

# The Cat Tale



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## IT'S THE NEW YEAR! START IT OFF RIGHT! Jan 3rd and Feb 7th

WOW! Was that a year that just flew by? Yes, here we are in a brand new 2015. What better way to get started than having breakfast with friends and fellow club members on the first Saturday of the month. Can we discuss resolutions? Well, maybe not since most of us have quit making those a long time ago, but here is one resolution that will not be hard to keep. Be there on the First Saturday.

Breakfast starts at 9:00 am at the First Watch restaurant at 81st and Lewis Ave. We are always in the back room where we can talk and laugh to our heart's content plus we still have the \$11 breakfast deal. That \$11 includes whatever breakfast you order from the menu plus your coffee and the tip! Such a deal and the food is always good.

We are all starting a brand new year so let's have a crowd at breakfast to get things started right.

## LAST CALL!! DUES ARE DUE!!

We are down to the wire on getting dues in and we will be sending a check to the JCNA national February 1st and if we have not received your check you will be dropped from the local and national rosters. On the back of this "Cat Tale' is the form you need to fill out and send with your check.

Please fill out the form completely and legibly as we use this information to update our club roster.

#### **EVENTS FOR 2015**

The board of Directors have already been busy planning for events in the coming year. The notes that were sent in by members on the election ballots were very helpful in coming up with ideas. The board is trying to plan five to six months in advance so members have plenty of notice about what will be happening and when. There is always a calendar on the last page of the newsletter that lists all the events, so please use it to mark your personal planner so you don't miss any of the fun things that are coming up.

Of course the first event of the year will be the <u>Installation Dinner</u> where the new board members will be introduced and the new officers announced. Here are the details:

Saturday—January 31, 2015 6:30 pm

Sigi's Sausage Factory and German Restaurant 8104 S. Sheridan Rd RSVP—Mike Web 918-272-7452

#### E-mail mike@thosewebbs.com

Sigi's is a very popular place to eat and for good reason, the food is excellent! We have been here before and it was

a well attended event and we want this one to be even better. Be sure to send or <u>call your **RSVP** to Mike Webb no later than Wednesday, Jan 28</u> to insure yourself a place at the table.

I personally, am looking forward to having some cucumbers in sour cream. Sigis' makes the best I have ever eaten and I am a connoisseur of this particular side dish!

## Next up—February 17—Tuesday 6:00 pm McGill's on 19 at the Hard Rock Casino

A mid week dinner is planned for a Tuesday so to everyone who wants to avoid going home and cooking after work, here is your perfect solution!

McGills on 19 is a fine dinning restaurant on the 19th floor of the casino and commands a spectacular view of Oklahoma available nowhere else in the state. Step outside onto the balcony and be dazzled by panoramic views to the east and west.

McGills has an extensive menu of fine dinning choices that can be viewed on the Hard Rock Casino's web site at www.hardrockcasiontulsa.com. Just click on "dine" to view the menu.

This dinner will require RSVP to Marv Gregory at marvg@att.net. Or call him at 918-346-9653.

#### Sunday, March 22 Brunch at The Canebreak

Ok, think your Jaguar handles really well on the back roads of NE Oklahoma? Here is you chance to test your rally and road skills when we chase AJ West's XJS to Wagner and the Canebrake Resort for their fabulous Sunday brunch.

We will be meeting up to make this trip as a group and the details will be in the March/April Cat Tale, but be sure to mark your calendars now so you don't miss this fun and delicious event.

#### Saturday, April 11 Old Route 66 Poker Rally

We had a poker rally a couple of years ago that ended at the Tidal School Winery and had about 25 cars participate and it was a great success. Roger Hanes planned that run and he is putting together another one that will take intrepid drivers about 60 miles on parts of old Route 66 with stops at participating Sonic Drive Ins along the way to pick up your poker hand.

The Caffeine and Gasoline crowd will be invited to this event so we should have a terrific cross section of classic and exotic cars on this run. You won't want to miss the excitement so be sure to have this event on your calendar.

More events are being planned so check the page 6 of this newsletter for what is coming up.

#### **ITALIAN POT LUCK DINNER**

The pot luck dinner at Gary Grover's home on Nov 15 turned out to be a gourmet repast. Obviously a lot of people in



the club enjoy good food! Phyllis DeWitt and AJ West get all the hot dishes lined up and ready for the buffet.

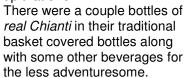
There were 3 large pans of homemade

lasagna and by the end of the party there was only one small portion left in one pan. The Italian meat balls were also a hit and that bowl was totally depleted!



The dinning room table was loaded with salads, side dishes, appetizers and desserts. The dessert hit of the evening was **Carol Larson's** homemade Italian cream cake. It was 5 or 6 layers loaded with nuts and cherries and heavenly cream filling between layers. It didn't take long for the crowd to gobble

up that one!



Left: Georgia Snoke and Linda Young at the wine bar.



Of course while the eating and drinking was going on there was plenty of good conversation. Once the food had been consumed, the attendees got to play a little game of "Know Your Italians."

The game was set up a bit like "Jeopardy" and some members could even hum the

"Jeopardy" theme song. However, the prizes were 2 bottles of Asti Spumoni rather than the cash that Alex Trebek gives away.

Asking questions about famous Italians both past and present revealed some members have real expertise in areas of history, culture and current events.



The

warm-up question of "What race car driver, entrepreneur founded Italy's most famous Grand Prix motor racing team?" Of course everyone knows Enzo Ferrari.

From there we moved in to actors and movies where **Clark Frayser** seemed to know the answers. "What director launched a famous American actors career with low budget westerns?" The director was Sergio Leone who made Clint



Eastwood a household name staring in 'spaghetti westerns'.

Mike Webb must have spent time watching the movies too, as he proved very

knowledgeable about the famous sex symbols starting with the lovely lady who became famous shortly after WWII. Gina Lollobrigida thrilled many a young man and gave American women a whole new role model.



All the gear heads in the room where thinking really hard about what invention made in 1678 by Alessandro Capra for (cont'd on page 3)

coaches, is standard equipment on all production cars today. Someone finally came up with the speedometer.

drama and at the mention of Rigoletto, Aida, Otello, Georgia



Snoke quickly said "Verdi!" before the question was even complete. There were 10 questions to the game and Clark Frayser and Mike Webb went home with the Asti Spumoni.

#### Left Berneal Flach and Mary-**Beth Coady**

Check our club web site for more pictures from the Italian Pot Luck supper at jaquarcluboftulsa.com. I want to send a big thank you to Glenn Larson who took all of these great pictures.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE CHALKBOARD

This year the club opted for a different event for Christmas and we went to the Chalkboard restaurant in Tulsa. Everyone made their own reservation for dinner and arrived at 6 pm for

cocktails and dinner at 7.

Right is Mike Webb with daughter Veronica who is home for Christmas break from OSU,

The Chalkboard. in keeping with the season, had created several lovely holiday and winter themed drinks that the group enjoyed prior to dinner.

Is that a kilt? Yes! It seems as



though we have some 'cross polli



Bill and Ann Finger of the **Scottish Club** 

nation' the local Scottish group as we seem to have much in common. Several Scott's Club members joined our group to Of course Italy is famous for its' culture and great music and celebrate the Christmas holiday.



Club members waiting to be seated for dinner, Left-Stephan Flach, Berneal Flach, Denise Webb. In the rear are Scott and Linda Young, Gary Grover, AJ West and Sue Neil.

It was hard to decide on what to have from the dinner menu so AJ and Linda opted for the duck which turned out to be wonderful. They then decided to throw caution and weight gain to the wind and split a crème Brule. It was worth every calorie!!

There were no complaints heard on the quality and quantity of the food so it was indeed a Merry Christmas dinner!

The MG EX 186 By-Linda Young



When we made the trip to Watkins Glenn this past September, the MG group was having a national meet at the track in conjunction with the vintage races. There were probably 500 MG's of every type in attendance. The one in the picture above is of special interest as it is the only one in existence and was built as a prototype and was the last prototype built by MG for LeMans racing.

I correspond with Will Wing of the Brits in the Ozarks club who is editor of their newsletter "British" and he is a wealth of knowledge of all things Brit automotive and he knew of this (cont'd on page 4)

Of this particular car. Here is what Will had to say about it and MG's decision to scrap it.

"About five years ago there was a major old MG gathering at Hallett and I got to see some of the famous 6-cylinder, supercharged racers of the 'thirties. Of course, most of them were driven pretty carefully in their races, but many are irreplaceable.

The MG EX186 really interested me because it has several pages of (poor quality) photos in David A. Knowles book "MG 1945-1964" The factory was supposed to make ten, but ended up with only the single model. Besides the great looks it had a special DeDion rear suspension. EX186 grew out of the various semi-streamlined MGAs run at Le Mans during the MGA production era.

When I look at the pretty MGA and then at the boxy, brick-like TR series Triumphs that sold well, it makes me weep that MG didn't offer larger engines for the US market".

Just goes to show what happens when manufacturer's don't pay attention to what their driving public wants!

For those who might be interested in the history of MG design and racing the NAMGAR web site (namgar.com) has an excellent article "Working Inside the Octagon" written by Pete Neal, Archivist at the MG Car Club, who worked in the Drawing Office at Abingdon for 26 years and recalls his early days at MG. Here is an excerpt:

No sooner had the team of Le Mans cars left the factory than work began on a successor for 1956. Coded EX 186 this would be a super streamlined racing car based on the MGA chassis and having a twin overhead cam engine and disc brakes. Using the basic shape of the 1954 record breaker EX179, Jim O'Neill and Denis William evolved a body shape that was both functional and extremely attractive. The idea was to take the fight to the Porsches who were already beginning to dominate the one and a half litre class at that time. Sadly all work on this car came to an abrupt halt at the end of the year when the BMC board decided to withdraw from racing and instead concentrate on international rallying.

I suppose we should all be grateful that this one beautiful example of beauty and speed still exists.

## Jaguar Buys Largest British Car Collection in the World

By-Linda Young

Ok, to some of you this is old news as it happened back in July and around that time **Bob Stratton**, a local SCCA member sent me a link to the Autoweek article. Until now I just haven't been able to squeeze it into the newsletter but here is a synopsis of what has transpired.

A fellow name James Hull started collecting British cars and over the next 27 years he amassed a collection of 543 cars. These were not clunkers or 'projects' but very nice drivable, specimens many of which have histories of note.

The collection includes the 1966 Jaguar 420G built for Sir William Lyons, the XKE owned by Mike Hailwood a motorcycle and auto racing champion. The Austin driven by Winston Churchill is there as is the Bentley of Sir Elton John.

All of these cars are now under the auspices of Jaguar

Special Operations a new division that is, according to a news release, "Jaguar Land Rover's global centre of excellence for the creation of high-end luxury bespoke commissions and extreme performance vehicles."

One hundred thirty of the 543 cars are Jaguars. There are C-Types, D-Types, XK120s, SS100s. There are thirty Mark saloons and twenty XJs. There are E-Types of every generation and configuration. Jaguar says they will keep the entire collection intact.

As for Mr. Hull, he is happy that his life long work of collecting fine examples of British auto design, engineering and manufacturing has gone to a new home where it will be preserved and appreciated. No doubt the "undisclosed amount" he received for the collection that was valued at \$170 million when he put it up for sale has helped buoy his spirits.

Now about that "Special Operations" outfit that is headquartered in Prologis Park, Ryton, near Coventry, certainly they must be giving tours of the collection and their 'bespoke car building' operation. Sounds like we need to start making plans for a trip to the UK.

#### **Scratch Repair**

In the latest edition of the OKC Jaguar club "Cat Tracks", an interesting article about touch up paint written by Dick Russ appeared. Many long time JCTI members know Dick from his years of involvement with Jaguars and many other classic cars. Since Dick has restored many, many cars he knows a thing or two about paint and touch up repair.

It seems that Dick had loaned out his Cadillac and there was a mishap that resulted in a scratch in the painted bumper. The car has a 'Diamond Tri-coat" which local body shops wanted about \$800 to repair.

Searching the internet turned up <u>Automotivetouchup.com</u>, a site that claims to match paint colors precisely. They had a 3 part paint that was guaranteed to match or your money back. Well, for 50 bucks, why not?

According to Dick the paint matched perfectly and he is very happy with the result and the cost savings.

I checked the site for touch up paint for my 2002 X-type and they have it. The prices ranged from \$9.95 for a 1/2 oz touch up bottle to \$325 for a ready to spray gallon.

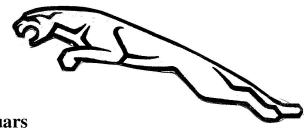
The bottom line is, got a scratch that needs a bit of touch up? This might be a cost effective way to solve your problem.



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- 2013 XF (158) 3.0L V6, Silver with Charcoal Interior, 9,775 miles, \$49,995
- 2014 XF (174) 2.0L I4 Turbo, Ebony with Charcoal leather, 13,580 miles, \$37,995

#### **New Jaguars (Partial List)**

- 2014 XF Portfolio (5538) 5.0L V8, Ebony with Charcoal Interior, \$71,938
- 2015 XF (5599) 3.0L V6 S/C 340hp, Italian Racing Red with Barley leather, \$63,938
- 2015 XF Portfolio (3.0L V6 S/C 340hp, Polaris White with Barley interior, \$58,238
- 2014 XJL (5500) V8 S/C 470hp Black, London Tan Leather, \$93,463
- 2015 XJ (195) 3.0L V6 340hp Ebony Black with Cashew Leather, \$80,313...
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- 2015 F-Type (5593) V6 S/C, S-coupe, 380hp, Silver w/ Jet leather, \$97,713
- 2015 F-Type (5603) V6 S/C, S-conv, 380hp, Italian Red w/ Jet leather, \$90,513
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#### More Events Still in The Planning Stage

The board is doing a lot of planning for events in the coming year and here are a few of the things they are considering.

On June 20th (Saturday) the Great Race will start in St. Louis, Mo and plans to stop in Claremore on the 21st for lunch and then on to OKC for the night. Lunch will be at the Claremore Expo and so the possibility of a 'meet and greet' with the participants could be a fun day.

Cars will be joining the race along the way so if you think you might like to be a part of this cross country event you can check out the web site at thegreatrace.com.

#### A Car Show in the Future?

It has been quite some time since we have talked about having a car show. Our Euro Extravaganza was stopped after the city of Sand Springs started to demand large amounts of money to use the triangle that we had utilized in the past for free.

Now some board members are investigating the possibility of a car show at the Warren Place DoubleTree hotel. As some of you will recall, for many years this was the venue for the Tulsa Concours d'Elegance so we know it is a good facility.

lan Clements has been in contact with hotel management and they have ok'd a date of June 5-7. There are lots of things to discuss and a huge amount of work to be done to pull off a car show event, so we will keep you posted and if you are so inclined to get involved with putting this on, and it takes a lot of people to make it work. Please let lan know at iclements@stanjohnsonco.com.

#### Hit the Local Cruise—In

During the summer months there has been a weekly cruise-in taking place on Tuesday in the parking lot of Fuddruckers on 71st street for the past couple of years. It is a very casual come and go affair that attracts 100—150 cars on a warm evening. You never know what you might see from classic to exotic, old to new, street rod to rat rod, it may come rolling by.

The thinking is it might be fun to organize a "Jag Nite" and have a lot of cats show up to intimidate the Corvettes and Camaros. The cruise in usually starts around 5 pm and ends about 8 pm. The thinking is we could spend a couple of hours taking in the automotive sights and then go to dinner somewhere near by. No date has been set for this one yet.

The board is also looking at putting together a couple of drives to places of interest (yes, that means they may include food and wine!).

There has also been talk of a return to Hallett Motor Racing Circuit for a high performance track day. That is when you take your Jag out on the track and drive as fast as you dare with no fear of speeding tickets. Some club members have done this before and it was a blast! It is not very often that you get to drive your car at speed to see how it really performs.

If you are interested in any of these things the board would like to know. If you have an idea for something the club would enjoy they would like to know that too.

Send any comments you have to the editor at mmra@valornet.com and they will be passed on to the board.

#### **Cell Phone Tips**

As many of you already know, your fearless editor is notorious for not carrying a cell phone. I operate on the theory that; A: when you really need one the darn thing won't work because either the battery is dead or there is no ser vice, and

B: if I really need one I can borrow one from somebody else.

Since the invention of cell phones this theory has served me well and I figure I have saved a ton of money on phones and contracts.

With that said, **Roger Hanes** sent along some tips to make your phone more useful in an emergency.

- World wide emergency number. If you are out of your net work and need emergency help dial 112 and it will search any network and establish an emergency number for you. This also is supposed to work even if the key pad is locked. That could be a helpful thing!
- 2. Keys locked in the car? Call someone at home on their cell phone who has access to your spare remote. You hold your cell phone about a foot from the car door and have the person on the other end hold the spare remote near their phone and press "unlock". Presto, your car door unlocks. The writer of these tips swears they tried it and it works.

I would like someone in the club to try number 2 just to see for ourselves if it really works and let me know. Who knows maybe someday I may break down and start to carry a cell phone...at least once in a while.

Does this remind you of the joys of owning an old English car?



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Feb 7- Breakfast at First Watch, 91st and Lewis, 9:00 am Feb 17- dinner at McGill on 19 in the Hard Rock Casino. De tails on page 1 of this newsletter.

Mar-7- Breakfast at First Watch, 91st and Lewis, 9:00 am Mar 22- Canebrake resort in Wagoner for brunch

Apr-4-Breakfast at First Watch, 91st and Lewis, 9:00 am Apr-11-Old Route 66 Poker rally

May-2 Breakfast at First Watch, 91st and Lewis, 9:00 am May 15, 16- OKC Concours 'de Elegance in OKC

June 5-7 Jaguar Club sponsored car show at Doubletree, War ren Place. More details to come

June 6- Breakfast at First Watch, 91st and Lewis, 9:00 am July 4- Breakfast at First Watch, 91st and Lewis, 9:00 am

Sept 11-12 Brits in the Ozarks Show

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

Prince Philip

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