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Last Ladies Luncheon of 2024

By LaNeal Russ

We had a small group of our COJA members who were able to meet and have a very enjoyable lunch at Alfredo's Mexican restaurant in Moore on Saturday the 16th.

Those attending were Sarah, Nancy, Susan F., Christa, Ninalouise, Stacey and her little ones, Sharla, Sandy, and myself.



Our service was excellent and the only error I knew about was being served 2 enchiladas instead of one. The waiter even handled the "separate checks" without any problems.

What more can I say, chips, salsa, tortillas, cheese sauce, delicious Mexican food and a great bunch of Jag lovers meeting before the Holidays begin.

Our next luncheon will be in January, 2025 and the date and location to be determined.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Party

By Sandy Ratzlaff

HO! HO!! HO!!! MERRY CHRISTMAS

Come join the fun on December 6, 2024, 5:30pm at Church of the Servant, 14343 North MacArthur Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73142.

Holiday music by 3G (played in Branson)

Meal: Chicken & Brisket, salad, potatoes, vegetable medley, dessert.

Cost: 45.00 per person

Please RSVP no later than December 1, 2024. 405-213-4535 / bensanratz@cox.net.

The more the MERRIER to enjoy the season with friends and family.

Miscellany

Bring a Trailer Auctions - A Review

By Roy L Stevens

After nearly 20 years of ownership, I decided it was time to depart with my 2002 XK8 convertible and find it a new home. After investigating numerous avenues to sell my beloved Jaguar, I decided on listing it on the *Bring a Trailer* (BaT) online auction site www.bringatrailer.com.

BaT is an online auction site for classic, collector, exotic, and enthusiast vehicles. They also hold auctions for boats, all terrain vehicles, automotive memorabilia, and other automotive related equipment. They claim to sell over 600 cars every week. The web site is very well designed and fairly intuitive to navigate. There is an extensive archive of past auctions arranged by vehicle make and model where one can examine how similar cars have fared in previous auctions.

For sellers, the process begins with a simple registration and uploading of photos of the car they are wanting to sell. Once accepted by BaT, more detailed photos and videos can be uploaded. Driving, walk-around, and cold-start videos are encouraged for all cars and videos of convertible top operation are encouraged for those type cars. There is an excellent tutorial on photographing the car which is very useful. For an additional fee, BaT will arrange a local photographer to meet you for a professional photo shoot. The base fee for listing your car on BaT without professional photographs is \$99.00 (buyers pay a 5% premium). I found the photo tutorial simple to follow and submitted my own photos and videos.

Once those are received, BaT assigns you an auction specialist to write your auction listing and arrange your photos and videos. I found the auction specialist very helpful in pointing out missing photographic views and videos necessary that would give my auction the best chance of success.

At some point, you will be asked if you wish to have a reserve for your auction and the amount. The reserve is that amount under which you won't accept at the end of the auction. That reserve amount must be accepted by BaT but can be lifted by yourself at any time before or during the auction. An unrealistic reserve will likely not be accepted. BaT is in the business to sell cars and doing work on an unrealistic reserve and not selling it is not a good business model. The archives mentioned above lists which cars had a reserve and whether or not that reserve was met. Many of the XK8s historically did not have a reserve and so my auction went with no reserve.

Most all auctions last one week. Potential bidders have the opportunity to ask questions during that time and have sellers answer them and supply additional photos or videos if requested. Although bids can be made at any time, the final day of the auction and especially the final hour is usually the most active. Sellers need to be present online during the final few hours to enjoy the bidding and answer any final questions. Any bids made within the final two minutes will extend the auction by that same amount of time for fairness and to allow all bidders a chance to make a final bid.

At the end of the auction, the high bidder is identified and the seller can communicate directly with the buyer to arrange payment, registration transfer and transportation of the car if desired. BaT

offers services to buyers seamlessly taking care of those issues or the buyer has the option of doing it privately. In my case, the buyer of my car flew to Oklahoma City and the transaction was handled privately. I loaded the car on a transport the following day and bid farewell to my beloved XK8. It went to a good home who will cherish it as much as I did.

Overall, I would not hesitate to use BaT again to buy or sell a car that met their criteria. The process was relatively easy and I was happy with the amount I received. I did keep the license plate (JAGUAHR) just in case I ran across another Jaguar I just had

to have.



Good-Bye beloved Jaguahr.

Editor's Note: Member Scott Blalock mentioned that the 100th anniversary of Route 66 will be coming up soon. It's not until November 2026 but things are popping already beginning in April of 2026. The following is from their website supplied by Scott in his email.

100 Years of Kicks on Route 66



On November 11, 1926 - US Highway 66 was established. In 2026, the road turns 100 - and big celebrations are in the works!

Our first project for the upcoming Centennial was started in 2021: [revitalizing and enhancing Historic Route 66 Signage throughout Oklahoma!](#) As you can imagine, this is an ongoing effort. We also have an ongoing program to refresh and grow the [2003 Hampton Inn Roadside Attraction signs](#) across the state.

In partnership with Oklahoma artist and historian Shellee Graham, we have developed our own Centennial Design! Check it out at our Shop link below.

Events and Celebrations

The most frequent question we get is: when are you celebrating the Centennial in 2026? Well, that IS the big question! Oklahoma has more drivable miles of Historic Route 66 than any other state - so celebrations will be going all year long! We are planning to have several events in 2026 to celebrate the road and its history. More to come!

We expect that many communities along Route 66 will heavily incorporate the Centennial into existing annual celebrations - but we're encouraging them to do something special for Route 66, too!

[AAA Route 66 Road Fest](#) will be held in Tulsa on June 27 and 28, 2026!

This event has been recommended as an official Route 66 Centennial Event by the US Route 66 Centennial Commission.

Make plans to be there to celebrate 100 Years of Route 66 in style!

Here is a list of other existing annual Route 66-focused events in each community and the month they typically occur. This should provide a general idea of what will be going on in Oklahoma throughout the year. Lines in **bold** are confirmed for 2026! We'll update this with more information as it comes in.

Centennial Event Calendar

City	Event Name	Month	Note
Arcadia	Classic Cars A-Round the Barn	April	2nd Saturday of April
Miami	Route 66 Mural Fest	April	Last Weekend of the Month
Tulsa	Route 66 Commission Event	May	Saturday, May 30th
Davenport	Nettie Davenport Day	May	Saturday before Mother's Day
Bethany	Route 66 Festival	May	Memorial Day Weekend
El Reno	Onion Burger Day	May	First Saturday in May
Clinton	Route 66 Festival	May	
OKC + Tulsa	Centennial Commission Bash	June	Saturday, June 6th
Weatherford	Heartland Cruise Car Show	June	Weekend of June 19 & 20
Tulsa	AAA Route 66 Road Fest	June	Weekend of June 27 & 28
Commerce	Commerce Days	June	
Stroud	Summerfest	June	
Chandler	Ice Cream Social	June	
Warr Acres	"Triple Tour" Route 66 Festival	June	
Elk City	Route 66 Festival	June	
Quapaw	Quapaw Tribal Festival	July	4th of July Weekend
Miami	Miami OK Route 66 Heritage Fest	July	Last Weekend of the Month
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Catoosa	Art Show and Cultural Festival	July	
Sayre	Dust Bowl Days	July	
Tulsa	Mustangs on the Mother Road	July	MCA National Car Show July 24-26
Bristow	Western Heritage Days	August	
Hydro	Free Fair	August	
Yukon	Rock the Route	August/September	Thursday, September 3rd
Sapulpa	Route 66 Blowout	September	Saturday, September 12th
Geary	Native 66 Festival	October	
n/a	Route 66 Centennial Date	November 11	
Luther	Pecan Festival	November	
Edmond	Cycle 66	November	



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	10 th 25 th	Tour of Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine & Lunch afterwards Ladies' Luncheon at Fire Birds	Jess & Sarah Baxter Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
June	1 st 8 th	EuroMotor Extravaganza - Sand Springs Trip to Lavender Farms in Pauls Valley	Tulsa Jaguar Club Bruce & Sharon Parker
July	13 th 26 th	Tour Okla. Czech Facility in Yukon & Lunch afterwards Ladies' Luncheon - Charleston's on NW Highway	Dick & LaNeal Russ LaNeal Russ & Sharla Lee
August	17 th	Brunch at Jones Assembly	Larry Hillman & Nancy Driver
September	12 th 27 th	Tour of Pawhuska Indian Cathedral Ladies' Luncheon-Pub W in Edmond	Jeff & Lynette Hand LaNeal Russ & Sharla Lee
October	11 th – 13 th	Fall Fling in Graham, Texas	Joe & Jill Dunham
November	2 nd 16 th	Annual Meeting @ Bradford Village & Lunch afterwards at Ted's Escondido Ladies' Luncheon – Alfredo's in Moore	Robert Drummond LaNeal Russ & Sharla Lee
December	6 th	Christmas Party @ Church of the Servant	Ben & Sandy Ratzlaff



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