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**Central Oklahoma Jaguar Association
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Message from the President

By Jeff Hand

Dear COJA Members,

By the time you read this letter the COJA events for January and February will have been held as a tour of the Ted Davis auto collection in OKC on February 1, 2025. About 25 COJA members will have attended the tour. Ted has no ordinary collection of 1950's and 1960's cars. His cars date back to the earliest Indianapolis racers and he has acquired blueprints to build cars that didn't make it off the drawing board or were lost to history and have now been resurrected. COJA members have unique interests that should be inspiration for interesting events to attend or things to see. I encourage you to contact Dick Russ or any of the COJA members who have agreed to organize a monthly event and share your ideas. A little time spent contributing to our club can go a long way.

Message from Your Editor

By Harry Frantz

On a more solemn note, I wish to take this opportunity to pass along some uncomfortable news. I have been diagnosed with Lymphatic skin cancer.

I have undergone 3 episodes of radiation therapy and the first of six infusions of chemo therapy.

I DO NOT look upon this as life threatening, rather just a bump in the road of life. We are aggressively attacking this. I plan to be your editor, as long as you'll have me, for many more years to come.

January's Ladies Lunch

By Susan Frantz

It was wonderful to see the smiling faces of the other seven ladies around the table for this month's Ladies Lunch. I was especially pleased, as several had trouble finding Charleston's—GPS doesn't always work the way we expect! But we all made it and enjoyed a lovely visit along with delicious meals.



We've already made plans for our March gathering, so be sure to mark your calendars. We're aiming for a record turnout! Susan Laurence has kindly invited us to her house for a "baked potato bar" lunch, and we've settled on Friday, March 14 for the event. I hope that date works for many of you. Her invitation follows.
A big thank you to Susan for hosting!

Upcoming Events

February Get-To-Gether By Sarah Baxter & Jeff Hand

I have received the below information from Jeff Hand relative to the February 1st tour of the Ted Davis auto collection. If you should have any questions, please call Jeff at (405) 590-4167.

Lynette and I drove the route to Ted Davis's auto collection and discovered inconvenient road construction at 119th street and I-44. Therefore, we changed our meeting location to SW 104th and I-44 at the OnCue on the west side of the highway. Therefore, take exit 112 to SW 104th Street and meet us at the OnCue on the west side of the highway. From there we will proceed on SW 104th to Council, travel south on Council to 119th Street, then travel west on SW 119th Street to the Ted Davis auto collection.

March's Ladies Lunch By Susan Laurence

Hello COJA Friends!!

In an effort to bring a little fresh air into our previously established bi monthly get togethers, I thought it might be fun for all of us to get together in someone's (i.e. my own) home, and do something informal, like putting out a baked potato bar. This would be with all the fixins' (sour cream, cheese, onions etc.) and would allow for an informal mingling while we talk with gals we might not have seen in a while. I think most everyone enjoys a baked potato bar, and if there is some special topping you would like, please let me know, and I'll make sure it's provided.

The date for our March get-together is Friday, March 14 at 11:30 AM. My address is 3312 Old Georgetowne Rd., Edmond 73013. The gate code is pound #1776. Make sure you get that '#' before the numbers. My phone number is: 405.640.0545 and I would really appreciate your RSVP so that I bake the right number of taters! If you'd like to bring along a friend, please do so. She would be welcomed!

Ya'll come!!! Susan Laurence

Spring Fling to Austin, Texas By Sandt Ratzlaff

Just a brief update on May event.
HAPPY 2025!!!

Ben & I are working on our first Spring Fling!!!

We are waiting on information for event dates in Austin, Texas for an Arts and Music Festival.

I would like feedback, on how much everyone feels comfortable paying for

lodging. A little more expensive downtown where the action is!??

Stay flexible and stay tuned.

GUYS DAY OUT FOR FEBRUARY 15TH

By Dick Russ

It is difficult at times to come up with an itinerary that would be of interest to many or all the guys in our club especially since many places have been visited in the past. In my research, I discovered Smitty's Classics which is a restoration facility in North Edmond who are preserving classic cars and have been in business since 2008. When I drove to their facility last week, I was surprised as to how far north it was especially with an address of 13065 South Kelly. The more I drove north on Kelly the more I wondered if I was going the wrong direction. Even though they are closed on Saturday, the owner Curtis Smith said he would be pleased to show everyone around his restoration facility. He has some restorations that are eye boggling to coin a phrase.

The plan now is for everyone to join up February 15th in the parking lot at Chili's located at North Portland and Memorial (Hefner Parkway) at 9:30 AM. We will leave sharply at 9:45, then drive over to Waterloo and head east to Kelly and head North 8 miles to Smitty's Classics.

Now for the rest of the story. After our tour of Smitty's, we will head back to the restaurant row in Edmond where we will have a gourmet lunch at Brent's Cajun Seafood and Oyster Bar located at 3006 South Broadway which I have made reservations for our lunch around 11:45 to 12:00.

Now here is the kicker. Smitty's is a ways to drive north of Edmond and should

you not wish to make the drive, you are certainly invited to join us for lunch at Brent's in Edmond.

I do need for you to let me know if you will be joining us for the tour at Smitty's and Brent's for lunch or only for lunch. This is very important so I can let Brent's know how many will be there for lunch and reserve the room accordingly.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Calendar Note

By Susan Frantz

Due to a lack of planning and a bit of a memory lapse, the February visit to the Myriad Gardens will not be happening. I'm hoping to reschedule for later in the spring, but no promises just yet!



2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Month	Date	Activity	Coordinator
January	17 th	Ladies' Luncheon – Charleston's in Bricktown	Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
February	1 st	Tour of Ted Davis' Car Collection & Lunch	Jeff & Lynette Hand
	15 th	Guy's Outing – Tour of Smitty's Classic & Lunch	Dick Russ
March	14 th	Ladies' Luncheon @ Susan Laurence's Home	Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
	29 th	Cookout & Get-together at Russ' House	Dick & LaNeal Russ
April	TBD TBD	Open - TBD Guys' Outing	Need volunteer Dick Russ
May	16 th -18 th TBD	Spring Fling in Austin, TX Ladies' Luncheon	Ben & Sandy Ratzlaff Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
June	TBD TBD	Open - TBD Guys' Outing	Need volunteer Dick Russ
July	TBD TBD	Volunteer at Oklahoma Food Bank Ladies' Luncheon	Nancy Driver Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
August	TBD TBD	Brunch – Place TBD Guys' Outing	Sarah Baxter Dick Russ
September	TBD TBD	Okla. Pioneer Woman – Ponca City Ladies' Luncheon	Larry Hillman/Nancy Driver Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
October	10 th -12 th TBD	Fall Fling in Graham/Mineral Wells, TX Guys' Outing	Joe & Jill Dunham Dick Russ
November	TBD TBD	Annual Meeting Ladies' Luncheon	Jeff Hand Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
December	12/6 TBD	Christmas Party @ OKCG&CC Guys' Outing	Sarah, Susan F, Susan L., Nancy Dick Russ



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