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Message from the President

By Susan Frantz

I'm sorry that most of you missed a terrific experience with our Fall Fling this year. Those few of us who went were enthusiastic, entertained, and educated. Not to mention well fed.

This coming weekend is another opportunity for education and entertainment – not to mention, good food! Be sure to check out the article below regarding the pot luck lunch that Glenn and Jolene Short are hosting, with their daughter and son-in-law, on Saturday, November 4. I understand that there has been a good number of positive RSVPs. I'm looking forward to hearing about Brad's experience with mountain climbing – a sport that I will happily enjoy vicariously!

We will also be firming up our calendar of events for 2024, so bring your ideas for what you'd most like to do next year.

I hope you all saw the message that Sarah forwarded a couple of weeks ago regarding the Digital Jaguar Journal. If you are a fan of this magazine, I would recommend making the change from hard copy to digital because I expect that actual publication will cease at some point in the future. There has been no announcement of

such, but that seems to be the way they are heading.

There was also an announcement that JCNA will increase their dues by \$5.00 in 2024 (to \$45.00). There will be no increase in our local COJA dues (\$30), but the overall amount will be more than last year (\$75). Sarah will be sending out invoices in the next few weeks, as usual.

And here's another reminder that our Christmas dinner will be December 1 at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. I hope you already have that on your calendar. Keep watching for details.

In the meantime, Happy Thanksgiving!! I hope each of you is able to enjoy a bountiful meal and time with the ones you love.

Tulsa Fall Fling 2023

By Harry Frantz

It was a beautiful fall day when we met at the ride share parking lot to caravan to Tulsa. Everybody was there by 9:45 so we got an early start. We were a small but enthusiastic bunch so the trip to Tulsa was very easy and faster than I had planned. We got to Sisserou's early but they took us in anyway. All of us had a great time enjoying

some great Caribbean food.



Excellent Caribbean Lunch at Sisserou's

Even after a very leisurely lunch with frosty, adult beverages, we ended up with plenty of time to go to the Holiday Inn Express Hotel to at least check in even if they didn't have rooms yet. As it turned out they did have rooms ready for us so we could relieve ourselves of our suitcases. The hotel did a fabulous job of decorating the lobby with all sorts of Halloween regalia.

After checking in, we caravanned over to the Church Studio for our tour.



Leon Russell at the Church Studio

The church was purchased by Oklahoma's own, Leon Russell and turned into a recording studio. Our docent, Amy,



Our excellent docent Amy

was great and she started us out showing us some interesting features of the church exterior. She showed us the damaged concrete stairs where Sir Paul McCartney and friends dropped a Hammond B2 organ while trying to move it inside.



The only oval National Historic Landmark sign in the United States. It's the symbol of Shelter Records.

The interior was extremely nice, professional and geared to the comfort of the recording artists. Unfortunately some recording was going on so we couldn't go into the studio proper but we did get to see the Neve 8068 recording console, one of



only four in existence. It is top of the line, highly regarded and they are very proud of it. On the tour we went to a very nice and comfortable lounging area for the artists that overlooked the studio. The room was filled with some antique furniture of Leon's and a huge conference table with inlaid albums on the top.



Conference table with inlaid albums.

Scattered all around the studio were toy musical instruments that Leon had as a child and later actually used in some of his recordings. I was amazed at the fact that he

was so well regarded as a musician in the recording industry. He knew and was friends with hundreds of very famous recording artists through the years that I won't try to list here. The studio website lists many famous artists that have used his facility. The tour ended in the merch. shop where several items were purchased.

After the tour, we headed back to the hotel to relax and have a few adult beverages before dinner. The hotel supplied us with a shuttle that took us to the Daily Grill at the Hilton Renaissance Hotel. It was



Dinner at the Daily Grill inside the Hilton Renaissance Hotel

a very nice, upscale room with lots of wood and ambiance. Our waiter was very good at keeping us supplied with drinks and food and was very friendly. We had a nice and leisurely dinner that evening.

We called the shuttle for a ride back to our hotel where we sat around the lobby and played games for several hours before retiring. Of course more adult beverages were consumed.



Playing games in the hotel lobby after dinner.

Saturday morning, we had breakfast at our hotel...nothing to write home about but it was pretty good and filling. We wanted to head out at 10:00 but the shuttle didn't start service until 3:00 so we walked a few short blocks to our destination. We started out at the Bob Dylan Center where we picked up our electronic guide and were off. The center was laid out very nicely and covered Bobs early days and career decade by decade. There were lots of things to look at, read and to listen to. I was amazed to learn that he went through so many phases. He started out in rock, then went to folk, gospel, standards and others. I didn't know that he was married with kids. Not much was told about that part of his life. Before I was done, everyone gathered in the extensive merch. shop in the lobby to head next door to the Woody Guthrie Center.

When we went in we were surprised to see a Smithsonian traveling exhibit of photographs that the photographer Jerry Dantzig took of the famous singer Billie Holiday at the nightclub Sugar Hill. We latched on to a very knowledgeable docent that took us through the exhibit. After that he took us on another tour through the

Woody Center. Over in the corner was a



Inside the Woody Guthrie Center

mock up of a dust bowl era front porch. We could sit in a chair and don a set of virtual reality goggles with earphones that showed what it was like to be in the middle of one of the dust storms. It was very realistic and awesome. You couldn't see your hand in front of your face.



Larry Hillman "in the dustbowl".



Inside the Woody Guthrie Center.

It was now time for lunch so we stayed in the area and went to The Chowhouse. The food was good and plentiful with a nice ambiance. They had some interesting frosty brews that I partook of. You could even buy them for carry out, which I did.

After lunch we went back to the hotel. The ladies decided to go to Utica Square



Susan goofing off at the Utica Square Shopping Center.

Shopping Center. As it turned out it was very expensive so nothing was

purchased. The men received permission to drink in the breakfast area and watch OSU football. After some fiddling around with the TV, the staff was able to get the game on. OSU won handily and I polished off the frosty brews that I carried out of the Chowhouse. The ladies came back early from shopping and joined us for the last half of the game.

The game was over in time to change for dinner at the Bluestone Steak House and Seafood Restaurant. It was quite a distance away so we had to caravan. Bluestone is located in a strip mall but the interior was anything but. It was dark, woody and very elegant. There was what I thought was a live band but it turned out to be just one man on the piano with lots of backup music and vocals on tape. He was really good and played many popular songs. We all enjoyed him a lot.



Dinner at the Blue Stone.

During the music, we all enjoyed steaks, seafood and, of course, copious amounts of adult beverages. The dinner was very good and so was the conversation. We then drove back to the hotel but we were too stuffed to play any more games. Besides, we had had a very full day and several of us needed to get up early.

Susan and I had breakfast in the hotel and left early. She had another engagement to go to that afternoon. All in all we all had a

great time and ate extremely well. There were three couples that could not make the trip either because of illness or accidents. We hope that everybody is now well or recovering.

Upcoming Events

Pot Luck Dinner & Planning Meeting

By: Harry Frantz

Plan to attend the pot luck dinner and planning meeting on November 4th 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. He is touring Europe.

Coming November 4th . . .

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



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