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Cat Tracks

Central Oklahoma Jaguar Association
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Message from the Editor

By Harry Frantz

I didn't get a message from our president this month so we'll wait until next month to get one.

In compiling this month's Cat Tracks, I was impressed with the number of upcoming events we have in the next few months and the enthusiasm with which our members have embraced them. I hope that more and more members choose to join us in enjoying them plus all the great food that awaits.

Lakeview Lavender Farm, Pauls Valley

Sharon and Bruce Parker

On June 8, 2024, eighteen adventuresome Jag Club members had a wonderful day doing something rather unusual for our Club: no cars, no museums, but a visit to a lavender farm right here in Oklahoma.



The Lakeview Lavender Farm in Pauls Valley is truly an unknown Oklahoma "gem" and those who attended can attest to that! I thought the guys might not be too excited about the event, but I was pretty sure the ladies would love it, and much to my surprise, the guys ended up enjoying it too!



We started the morning by meeting at Braum's in Norman, got our lavender colored Goody Bags filled with goodies to tide us over our trip down south, plus driving instructions and took off. We lucked out – there was no construction delays at Riverwind, so it wasn't long before we

turned off the big road, and traveled the smaller roads. The day was absolutely beautiful – sunny skies, lovely pastoral scenery- a great morning for a drive in our shiny Jags!



We were met at the Farm by Koby Peters, the Leasing Operator. This amazing young man started out just being neighborly helping his friends, the Munns, grow their lavender. It didn't hurt that growing lavender is his passion, so as well as working full time as a mechanical engineer, helping his Granny run her farm, he also works and helps grow the lavender for the Munns, as



they near retirement.

Koby was very knowledgeable about the seven different varieties of lavender he was growing - no matter the questions we asked, he knew the answer! I was amazed at the depth of his knowledge and his joy in sharing it with us. Throughout the tour of the lavender fields, he cut samples of each of the varieties and passed it around for us to smell. After the tour, we went into the small Gift Shop for homemade lavender lemonade and lavender shortbread cookies (made by Marilou Munn) – both were delicious! Then Koby brought out his still and showed us how to make lavender oil – it took a big bushel of crushed lavender to make less than 30 cc of pure lavender oil! But the smell was awesome!!



We left enough time to finish our shopping, buy small potted lavender plants, cut our own lavender in the fields, and thank Koby, wishing him much success and telling him we would spread the word about this wonderful farm that we had only recently learned about. (Several of us have since written reviews on Trip Advisor and he's already had 11 hits!!!)

A short drive down the road took us to The Grille Restaurant, also in Pauls Valley, where the manager had our tables ready for us. The atmosphere was fun, the

staff great, and the food delicious with LARGE servings! The homemade pies and cobblers, especially the Pecan Cobbler, were excellent!! We will be going back to The Grille on our way to and from Dallas! After lunch, we went home before the heat wave hit with full stomachs and cars smelling of lavender!!

Upcoming Events

JULY LADIES LUNCHEON

By LaNeal Russ

The two Susan's have asked me to fill in with the planning of our ladies' luncheons, which I am happy to help to relieve their busy schedules.

Since I am new to this and working on a short timeframe, I have decided on Charleston's Restaurant on NW Highway in Okla. City.

I scheduled this event for FRIDAY, July 26th at 11:30 AM, in hopes of getting better seating and service than we might have had on a Saturday. I hope this will not be too inconvenient for everyone.

For future events, I would appreciate your input as far as restaurants are concerned, if not we will probably choose our favorite restaurants such as Hideaway Pizza or The Garage for hamburgers, both located in NW OKC. Seriously, please help out with your suggestions and locations.

The address is 5907 NW Expressway at 11:30 AM on Friday July 26th.

LaNeal Russ, 405 436 4393 and my assistant is Sharla Lee at 214 762 3112.

Kolaches for the Czech Festival

By Dick and LaNeal Russ

We have planned an interesting event for the club for July and I hope many will be able to attend.

We will visit the Okla. Czechs, Inc. building in Yukon, and we will watch and learn how the volunteers make dozens and dozens of Kolaches for the Czech festival in early October.

We will meet in downtown Yukon at the Czechs building at 10:00 AM on July 13th and have a guided tour of their massive mixers, ovens and freezers to prepare for the festival in the fall. Sorry, I don't think they will give us the recipe but they should have some samples and of course they will sell us some Kolaches if you so desire.

The volunteers work at least 2 days a week in July and August to make sure they have enough Kolache's for the festival.

The building is located in downtown Yukon at Main & 5th St. At 5th Street go North 1-1/2 blocks and the building is on the right with plenty of parking.

After the hour long tour, we will go to an early lunch at approximately 11:30 AM at Bad Brads BBQ just a couple of blocks away. Their web site is www.badbrads.com and their address is 700 W. Main in Yukon.

Hope to see you there and drive your Jag.

Brunch at The Jones Assembly

By Nancy Driver

Brunch (or you can opt for an early lunch) is planned for Saturday, August 17, at The Jones Assembly, 901 West Sheridan Avenue in OKC. We will meet there at their opening time of 10 a.m. in order to be seated and get our food orders promptly. Larry and I enjoyed our first visit there. They have a

seasonal menu and just rotated to summer so everything was very fresh and the mimosa was good. There is some street parking and a \$10 valet service. There is also a parking garage just west of the restaurant for \$5.

Please let Nancy know if you plan to join us by text or call to 405 990-2861, as soon as possible but not later than Sunday, August 11. You can also e-mail to nddriverhill@aol.com, but if you do e-mail, please include the word “brunch” in the subject line so I will be sure to see it. Hope to see you there.

Road Trip to Pawhuska OK.

By Jeff and Lynette Hand

Our COJA event on September 12, 2024 will be a tour of The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Lee Drummond’s Mercantile in Pawhuska OK. We are currently in the planning stage. Lynette and I have driven the route, noted rest stops, and thought about what survival food goes into the goodie bags. We will meet 8:30 AM at Braums, 1129 W. Memorial Rd. OKC to leave about 8:45 AM for the 2.5 hour drive to Pawhuska to arrive about 11:00 AM at the Mercantile because Pawhuska is a touristy place, to find a place to park and eat lunch. The one-hour tour of the church starts at 2:00 PM. That is the only time the church provides for a tour.

The Osage built The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in 1910 that is known for its stained-glass windows featuring American Indians. You won’t see that type of subject matter in stained-glass windows anywhere else. The Catholic Church does not allow stained-glass windows depicting living people but some Indian figures in the stained-glass windows were alive when the windows were to be constructed so the Osage first received the needed permission from the Vatican to build

the windows. The church was added to the National Registrar in 1979.

The Mercantile has great food but we can’t get reservations for a group our size, you can’t get reservations at all, so our intent is to beat the crowd by arriving 11:00 AM. Anyone who wishes to eat at The Mercantile is welcome to do so but there may be a 30–45-minute wait. Across the street from the Mercantile is P-Town Pizza also owned by Lee Drummond. We will make reservations there for those that want to eat there.

Following lunch there is shopping at trendy stores and there are other museums to visit before we attend the church tour at 2:00 PM.

Fall Fling to Graham Texas

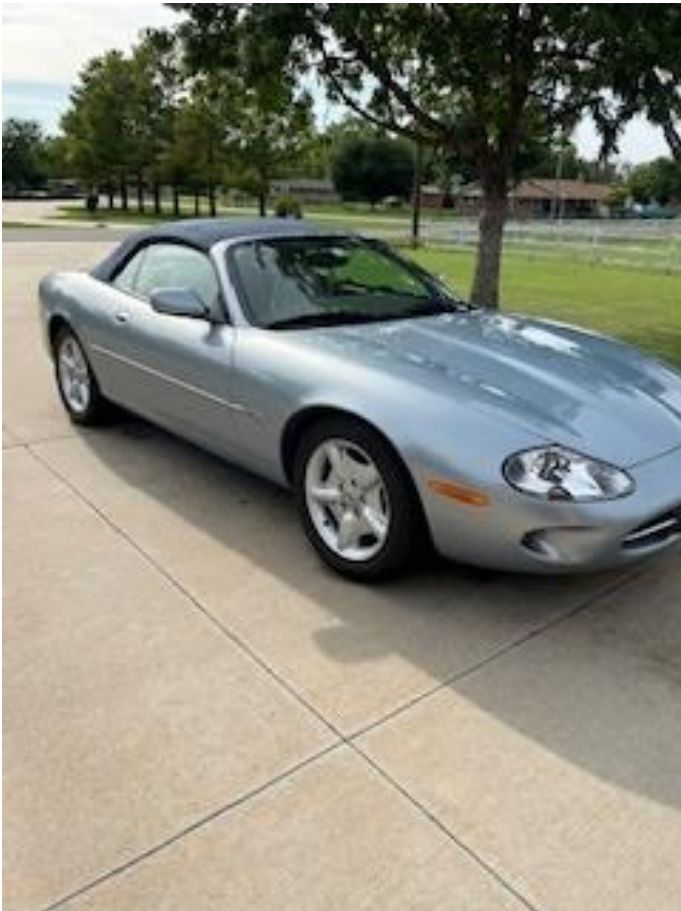
By Jill York Dunham

Howdy Okies! Jill York Dunham a new transplant to the Big State of Texas! I am learning to adjust and finding I love my new home town of Graham Texas! I am starting to plan for your arrival to Graham this Fall! We will be planning for your arrival the weekend of Oct 11th. Oct 12th is the Big Cars and Stars Car Show in Graham. Danny that is in charge tells me on average has 350 cars of all years and styles. The fee to enter if you choose is \$25.00 per car and their email address is grahamcarsandstars@gmail.com Danny Sinyard is in charge and his number is 940-521-6937. He is working on finishing details and will keep you posted. Susan and Harry will help me with hosting the beginning of our event leaving OKC and travel plans down to Graham. Joe and I are planning to host cocktails and hors d oeuvres and dinner on the 11th. Graham hosts the largest town square in Texas with the Court House in the central of square. We have lots of shops and restaurants. We have two bigger inns and I

am waiting to hear on rates. Holiday Inn and Best Western. More to come for our getaway to one of a kind Graham Texas. Any questions feel free to give me a call 405 201 1238.

Miscellany

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New Mexico Concours

Good day.

The Jaguar Club of New Mexico (JCNM), an affiliate of the Jaguar Clubs of North America, proudly announces its 2024 Concours d'Elegance.

The concours is scheduled for September 7, 2024 and will be held at the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque.

That evening, the Awards Banquet will be at the upscale Savoy Bar & Grill.

Would you please spread the news among your membership, and please come join us?

A copy of the information and registration packet can be downloaded at:
https://www.trinirad.com/2024_JCNM_Concours_Flyer_and_Registration_Form.pdf

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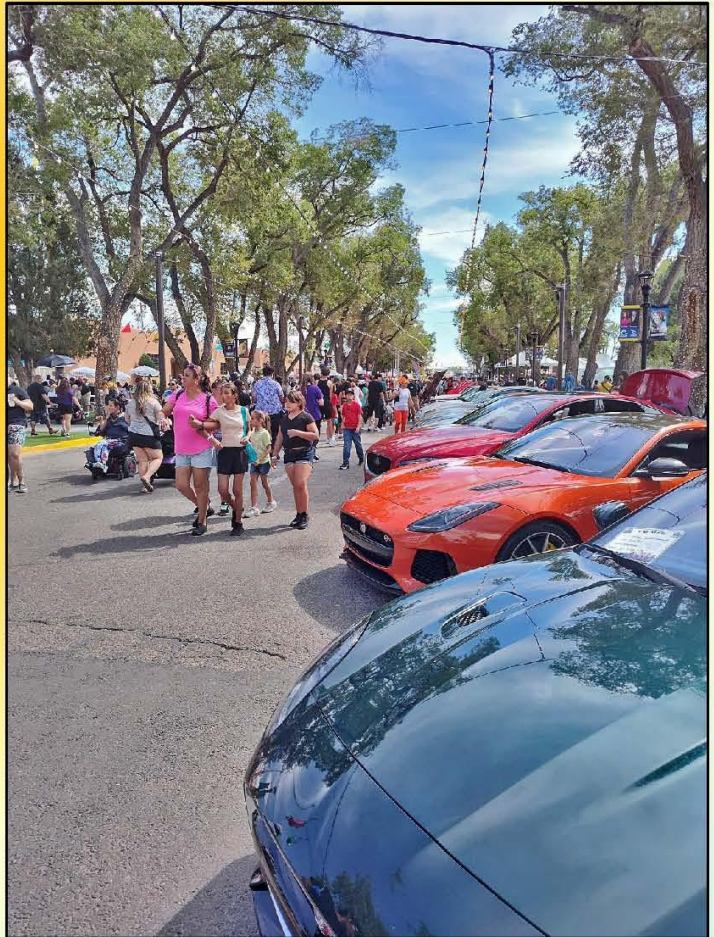
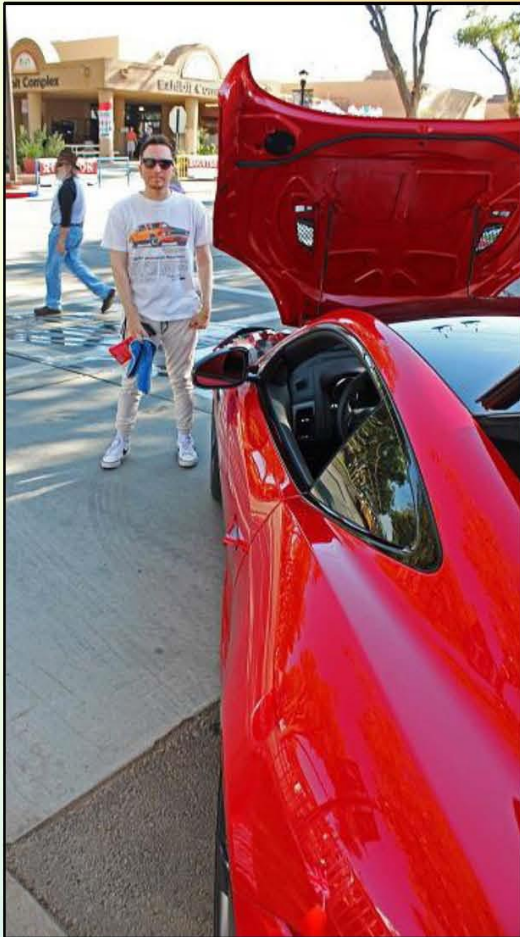
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Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Stan Fitch
Jaguar Club of New Mexico

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THE 2024 CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE
OF THE JAGUAR CLUB OF NEW MEXICO

September 7, 2024
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On Mainstreet of the New Mexico State Fair



The Concours registration form and materials are available on the internet at:

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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
August	17 th	Brunch at Jones Assembly	Larry Hillman & Nancy Driver
September	12 th TBD	Tour of Pawhuska Indian Cathedral Ladies' Luncheon	Jeff & Lynette Hand LaNeal Russ
October	11 th – 13 th	Fall Fling in Graham, Texas	Joe & Jill Dunham
November	TBD TBD	Annual Meeting Ladies' Luncheon	TBD LaNeal Russ
December	TBD	Christmas Party @ Church of the Servant	Ben & Sandy Ratzlaff



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