

Cat Tracks

Central Oklahoma Jaguar Association July 2025

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Myriad Gardens Tour By Susan Frantz

When mankind works in harmony with nature, the results can be both beautiful and awe-inspiring. Who knew you could experience a tropical forest and a desert in the same place? The botanists and engineers behind the Myriad Gardens Crystal Bridge made it happen, and the outcome is a delightful journey through two very different climate zones.



Colton & Allyson at the koi pond

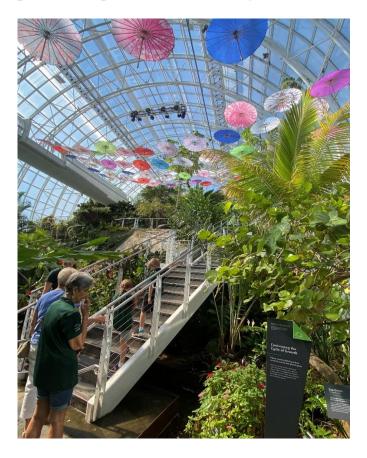
Seventeen of our members gathered in early June for a guided tour of the Crystal Bridge. To make the experience more manageable, the staff at Myriad Gardens divided us into two smaller groups.



The Tropical side.

Although it was occasionally hard to hear our guide, the smaller group size made for a more enjoyable and personal experience. Our guides, Alahna and Peggy, were both knowledgeable and friendly. I can only

assume the other group had a similarly pleasant experience with their guide.



The botanical gardens all decorated for Spring.

We never felt rushed and even had time to browse the small gift shop before heading to lunch at Charleston's in Bricktown. Some of us even managed a ride on the carousel—lucky Colton and Allyson!



The desert side.

Charleston's lived up to its usual standard, efficiently seating our group and assigning two servers to ensure we were all well taken care of. As always, conversation and laughter flowed easily among this wonderful group of friends.



The members at lunch at Charleston's

The Passing of Another COJA Member

By Sarah Baxter

Following an infection of the heart which triggered several strokes, Clifton Hill passed away at OU Health Center on June 10, 2025, at the age of 82.



Clifton was a very friendly and kind man but did not talk about himself much. After graduating from Shawnee High School in 1962, he attended Oklahoma Baptist

University, graduating in 1965. After graduating OBU, he opened and operated Import Autos, joined the Oklahoma Army National Guard, and taught History at Shawnee High School before joining the Shawnee Fire Department for the next 25 years, retiring as Battalion Chief. Clifton was an avid antique car enthusiast. His first car was a 1928 Chevrolet, purchased for him by his uncle, and was a treasure that he kept the rest of his life. On May 1, 1975, he opened the Museum of Special Interest Autos. Clifton loved to attend car shows and swap meets, as well as being a member of the Model A Club, Model T. Club, Chevrolet Jaguar Club, Studebaker Club. Club. Horseless Carriage Club, as well as many others. Clifton is survived by his wife, Betty, of the home; a daughter, Katherine Hill; one grandson, 4 granddaughters, 10 greatgrandchildren, a brother, and a number of cousins and friends. Clifton's funeral was on June 17th, at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Shawnee.

As we have done in the past, a monetary donation has been made to a charity of the family's choice, OU Health Center Comfort Care, in memory of Clifton.

Upcoming Events

July Get-Together
By Nancy Driver

For our July get-together, we thought it would be nice to try out a new Latin American restaurant, Tayta, in downtown OKC. Tayta is receiving excellent reviews...and Larry and I recently had lunch there ourselves and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Tayta is located at 25 N. Hudson Avenue, Suite 100, at the corner of Hudson and Main Streets. There is a parking garage just next door, facing Main, and Tayta will validate your ticket for free parking. There are lunch specials served Monday through Friday, so we scheduled our visit for Friday, Jul 18, at 11:00 AM. You can also order from the main menu.

Please let me know if you will be joining us by texting to 405 990-2861 or emailing to nancydriver1124@gmail.com. We hope to see many of you there.

July Ladies Lunch By Susan Frantz

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, July 19 at noon, once again at Susan Laurence's home: 33112 Old Georgetowne Road, Edmond.

This time, we'll be serving quiche, accompanied by a variety of side dishes and desserts. Hopefully, you've already marked your calendar!

Please RSVP to: Susan Laurence – 405.640.0545 or

Susan Frantz – 405.250.1082

We're hoping for a great turnout — you know it's always a good time!
See you there!

Save The Date Brunch at Hefner Grill Saturday, August 16th By Sarah Baxter

I have made reservations for our Club to enjoy Brunch at Hefner Grill when they first open (11:00) on Saturday, August 16th. I have reservations for tables on the lower level next to the lake. They will be separate tables, but all grouped together.

They asked for a definite count so they will know how many tables to reserve. I will need to call them on Thursday, August 14th, so I will need you to let me know no later than Wednesday, August 13th, if you plan to attend and how many will be attending. We will be ordering from the Brunch menu which is online if you would like to check it out.

Please contact me by e-mail at slbaxter3@outlook.com or 405.408.8878 to let me know how many will be attending.

Hope to see many of you on August 16th.

Miscellany

JOANT Concour In Dallas, TX. By Jeff Hand

On June 7, 2025 Lynette and I attended the JOANT Concour where I served as a judge. About 35 Jaguar cars were entered into the concour held at the Commemorative Airforce Museum in Dallas, Texas. JCNA uses a specific method of judging I haven't seen at other car shows. The vehicle to be judged must pass an operational inspection e.g. do the headlights work and stuff like that, the exterior is judged and the interior is judged. Often grading is based upon cleanliness because the cars have all the correct parts. The effort used to clean your

car is the only known acceptable form of OCD behavior I know of. There are two classes of competition. Driven class involves judging the interior and the exterior of the car. Champion class adds judging the trunk and the engine bay. To be a judge you must pass an exam and participate in annual training. The training has become much better because you are shown examples of how to judge; however, the judge must still use his own discretion in how to score. Yes, that sounds involved but anything worth doing is worth doing well. Judging ethics do not allow the destructive scrutiny of a vehicle. Instead the judges through scoring and conversation point out what the entrant can do to improve their Jaguar if improvement is needed, complement the entrant on the work that has been done and provide advice if requested. JCNA not Pebble Beach and JCNA not a Show and Shine where everyone votes for best of show. JCNA is about Jaguar cars and COJA's absence from the schedule of annual concours according to J.J. Keig, JCNA President, has been a detriment to the promotion of the marque because OKC is a midway point for concour participants from Dallas, Tulsa and Kansas City. Travel time to a concour is a consideration and shorter travel times are preferred. J.J. Keig proposes a concour in a box for OKC for concour entrants who would like a closer judging venue to score their car for national recognition. J.J. Keig says all they need is a location and JCNA will provide the judges and materials for the concour. COJA would be the sponsoring club and COJA members can participate as they wish. This would be a small competition. Perhaps it could serve as a guys outing. I personally like the idea of a concour in a box and I hope COJA feels the same. I look forward to hearing from you about it as I explore this idea.

Yes! The summer heat is turning on! time to think about our

Mount Magazine Fall Retreat!

Friday, 7th November 2025 Saturday, 8th November 2025

Sunday, 9th November 2025

Hard to believe, but this will be our 4th fall retreat. A unique gathering of different car clubs and friends of British Iron Car Club where members can meet and enjoy comradery and fellowship, while driving their favorite automobiles, eating great food, seeing great sights, all while taking in the beautiful mountains and winding roads of Arkansas. This year we return to The Lodge at Mount Magazine for Three days and Two nights at what should be the peak of fall leaf color change at the top of the highest mountain in Arkansas. For most of us, it will be the last great road trip in our favorite cars before Winter sets in this year.

Now is the time to begin planning and get your rooms reserved. Must mention British Car Club to get the special rate. Numbers of rooms and room types are limited so reserve your

room early so you can get the room you prefer.

Special Rates

Deluxe Queen.....\$219.30 per night Deluxe Queen ADA.....\$219.30 per night Single King......\$239.70 per night

> For reservations call The Lodge at Mount Magazine (479) 963-5241 or

(877) 665-6343

After reserving your room, please call or e-mail and let me know your names, car, (year, make, & color)

phone number, e-mail and home address.

Contact Greg Bunch (479) 530-2792

qbunch@ohdoor-spd.com

More details about trip activities will be forthcoming, but get your reservations made ASAP as this is a popular time of year at the Lodge.



The International Jaguar Festival is hosting and celebrating the largest display of Jaguar cars for 2025 in North America. You're invited to be part of this grand collection of Classic British car Marque Excellence.

Where: The beautiful Savoy Automobile Museum, Cartersville, Georgia.



When: September 25th – 28th, 2025 **Activities:** *Roar of the Jaguar* Jaguar race cars will be on display at the Savoy during this event.

7:00 PM Friday Night Savoy Museum "Tire Side Chat"

Featuring Jaguar race cars, hosted by Ken Gross, past Executive Director of the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles and Wayne Carini of the TV show *Chasing Classic Cars*.

Saturday 10 AM-5 PM. Judged Concours d'Elegance, Champion, Driven classes, plus Display class. Followed by after hours museum admission, banquet and awards ceremony in the theater.

Free field attendance. Open to the public. **Questions:**

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Go to: www.jcnaijf.com to register your Jaguar



Current Itinerary

Thu Meet and Greet @ Courtyard Hotel

(heavy hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar)

Fri Savoy Museum "Tire Side Chat" 7:00 PM

Featuring Jaguar Race Cars and Hosted by Ken Gross and Wayne Carini (Savoy Restaurant open until 7:00 PM)

Fri Slalom place, timing, price, determined upon location

Sat IJF Concours Judged Champion & Driven

At the Savoy Museum Pavilion

Sat Display

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Sat IJF Awards Banquet

(Includes after hours museum admission, banquet and awards ceremony in theater)

Sun IJF Rally For National Points

with prizes

Sun Fun Rally

with prizes

Sun Scenic Drive

A fun drive through the North Georgia Mountains

JCNA Series 1 E-Type Judge's Guide

A draft of the proposed JCNA Series 1 E-Type Judge's Guide, which contains over 300 pictures detailing the many variations and production changes that the E-Type went through, is now available for review on the JCNA web site.

In an effort to make verifying items during a concours, this Guide follows the JCNA Score Sheet.

Headings are presented just as they are on the score sheet. Subheadings are also presented detailing

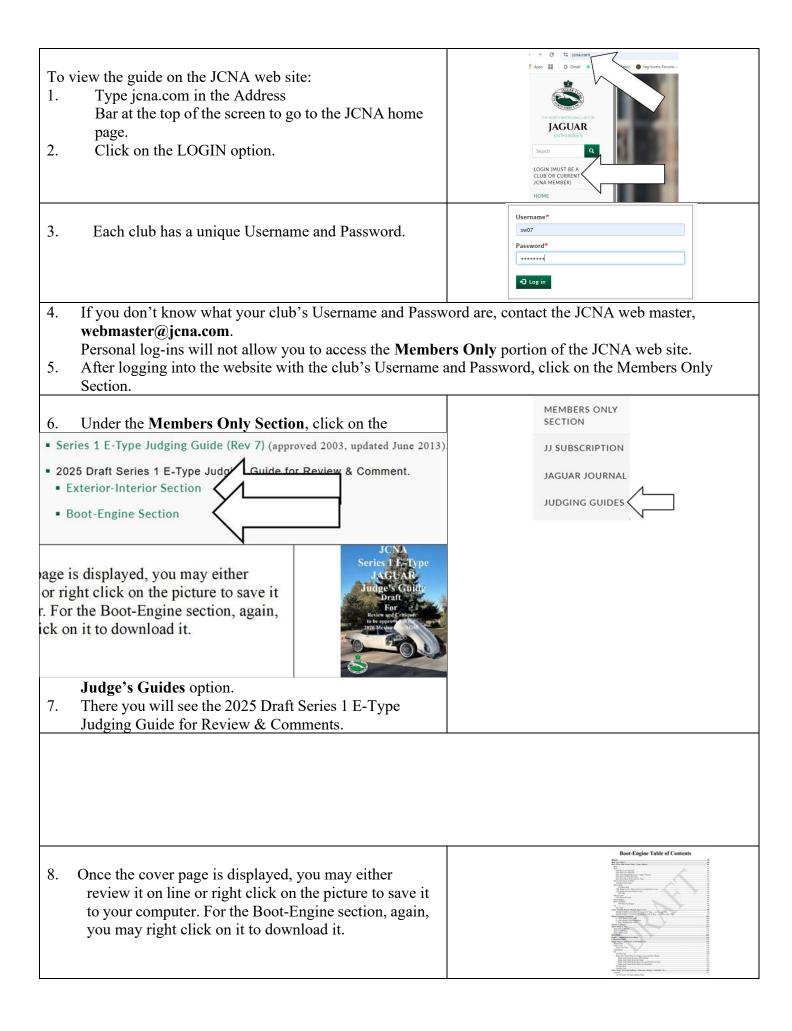
items not specifically address on the score sheet but that must be judged during a concours. Due to file size, the Guide is presented in two parts, Exterior-Interior and Boot-Engine.

Please download these two files and review them on your computer.

Any corrections comments or improved photos are to be sent to Steve Kennedy, skennedy@ecentral.com.

Comments must be received by September 30th so that they can be reviewed and implemented. This JCNA Series 1 E-Type Judge's Guide will be up for review and approval at the 2026 AGM.

To view the guide on the JCNA web site, see the following:





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' 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
May	2 nd 3 rd	Coal Creek Winery and Bingo (Tuttle) Ladies' Luncheon at Jolene Short's	Doug & Jenny Somerhalder Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
	3 rd	Home Guy's Outing to Pawnee for Natl. Steam Engine & Steam Tractor Show	Dick Russ
June	6 th	Tour of Myriad Gardens & Lunch @ Charleston's Downtown	Harry & Susan Frantz
July	18 th	Lunch at Tayta's	Larry Hillman/Nancy Driver
	19 th	Ladies' Luncheon @ Susan Laurence's Home	Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
August	16 th TBD	Brunch – Hefner Grill Guys' Outing	Sarah Baxter Dick Russ
September	TBD TBD	Okla. Pioneer Woman – Ponca City Ladies' Luncheon	Larry Hillman/Nancy Driver Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
October	10 th -12 th TBD	Fall Fling in Graham/Mineral Wells,TX Guys' Outing	Joe & Jill Dunham Dick Russ
November	TBD TBD	Annual Meeting Ladies' Luncheon	Jeff Hand 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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