm for centuries. Dating back to 1927 when the now legendary company signs first began to appear, they have since even found their place on Wikipedia (the modern day version of our Encyclopedia Britannica bookshelf). It's estimated there were over 600 signs in all. They were red and white in most states;

consisting of five signs about 100 feet apart each containing a single prosaic line, while the fifth ended this verse by the side of the road with "Burma Shave".

In order to keep the driver interested, the goal was to promote safety, awareness and focus your attention on the road without distractions and all far before the advent of modern social media messaging and platforms. Of course we all know that actually reading the signs wasn't ever a distraction! The overtones of the verses focused on drinking, speeding and the opposite sex. So to begin this trip down Rt. 66, how about:

Dinah doesn't>Treat him right>But if he'd  
Shave>Dyna-mite!>BURMA SHAVE

His Rose is Wed>His Violet blew>But his  
Sugar is sweet>Since he took this cue> (BS)

She put a bullet>Thru his hat>But he's  
had>Closer shaves then that> (BS)

Car in ditch>Driver in tree>Moon was  
full>And so was he> (BS)

She eyed his beard>And said no dice>The  
weddings off>I'll cook the rice> (BS)

Train approaching>Whistle  
squealing>Pause-Avoid that>Run down feeling>  
(BS)

My cheek says she>Feels smooth as  
satin>Ha Ha! Says he>That's mine your patten>BS

If hugging on highways>Is your  
sport>Trade in your car>For a davenport> (BS)

The Hobo>Lets his whiskers sprout>It's  
trains-not girls>That he takes out> (BS)

She was on his lap>Most of the way>Until a  
curve>Ended their day> (BS)

She had a low cut dress>He got  
distracted>Bump in the road>He over reacted>  
(BS)

One more for the road>A shot and a  
beer>Icy bridge ahead>Ah S--- is all we hear> (BS)

I'll bet some of you can even remember others, but there you have it; only a sampling of the 600. You can't make this stuff up, OR CAN YOU? I did! Try it, but

don't get too risqué, if you like where you're sleeping.

## Veterans Day Parade

By Steve Houtari

Applications are open for the Midwest City Veterans Day Parade which will take place Wednesday, November 11, 2020. We would love to see your organizations represented throughout the parade honoring our Veterans!

Please see the information below:

Theme: Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans!  
ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO:

Crowd-pleasing, Fun Patriotic, Family  
Oriented, & Entertaining Entries  
All entries are subject to the approval of the  
Veterans Day Parade Committee.

ENTRY categories are as follows:

Float (Decorated)- Civic/Non Profit:  
(Decorated platform built on a vehicle/truck  
or pulled behind one) (Working class ABC  
fire extinguisher required)

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or pulled behind one) (Working class ABC  
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Horse/Animal-Drawn Wagon/Buggy:  
Individual & Business Sponsored (Help  
clean up your animal waste in staging area)

Marching: Bands/Military/Flag  
Corps/Scouts: (Other entrant consideration  
based on entertainment value or uniqueness)

Vintage/Classic/Antique/Custom  
Cars/Tractors/Motorcycles: Individual &  
Group (No FOR SALE Signs)

Equestrian/Horse Group/Roundup  
Clubs/Animal Group: (Help clean up your  
animal waste in staging area)

(Entries who do not fit the above categories must get Parade Committee approval)

Decorations: Use of Theme, Flags, Decorations, Music, and Animation will enhance your entry.

The United States Flag and Oklahoma State Flag must be used and displayed in a way that is respectful.

Sign and return your completed entry application form as soon as possible.

Applications will be taken until October 9, 2020. All entries are subject to the approval of the Parade Committee.

Your entry must be signed and complete to be considered.

Final line up information will be emailed approximately seven (7) days prior to Parade day.

To apply for the Veterans Day Parade, follow this

link: <https://marcatoapp.com/forms/mwc2020/paradeapplications/new>

Please Note: Applications close Friday, October 9, 2020. No other submissions will be taken after this date in order to properly stage the parade.

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The Board of Directors and all of the membership of JOANT would like to invite you to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Concours D'Elegance on September 26, 2020. The Corona Virus has caused many clubs to cancel their concours activities. We have modified our event to allow for social distancing and all of the other recommended practices to keep all the participants safe. There will not be a Welcome Reception or Awards Banquet this year. We will hold the event at our sponsoring Jaguar dealership "Frisco Jaguar" using their parking areas and display areas. Many of our members and probably your club members have taken advantage of the "isolate at home" time to do those things on their Jags that they never seemed to have time for before. We wanted to give those people an opportunity to display that work and see how they now compare with other Jags in their class. There will be Champion / Driven / Special Classes with Awards presented and JCNA points awarded. Display Only cars are also encouraged to attend.

The attached documents provide all of the details on the event and the forms needed to formally register to attend. In addition to the forms attached, you can register and make payment on line at our website [www.joant.club](http://www.joant.club).

If you have any questions or need more info, please give me a call or email me.

We look forward to seeing you and your fabulous Jaguar at the event and please share this with the other club members.

Don Marpe

JOANT Concours Chairman

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## Jaguar Owners Association North Texas

50th Annual Concours d'Elegance – Sept. 26, 2020  
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*\*If you are showing more than two cars, please attach a separate sheet with the information above.*

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*\*Pre-registration is requested for all Display Only cars.*

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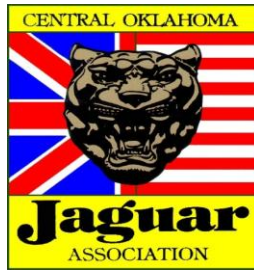
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## BALANCE OF 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Month	Date	Activity	Coordinator
Jan. – Dec.	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat.	Coffee & Cars	Chisolm Creek Shopping Center
Jan. – Dec.	On HOLD until Fall due to COVID 19	Ladies' Luncheon & Guys' Outing	S. Laurence/D. Russ
June	13 <sup>th</sup>	Drive to Chickasaw National Recreation Area & Picnic	S. Baxter
July	11 <sup>th</sup>	Trip to Eischens	R. McCormick
August	1 <sup>st</sup>	Warwick Motorcycle Museum & Lunch in Wellston	R. Wager
September	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oklahoma Pilots Association Airplane, Motorcycle, Car Show	B. Ratzlaff
October	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Fling – Amarillo	H. Frantz
November	7 <sup>th</sup> @ 10:00	Annual Meeting/Calendar of Events for 2021 & Lunch	R. McCormick
December	5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party (Place to be determined)	S. Baxter/ S. Frantz/ M. Lietz



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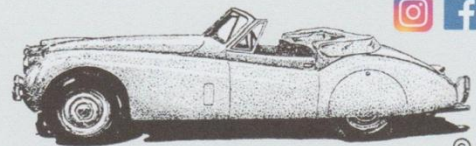
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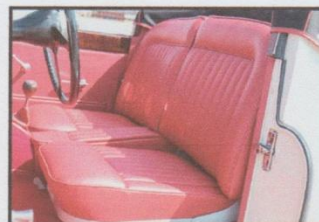
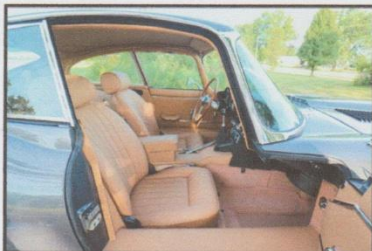
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