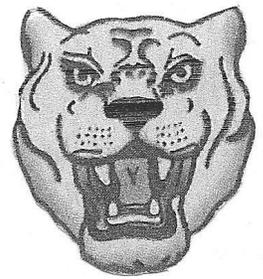




The Cat Tale



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Welcome, New Member



BREAKFAST IS BACK !!

Yes! At long last, we are resuming our First Saturday Breakfast tradition. Seems like it has been at least a year since we have gotten together for breakfast...wait a minute, it has been a year! My how the time drags when you are NOT having fun!

There is even more good news. If you think back to before this whole pandemic thing got going, we were looking for a new place for breakfast as the Wyndham was not working out, but we were not having much luck. Meanwhile, as things dragged on, it happened our former favorite location closed but has now been re-opened under new management and a new name. So starting May 1 we will go to the

DAY BREAK CAFÉ - 81ST & LEWIS

formerly the First Watch, at the same 9:00am start time.

Put these first Saturday dates on your calendar now, May 1st and June 5th and let's hope this will be the start of getting back into some sense of normality.

Monday - June 21st "The Great Race"



The Hemmings Motor News "Great Race" was another casualty of the pandemic but it resumes this year with a lunch stop scheduled in Sapulpa at 12:15 pm at the Route 66 Auto Museum. All those great old cars will be rolling in for an hour or so break and will be

available for anyone who wants to take a look.

Mark this date on your calendar and we will send out an e-mail reminder so our members can be on hand to welcome these intrepid long distance drivers to Oklahoma and see some examples of road worthy classics.



We were please to welcome **Max Lutke** to our May 1st breakfast. Max drove his 1996 XJ6 VDP from Bartlesville, where he lives with his wife, **Louise**. Max has owned and enjoyed this VDP for many years and has put well over 100K miles on the car. He also owns a 1989 XJS. We hope to be seeing more of Max and Louise at future events.

World Wide Chip Shortage (and we don't mean chocolate!)

If you have driven by any new car dealerships in town you may have noticed their lots look rather depleted. There are lots of empty spaces or the vehicles have been s-p-a-c-e-d apart to make the lot appear full. A visit to our local Jaguar/Land Rover dealer revealed an empty show room and a sales manager struggling to find available cars from anywhere in the country.

This scenario is playing out world wide as manufacturing and assembly grinds to a halt for lack of computer chips that control nearly everything from the engine to the transmission to the sound system volume in todays modern cars. To cope, manufacturers like Ford have shut down shifts at two of their plants that build F-150's, their most popular model. GM and Chrysler have idled plants in North America and all are shifting their limited supply of chips to their best selling more profitable models.

Unfortunately this problem is going to be with us for quite a while; probably a couple of years at least. How did this happen? There has been sort of a triple whammy. First the Covid crisis that created havoc with supply chains everywhere for months on end. In mid 2020 the auto industry underestimated how quickly sales would rebound from the pandemic recession so chip capacity went elsewhere like the work/school electronics market. Then 3rd, when the car market suddenly rebounded, the inventory of chips was quickly used up.

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There is huge growth potential in the auto industry with the coming of the electric vehicle market and self driving cars need new design chips that cram tens of billions of transistors on silicon wafers in circuits that are only 5 to 10 nanometers wide which is not as large as the period at the end of this sentence.

The big problem is we need new factories, or “fabs” as they are called, to build these chips. A new car factory might cost \$1 to \$2 Billion to build but a fab starts at around 15\$ Billion. Extreme Tech magazine reported recently that Samsung has filed paper work to build a \$17 billion fab in Austin TX to be operational by 4th quarter of 2023. This is a good thing as right now chip manufacturing is concentrated overseas but it will come at a cost to Austin as Samsung has demanded a 100 percent tax abatement from Travis County, worth an estimated \$805.5M. It has also demanded a 50 percent tax abatement from the city of Austin and a \$252.5M abatement from the nearby Manor school district. Samsung reported a net profit of \$32.5B in 2020.

In the meantime car companies in the US, Europe and Japan are putting pressure on TSMC (Taiwan Micro Semiconductor Corp) and the Taiwan government for more production all the while casting around for other suppliers like AMD (Advanced Micro Devices) who builds Ryzen, a processor used in gaming devices.

Chip constraints are already pushing up the price of vehicles in the United States because dealers have only a fraction of typical stock levels. The average new car price climbed to \$37,200 in the first quarter, an 8.4% increase from the same period a year ago, according to JD Power.

The semiconductor business in the US has been lobbying the Biden administration for incentives like the governments in Taiwan and Korea grant, so they can compete with these foreign companies and it has caught the attention of the President who ordered a review in February into which products used by Americans are vulnerable to disruptions. Biden said that could lead to an increase in the domestic production of certain goods.

In the meantime, expect the disruptions to continue.

Driving the Dragon

By Linda Young

We recently received the latest issue of the Hagerty Driver's Club magazine. In general, it is a well done periodical that covers automotive topics from just about every angle, meaning each issue probably has something for everyone.

I was reading the last page essay by McKeel Hagerty, CEO, about his recent bucket list item of driving the 11 mile stretch of US 129 known as the Dragon's Tail. Nearly everyone who drives sports cars or rides motorcycles knows about this legendary road with the 318 curves.

As I read, I was feeling somewhat envious as he wrote “I was particularly blessed on this drive. My ride was a Paris Blue 2020 McLaren 600LT Spider on loan from the company. .. There's always a learning curve...but I quickly got the hang of the Spider. It was easily one of the best handling, most intuitive machines I've had to pleasure to drive. In particular, the transmission anticipated my every move like some sort of magical device from Harry Potter.”

Wow! How lucky can a driver get? Imagine being given a McLaren to drive on the “Tail”! I quickly read on. “Larry and I drove the Tail and its famed sections, the Slide, the Hump, the Esses, the Dips four times over two days.” Wait a minute. The two of you drove it FOUR TIMES over TWO DAYS What were you doing???

I have driven the Dragon. Back in 2009, while heading to North Carolina on vacation, Scott and I made a special trip just to drive our 2002 X Type on the Dragon Tail. We had ordered this car new and it is a 3.0 with a 5 speed and all wheel drive. Our day was much like the one Hagerty had, a light rain and slick pavement, which is a good thing because this means there are no motorcycles on the road. The Jaguar all wheel drive makes the handling on wet roads phenomenal.

We spent the better part of the day ripping up and down that road and burned up better than a half a tank of fuel. We each took at least 4 turns behind the wheel. I don't understand how you could have the use of something like a McLaren and not drive it like you stole it! But then, maybe that is why McLaren doesn't lend me a car.

Car Movies

Ok, we are all starting to come out of our self imposed pandemic isolation, but we still like to watch a good movie. When it comes to great car movies everyone thinks of Bullitt or LeMans but while the 60's produced the first great chases and heroes, the 70's hunkered down into the dark aftermath of Viet Nam, counter culture and anti-heroes.

Enter George C. Scott. What? A stereotypical Hollywood leading man? Scott plays Harry Garmes, a gentleman in a black turtle neck who is a getaway driver who comes out of retirement after nine years for one last job. His ride? a rare 1957 BMW 503 convertible, a beloved and well cared for relic from the peak of his career.

Now we have the set up. A daring jail break to spring an arrogant young jerk, a beautiful young woman and Harry behind the wheel with some bad guys in hot pursuit. To keep it interesting one set of bad guys are driving a white '69 Jaguar XJ6 and the other pair, a '69 Dodge Barreiros Dart.



The rest of the movie is a lot of hard driving through the Portuguese and Spanish countryside. The movie is “**The Last Run**” and the BMW is very much a character in the movie. If you haven't seen it, you should and it is available on DVD.

Here are a few fun facts about other great 70's car movies. “**The French Connection**” One of Gene Hackman's best roles. A 1971 Pontiac LeMans in pursuit of an *elevated train* was extremely reckless, with no streets blocked off or permission from the city to shoot, William Friedkin had stunt driver Bill Hickman (also of Bullitt fame) in the driver seat going up to 90 mph for 26 blocks.

Another existential road movie “**Vanishing Point**” is romantic, mythic, tragic. Car delivery driver Kowalski (Barry Newman) bets he can make it from Denver to San Francisco in under 24 hours and inadvertently becomes “the last American hero,” in a white 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T 440 Magnum. It perfectly captured the disillusionment of the time just like “**Easy Rider**” did before it. Popcorn, anyone?

Drive and Picnic Meet-up in Stilwell

The cats were getting restless and needed to stretch so we contacted our friends in the British Iron Group in NW Arkansas and invited them to meet us in Stilwell, OK, right on the Arkansas/Oklahoma border. Their members were also feeling the need to break out of their confinement so on Saturday, April 3rd we all headed for Adair Park in Stilwell.

The sun was intermittent and there was a chilly breeze but red buds and dog wood were blooming and signs of spring were abundant. There was not much traffic and the scenic back roads were good so it was a very enjoyable drive.

The Tulsa contingent arrived first and found some picnic tables and shortly the Arkansas group rolled in, a whole bunch of them!



One British Iron member drove his Morgan. Parked next to him is Brian Hanna's XJS and AJ West's XJS.

The DeWitts drove their XJV-12. They have had this car for probably 15 or more years and Tom finally got it repainted and the new interior in. Now that he is "retired" he has time to work on their own projects.



As stated earlier, this was a "picnic" and everyone was responsible for their own lunch. Some packed a lunch and some availed them-

selves to the local Subway, Charlies Chicken or other food venue.

Diana Gallagher and Mark Brewer are ready for lunch. Sorry I didn't get the names of the other gentlemen. Diana is also the Editor of the British Iron newsletter.



The weather was a little chilly with the wind blowing but the sun kept trying to come out. But that didn't stop the group from gathering to chat.



One topic of discussion is plans for the 19th annual "Brits in the Ozarks" show that will be held this year on Oct 9th. Another victim of the pandemic last year the show will go on this year. This is always a great show so we look forward to participating this year.

I am not sure how many cars total, were there but it had to be about 16 or so. I did count about 6 XJS'. By the time we had finished eating our lunches and visiting for more than an hour the wind had died down and the sun was warming things up for us. It was great to see our club members from Arkansas and our friends from British Iron and we hope this will be the first of many more fun events for us all.

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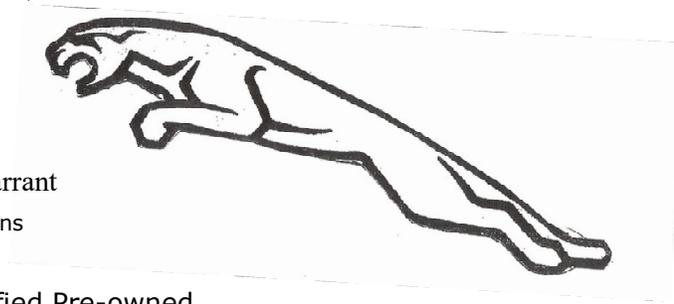
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2021 EVENTS CALENDAR**

****Official JCTI events are in BOLD**

There will be club events in 2021. Board members are following CDC recommendations so gatherings can be fun and safe for all our members.

- May 1 - First Saturday Breakfast - Day Break Café**
81st and Lewis 9:00 am
- June 5th - First Saturday Breakfast - Day Break Café**
81st and Lewis 9:00 am
- June 21st - "The Great Race" stops for lunch at the Route 66 Auto Museum in Sapulpa.
- July 3rd - First Saturday Breakfast - Day Break Café**
81st and Lewis 9:00 am.
- Oct 9th - Brits in the Ozarks - All British car show, Fayetteville, AR**

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**Breakfast is Back!!
May 1st and June 5th**