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Annual Hamburger Cookout At The Russ's By Dick Russ

Back when COVID was under control and everyone had been cooped up LaNeal and I thought we should host a club get together to entice our club members to get out of the house; and what would be better than a hamburger cookout.



Jess Baxter chowing down.

So, during our annual club event meeting we wanted to host it again and set March as the month for our get together. This being the third year for the event it was hard to guess how many guests would attend. Three weeks ago, LaNeal said we only had seven that planned on attending. She asked Sarah to send out a letter requesting a RSVP because we really needed to know how many planned on attending and if only seven were coming maybe we should cancel.



What a spread!

Then all of a sudden, we started hearing from members and before we knew it, we had 44 registered to attend. Susan Laurence prepared and dropped off a large cooker of delicious Bar-B-Que beans since she regretfully was not going to be able to attend. Our editor and Susan brought delicious Bread pudding with a scrumptious sauce. We had homemade potato salad, an assortment of great cheese and Potato Chips along with drinks galore.



Left to right in the foreground, Jill Dunham, Nancy Driver & Larry Hillman.

Since most of my time I was out at the cooker preparing the meat, I was not able to see who brought the rest of the side dishes, I still want to thank you. When I finally got back inside to have my Hamburger nearly everyone was seated and eating. That was evident by how quiet it became. But the quietness didn't last long because afterwards

everyone was back visiting which was the main reason for our get together. I casually mentioned to Clifton Hill about our People Powered Vehicle vehicle I had been working on. He said he had never heard of one so I took him out to see it. He really liked it. I suggested we take it around the block. Not totally realizing it was a two-place pedal car by the time we returned to the house he indicated I was trying to kill him. I never once said it was easy to pedal.

Jess Baxter and John Harden both have had some serious health issues but both made it and looked great. All in all everyone seemed to enjoy our social get together and having a day off to see old friends and find out what they have been up to.

I do know Glen Short is restoring an Austin Healy sports car I want to go see. I know I enjoyed visiting with many of you and if I missed you, I am so so sorry.

I would love to mention the names of everyone that attended but I need to get this to Harry so you will just have to attend next year to find out. So, next year when you attend the cookout remind me to not overlook saying hello this time.

Your host's
Dick and LaNeal

March Ladies Lunch

By Susan Frantz

A heartfelt "Well Done!" to Susan Laurence for opening her house to a group of us for lunch last month. With the excellent idea of hosting a baked potato bar, Susan provided a delicious repast and about a dozen hungry COJA Ladies descended for a delightful time visiting and eating. It may have been the start of something big. Jolene

Short has offered to host our May lunch at



Stacy Baxter, Sarah Baxter & Jolene Short chatting it up.



Again, what a spread!

her house. Rumor has it that it may be a taco bar! Mark your calendars:

May 3, 12:00 p.m.

Jolene Short's house

6409 W. Captains Drive, OKC



Hostess Susan Laurence, Jenny Somerhalder & Jill Dunham.

Please RSVP to one of the following:
Susan Frantz, 405.250.1082; Susan
Laurence, 405.640.0545; Jolene Short,
405.620.6437.

Upcoming Events

Route 66 Auto Museum

By Lynette & Jeff Hand

Lynette and I have planned an activity for Friday, April 11, 2025, to tour the Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum, 13 Sahoma Lake Road, Sapulpa OK, followed by lunch at Senor Pablo Mexican Restaurant.

You can find the Auto Museum by looking for the world's tallest gas pump located by the road. After lunch we will go to Gasoline Alley Classics at 24 N. Main St. Sapulpa OK. There are more old cars (at least two), auto memorabilia and nifty stuff. It is a very interesting store.

We will meet at the Commuter Parking Lot at 5273 NE 122nd OKC at 9:15 AM to leave at 9:45 AM for Sapulpa. This includes a complimentary rest stop along the Turner Turnpike. There is a charge of \$9.50 per person at the Auto Museum. Souvenirs, other goodies, and lunch are at your own expense. The Auto Museum is a part of the Route 66 Tour taken by Americans and people from around the world. There is a map board with pins in it to prove this. One of the Interstate Battery Rally tours used the Auto Museum as a stop.

Please RSVP to Lynette via text or call at 405-620-3634 by April 4th.

More info later when we see you there.



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's 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	11 th	Tour Heart of Rte. 66 Auto Museum & Lunch & Gasoline Alley Classics	Jeff & Lynette Hand
	TBD	Guys' Outing	Dick Russ
May	2 nd	Coal Creek Winery and Bingo (Tuttle)	Doug & Jenny Somerhalder
	3 rd	Ladies' Luncheon @ Jolene Short's Home	Jolene Short
June	6 th	Tour of Myriad Gardens & Lunch	Harry & Susan Frantz
	TBD	Guys' Outing	Dick Russ
July	TBD	Volunteer at Oklahoma Food Bank	Nancy Driver
	TBD	Ladies' Luncheon	Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
August	TBD	Brunch – Place TBD	Sarah Baxter
	TBD	Guys' Outing	Dick Russ
September	TBD	Okla. Pioneer Woman – Ponca City	Larry Hillman/Nancy Driver
	TBD	Ladies' Luncheon	Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
October	10 th -12 th	Fall Fling in Graham/Mineral Wells, TX	Joe & Jill Dunham
	TBD	Guys' Outing	Dick Russ
November	TBD	Annual Meeting	Jeff Hand
	TBD	Ladies' Luncheon	Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
December	12/6	Christmas Party @ OKCG&CC	Sarah, Susan F, Susan L., Nancy
	TBD	Guys' Outing	Dick Russ



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