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# *Cat Tracks*

Central Oklahoma Jaguar Association

April 2026

## **A Message from The President**

By Harry Frantz

We have two new members to the club this month; John & Carol Eleftherakis. Reach out to these new members and welcome them to the club. I'm hoping that we will see them more in the up-coming months.

Speaking of eating, I hope that everyone can make it out to the Russ' on May 2<sup>nd</sup> for their annual BBQ feast. They always have a great turnout and we always have a great time. Besides, Dick always loves to demonstrate his elevator to the attic. You too can probably ride it up and down.

Susan Laurence has planned an event that is apropos to this time of year. It's a Square Foot Gardening presentation at her house. Promises to be very interesting.

I hope we can get a big turnout for the "Crusin' Through Lakehurst" event and show up to cheer on the Marathon runners as they make their way through the streets on Sunday, April 26th. Seems like a worthy cause and a lot of fun too. The Lakehurst area is located between North May and Hefner Parkway going one way and between Wilshire and Britton going the other way. We have permission to pull into driveways in Lakehurst.

Once again, Susan Frantz is receiving an inordinate amount of phone calls, texts and emails concerning *Cat Tracks* and my condition. Although I am very grateful for the concern showed for me, Susan has nothing to do with the newsletter and I am the best resource for my health.

I am more than happy to help you with your *Cat Tracks* concerns and questions about me. I can be easily reached by phone, text or email.

## **Breakfast at Black Bear Diner in Moore**

By Sarah Baxter

Fifteen of our members met at Black Bear Diner in Moore on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. The monthly breakfasts are an informal gathering of members to catch up with what is going on.

We met at 9:30 am and they had saved a corner of a separate room off the main dining room. There were other patrons in there as well, but we were able to put tables together and also move around to chat with others in the group. Our waiter was very good and was attentive to our needs. He served beverages to everyone and took food orders shortly thereafter. He was more experienced in waiting on large groups.

**NOTE:** For the April breakfast, I have conflicts with 4/3, 4/10, and 4/24.

Susan Laurence has an event which she has organized for 4/17. So, if someone would like to organize an April breakfast for the Club, please let me know and I will get an e-mail out to everyone with the details.

I would also like to receive some feedback on whether to discontinue the monthly breakfasts for May thru August as members will be having family gatherings, taking vacations, etc. We would likely not have very good turnouts during those months. Then we could resume the monthly breakfasts in September when things slow down a bit and we get back to a normal routine again. Please let me know what you think.

## Upcoming Events

### Square Foot Gardening

By Susan Laurence

Dear COJA friends,

My original plans for our April meeting have unfortunately fallen through. So, I've had to resort to Plan B, which I think actually is more pertinent to this time of the year. And as everything turns out for the best, I recently had the opportunity to engage the knowledge and experience of my close friend, Crystal Nieves.

Crystal discovered her love of gardening in 2017 after reading the Square Foot Gardening book. What started off as curiosity grew into a consulting business called Plant With Me - managed edible landscapes where she designs and teaches productive, manageable vegetable gardens. She will be sharing how the square foot gardening method can help gardeners grow more food in small spaces.

Whether your springtime interest is as a small amateur gardener, only wanting small pots of herbs in your kitchen window, or that of wanting to grow a large outdoor garden of herbs and vegetables, Crystal is the one to ask. Our April meeting will be held at Susan Laurence's home (3312 Old Georgetown Road, Edmond on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM - Gate Code: #1776).

Crystal is working up a special gift to give to each attendee, so I am requesting an RSVP from each of you who intends to come. Please call me, Susan Laurence – 405-640-0545.

### BBQ at the Russ'

By LaNeal Russ

REMINDER MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>  
8813 NW 121<sup>st</sup> Street, Okla. City  
We are inviting all of the COJA club members to attend a BBQ slider pot luck luncheon at our home at about 11:00 AM. We will have seating for about 40+ people and will furnish beef and chicken BBQ sliders, water, tea, ice, glasses, lemonade, plates, napkins and silverware. In the past, pot luck has always provided a wide variety of side dishes and desserts and we are sure that will be the same this year. We are looking forward to seeing you at this event and hope that everyone will attend. Remember, Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 AM till?

Dick and LaNeal Russ  
Telephone 405 470 2767  
Dick's cell is 405 641-8946  
LaNeal's cell is 405 436-4393

### Cruisin' Through Lakehurst

By Susan Frantz

I received the following invitation to the Club from a friend:

The Lakehurst neighborhood association warmly invites members of the Central Oklahoma Jaguar Association (COJA) to participate in a special Memorial Marathon neighborhood event — Cruisin' through Lakehurst. As runners make their way through our streets on race morning, we are creating a vibrant driveway display of classic, custom, antique, and specialty vehicles along the route. While Jaguars are always a highlight, members are welcome to showcase other distinctive vehicles as well. The goal is to provide an energetic and memorable backdrop that encourages runners and celebrates automotive passion. Because streets along the marathon route will close early, all vehicles must be in place in driveways by 6:00 a.m. and remain parked until streets officially reopen. For safety reasons, cars may not be moved during the race. Of course, participants are welcome to stay and enjoy the festivities. We'll have free food, champagne, music, bounce houses, face painting, and plenty of

cheering — it's a party! The elite runners reach our neighborhood around 7:30 a.m., with the remaining runners passing through over the next couple of hours. We'll also have free clappers, pom-poms, and other spirit items to help everyone cheer them on.

**For more information or to confirm participation, please contact: Susan Frantz – [susanfrantz1@gmail.com](mailto:susanfrantz1@gmail.com) – 405.250.1082 or Lynn Ely – [lynn.louise.ely@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.louise.ely@gmail.com).** We hope COJA members will join us in helping make “Cruisin' through Lakehurst” a standout feature of race day and a celebration of community spirit and exceptional automobiles

The guy who trims my beard has a place in the Britton District and asked me to send this to our club. I don't know when our June event will be held, but if this doesn't prove to be a conflict, I will be there. Rich Wager

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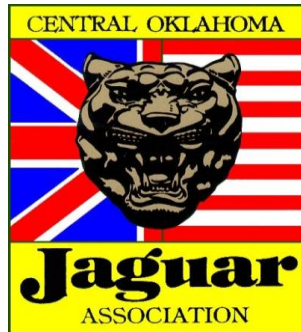
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# 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Month	Date	Activity	Coordinator
January	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Breakfast at The OK Diner in Norman	Bruce & Sharon Parker
February	7 <sup>th</sup>	Caldwell Collection (Airplanes) in El Reno	Dean Ritter
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast at Granny's Kitchen	Sarah Baxter
March	20 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast at Black Bear Diner in Moore	Sarah Baxter
April	17 <sup>th</sup>	Learning about Square Foot Gardening by Crystal Nieves	Susan Laurence
	TBD	TBD	Need Volunteer
May	2 <sup>nd</sup>	BBQ Sandwiches/Pot Luck	Dick & LaNeal Russ
June	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Route 66 Event – Great American Race to stop at OKC Stockyards	Parkers or Frantz's
July	12 <sup>th</sup>	Oklahoma City Museum of Art	Jenny Somerhalder
August	TBD	Auto Museum	Jeff & Lynette Hand
September	TBD	Tour of Braum's	Ben & Sandy Ratzlaff
October	TBD	Talimena Drive for Foliage Tour	Scott Blaylock
November	TBD	Annual Business Meeting	Harry Frantz
December	5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner at Legend's Times Two	Susan Frantz, Sandy Ratzlaff, Susan Laurence, Sarah Baxter



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