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Cat Tracks

Central Oklahoma Jaguar Association

April 2024

Message from the President

By Robert Drummond

I recently wrote about the coming signs of spring. With the Equinox now behind us, Spring is officially here! I'm enjoying the return of birds singing, new growth on our deciduous friends, and, of course, all the flowers and blossoms about. Not enjoying the pollen-induced sinus allergies so much, however! Those of us who've put our cats into hibernation will soon be awakening them, to enjoy spring with their growling exhaust. Let's hope we don't have many severe storms over the coming months!

If you have any suggestions about the club in terms of driving vs. socializing, recruiting new members, types of events, joint events with the Tulsa/Dallas clubs, etc., please let me know. Obviously we can't implement every suggestion but hearing from you is the best way for us to steer the club in a direction that suits the majority.

A Message from the Editor

By Harry Frantz

First of all, I'd like to thank Sarah Baxter for compiling and editing the March Cat Tracks for me while I was on a very relaxing vacation. She did a great job of it. THANK YOU, Sarah!!!

I am planning to get the "Jagette" (Corvette) out April 8th for a road trip to southeast Oklahoma to view the total solar eclipse. The news reports say that this is anywhere from a 20 year to once-in-a-lifetime occurrence so I'm going to take advantage of it. I probably won't live another 2 decades to see another one.

I plan to leave very early in the morning and try to find a place along the highway or back roads in the path of totality. Urban areas are reportedly going to be very crowded. I'm going to take a bucket of chicken, a good book and video camera to document the day.

I went to my home town of Atchison, KS. in August 2017 to see another total solar eclipse. Unfortunately, it turned out to be a cloudy day and didn't get much in the way of video. I hope this one will be in better weather. I would encourage anyone with the interest to try to go see this Oklahoma event.

National Weather Center Tour

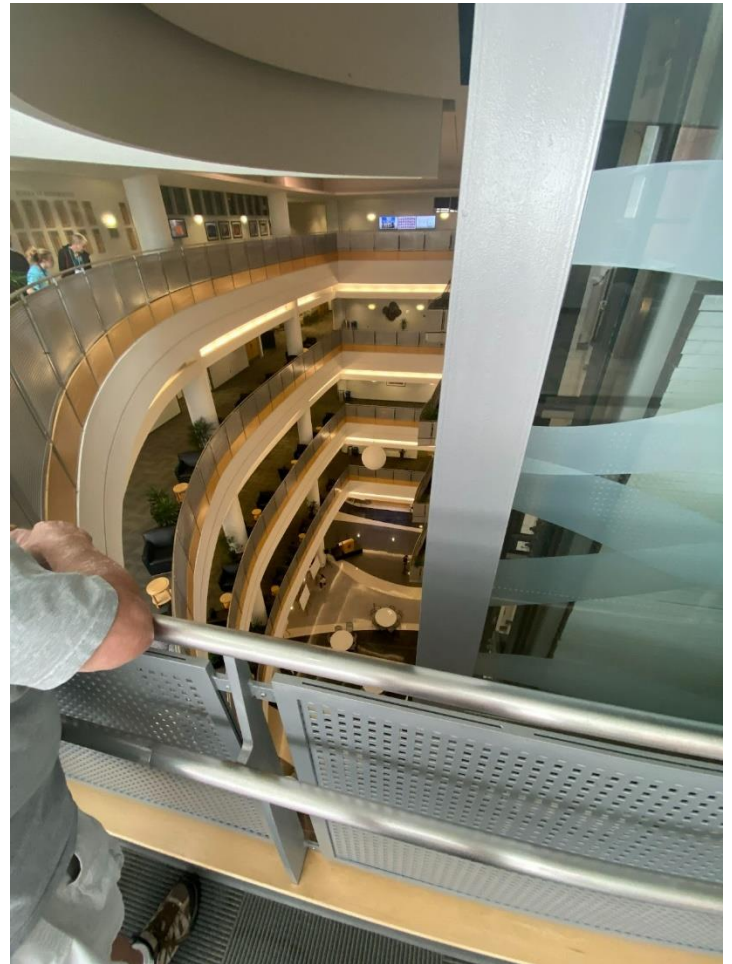
By Susan Frantz

Just over a dozen members and two guests showed up at the National Weather Center located on the campus of the University of Oklahoma for a tour of this important facility. What better place to study, watch, and predict the weather than in Oklahoma? Our tour guide, Faith, was a freshman from Lawton studying

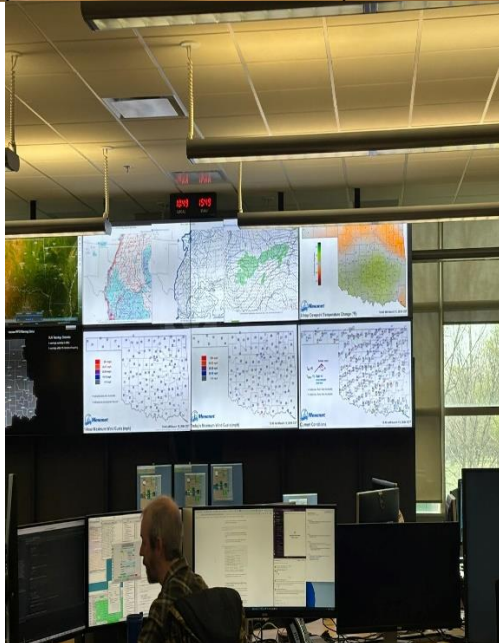
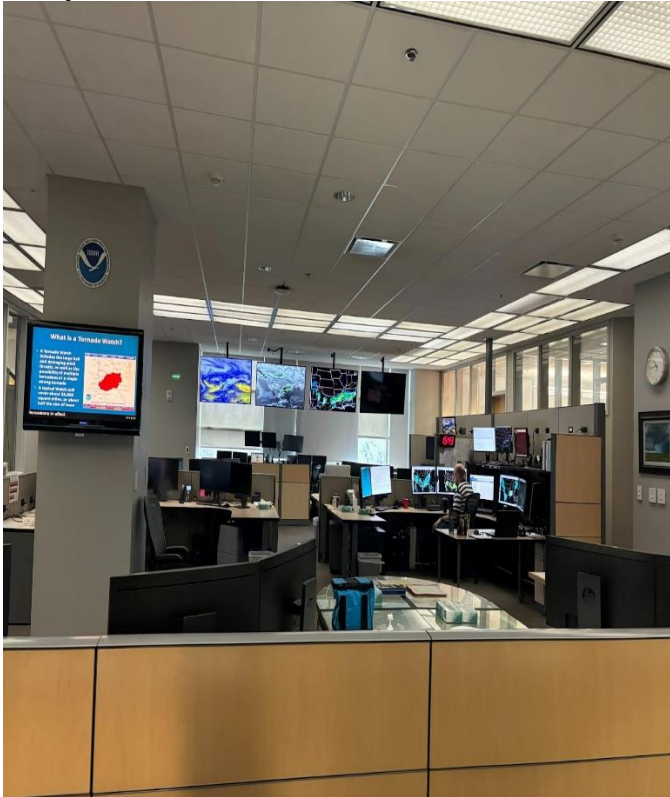
meteorology. Her father is an amateur storm chaser and her fascination with weather began when accompanying him and watching storms together.



As the 2nd tallest building in Norman (after the Sarkeys Energy Center), the 7 story Weather Center is built to withstand a category 3 tornado. Staff and students are allowed to be in the observation tower only until a warning is issued, however. The view is unobstructed for miles.



Home to the National Weather Services, this is the only site in the U.S. where storm predictions are made. While we couldn't enter the area where all the maps and computers are utilized, there are large observation windows allowing a good view of what is taking place. It was interesting to note that the meteorologists still sometimes committed their data to paper for easier analysis.



Our tour also took us outside to see the storm chasing vehicles. The largest of the trucks achieves a gas-guzzling 3-5 miles per gallon! (Feel better about your high-powered sports car?) Those behemoths have 3 fuel tanks. They also carry portable weather radar units, so watch out when you come to an overpass!



The other trucks are well equipped with cameras and radar – as well as steel grates encasing most of the truck and extending beyond the front ends to protect them from hail damage (somewhat successfully, at least).

We couldn't leave without seeing the movie props from the first *Twister* movie, which are on display on the first floor. There is also

a small “Flying Cow Cafe” for sandwiches and snacks. However, we opted for Mexican & Peruvian fare at Mamaveca’s restaurant, also in Norman.



March Ladies Lunch

By Susan Frantz

If you want to know the latest news and gossip from the group, join us for lunch! It was an intimate group of six who enjoyed dining and visiting on March 16. We gathered at Nosh in Moore, where some of us had been given a surprise gift in January. The caveat of that gift was that it was a coupon to be used in March – hence, the location of our recent gathering. Upon showing the coupons, we were told that it was only good for one per table. We protested that we had not been told that and the manager graciously agreed to honor all coupons. We mostly ended up with free meals!! And, as usual, the meals were delicious.

Our next luncheon will be on **May 25 at noon at Firebirds Wood Fired Grill, 1320 W. Memorial Rd.** (I’m told this is in Chisholm Creek.) I hope we can entice more of you to come and that this date is currently open on your calendars. See you there!! And watch for reminders in the next *Cat Tracks*.



Upcoming Events

You're invited....

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We are opening up our home again for a hamburger cookout/pot luck luncheon on April 20th at 11:00 AM.

We will furnish hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions and pickles. We will also furnish water, ice, tea and diet pink lemonade. If you desire adult drinks, you will need to bring your own.

As far as the pot luck, we would appreciate you bring some of the items listed: Soda, chips, baked beans, cole slaw, cookies, dessert or anything else you would like to contribute. We always have more food than we need, but we somehow manage to enjoy the variety of food.

Information only, I have ordered 80-degree weather, light winds, no tornadoes and no hail!

Also, as the time draws near, please give us a reply about attending so we can have seating and eating utensils for everyone.

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Miscellany

Loss of Another Member

By Sarah Baxter



Our Club has lost another long-time member – Donald F. Ferrell. Don died at his home in Chandler on March 15, 2024, surrounded by his family. Don and Sally joined COJA

on January 24, 1997. Don and Sally were able to join us for our Christmas Party last year along with their daughter, Cynthia Ferrell Ashwood and husband, Albert. With the distance from Chandler, and after Don's illness, it became harder for them to make it to many of the Club events.

Don was active in so many things during his lifetime from his service in the US Air Force, to publisher of the Chandler newspaper to Oklahoma State Senate from 1966 to 1974. He served as Governor Henry Bellmon's press secretary (1965-1966). He was also a member of the Sooner Region Horseless Carriage Club and served on the advisory board of the Salvation Army in Shawnee, to name just a few.

Don and Sally lost a daughter, Susan Jane Ferrell, in the Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995.

As we have done in the past for our deceased members, a donation of \$100 from the Club was given in memory of Don to

one of his charities of choice – Oklahoma City National Memorial.

A Celebration of Don's life will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 912 W. First Street, Chandler, Oklahoma.



2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Month	Date	Activity	Coordinator
Jan. – Dec.	1 st Sat.	Coffee & Cars	Chisolm Creek Shopping Center
January	20 th 27 th	Brunch at Hefner Grill Ladies' Luncheon at Nosh	Sarah Baxter Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
February	24 th	Lunch at The Lokal in Yukon and guided tour of Express Clydesdales Ranch	Missy Tomlinson
March	15 th 16 th	Tour the Weather Center at OU Ladies' Luncheon - Nosh	Harry & Susan Frantz Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
April	20 th	Pot Luck Dinner at Russ' House	Dick & LaNeal Russ
May	TBD TBD	Trip to Lavender Farms in Pauls Valley Ladies' Luncheon	Bruce & Sharon Parker Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
June	TBD	Tour of Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine & Lunch afterwards	Jess & Sarah Baxter
July	TBD 27 th	Ladies' Luncheon Tour Okla. Czech Facility in Yukon & Lunch afterwards	Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz Dick & LaNeal Russ
August	TBD	Brunch or Lunch	Larry Hillman & Nancy Driver
September	TBD TBD	Tour of Pawhuska Indian Cathedral Ladies' Luncheon	Jeff & Lynette Hand Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
October	11 th – 13 th	Fall Fling in Graham, Texas	Joe & Jill Dunham
November	TBD TBD	Annual Meeting Ladies' Luncheon	TBD Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
December	TBD	Christmas Party @ Church of the Servant	Ben & Sandy Ratzlaff



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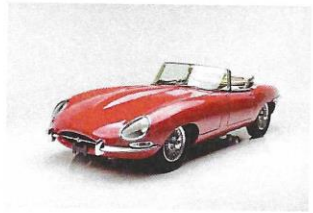
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	2:30 pm	Award presentations
	All day	Silent Auction for the Sand Springs Animal Shelter

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4:00 pm Registration
4:30 pm Tailgate Party

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8:00-10:00 am Registration & Set Up Case Park, Sand Springs
All day Silent Auction
10:30-1:30 pm Participants' choice judging
2:30 pm Award presentation

Host Hotel

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Participant Name _____

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