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Cat Tracks

Central Oklahoma Jaguar Association
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Message from the President

By Jeff Hand

Dear COJA Members,

Thank you for electing me to the position of President of our club at the 2024 COJA Christmas dinner. This is the second time I have been elected to this office and I look forward to serving the club membership. Lynette and I have two Jaguars and have participated in many concours at the club, regional and national level.

Although our club is not formally participating in any Jaguar competitions, I am pleased that we will be devoting more attention to automobile centered activities. That goes with being a car guy. I am eager to attend the Jaguar car activities organized by Dick Russ. He has excellent ideas and good connections.

The improvement of our knowledge about cars helps us to better maintain our vehicles and promote the Jaguar mark. Our club encourages participation in COJA monthly social events. It is who we are.

Lynette and I plan to attend as many of these events as possible. Our membership is naturally composed of people with a wide range of interests, expertise and knowledge that we inherently embrace which makes us so diverse and interesting. When you share your interests with us that

provides ideas and guidance for events that have meaning for us. We are always open to new ideas.

At the time of writing this letter I am waiting to hear from Chris McGahan of Bella Forte Glass Studio for the possibility of our club in January 2025 to watch his blowing of a Redento Raffinato vase, a big vase, to be presented to Elon Musk in Washington D.C., more details as they become known.

Message from the Editor

By Harry Frantz

I apologize for not publishing the *Cat Tracks* in a timely manner this month. I have been somewhat under the weather and have had some other medical issues lately along with being very busy with the holidays and so forth.

I trust that every one has had a very Merry Christmas and here's hoping for a very happy New Year to come.

I am honored that COJA has elected me to the office of Vice President and your continued editor of *Cat Tracks*. I have enjoyed being your editor over these past 4 or 5 years and am sure That I will continue doing so.

I also would like to thank the club members and officers for the gift card presented to me at the Christmas Party. It will be spent wisely.

Christmas Dinner

By Susan Frantz

Sandy Ratzlaff and Lynette Hand organized a lovely evening for our annual Christmas dinner this year. We had a delicious dinner of BBQ brisket and chicken with all the trimmings. Our caterer outdid herself in providing superb service even while being short-handed in staffing personnel. There was a fine turnout of about 32 people who enjoyed visiting as well as eating!



From left; Scott, Sandy, Ben, Jeff & Lynette

Following dinner, we held the annual meeting to hear announcements and elect officers and board members for 2025. Sarah Baxter provided an update on that meeting in her email of December 7. As a reminder, the new slate of officers is: Jeff Hand, President; Harry Frantz, Vice President and Editor; Sarah Baxter, Secretary-Treasurer. Board members are Robert Drummond as Past President, Susan

Laurence, Nancy Driver, and Lynette Hand.



From left; Sarah, Missy, Dick, Jill, Joe, & Harry

The calendar of events for 2025 was also provided and accepted. Please see the attached copy.

The final event of the evening was a delightful concert provided by a trio of musicians hired by Ben and Sandy. Thank you, both, for such wonderful entertainment!



A very fine night's entertainment

Christmas Dinner and Business Meeting

By Sarah Baxter

For those of you who were not able to attend the Christmas Dinner last night, you missed a great evening. The caterer was wonderful, the food was delicious, the music was good, and a BIG “Thank You” to Sandy & Ben Ratzlaff and Lynette Hand for organizing the event for us.

The first business to take care of was the election of Officers and Directors. The Nominating Committee did a good job in canvassing the members for the various positions:

President	Jeff Hand
Vice President & Editor	Harry Frantz
Secretary/Treasurer	Sarah Baxter
Past President	Robert Drummond
Board Members	Susan Laurence Nancy Driver Lynette Hand

The members in attendance unanimously approved our new Officers and Directors.

Second was the listing of the Calendar of Events for 2025 and I have attached that document.

Last was the discussion of the JCNA increase of dues and whether or not to continue with JCNA or to withdraw our affiliation from JCNA. We had a discussion, but we could not take any action because we had not received a majority of the members to turn in their ballots for their choice. I had only received 20 ballots out of 102 members!!! Some of the members who were attending the Christmas Dinner had already turned in their ballots so even if the

remainder of the members in attendance voted last night, we still would have been way short of the required vote to make any change. In order to withdraw from JCNA’s affiliation, we must submit written documentation of the members’ desire to do so. With that being said, by default, we will be continuing with COJA being affiliated with JCNA. The one major benefit with being affiliated with JCNA is the insurance. JCNA has a policy for all affiliated clubs to be covered by insurance if anything should happen at a Club sponsored event. This does not have to be a JCNA sanctioned event. The Club would be covered if we were having an event, and someone was hurt or caused an accident after leaving one of our events. We can always discuss this issue later and see if there is a way for us to amend the By-Laws or take other suggestions, but we do not have the time required to do so now.

So, I have waited to send out invoices for 2025 dues (\$55.00 for JCNA dues and \$30.00 for COJA dues) until we knew what the membership desired. I will now be preparing invoices to be sent out by e-mail. **The total for 2025 dues is \$85.00 and you will need to make your checks payable to “COJA” and mail to me. Address will be on the invoice.** We will be on a short-timeline this year as I usually get those out mid-November. I have a report to complete and send to JCNA with their portion of the dues by January 31st. **In order for me to have time to prepare the report, please send me your checks by January 20th.** If you desire to withdraw from the Club, please let me know that as well so that I can prepare the necessary paperwork for that as well.

Upcoming Events

Ladies Lunch
By Susan Frantz

Wow! It's another year and time to enjoy another lunch together. This month, Susan Laurence and I have chosen Charleston's in Bricktown for our gathering.

WHEN: Friday, January 17,
11:00 a.m.
WHERE: Charleston's
224 Johnny Bench Drive

We have learned that they do not accept reservations on Fridays, but if we arrive early, we should have no problem with being seated immediately and together. Hence, the earlier meeting time.

We look forward to seeing many of you there. Please let one of us know if you can (or can't) make it, so we'll know how many chairs to ask for. Susan Frantz: susanfrantz1@gmail.com or 405.250.1082; Susan Laurence: seghere@cox.net or 405.640.0545.

Miscellany

DUES ARE DUE
By Sarah Baxter

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to write your check and send to me for your 2025 membership dues for COJA and JCNA by January 20th. Dues become delinquent and the member dropped from the Club on January 31st. If you did not receive your dues statement, please let me know. The dues are \$85/year (\$30 for COJA and \$55 for JCNA). Please make your check payable to "COJA" and mail to me at the following address:

COJA
c/o Sarah L. Baxter
11008 S. Eastside Drive
Oklahoma City, OK 73165

I will submit the amount to JCNA when I prepare the JCNA Renewal Form which is due on January 31st.

Thank you.

COJA PICTURE ROSTER
By Sarah Baxter

I will be preparing the updated Club Member Picture Roster at the end of January. If you have not submitted a copy of a digital photo, please consider doing so as it helps new members with putting a face with a name. If anyone would like to submit a new photo for the next Picture Roster, please send to me as well by January 20th. My e-mail address is: slbaxter3@outlook.com.

Also, if you have added or sold a Jaguar or changed any of your information, please let me know so that I can update the Roster as well to have current information for the membership which will be needed for the JCNA Renewal form.

Thank you.



2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Month	Date	Activity	Coordinator
January	TBD 17 th	Bella Forte Glass Blowing Co. Ladies' Luncheon – Charleston's in Bricktown	Jeff & Lynette Hand Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
February	TBD TBD	Myriad Gardens Guy's Outing	Susan Frantz Dick Russ
March	TBD TBD	Tour of Braum's Facility Ladies' Luncheon	Dick Russ Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
April	TBD TBD	Cookout & Get-together at Russ' House Guys' Outing	Dick & LaNeal Russ 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	TBD TBD	Christmas Party @ OKCG&CC Guys' Outing	Sarah, Susan F, Nancy Dick Russ



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Board Member	Susan Laurence	405-640-0545
Board Member	Nancy Driver	405-990-2861
Board Member	Lynette Hand	405-620-3634

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