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# *Cat Tracks*

**Central Oklahoma Jaguar Association**

**May 2024**

## **Message from the President**

**By Robert Drummond**

On Wednesday, April 24, I had the opportunity to visit the final day and car show of the National MGB Registry in Houston, Texas. I'd never seen so many MGs in one spot! Most were meticulously maintained show cars, but there were a few daily drivers also.

The famed race winning EX186 was on display, and cars that ranged from an early TC to a 1980 Limited Edition, and even two imported modern-era TFs. Having owned both a pair of Midgets and an MGC/GT Automatic, I was very pleased that both models were well represented (although none of the MGCs were automatics).

This got me excited about other Jaguar/British car shows, especially with the Euro Expo British show coming up on Sand Springs May 31 - June 1. Of course, I'd love to be showing off Pyewacket at some of these events. Alas, my unexpected major medical expenses over the past few months have left that project on hold, for now. But I will dust off the MG and start driving it!

See you on the road!

## **The Annual Club Luncheon at the Russ's**

**By Dick Russ**

As I sit here at my desk after our annual club get together, I must think that maybe it was more of an event than a pot luck luncheon.

LaNeal and I started this event several years ago as something to do with and for the club. It has always been a successful event gathering but to have 38 members attend was almost over whelming. I say that because everyone attending made it such a wonderful occasion. The main menu was basically a hamburger patty grilled by "yours truly" and with the help of Jess Baxter they were served hot or at least warm for everyone to prepare their own style of a hamburger patty on a bun.



But that was only the beginning. You could make a meal on all the side dishes everyone contributed. Everyone attending added to the feast by bringing a dish that was fit for royalty to be shared and to be remembered until next year's get together. I personally must admit the desserts were outstanding. Each and every one was delightful, but I have to admit the banana pudding Jo Short made was worth fighting for unless you were in line for Harry Frantz's graciously spiked bread pudding, or the brownies and cakes.



We didn't have anything from an entertainment standpoint, but it gave everyone an opportunity to meet new members as well establish old relationships. I personally didn't get to greet and visit with everyone and for that I am truly sorry. I must admit everyone had an enjoyable visit and not one member went home that wasn't stuffed.

One of the best parts was seeing the members hug each other with affection you don't normally see which made us and everyone else proud to be a COJA member.

We do wish the weather had been a little nicer and warmer to enable many to dine out on the patio. But then again close is good also.



So, if I may be so bold, whenever next year's event is planned, you need to put it on your calendar. You will not want to miss such a wonderful luncheon or should I say "great event"!

## Upcoming Events

### Tour of Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine

By Sarah Baxter

On Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:30 a.m., I have arranged for a guided tour of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine located at 700 SE 89<sup>th</sup> St. (SE 89<sup>th</sup> between I-35 and Shields Blvd.). We will meet at the Museum which faces North on SE 89<sup>th</sup> Street at 9:15 am. Blessed Stanley Rother was a Catholic priest from Okarche, Oklahoma, who went to the Mission church in Santiago Atitlan,

Guatemala and was later murdered for his faith. The Museum displays the struggles of the people and Blessed Stanley's determination to stay with his people to help them. Below is an itinerary that was provided for our group:

9:30 am – Museum

10:30 am – Guided Tour of Shrine Church and Chapel

11:30 am – Tepeyac Hill (on our own time)  
At the top of the Hill is a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe who revealed herself to San Juan Diego.

Following the tour of the Shrine, we will have lunch at Red Lobster about 12:45-1:00. I have had trouble with getting reservations as this happens to be Mother's Day weekend!! So, we will not have the separate room at the back, but it has actually worked out better sometimes to be seated at separate tables in the same area.

I will need to have a count to give to the Shrine for the tour as well as giving Red Lobster a count of how many to plan for. Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. My e-mail is: [slbaxter3@outlook.com](mailto:slbaxter3@outlook.com) or you can call my cell phone: 405-408-8878.

**WHAT:** Tour of the Blessed Stanley Rother Museum and Shrine and walk to the top of Tepeyac Hill.

**DATE:** Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** Museum – Tour starts at 9:30 am  
Lunch – Red Lobster 12:45-1:00 pm

**COST:** No cost for the Shrine although donations are always appreciated. Red Lobster - whatever you order to eat.

## May Ladies Luncheon

By Susan Laurence

For all of our COJA ladies the 'Merry Month of May' will be our next opportunity for our bi-monthly gathering. At a recent get-together it was suggested that Firebirds would be an appropriate spot for a future meeting. Firebirds describes itself as a 'restaurant serving steaks, seafood, and cocktails in an upscale lodge-like setting'. I don't know about you, but that sounds right up my alley. And after a recent on-site inspection by certain vigilant members of our group of their culinary offerings, it was agreed that Firebirds would be the perfect choice for our May luncheon. If you've never been there, I've heard it described as a Charleston-like experience.

Here are the particulars: Firebirds can be found at 1320 West Memorial Rd. in Oklahoma City and will happen on May 25 at noon. It would be greatly appreciated if you would RSVP to either Susan Laurence (405-640-0545) or Susan Frantz, 405-250-1082. Your presence is sincerely desired!!

## Lakeview Lavendar Farm

By Bruce & Sharon Parker

June 8, 2024 Jag Club Outing to Lakeview Lavender Farm - please save the date!

If you like adventures that end at the end of a dirt road; or seeing a couple's second retirement passion for growing lavender become a reality; and then passing that on the next generation; or if you just love lavender and want to see it in full bloom, then our June Jag Club outing is just for you!! BUT please remember it's not like visiting the lavender fields in Provence, France, but it's a very special place AND it's much closer to visit in our cars!!!



# Miscellany

## Success

By Harry Frantz

Lakeview Lavender Farm in Paul's Valley was started in 2016 by Bill & Marilou Munn. Marilou will be the first to tell you that that first year they learned from their mistakes. They didn't stop but continued with the hard work of growing several different varieties of lavender over the next years. But eventually, they realized they needed some help, and found Koby, a young neighbor who also had a passion for growing lavender. The rest is history. The farm has been featured in TravelOK; Chickasaw Country; and by Oklahoma Agricultural Tourism.

Koby has a special morning planned for us on June 8th. He'll give us a lecture on lavender and its many varieties; demonstrate how to make lavender oil or soap; and then you can wander through the lavender and pick your own lavender bouquet, or take some home to grow in your garden. I've asked Koby if Marilou can make some of her out-of-this-world Lavender Shortbread and hopefully we'll have some refreshing lavender lemonade or tea to go with it. And must not forget to mention that they have a small Gift Shop featuring all handmade lavender products made by Koby and Marilou!

We'll go to lunch afterwards at The Grill in Pauls Valley, then it's time to head home.

So, please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 8 at 10:00 am. More details will be forthcoming.

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, I took the Corvette on a road trip to southeast Oklahoma to view the 2024 "Total Solar Eclipse Across America." I had been lucky enough to view one other total eclipse in 2017 in my home town of Atchison, Ks., but it turned cloudy and I got very little video. I was hoping for better weather this time but it didn't look good on the weather reports.

I packed several maps, some fried chicken, some books, a lawn chair and the video camera into the Corvette and headed out around 5:00 am hopefully to avoid, or at least delay, the expected high traffic predicted by the news media. Lo and behold, the traffic didn't materialize at all. I took the southeast diagonal route on two-lane highways thinking it would be less traveled than the interstate. It was. As a matter of fact, there was a lot more traffic going north than south. Getting away from the onslaught of tourists maybe?

After several hours of driving, I ended up in a little bump in the road called Haworth, just a few miles southeast of Idabel and smack dab in the path of totality. As I traversed through the path of totality, I spied several places that allowed people to park on their property to watch the eclipse for \$50.00. One was a farmer's field and one was a church parking lot in Haworth. I didn't take advantage of either one. Instead, I opted for a parking lot of another church right on the highway.

There was no one else there at first but a few more watchers moseyed in as the day wore on. The first thing I did was set up the lawn chair and dig out a book to read. It was only 9:00 or 10:00 in the morning at

this time. Later on, I put the video camera on its tripod and set it up on the car pointing straight up. It was now time to dig into the fried chicken that Susan had cooked the day before. Boy was it good!

It was now time for the eclipse and the sun gods were looking down on us. There were a few clouds in the sky but not where the sun was. I donned my eclipse glasses and checked out the sun. It was starting. I got the sun in the view finder of the video and started to record. I decided to just record a few minutes at a time at different positions of occultation. After all, looking at several hours of video as the moon slowly crossed in front of the sun would be rather boring.

Time finally came for totality. I turned on the video as there was just the smallest of crescents left before totality. I was going to record the whole 4 ½ minutes of totality and end as the small crescent reappeared. I haven't been successful at hooking up the camera to the TV yet to watch but I have a terrible feeling that it was out of focus due to the darkness.

I took the camera down once to record a panorama of the area to show how dark it was. Stars (or planets) came out, it got cold and the birds stopped flying. I was going to take a picture with my phone but I was too busy and didn't get it done. It was my very first time to view the sun during totality and it was awesome. I could even see some solar ejections in the corona that appeared as red spots.

With the most important part of the eclipse over, I didn't see any reason to stick around for the sun to completely reappear. I packed up the lawn chair and video equipment and jumped in the Corvette for

the drive home. I set the GPS for "home" which turned out to be a big mistake. Apparently, everyone else had the same idea as to when to leave and the GPS took me back along the interstate instead of the way I had come. I had just gotten back to Idabel when I hit the first of three highway parking lots. This one was just an influx of people wanting out and the other two were due to work zones on the interstate.

Even when I wasn't crawling along, it was still very crowded on the highway. I finally got home around 6:00 or 7:00 pm. Even with the bad traffic, I was very happy to have, what turned out to be, a once in a lifetime event and I'd do it all over again in a heartbeat.



## Jaguar Clubs of North America

**To: All JCNA Regional Directors and Members From: J. J. Keig, JCNA President**

**Date: April 29, 2024**

**Subject: Status of the 2024 International Jaguar Festival**

It is with deep regret that the 2024 International Jaguar Festival originally planned for Flagstaff, Arizona, has been cancelled.

As the incoming President of JCNA, I strongly supported this event that was originally scheduled this year for September for several reasons:

- Hosting an IJF and the three primary sanctioned events would provide overdue opportunities for an underserved geographic market area for many JCNA clubs, understanding that many JCNA members must travel far and wide to secure three sanctioned scores in order to be eligible for North American points. An event in Flagstaff would provide a 3<sup>rd</sup>, and possibly a 4<sup>th</sup> sanctioned event and therefore greatly reduce the time, expense, and resources to obtain the minimum number of events.
  - JCNA has advertised this signature event to be held in Flagstaff, AZ since last fall.
- Significant planning, arrangements and the resources of others have been made by JCNA, and affiliate clubs.

Unfortunately, despite extraordinary efforts, we have been unable to coordinate appropriate hotel lodging and venue space that would be suitable for both the Concours and Slalom events with all the amenities for a safe, affordable, and enjoyable event. The cancellation decision was made by both the Executive Committee and the Board of JCNA after much consideration and discussion.

Unforeseen complications with our planning process contributed to the cancellation of this event. Measurable actions have been taken to prevent such occurrences in the future.

Please accept my sincere apologies for any disruption to plans this may have caused.

Looking forward to 2025, JCNA is fortunate to have many well managed and robust clubs located in optimum market areas that would be ideal for an IJF. Please contact your Regional Director or myself personally if your club is interested in hosting our next IJF.

J. J. Keig  
President, Jaguar Clubs of North America



# 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



| Month       | Date                                 | Activity   | Coordinator   |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Jan. – Dec. | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat.                 | Coffee & Cars  | Chisolm Creek Shopping Center                       |
| January     | 20 <sup>th</sup><br>27 <sup>th</sup> | Brunch at Hefner Grill<br>Ladies' Luncheon at Nosh   | Sarah Baxter<br>Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz         |
| February    | 24 <sup>th</sup>                     | Lunch at The Lokal in Yukon and guided tour of Express Clydesdales Ranch                               | Missy Tomlinson                                     |
| March       | 15 <sup>th</sup><br>16 <sup>th</sup> | Tour the Weather Center at OU<br>Ladies' Luncheon at Nosh  | Harry & Susan Frantz<br>Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz |
| April       | 20 <sup>th</sup>                     | Pot Luck Dinner at Russ' House   | Dick & LaNeal Russ                                  |
| May         | 10 <sup>th</sup><br>25 <sup>th</sup> | Tour of Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine & Museum – lunch at Red Lobster<br>Ladies' Luncheon – Fire Birds | Jess & Sarah Baxter<br>Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz  |
| June        | 8 <sup>th</sup>                      | Trip to Lavender Farms in Pauls Valley & lunch afterwards  | Bruce & Sharon Parker                               |
| July        | TBD<br>27 <sup>th</sup>              | Ladies' Luncheon<br>Tour Okla. Czech Facility in Yukon & lunch afterwards                              | Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz<br>Dick & LaNeal Russ   |
| August      | TBD                                  | Brunch or Lunch  | Larry Hillman & Nancy Driver                        |
| September   | TBD<br>TBD                           | Tour of Pawhuska Indian Cathedral<br>Ladies' Luncheon  | Jeff & Lynette Hand<br>Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz  |
| October     | 11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Fall Fling in Graham, Texas  | Joe & Jill Dunham                                   |
| November    | TBD<br>TBD                           | Annual Meeting<br>Ladies' Luncheon   | TBD<br>Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz                  |
| December    | TBD                                  | Christmas Party @ Church of the Servant  | Ben & Sandy Ratzlaff                                |



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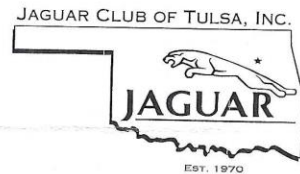
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| <b>Friday, May 31</b>   | 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm  | Registration  |
|                         | 6:30 pm             | Tailgate Party  |
| <b>Saturday, June 1</b> | 8:00 am to 10:00 am | Late Registration                                     |
|                         | 10:30 am to 1:30 pm | Judging by Participants                               |
|                         | 2:30 pm             | Award presentations                                   |
|                         | All day             | Silent Auction for the Sand Springs<br>Animal Shelter |

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## May 31 and June 1 2024 Sand Springs, Case Park

**May 31st Friday: Case Community Park Pavilion - Sand Springs, OK**

4:00 pm Registration  
4:30 pm Tailgate Party

**June 1st Saturday: Case Community Park - Sand Springs, OK**

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**

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Tulsa West - Sand Springs  
101 W Morrow Rd, Sand Springs, OK 74063  
918 419 2700

**REGISTRATION FORM: Please complete and return to: Jaguar Club of Tulsa PO Box 471134 Tulsa, OK 74147**

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Registration before 5/24/2024: \$25 1st car ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 each additional car ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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After 5/24/2024 Registration will not include T Shirt

Registration after 5/24/2024 \$30 1st car ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 each additional car ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **Jaguar Club of Tulsa Inc. TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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