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Cat Tracks

**Central Oklahoma Jaguar Association
May 2025**

Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum

By Jeff Hand

On September 11, 2025, fourteen COJA members met at the I-35 and Turner Turnpike commuter parking lot for doughnuts and then traveled to Sapulpa to visit the Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum. The museum was easy to find because the largest gas pump in the world was next to it. The museum building has an ordinary exterior but inside is a wide collection of cars and you discover this museum is a destination for those touring Route 66. There is an international map on one of the walls with pins pressed into almost every country in the world indicating the homes of the tourists who have visited the museum. COJA members are car people so all the vehicles on display were familiar to us. The ladies really liked the Messerschmitt and thought it was cute and we were all drawn to the 1955 XK-140 like bees to a flower and buzzed a lot about it. We made critical appraisal of the rest of the car collection and found it good with comments like "I owned a car like that one." or "My parents drove a car like that one." We liked the gift shop and bought stuff.

We then drove to Senor Pablo Mexican Restaurant in Sapulpa for an excellent lunch.



The Messerschmitt, the ladies favorite car.

Following lunch many of us drove to Gasoline Alley Classics and met the owner Michael Jones who has a very outgoing personality. The building itself started as a Model T assembly plant and dealership in 1917. It is now an upscale automotive memorabilia shop filled with automobilia, gifts, t-shirts and two Model T's. Mike gave us a tour and repeatedly said, "You must see the bathrooms." and we did. Gasoline Alley

Classics is internationally known for its bathrooms. Photos of the bathrooms have appeared in the local paper and magazines. This is definitely a destination and makes you proud to be an Oklahoman.

Upcoming Events

Coal Creek Vineyard & Winery By Doug & Jenny Somerhalder

We have arranged for the Club to meet at the Coal Creek Vineyard & Winery on Friday, May 2nd, for our May Club event. The event will be from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. They will have Bingo, Wild Bills BBQ Shack food truck, and like any winery – WINE!! The physical address is: 210 N. Sara Rd., Tuttle. If you have any questions, or to let Jenny know you will be there, you can call or text Jenny at: 405-760-1511.

National Steam Engine and Steam Tractor show By Dick Russ

Our Guy's Out get-together for April has changed a little. It is now going to be May 3rd. We will take a scenic drive to Pawnee to attend the National Steam Engine and Steam Tractor show. Not only will you see historic Steam tractors from the late 1800's that have been restored, you will also see some that are still operating in original condition. Included in the event is a fantastic antique engine and parts flea market beyond your imagination. A special at this year's show will be the second largest engine ever built that has a 12-foot flywheel. Think about that for a minute - a flywheel 12 feet in diameter and it will be running for all to see. Some may even get to ride on a steam tractor built in the late 1800's. One thing for

sure you will love seeing what used to be years ago in the flea market.

Food is just about everywhere you look. Kinda like a circus except you can have Ice Cream being made with a steam engine turning the mixer. If you like old steam engines and tractors, you do not want to miss this show.

When leaving Pawnee, you might even like to make a stop at Pawnee Bill's home and Buffalo Ranch. Pawnee Bill joined Buffalo Bill's Wild West show back in the 40's and 50's. His home is a treasure in itself.

We will meet May the 3rd at the consumer's parking lot located at 122nd and I-35 (east side) at 9:00 AM and leave at (9:30) for a scenic and enjoyable ride in the back country.

Hope you will join us! RSVP not required. Join us if you can.

May Ladies Lunch By Susan Frantz

The Ladies' Luncheon for May will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, at 12:00 noon at Jolene Short's home: 6409 W. Captains Drive, Oklahoma City. Jolene is planning a taco lunch. She asks that those who are able to make it, to please call her and let her know so she knows how many to plan for. Her phone number is: 405-620-6437.

She is hoping that many of you will be there.

June Outing to Myriad Gardens

By Susan Frantz

Mark your calendars for a guided tour through the beautiful Crystal Bridge of the Myriad Gardens. I have arranged for us to visit on **June 6 at 10:00 a.m.** The tours typically last from 30 minutes to 1 hour. The Crystal Bridge Conservatory contains tropical plants and has a rainforest climate, as well as a home to a parrot named Muffin. Water bottles are encouraged. There are 3 levels to explore, so wear comfortable shoes and cool clothing.

Following our tropical expedition, we can enjoy a refreshing brunch at a nearby eatery – location to be determined and confirmed. Watch your email for additional information as the date gets near.

The cost of this venture is \$11.00/person but they ask that the group be paid by a single individual, so please bring your cash or check to me on the day of the visit. Parking options as listed on their website (myriadgardens.org) are:

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Facility	Address	Entrance
Century Center	100 W. Main	Sheridan
Sheridan/Walker	501 W. Sheridan	Walker & Sheridan
Arts District	431 W Main	Main & Colcord
Convention Center	15 Mick Cornett Dr	S Broadway



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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