
The Cat Tale



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NEWSLETTER CHANGES

You may have noticed the date on the masthead of this "Cat Tale" says June/July. The newsletter is going onto a new schedule. There will be 9 issues per year. Combined months will be April/May, June/July, & November/December.

Email notifications of monthly events will still continue as will the monthly first Saturday breakfasts at the Sheraton.

So take note, you will not be receiving a "Cat Tale" in July. This means that you should make note of upcoming events on your social calendar especially if you are not on the club e-mail reminder list. To get on that list, send your e-mail address to mmra@valornet.com

HAVE GUN, WILL TRAVEL A Club Day at a Shooting Range SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH

The Jaguar Club **SHOOT OUT** Saturday, June 11th will be a memorable day at a firing range for members of the Tulsa Jaguar Club! With the diversity of the club membership we often get the opportunity to experience unique things and meet people whom we may not normally come in contact with. Saturday, June 11th will be one of those opportunities. Sergeant Rick Large, the premier self defense, small arms and weapons instructor and range manager for the Tulsa County Sheriffs Department, will be instructing a class of up to 20 Jaguar Club members in the art of correctly handling and shooting hand guns.

"Sergeant Rick" is a great guy who is "the" sought out instructor for helping members of organizations like the OSBI (Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation) the FBI, as well as the Tulsa County's Sheriff's

Department hone the shooting skills necessary for their jobs. His easy way of communicating the basics of shooting along with his ability to make it look easy has helped numerous police officers, deputies, and other agents become expert marksmen.

Sergeant Rick has graciously consented to spend Saturday morning, June 11th, starting at 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., demonstrating and instructing our members in the fine art of "self defense" shooting! The class will be held at the Tulsa Gun Club range located at **9501 E. Mohawk Blvd.** in Tulsa. There will be no charge for this event BUT all those wishing to participate on the shooting range **must get your name on the list.** To get on the reservation list you can e-mail Stan Lackey at stanlcky@fulnet.net or you can call Scott or Linda Young at (918)258-8320.

You may bring your own gun, revolver or semi-automatic. Every shooter is requested to bring 100 rounds of ammunition for their weapon. If you DON'T have a gun but would like to shoot, just let us know when you make your reservation and we will make one available for you. Apparently members of the Tulsa Jaguar club have LOTS OF GUNS, (LOL)...so loaners will be NO problem! If you have ear and eye protection, bring it with you. There will be some ear plugs available at a cost of about .25 cents a pair.

Some of you may have smaller guns like air rifles that you use occasionally. If your marksmanship is a bit off, bring it along. Sergeant Rick loves air rifles and he will zero it in for you. The squirrels in your neighborhood will never laugh at you again! All, I repeat ALL caliber hand guns are welcome, both semiautomatic as well as revolvers.

This is going to be a special event, and a great day. Every one who is attending the Jaguar shoot off will have a GREAT time. Remember, there is only room for 20 shooters and judging by the early "survey" response, those 20 spots may fill quickly so call or email as soon as you can. Those wishing to just come and watch the action are welcome to attend.

When we have finished at the gun range we will make the short trip to the White River Fish Market for lunch. This is probably Tulsa's best known restaurant for great seafood at reasonable prices.

For those not familiar with Tulsa, the gun range is located between Tulsa International Airport and Mohawk Park. Take Sheridan Road N until it intersects East Mohawk Blvd. There is not much in this area except the airport, the Zoo and Mohawk Park so you should not have trouble finding it.

BREAKFAST at the SHERATON 41ST & GARNETT – June 4TH

The coffee will be ready and waiting at 9:00 am. Bring the whole family and get your day started right.

HPDE WEEKEND HALLETT MOTOR RACING CIRCUIT JUNE 25-26

Summer is here and the driving is easy, except that if you open it up on the Turnpike or freeway it may cost you BIG! There is an antidote to that. Bring you Jaguar to Hallett Motor Raceway the weekend of June 25th and 26th. You can do one day or both days for the low cost of \$95.00 per day plus a one time annual license fee of \$35.00. That will save you money when we have our second HPDE day the last weekend in September.

This is a great way to really DRIVE your car and learn what it and you, can do. Ask anyone who has done an HPDE day at the track and they will tell you they learned more in one 15 minute session on the track than in hundreds of hours driving on the streets. This can be particularly helpful if there is a new or inexperienced driver in the family. Better to learn the limits of your ability and the car's reaction on the safe confines of a race track than in a collision on the street.

For more information go to the Hallett web site at Hallettracing.com and click on "High Performance Driving" for more details and requirements. You can also download the license application and the registration for the weekend at the same time.

Five 15 minute sessions may not sound like much but you will change your mind in a hurry once you have found out what it is like to drive a high performance car at speed. It will make you have new respect for that 100 pound "girl" who just drove 500 miles at speeds in excess of 200 mph!

JULY EVENTS

The monthly breakfast at the Sheraton will be held on **July 2nd** at 9:00 a.m. Be there for the coffee and fireworks.

July 22-24 GOBMC BRITISH CAR SHOW CARTHAGE, MO

One of the best All British Car shows in the area will be held again in picturesque downtown Carthage, MO. It is just a short drive to a beautiful part of the country and a nice weekend get away.

Every year this show gets bigger and better. This year you can go to their web site at www.gobmc.org, fill out the registration form,

print it out and mail it to: GOBMC, 229 Osage Dr., Springfield, MO 65810.

Last year there was an unseasonable rain storm but even that did not dampen the hospitality on Friday evening and the Saturday show turned out just great.

Once again we will arrange a "Jaguar Caravan" from the Tulsa area for a Saturday morning drive over. E-mail reminders will be sent to all club members prior to this date. Mark this weekend on your calendar now and plan to attend.

AUGUST

August 6th - Breakfast at the Sheraton, 9:00 a.m. 41st and Garnett

August 20th Judges training and swim party – at the home of Larry and Ada Jean West will start at 4:00 p.m. Full information will be in the August newsletter.

NOTE: Be sure to check the complete calendar on the last page of the newsletter so you don't miss any of the events coming up.

EVENT NEWS FLASH!

Just hot off the E-Mail presses, the Fall Fling that will be hosted by JOASW (Dallas) this year, has firmed up the visit to the Ponder car collection. We will be spending the weekend in Jefferson, TX and then motoring to nearby Marshall to see the great private collection of cars. More details will be available as we get closer but put the **October 28-29** weekend on your calendar now.

FLAT OUT AT THE 12th ANNUAL CHAUNTE "CHUTE OUT"

By – Walt Reid

Editors Note: Walt and Beth Reid are members of JCTI who live in Missouri. They have a '56 Jaguar XK140 FHC, '91 Jaguar XJS Coupe, and a '95 Jaguar XJ6. They also participate in our annual Concours and the slalom.

Beth and I were lucky enough to get to spend the weekend of the 21st of May in Chanute Kansas for the second year in a row. This high speed run for British cars is now on our permanent "must do" list! Steve and Alicia Finkel of Chanute put on this fun event every year, basically taking over the Chanute Airport taxiway for that Saturday morning. A radar gun with a large display is set up about 5/8 of a mile from the far end of the taxiway. You have that far to get your British iron as fast as it will go. The stopping distance is sufficient, it just looks shorter than it is! For our heavy Jaguars, an added thrill is a large "hump" at about 3/8 mile, which will cause the faster heavier cars (like mine!) to get the front wheels airborne briefly.

There were three JCTI member families represented: **Don McArthur** in his 2003 S-type with a top speed of the event of 125 MPH!!! Beth and I with our 1995 XJ6-- I got up to 117MPH (or as I like to say, the top "non-supercharged" speed of the event, with Beth getting 114MPH out of her. Of course I manually shifted, and held the RPMs a little into the red....., and **Jim and Linda McCraw** with their 1997 XJ6 with a top speed of 112 MPH.

Also present were Ken Williamson with his 2000 XJ8 with 115 MPH, and Dave Thorn with his 1986 XJ6 (formerly of the Reid household) with a top speed of 95 MPH.

After the speed runs, we all went downtown for Mexican food and an awards presentation. If you haven't done this event yet, put the third weekend of May 2006 on your calendar now!

CONTINUING SAGA OF SERIES I WATER TORTURE

By – Stan Lackey

Editors Note: the April installment had Stan's test drive ending sitting by the road side with a blown transmission.

As I coasted to a stop (in some ones front yard) I suspected that I had just blown the "new" transmission in my restoration. At that moment I wasn't very happy about what had just happened, but my most immediate concern was knowing that I was now in SERIOUS violation of the county "rules" regarding the "wink factor". If I got caught in this situation I may wish that the transmission was the ONLY problem that I had created with that test drive.

In that one instance and with that one stomp of my foot I was thinking that I had just spent yet another \$1,000.00+! Man, was this ever going to end?

After about 2-3 minutes of wondering what the heck I was going to do I decided to try, just try, and see if I could get my car to move. I got lucky. After a moment or two of waiting I put the transmission in to first gear and the dam thing moved! Wow, a reprieve, maybe! For the next 4-5 minutes I was on the road doing about 15 MPH in first gear. It wasn't the 120 mph I was hoping for earlier, but at least I was now past the "wink rule" and wasn't going to end up with a HUGE ticket, and be spending any time in the local hooscow, while my car is resting in some county impound lot.

The next day my first call was to the local transmission shop and my second call was to AAA to use up one of my 5 tows.

As my car was delivered to the "tranie shop" all my suspicions were confirmed. Yep, it was new transmission time, again. The last transmission had lasted for about 10 miles so the \$1,000.00 that I was now getting ready to (re) spend showed me that my Jag time was costing me about \$100.00 a mile. Man, I couldn't take much more of this. Four days and \$1,000.00 later, I was on the road again.

With the new transmission installed and paid for, I was off. This time I was off to a friends shop to get the rest of the project done. I still had chrome to put on, carpet to install, the hood needed to be re-aligned and a lot of other little things.

As a result of this second transmission thing I was staring to feel like a Jonah. My "project"

was (hopefully) coming to an end, and as it did so I started to think about how I had to do every thing twice!

I have had two valve jobs and paid for two valve jobs, I had built and paid for two motors plus had those two motors installed. I had purchased two running transmissions and I had painted two cars in order to get my car painted.

Gee's, was this ever going to end? All I wanted was *nice little hot rod* and I have to admit that the price for all this work not to mention the frustration that I was experiencing was just getting way to TALL.

All my friends were now asking about the car project every time that they called. I'm sure they were just waiting to hear about yet another bummer or duplication of effort. I can't say's as I blame them since when asked, I seldom disappoint! This car project was becoming like a joke and I was the new and what felt like the permanent, poster child for Murphy's law!

At times I wondered if I was purposefully making wrong decisions in order to get some kind of sick satisfaction from having to solve yet another problem. Well, after several episodes of Dr. Phil, along with some rather in-depth self analysis (normally done in the privacy of the Uhummm.... Library), I decided that I was not just some "sick-o". Did I have a problem with knowing when to quit? Probably. I was so far down stream now that the dam thing owned me! I was beginning to remind myself of investment clients that I had in the past who would insist on buying some obscure investment and then chase it into bankruptcy. My God, what was wrong with me? I've got to tell you that it was all that stuff before was pretty easy to take in comparison to the next episode!

While my car was at a "friends" shop, and I now use that word "friend" loosely and only figuratively, things seemed to be going along fine. The work was not going as rapidly as I had hoped and I WAS dying to start driving my new car when I got a voice message on my cell phone. The message started off like this; "Hi Stan it's me, Blank" (name deleted because I no longer utter that word from my mouth). Uhuuu..... I just wanted to let you know that last night I was involved in a an...Uhuuu.... accident....with your car..... it was a hit and run... andUhuuu....I wasn't able to find out who owned the green Ford Explorer that hit me BROADSIDE IN YOUR CAR.....at 1:30 a.m.....Uhuuu..... call me!!!! I simply sat there in total stunned silence as the end of the message came with these final words, "message recorded at 2:45 am".

That was it. Right then and there I lost it!!!! I just went totally ballistic!! The end of the voice mail message said "call me". Huh. I was going to do WAY better than that! In the 1-1,½ minutes that it took me to get the top of my head back on, I was on the road and headed in the most direct route that I could imagine to the house of "the caller" who is, by the way, still alive, but will non the less remain anonymous.

On my drive to his house I had to remember that I had survived rowing 8's in college and most recently 6 years of living in the woods. The first three of those years I had to haul water for drinking and collect rain water for bathing. I had endured no bath room, no AC in the summer with only wood for heat in the winter. I had used kerosene lamps in the winter so that I could get heat and light. In the summer I had endured the snakes and ticks while finding tarantulas and scorpions crawling on the walls of the inside of the house that I was building. If I could survive that I may, *just may*, be able to survive this most recent event with MY CAR!! I also remembered that those tarantulas, scorpions and snakes had paid a price

for their transgressions and I had every intent of extracting the same price from this new transgressor, and tester of my teetering sanity.

Please stay tuned, it gets better!!!!

FRED HORNER SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

By – Linda Young

For the first time, the Fred Horner Sportsmanship award has come to the South Central region. JCTI club members Scott & Linda Young won the 2005 award in their 2002 X-Type.

The award is given to a JCNA member who compiles the best record in all three competitions with the same Jaguar. We won 1st place in class C-9 of Concours, Linda won the Slalom class "N" with a time of 45.843 and we completed 2 sanctioned rallies.

We are very proud to have won this award for several reasons. Number 1; we had the privilege of having known Fred Horner who was the driving force of JCNA for many years. His love of the Jaguar marque, its' proud history and his joy in driving Jaguars was inspirational to all who knew him.

Number 2; we had a great time participating in all the events and met wonderful Jaguar enthusiasts wherever we went to participate.

We sincerely hope that this award will stay in the SC region going to another person,

someone who thoroughly enjoys every aspect of owning and driving a Jaguar. This award represents the true spirit of Jaguar and what JCNA should be all about.

AGM NOTES

We will have new judging sheets for the Concours in September. This is a long overdue upgrade.

The Rocky Mountain Club has transferred out of South Central to the Western Region. They plan to host the 2010 Western States Regional Concours in Steamboat Springs. Good for them! This will be close enough to have a lot of participation from the SC region. We will keep you posted. 2010 will be here before you know it!

WORLD TRAVELERS HOME AT LAST

Les and Joan Niedell have returned home from their 5 month adventure in China and what a time they had. We look forward to seeing them soon and hearing about their adventures.

"GOT'CHA" FINE STRUCK DOWN

Remember a while back when we published an item about a rental car company fining people for speeding based on the GPS system installed on the cars? The state Supreme Court in Connecticut upheld a ban on these fines. The rental company denies using it as a money making scheme saying they were attempting to prevent accidents because "subcompact cars are not designed to be driven in excess of 65 mph". Horse Hockey! The Judges thought so too and said in their decision "The state can't condone speeding, but it condemns moneymaking schemes designed as safety measures".

Bravo for the court! Now do you think they can do something about the money making schemes that banks are using charging a fee for everything they can think of?

CLASSIFIED

Classified ads are free to club members. To place an ad e-mail to mmra@valornet.com or call (918) 258-8320.

FOR SALE: 1964 Jaguar 3.8S, wire wheels, automatic (professionally rebuilt 2001), new interior (leather, wood and carpet). Solid car, needs wiper motor, turn signal controller. No radio or tool kit. Asking \$10,000. Contact Bill Watkins to be put in touch with seller. (479) 636-2168 (days) (479) 631-0054 (nights) bwatkins@watkinslawoffice.com

For Sale: The "Gray Ghost" – 1979 street prepped race car. Set up for JCNA slalom and HPDE track days or enduro racing. MkX carbs, rebuilt torque converter, full roll cage, fuel cell, Corbeau seats, 5 point harness, MSD, adjustable front springs, solid sub frame and mounts, big sway bars front and rear. Ready to drive to the track. \$9500. Scott Young (918) 258-8320

For Sale: 1976 XJ6C. BRG with biscuit interior. Paint and interior in very good condition. Nice driver, low mileage, A/C works! New Dunlop tires (all five), original 8-track, rebuilt transmission, factory tool kit, manuals, parts book and Delanair manual. Drive anywhere. Always scores high in driven class. Asking \$12,000. Call Richard Crump (918) 587-3939 (w) or (918) 541-7378 (cell)

For Sale: 2002 X-Type Phoenix Red w/ black interior. Full sport package, 5 spd, 2 sets of wheels & tires, 2 sets floor mats, 6 CD changer, sun roof, 28,000 miles. 2005 JCNA National class winner. Perfect condition. \$33,000. Call Linda or Scott Young (918) 258-8320 or e-mail mmra@valornet.com