

The Cat Tale



The Official Publication of the Jaguar Club of Tulsa

First Things, First! Your OFFICIAL Ballot

Yes, stapled inside this newsletter is the ballot for the annual board election. Since we were a bit late getting them out this year (aliens messed with the voting machines) it is real important that you mark your ballot and get it in the mail by **JANUARY 15TH.**

The ballots are already stamped so all you have to do is mark it and drop it in the mail. Your participation is important because member feed back helps the board come up with events for the coming year that we can all enjoy and suggestions are always welcome. Mark your ballot and mail it today!

DUES ARE DUE!!

If you haven't already sent in your dues for 2023, now is the time! We have to pay our dues to the national organization, JCNA, in February, which means writing a big check from our treasury.

On the last page of the newsletter is the application for membership. Fill it out and send with your check to the club's PO Box 471134, Tulsa, 74147. You need to fill out the application so we can make sure we have all your information correct so you will continue to receive all mail and e-mail communications from the club.

Also, please note, that in face of all the rampant inflation and supply chain issues, the club dues did **NOT** go up from last year!

BREAKFAST January 7 and Feb 4th

Are we really starting a new year already? Time flies when you are having fun and by Jan 7th everyone should be over the holiday craziness and ready to return to normalcy (whatever that is!). Did you get an ugly sweater for Christmas? Wear it so we can all see it and talk about our own gifting horror stories.

Same place, Daybreak Café at 81st and Lewis, and same time, 9:00 am. We will fill up that back room as usual and there will be plenty of coffee ready. See you there!

INSTALLATION DINNER January 21st - 6:00 pm

We will celebrate the installation of our new club officers with a Mexican fiesta at:

El Patron Cocina Mexicana 11101 E 41st St, Tulsa, OK 74146

The restaurant is located on 41st across from the old Ramada Inn Hotel right near the entrance ramp to I-169.

This is a very nice up-scale Mexican restaurant and the food is good. You can check out their menu at their web site:

https://elpatroncocinamexicana.com. Then to make

sure you don't miss out on a fun evening, be sure to **RSVP** to **Berneal Flach** at bkflach@gmail.com, or call her home phone at 918-299-3553 or text or call her cell at 918-202-9878 by Wednesday, January 18th.

Socks and Underwear

Santa's helpful Elf made the delivery of socks and underwear that were donated by the members of the club to the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless.

The total haul was:

73 pair of men's underwear,

22 T-shirts

56 Pairs women's underwear

34 pair kids underwear

262 TOTAL pairs of socks

While there, the Elf met up with Allie, who was there waiting with her husband to get

into the center to have some lunch. Allie said she and her husband had only been homeless for a few weeks. The Elf inquired if she and her husband had been getting any helpful services and she smiled and said yes and that they should be moving back into an apartment in the next week. Just one example of the many services that are performed every day by this local organization.

This was a helpful donation from the club and probably by the time you read this most of it will have been used up. Thank you for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated!

February 18th - Dinner Rocking R Ranch House 6:00 pm

February is always one of those "iffy" months when we are not sure if we will be having sunshine and tulips or shoveling snow, so to be on the safe side the board has planned to have dinner at the Rocking R Ranch House Restaurant at Forest Ridge Country Club in Broken Arrow. Some of you may remember this as Savanah's in years past.

Since this date is so close to Valentines' Day you might want to think about avoiding the Valentine crush and celebrate instead on Saturday night with your sweetheart and your fellow club members. The more, the merrier!

The restaurant offers a special group menu which can be viewed on their web site, https://www.forestridge.com/restaurant. The price is \$30 plus tip and adult beverages are extra.

The dinner will be at **6:00 pm** and you need to **RSVP** to **Clark Frayser at 918-853-7788** (call or text) or e-mail at **fraysro@gmail.com** to let him know how many are in your party.

The restaurant is located in east Broken Arrow at 7501 East Kenosha Street. Get your reservation in today!

Christmas Party Dec 10 Glenn & Carol Larson's Home

The club members convened for an enjoyable evening of food and beverages at the Larson's home and once again they

had gone all out decorating for the season.

Diane Salamon and Marybeth Coady found seats next to the Christmas tree.

Our hostess, Carol Larson with one of their dogs, a Westie named

Fergie.



Georgia Snoke and Donna O'Rourke. No doubt discussthe Tulsa Ballet.

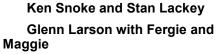
There was lots of great food Brought by the club members; Crackers and cheese, chips and dips, Yummy spreads, charcutier boards, real English mustard to dip cheese rolls and chicken poppers. There were mini Quiché, a big bowl of shrimp and yes there was that PIE.

Les Neidell, Phillip Dooley and Tom Twomey











Weekend Getaway to Mt. Magazine October 21 to the 23rd

First off, we want to say a big THANK YOU to **Greg Bunch** of the British Iron club for planning this weekend outing. It was a great success and obviously took a lot of work to put it together. The group met up at the Holiday Inn in Fayetteville and I believe we had 14 cars at that point. We headed south from there to a great restaurant called "the Cat Fish Hole" for lunch where a couple more cars joined the parade. There were folks from Fayetteville area, Little Rock and Tulsa and you could tell right from the get-go we were going to have a good time.



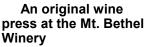
From there we headed to our first winery stop, Mt.
Bethel Winery. The winery is part of the Post family and has been producing wine since the early 1900's when the family brought to Arkansas, the time-honored European tradition of growing grapes and venting

wines for personal use. 1935, Mrs. Joseph (Katherine) Post, acquired a federal bonded winery permit and an Arkansas license to manufacture and sell wine. Their wines are made from vineyards located in Altus and include Merlot Cabernet and



Chardonnay. The also make pure fruit wines including Blueberry, Strawberry, Blackberry, Elderberry, Peach, and Wild Plum. The winery is still run by the Post children and in the tasting room is Peggy Ann who regales guests with stories of the family

while pouring tastings of their excellent wines.



Next we went to the Post Winery, just a stones throw down the street, part of the same family, without the ambiance of the underground tasting room and family characters but with a terrific cheese tray and some great wine in a more modern setting.

From there we headed to Paris to see the Eiffel Tower! Ok, it was Paris, Arkansas, but the tower is there right downtown!



Now it was time to head up the mountain road out of Paris to the Lodge on Mt. Magazine. It had been a pretty long day and we were all getting tired. All that fresh air and wine will do it to you.

Saturday morning we were up and ready for our 9:30 departure to Pettit Jean State Park to see the car collection that is

housed there. The unique thing about this collection is they are all Arkansas owned vehicles. The cars are cared for by a dedicated volunteer group and they were pristine in their cleanliness and condition.

They may have the first Tesla. It is a 1924 Red Bug and

it is all electric!

The museum was founded by Winthrop Rockerfeller when he made Arkansas his home. His Cadillac's are here along with Elvis' 1967 Ford Ranchero, the Lincoln that JFK was riding in on that fateful day in Dallas, plus many more.

From here we went on to Pettit Jean State Park Lodge where we had lunch. I think a few more people had joined the drive and we filled up two big tables. The

service was good and so was the food. From here we headed on to Subiaco Abbey, about an hours drive.

Umberto Eco (1932-2016), once described Benedictine monks as the true "Custodians of History." Since Subiaco Ab-



bey's founding in 1878, the monks in Arkansas have sought to likewise serve as Custodians of History. The monks hope to make available to the public much of and the history of

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the German Catholics in Arkansas. You would expect a monastery to be a quiet and contemplative place, and it is, except the part where the monks make their beer. We met one of the brothers at the tap room and he came out to have a look at Greg's Morgan.

They were happy to pour beer liberally and many members attested that it was quite good.

Must have been because I saw several 6 packs of beer accompanying the group as we got ready to go up the hill to tour the Abby Church.

I can't vouch for the beer, but I can tell you that the Monk made Peanut Brittle was excellent and we purchased a tin to take home.

A statue of St. Benedict graces the entrance to the chapel which was rebuilt after a fire and consecrated in 1953. It is made of native sandstone from Subiacos own quarries about a mile from the Abbey. Center piece of the church is the High Alter with 19' columns. The canopy and cross are carved wood and covered with gold leaf.

Subiaco Academy is a Catholic, College Preparatory School, in the Benedictine tradition that welcomes young men of all faiths in grades 7-12. There are usually about 150 students from various nations world wide.

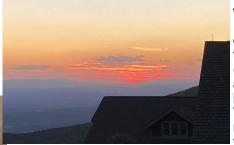
From here we headed back to the Lodge through some beautiful country, stopping along the way to admire the scenery from a few overlooks. Where the views were quite spectacular and many of the group were taking advantage of the opportunity to take photos.



From here we headed back to the Lodge where those who weren't too exhausted from the days driving went to eat at the Skyview Restaurant in the Lodge



or went to Greg Bunch's suite where we watched the sun set on another fun day.



Sunday morning we were on the way by 10:00 to the last winery on our tour, Chateau Aux Arc, (pronounced "Ozark"), a lovely place started by and run by women. Their beautiful tasting room is a testament to the hard work a perse-

verance of owner, Audrey House, who started the winery in 1980 on 20 acres while living in a tent on the property.

Our last stop was for lunch at the Oark General Store (yes, that is spelled right) and I am sorry to say I did not get a photo of this unique place that must have been built when the road was dirt and it was a general store/farm supply/feed store/gas station/repair shop and who knows what. What I can tell you is the place is old and haphazardly built and added on to and full of nice folks who have figured out how to serve some of the best hamburgers you have ever eaten.

I couldn't find this place again if my life depended on it, but if some of you are interested in a Saturday drive let me know and I'll ask Greg how to get there.

Thanks again, to **Greg Bunch** who put this weekend together and to you who weren't along, you missed a great time!

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RACING DATES 2023

By Les Neidell

The holidays are behind us and spring is just around the corner, so it is time to start planning for racing season. These are the *possible* events I have scheduled for 2023. Let me know if you are interested in being "crew" for any of these. Being crew means you help me with driving to and from the racetrack, and help me getting buckled in for the races. Crew members are responsible for their personal expenses: lodging and food.

May 19-21: SVRA Vintage Festival Weekend,

Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI

Car:1959 Kellison

Leave Wednesday May 17, return on Monday, May 22

Overnight in inexpensive motel each way,

At Elkhart Lake we stay in a B&B, \$125/night

June 23-25, Weathertech Regional,

Road America, Elkhart Lake WI

Car: 1933 Plymouth

This is a very large event, typically over 400 entries. Pre-War cars are an afterthought; we race first race of the day and at lunchtime. Same travel situation as the May event.

August 11-13: Grattan Racetrack, Belding, MI

A new event for me. I will do either Grattan or Lime Rock

(see next listed event.)

Car: Kellison.

About same distance as Road America but other side of lake. Leave on preceding Wednesday and return on Monday.

September 1-4: Lime Rock Racetrack, Salisbury, CT (Labor Day Weekend)

Car: Plymouth

This a premier event, but it's a long drive (2.5 days.) I will go only if I have at least one crew member. I consider it to be the single best vintage race event in the U.S.

September 15-17: Ariens Art on Wheels, Road America.

Car: Plymouth

A very large event. Same travel situation as May event.

Registration is currently open for all these events. Please let me know if there is any interest in being crew at one or more.

Call me: 918-430-5968, or email: gtvalfa@sbcglobal.net if you care to discuss your participation. THANKS!

A Viking Funeral

For those of you who had not heard, in September, when Ken and Georgia Snoke were preparing to leave town for a few days, they were taking Ken's beloved 1961 MKII to a garage for some service while they were gone. Georgia, following Ken, noticed an orange glow under the Jag, which was quickly turning

an orange glow under the day, which was

into flames also noticed by other drivers.

A helpful dump truck driver edged Ken to a stop on the side of the expressway and jumped out with a fire extinguisher, but alas, too late! The Leaper was engulfed in flames. Fortunately Ken was unscathed, but the noble cat is no more.

Back In Time

On November 12th, club member gathered at the home of Don and Carol Wright to have a look at the collection of fine clocks that they have gathered over the years.



Carol stands in front of one of the oldest in their collection, a clock from 18th century France.

The workmanship on these time pieces is intricate and precise and hard to imagine it was done completely by hand without the aid of computer assisted design.

By far the largest clock they have is a Grandfather clock that is over 10ft tall. Even

thought they have a raised ceiling in their living room the clock did not have its final finial on the top as that made it just a little to tall to fit!

There are wrist watches too.

Nothing so common as a Rolex!

The watches are all mechanical and must be wound. No batteries here!



Don is a storehouse of information about antique clocks so if you have a clock or are thinking of buying one and

have some questions, you may want to have a conversation with Don.

Don Wright Todd Coady & Scott



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2023 EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Official JCTI events are in BOLD

Jan 7 - Breakfast at Daybreak Café, 81st and Lewis 9:00 am

Jan 21 - Installation Dinner - El Patron Mexican - See page 1 for details.

Feb 4 - Breakfast at Daybreak Café, 81st and Lewis 9:00 am

Feb 18 - Brunch at Rocking R Ranch - See page 1 for details

Mar 4 - Breakfast at Daybreak Café, 81st and Lewis 9:00 am

Mar 18 -Drive and brunch at Canebrake Resort

Apr 1 - Breakfast at Daybreak Café, 81st and Lewis 9:00 am

Apr 21 - Friday - Deco Tour of Tulsa

May 6 - Breakfast at Daybreak Café, 81st and Lewis 9:00 am

May - TBA - Route 66 drive to OKC

Jun 3- Breakfast at Daybreak Café, 81st and Lewis 9:00 am

Jun 9- EuroMotor Extravaganza - Sand Springs OK

. One difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.

Anonymous

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Be sure to VOTE!

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Installation Dinner Jan 21st

Breakfast - Daybreak Café - 81st & Lewis Jan 7 & Feb 4