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Message from the President

By Susan Frantz

Happy September! It's back to school time...but since I'm not aware of any of us actually going back to school, it's more like "look forward to Fall Fling" time for COJA members. As you've learned from Harry's series of articles over the past few months, together with Susan Laurence, we have a fun trip planned to Kansas City at the end of this month. It appears there will be an intimate group of about a dozen travelers going that way.

Last Saturday, Lynette and Jeff Hand led us on a delightful trip to the great town of Chandler, America. Who knew such an entertainment treasure would be in such a rural place? Those who went will likely agree with me that we had a great time eating, visiting and playing a round of mini-golf. Thanks, Lynette and Jeff!

Don't forget a few key dates in the upcoming months: we have the general members planning meeting on **October 29th at 9:00 a.m.** We will meet at the Wiley Post Airport, 7100 NE 63rd, which is just west of Rockwell on 63rd. This is when we schedule the calendar activities for the coming year. If there is some special place or event that you want to share with the group, please be sure to attend and get it on

the calendar. Or, if you cannot attend, let me know what you're interested in doing.

Then the ever popular Christmas Dinner should be on your calendar for **Friday, December 9 at Cattleman's Steakhouse.** Details of time and costs will be coming in future *Cat Tracks*. This dinner is also the time to elect officers and board members for 2023. (If you are interested in serving, please let me know!)

COJA Trip to the Route 66 Bowl in Chandler OK

By Jeff Hand

On August 27, 2022 Lynette and Jeff Hand, the trip organizers, met 18 COJA members at the park and ride at Memorial and I-35. Doughnuts, water and conversation were served via Jaguar trunk style dining. We left for Chandler to arrive about 11:00 AM at the Route 66 Bowl.



We arrived early in time for a group photo. Getting everybody together for the group photo was like herding cats. Inside was the restaurant, bowling



downstairs and upstairs, video arcade, laser tag and miniature golf. The interior was



filled with automobilia signs, auto paraphernalia and gas pumps. The parking lot had about 25 outdoor gasoline signs on the building and on original outdoor poles in the parking lot representing the brands of petrol we grew up with.



All of us enjoyed lunch and more conversation. The food was great and the service was excellent. Many of the group played miniature golf. It was enhanced by



fluorescent lighting. No takers for laser tag. Jeff Hand discovered that he knows Ladonna, one of the owners. She was a coworker with Jeff at NAICO in Chandler. Ladonna confirmed our suspicions that the Route 66 Bowl sign came from the bowling alley on NW 39th in OKC when that business closed. Ladonna's husband has been collecting automobilia for a long time and now it is used at the Route 66 Bowl. The bricks in front of the entrance under the awning are from the actual Route 66 and are placed the exact width of Route 66. The business opened about one year ago and business has been good. They have already hosted some cars shows and other events.

A big thank you to everyone who attended. You made it a very fun day. Route 66 Bowl is a great place and worth visiting again.

Upcoming Events

Ladies of COJA Luncheon

By Susan Laurence

Happy September everybody – and that means it's the month for another get together with the ladies of COJA. Please put Saturday, September 24 at noon on your calendars for our get together at Whiskey Cake, which is in the parking lot at Penn Square Mall. Of course, we will be sending out a reminder closer to the date, but right now would be a good time to get it inked into your calendars! As always, please send your RSVP to Susan Laurence (405.640.0545) or Susan Frantz (405.250.1082).

Fall Fling

By Harry Frantz

This will be the final up date for the Fall Fling in *Cat Tracks* Sept 30th thru Oct 2nd. We will meet at Cracker Barrel at 122nd St. and I-35 North on Friday Sept 30th. We will leave at 9:30 am but if you'd like to come early and have some breakfast with us, please do. We will be leading the caravan for those that want to caravan but by no means do you have to. If you want to go at you own time and pace, feel free to do so. The last trip several people stopped at an aeronautical museum and or automobile museum. You may have to look them up on the internet if you're not familiar with them.

Lunch is any place you'd like to stop. There are places like McDonalds along the interstate or you can stop at any one of several towns along the way such as Wichita, Eldorado or Emporia Kansas. We'll stay at the AC Hotel in Westport. They have a bar that opens at 5:00 pm or

you can walk (or drive) one block to Kelly's Bar in the oldest building in Kansas City. We'll meet in the hotel lobby at 6:15 to go to dinner at Q39 Bar-B-Q. After dinner we can go back to the hotel lobby for games and conversation.

Saturday Oct. 1st will be a full day and starts with breakfast. The hotel has a Euro-Modern breakfast that is mostly cold, not complimentary and costs \$15-\$20/person. We would suggest walking (or driving) to the Big Biscuit just around the corner from the hotel for a hot and hearty breakfast. After breakfast we will caravan to the Steamboat Arabia Museum around 10:00 am. We will spend around two hours there and then go to lunch behind the museum at the Farmers market. There are several eating establishments in the market plus a lot of fun shopping. Just pick what looks good to you. The afternoon is on your own. There are several fine museums to visit such as the WWI Museum & Memorial. It's the only WWI museum in the country. Another option is the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and/or the American Jazz Museum. They are both located at the same address and tickets are available separately or as a combo. Saturday night we will meet in the lobby at 6:30 pm to caravan to Lidia's Italian Restaurant. We have reservations at 7:00. This is not your run-of-the mill American franchise restaurant with Alfredo this and Marinara that. This is true down home Northern Italian cooking and is excellent.

Sunday you're on your own. The afore mentioned museums are all open at 10:00 am if you'd like to visit one or several before you head home. We will not have access to the hotel shuttle bus so addresses for all of the places we visit will be handed

out at Cracker Barrel so that you can plug them into your car or phone GPS system. Hope to see everyone there for a great weekend.

September Event

By Jenny Somerhalder

Please add to your calendar September 17th event at the Chicken Shack in Arcadia. Meet at 1st American Museum, 659 1st American Blvd., OKC at noon to caravan or at 12:30 pm meet there. Address is 212 E. Highway 66 Arcadia OK. 73007 . They have big screen TV's also for anyone wanting to see football.

Miscellany

You Can't Go Back (Or Can You)

By Dick Heiderich

After having received the past few Cat Tracks and noticing that there wasn't any "Miscellany" I couldn't bear another issue without having something to say and hopefully someone else with more wisdom than I will be doing the same.

I have an old friend who consistently reminds me that I can't go back (in time). And in some cases he's right. For example I can't have my old XJ-S back cause it's long gone and probably no longer in the same condition as when I sold it. On the other hand, I had a lot of Detroit sheet metal in the 50's and 60's which are also gone, but their likeness always shows up at auctions and a few car shows. And, I have plenty of books which tell their stories and show their colors. So in a way I do go back if you're not too specific about what (go back) means. To appreciate looking at old cars, which I have a distant connection with, I will kick the hell out of all four tires, open the doors, sit in the driver's seat and get my finger prints on everything in sight, just to remember what that felt like. Consider the feel of a turn signal lever in a 54 Chevrolet compared with that of a 54 Ford, and on and on and on. Then there's the blinker, or clicker sound, technically known as the flasher, which all differ. By the time you get to a Cadillac the difference is substantial. I'm sure if you were with me during one of these exercises you would be completely nuts in about ten minutes. Just imagine doing this for half a day! But I think that's like going back, Way back.



REMAINDER OF 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Month	Date	Activity	Coordinator
Jan. – Dec.	1 st Sat.	Coffee & Cars	Chisolm Creek Shopping Center
June	25 th	Brunch at Rococo on N. Western	Sarah Baxter
July	16 th 23 rd	Oklahoma History Center (Walk thru collection vaults) Ladies Luncheon - Cheesecake Factory	Jeff Briley S. Laurence/S. Frantz
August	27 th	“Surprise” Chandler Trip	Jeff & Lynette Hand
September	17 th 24 th	Chicken Shack in Luther Ladies Luncheon	Doug & Jenny Somerhalder S. Laurence/S. Frantz
October	9/30, 10/1, 10/2 29 th	Fall Fling – Kansas City, MO Annual Planning Meeting	Harry & Susan Frantz, Susan Laurence Everyone
November	TBD	Ladies’ Luncheon	S. Laurence/S. Frantz
December	9 th	Cattlemen’s	Sandy Ratzlaff, Lynette Hand & Nancy Driver



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