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# Cat Tracks

Central Oklahoma Jaguar Association

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## Message from the President

By Susan Frantz

Autumn has officially arrived – at least according to the calendar. And the meteorologists tell us the actual weather should follow soon. I'm certainly ready for a change in my wardrobe toward sweaters, sweats, and sweatshirts!

I heard there was a record crowd for the trip to Enid and the Groendyke cars were magnificent. I'm sorry that I missed it, but many thanks to Jeff & Lynette for organizing a fun outing.

We're planning a double header in November. Glenn and Jolene Short have arranged another great day at their daughter and son-in-law's place in Blanchard on November 4. See their details below. And on the same day, same place, we will be holding our annual planning meeting.

This is when we take suggestions and various folks offer to be in charge of next year's activities. So, bring your ideas and let's schedule another fantastic year of great gatherings! See you there!!

## Trip to the Groendyke Collection

By Jeff Hand

Lynette and I arrived at the OnCue on September 9 at 8:30 AM and soon other COJA members began arriving. Goodie

bags of maps, snacks, a menu and water were passed out to the +30 COJA members who arrived. We left promptly at 9:15 for Enid by caravan as a means to herd cats, had a rest stop at Howdy's in Hennessey, then the cats scattered like quail, herded cats again and caravanned to the Groendyke collection. Don Beck met us there with his National Champion XK 150 as did Donald



Crump who brought his Champion XKE. John Groendyke welcomed us at the front door and made known there were cookies and drinks for all of us.



His son had redone the buildings to house the collection. John Groendyke made a

short presentation and then graciously answered all questions about his collection. The Groendyke collection included rare Cadillacs, Duesenbergs, SS Mercedes, Packards and a Bentley. All the



cars are flawless, dusted, immaculate and operate without hesitation. You dare not touch one because you are spoiling perfection. The entire collection and the buildings that house the collection are continuously cleaned and preserved. The tour lasted about 1 ½ hours so we proceeded to the Land Run Steakhouse for lunch. The restaurant was ready for us, the meals were excellent, we applauded ourselves for behaving so well and having a great time. Only one to two groups per year are allowed to see this collection and we are very privileged and fortunate to be one of those groups.

### **September Ladies Luncheon**

**By Susan Laurence**

Dearest COJA Ladies:

Well, as usual, our monthly luncheon was a total success from all angles – food-wise, conversation-wise, and most importantly, camaraderie-wise. What a great group we are!

We are especially excited about our newest members: Barbie Garrison and Gina Austin! A special welcome to both of these lovely ladies.

The Metro was an awesome venue this month. The wait staff was unparalleled and the food was terrific. Our next luncheon will be held on Friday, November 17, Noon at the Cheesecake Factory. Who doesn't love cheesecake – and that is really not their main attraction (think lettuce wraps, juicy burgers and sinful pasta dishes)!!!

The best part of the day was learning that our own Dick Russ is writing his autobiography. For those of you who have heard the facts of his life, you'll know what an interesting read it will be. Good luck, LaNeal, with your editing skills. We are all behind both of you and can hardly wait until this book is published!

Of course, a reminder will be sent out later, but right now open up your phone or organizer and get those details written down! We want to see each and everyone of you there! Before things get too crazy, please call either Susan Laurence (405.640.0545) or Susan Frantz (405.250.1082) with your RSVP.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Fall Fling 2023**

**By Harry Frantz**

Last Chance to get your hotel reservations for the Fall Fling October 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. You may be able to still get a room and you may still be able to get the very reasonable rate of \$109.00/night with complimentary parking. Be sure to call the Holiday Inn Express at 918-728-2444 and press 0 when prompted. Ask for the Jaguar Club reservations. We have a great trip planned at several interesting musical museums and some fantastic food places to try.

We will meet at the ride share parking lot at 122<sup>nd</sup> St. and I-35 at 9:45 am for a 10:00 start time to Tulsa on October 13th.

I will be handing out a list of all the places we visit with addresses and times so you can plug them into your car or phone GPS system. I am also including the list at the end of this issue so you can print it off if you'd like.

### **Pot Luck Dinner & Planning Meeting**

**By: Harry Frantz**

Plan to attend the pot luck dinner and planning meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the home of Glenn and Jolene's daughter and son-in-law's home in Blanchard, America. See below for all the particulars. Be sure to bring a pot luck dish and your ideas for next year's calendar.

## **Miscellany**

### **Pyewacket's Progress**

**By Robert Drummond**

*Editors Note:*

*Robert didn't have an update this month. I am looking forward to next month's issue.*

### **Updates on Club Members**

**By: Sarah Baxter**

John Harden:

Diana wrote: John would like to thank everyone for their cards and get-well thoughts. He is starting outpatient physical therapy twice a week and has a wonderful

mental outlook and confidence that he can walk again without a walker.

Geleeta York:

Missy said that Geleeta is home now. She is doing better moving around daily. Her house phone is 405.806.5271. She has her cell phone still but it probably is not by her all the time. Someone is staying with her 24/7 now since she is a fall risk when we are not there. Thanks so much for your cards and prayers.

Richard Heiderich:

Kelly (one of their daughters) said that he got to come home a week ago (9/23) and is recovering well. He is wanting to be back to normal as soon as possible. While he was in the hospital, Sue was having more confusion. All the daughters are there at the home with them and are helping to care for both of them. She said that the cards have been great, but he needs his rest, so discourages home visits at the present time. She will let us know when he is up to visitors and phone calls.

# Coming November 4<sup>th</sup> . . .

## . . . Climbing the Mountain.

You are invited to the November 2023 event for our Jaguar Club. This will be held at the home of Brad and Carrie Bertrand in Blanchard, Oklahoma. This will be the third time they have hosted our club. Thanks to both. They are a lot of fun and great hosts!

Brad is our special presenter for this fun event. Brad climbed Mt. Everest via Stratton Mountain in Vermont in October 2022 and is going to tell us the highlights about this big event. It's quite amazing! His training was very intense and heartfelt. He exhibited lots of determination and hard work for months in preparation. Many prayers were said as well.

Stratton Mountain is a beautiful place. Carrie accompanied Brad and worked very hard as a volunteer! It was a great undertaking. Cold, very cold. He will share with us how this all came about. Also, about Mr. Colin O'Brady, a world record mountain climber and the interesting things about him. Brad and Carrie have a very special gift for each of us, as well. It will be so much fun.



You will enjoy this event and you won't want to miss it! It's a covered dish event, so bring your favorite! You might, however, have to shoot your own meat for lunch.

**When: Saturday, November 4, 2023**

**Arrive by 12:00 noon if you can, lunch around 12:30**

**Brad will give his presentation after lunch.**

**Where: 2460 County Road 1250, Blanchard, OK 73010**

Thank you all.

Glenn and Jo Short





# REMAINDER OF 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Month	Date	Activity	Coordinator
Jan. – Dec.	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat.	Coffee & Cars	Chisolm Creek Shopping Center
July	21 <sup>st</sup>	Ladies Luncheon – Waters Edge Winery & Bistro	S. Laurence/S. Frantz
	29 <sup>th</sup>	COJA 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner @ Legends Times Two	S. Frantz/S. Baxter
August	26 <sup>th</sup>	Remington Park	Larry/Jane Mitchell
September	9 <sup>th</sup>	Groendyke Museum in Enid	Jeff/Lynette Hand
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ladies Luncheon – The Metro	S. Laurence/S. Frantz
October	13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Fling – Tulsa	Harry/Susan Frantz & Susan Laurence
November	4 <sup>th</sup>	Potluck Lunch at Short's Daughter's House in Blanchard and Annual Planning Mtg.	Glenn/Jolene Short and Susan Frantz
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies' Luncheon – Cheesecake Factory	S. Laurence/S. Frantz
December	1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Party at the Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club	Susan Laurence/ Lynette Hand

# **Tulsa Addresses**

Herding of the Cats, I-35 & N.W. 122<sup>nd</sup> St., OKC (10:00 am)

Sisserou's Caribbean Restaurant, 107 N. Boulder Ave., Tulsa (Noon-ish)

Church Studio, 304 S. Trenton Ave., Tulsa (2:00 pm)

Holiday Inn Express Hotel, 310 E. Archer St., Tulsa (after Church Studio)

Daily Grill Restaurant in Hyatt Regency Hotel, 100 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Tulsa (6:30 pm)

Bob Dylan Center, I have 2 addresses for this, 116 E. Reconciliation Way &  
116 E. Matthew Brady St., Tulsa (10:00 am)

and right next door

Woody Guthrie Center, I also have 2 addresses here, 102 E. Reconciliation Way &  
102 E. Matthew Brady St., Tulsa (11:00 am)

Utica Square Shopping Center, 1709 Utica Square, Tulsa (after lunch)

Bluestone Steak House & Seafood Restaurant, 10032 S. Sheridan Rd., Tulsa (6:30 pm)



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