
The Cat Tale



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BREAKFAST – June 3rd

9:00 a.m.

The Radisson Hotel 41st & Garnett

Don't forget the monthly club breakfast held on the first Saturday of every month. Join with your club friends and get the weekend started out right.

This is also the Silver Anniversary MGB Vintage Racers meet at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit and well over 100 cars are already registered. Folks interested in seeing these great cars may want to have breakfast and then drive out to the track. Perhaps some of the blower MG's from the Ponder collection in Marshall Texas will be there for the weekend.

JUNE EVENTS

We have several events that members can take part in during the month of June. Summer is here and it is time to get the Jag's out and have some fun. The first opportunity of course, is the **Saturday, June 3rd** breakfast gathering at the Radisson (see above).

JUNE 10TH SATURDAY – RALLY AND PICNIC

Time: 1:00 P.M.

**Starting place: Mazzios Pizza – 101st and Sheridan.
SE corner behind the Shell station.**

On Saturday June 10th **Roger Hains** and **Scott Young** will attempt to show JCTI members how to enjoy a rally and prove that rally masters are not out to get you! We will have a brief "classroom instruction session" in the parking lot followed by some "seat of the pants" rally driving. No fancy trip odometers or timing devices are necessary. We will be pointing out some information that will make your rally experience less stressful. Upon successful completion of the rally, there will be a club sponsored picnic as your reward. You only need to bring a lawn chair so you have someplace to sit down while you regale the crowd with your rally adventure story. Come see how to navigate a rally and visit parts of Oklahoma you didn't know existed!

We do need to know if you are going to participate so we have enough food ready and waiting at the ending point. Please call Scott at (918-258-8320) or e-mail at mmra@valornet.com and let him know how many are in your rally team! See you on Saturday, it will be fun!

JUNE 15-18

NATIONAL ALFA ROMEO MEET IN TULSA

Les and Joan Neidell, board member and members of the Jaguar Club of Tulsa are also members of the local Alfa Romeo Club and are in charge of some of the details for the upcoming national meet, "Alfa Deco 2006" in Tulsa. JCTI wants to help put out the welcome mat for an expected 300 to 400 Alfa owners from all over the country to downtown Tulsa, for this four day event. The host hotel will be the Crowne Plaza on 2nd street in downtown Tulsa. See www.alfadeco2006.org for a calendar of events.

The local Alfa Club is a small chapter and Les and Joan asked if fellow Jaguar Club members would be interested in helping. Joan is in charge of the boutique and Les is involved with the Autocross and Concours. All of you who have helped with our Concours in the past know full well the huge amount of work that goes into organizing one of these events.

Joan would like some help with the boutique. Boutique hours are Thursday, June 15 through Saturday, June 17th, 9 AM - noon, and 1 - 5 PM at the Crowne Plaza hotel. If Jag Club members could volunteer for two hour stints selling the regalia it would be super. Please call Joan at 918 481-0227 and let her know when you can help out.

The Autocross is Saturday morning. It is a unique event in that it will be on the Tulsa city streets. The Alfa club needs help with the staging from about 7:30 AM until noon on Saturday, June 17th.

On Sunday morning, June 18th we will help out with the Alfa Concours as volunteer judges. A mandatory Concours Tech session will also be held Saturday, June 17th, from 2 - 4 PM at the hotel. For those Jaguar Club members who have judged so many Jag meets, the Alfa Concours could be a "breath of fresh air."

Since many of us already have a lot of experience doing these things it will be easy to step up and help out for a few hours. What an opportunity to get "up close and personal" with these great Italian cars.

PLEASE CALL (430-5968) OR E-MAIL
gvalfa@sbcglobal.net TO VOLUNTEER for

any or all events.

PIG OUT! JUNE 24TH

The Arkansas contingent of JCTI has made plans for another scenic drive through the beautiful back county of Arkansas ending in Lowell, for a pig roast at **Alan and Shirley Jefferson's** home on Beaver Lake.

It has been a couple of years since we have had a good get together with our many English car enthusiast friends from Arkansas and Missouri so don't miss this one. We will meet up with all the Arkansas and Missouri drivers in Tonitown at a place call "Opps" formerly known as Hannahs' Candle Factory, at 10:30 a.m. From there we will drive to Whitney Mountain for lunch in Garfield, Arkansas and then on to Fayetteville and Lowell for an evening of fine roast pig, delightful side dishes and adult beverages.

Because this will be a long day, accommodations at the Comfort Suites in Springdale will be available for just \$59.00. Call them at 479-725-1777 and reserve your room now. Be sure to tell them you are with the Jaguar Club to get this special rate. We will all have breakfast together in the morning and then drive home to Tulsa and all parts west.

For those who are interested in driving as a group from Tulsa to our Tonitown meeting place, we will meet in the parking lot at the Radisson, 41st & Garnett at 8:00 a.m. The drive to "Opps" should be under 2 hours.

When we did this back in 2004 we had 14 (count 'em FOURTEEN!) Jaguars on the drive. And drive, we did! Throw the lawn chairs in the boot and bring the family. This is a great weekend get away so make plans to attend.

JULY EVENTS

Breakfast at the Radisson, Saturday July 1st will get your Independence Day long holiday weekend started off right. Join the gang at 9:00 am for breakfast. The coffee will be waiting.

MARGARITAVILLE, HERE WE COME! SATURDAY, JULY 29TH - 6:00 P.M.

Calling all Parrot Heads! We are headed into the dog days of summer and what better way to "adjust our attitude" that sitting on the deck and enjoying a Margarita!

Warren and Carroll Werling will open their lovely home to club members for an evening of catered Barbecue and laid back relaxation. Side dishes to go with that meat will be provided but we would like to have club members bring appetizers or desserts that would be zesty, cool and refreshing on a hot summer night.

Wear your best Parrot shirt, straw hat and '60's sandals and be prepared to have a great evening. The Margaritas will begin to flow at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00.

The Werlings live at 8511 S. Winston in Tulsa. That is located between 81st and 91st on Yale. At the top of the hill, turn west on 85th Street. Take the first left onto Winston. Their house is the first one on the left side.

The Presidents Message to the Membership.

I beg the memberships' indulgence; it seems that I have fallen a bit behind with many of my duties. Some how it was never explained to me all of the duties of being a "Grandparent" during the month of May. Seems that a goodly number of grandchildren graduate from college, high school, grade school, reform school or have some other activity at this time of the year, and I have just recently been made aware that I will attend all of them. Needless to say, none of these activities are within 250 miles of each other or in the same general area of the country. Result, one month totally lost, all credit cards "totally maxed out", but hopefully June will return to normal, whatever that is.

The JONAT has come and gone. For those members that were fortunate enough to have taken part, I hope you had a great time. There are several exciting events in the planning stages for later in the year. Remember, all club activities are only as good as the memberships participation. Watch the "Coming Events Calendar" column which is always on the last page of the newsletter, for the activity, its' date, and then make your plans to attend.

When was the last time you checked out the clubs web site, will that's too long. Take a tour this week. Have you submitted an article and some photographs to editor of the web site? Why not? Webmaster, Stan Lackey at stanlackey@fullnet.net.

Any member with an idea, suggestion or constructive criticism, please contact the appropriate Board Member by email, remember, "It's your club", and the Board can't act on the membership's ideas and wants, if we don't know what they are.

Cheers, and good motoring,
Don Wright – President JCTI

AUGUST – DOG DAYS OF SUMMER HEAD FOR THE COOL HILLS

AUGUST 12 – Tahlequah, Oklahoma - Yes, Oklahoma does have places to hid from the heat in the summer. **Stan Lackey and Nick Hand** are planning a drive-in/fly-in at the Tahlequah airport where Nick and Lori Hand live.

Seems the 'fly boys' of the area sail in on Saturdays and have a day of general eat, drink and shoot the s*** sessions. There is always a grill going and plenty of interesting people and air planes. They have invited the Jaguar Club to drive down and join them for a leisurely escape from the heat of the big city.

There will be more information on this fly/drive event in the August newsletter but mark the date now so you don't miss out.



WHY IS THIS MAN SMILING?

“JUST A REAR END JOB”

By - Ryan Rhodes

It all started with a cruise around town when I noticed an uneven bouncy feel going over dips and bumps. Mostly of the bouncing was coming from the rear. So in my wisdom I thought SHOCKS! With that thought I started to buy 4 shocks then thought why only 4? Why not do the whole car front and back. So with that thought in mind then I bought 6 shocks. After the purchase of the 6 new shocks then it dawned on me about the springs. The car did sit a bit lower in the back and seeing as the springs are 21 years old (and probably a bit sagged) I then bought 4 rear springs. WOW what fun I was

having using a borrowed oversized spring compressor for these small springs.

I finally tackled the job like a quest, and after several attempts to put the new springs on the new shocks that job got done. OK, now the next job was to get the old shocks off the car and that was pretty easy. I started to put on the new parts and then thought “hey” I need to grease the hub fitting and U-joints while the shocks are off it would be much easier to do.

After NOT finding my grease gun I decided to check the brakes. I crawled under the rear end (after



properly supporting of course) to see my very thin and grooved rotors and noticed one brake pad was totally gone down to metal. Now that explains the grinding noise I was hearing OUCH!

After spending many hours over the past months reading info on WWW.Jag-lovers.org I learned the trick of pulling the whole rear suspension in record time. (2 hrs) I heard it was easier to drop the rear to do the brakes than to try to do them cramped under it. After inspecting everything, I had noticed that it was a big ball of wet grease/dirt. It seemed that every seal on the rear end was leaking and so now I'm thinking that a good bath steam clean along with new seals would be needed. Well, after more reading on the forums pages I thought that it was probably (and would be) a good idea to replace all the bearings at this time because the rear end was already out and with the bearings do have 135 K miles on them it just looked like the right thing to do.

OK so I decided to just jump right in and have the whole thing rebuilt. What I mean is I'll let the pros do the diff, and I'll do the rest with the hubs and the cage. Now the so called \$200 shock replacement is ending up as a total rear end rebuild at a cost of \$1532. This is NEW rotors, calipers, bushings, bearings, and seals.

With all this done I thought that I might as well just throw a fresh coat of paint on it too!! I'll have some pictures on my progress as I go that I'll send you. Well that's all for now. I'll let you know how the rest of the work goes as I progress on this project.

Ed. Note: Ryan is a Tulsa Jag Club member who lives in Augusta, Kansas. Thanks to Ryan, the club has been invited to attend the Sedgwick County “Independence Day Car Show” This is an INDOOR show, held at the Century II Convention Center in downtown Wichita which means air conditioned! Here are the details:

THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CAR SHOW TUESDAY, JULY 4, WICHITA, KS

Registration is \$25 and doors open for display at 7:00 am until 11:30 a.m. For registration information contact Kent Owen –

316-722-5669 or e-mail kowen1@cox.net or Carl Fry 316-755-2198 or e mail elfbuick@netzero.net.

The show opens to the public at 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. and general admission tickets are \$5.00. (children under 5 are free) After the show there will be a fireworks display.

Proceeds from the show benefit "The Arc of Sedgwick County Legacy of Hope Endowment Fund". The fund was established to insure continued support for persons born with developmental disabilities in and around Sedgwick County. Last year the car show provided over \$32,000.00 for the fund.

New MK I in town!

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

For Sale: 1967 XKE 2+2 BRG w/biscuit interior– 90% restored, new paint, interior, brakes, tires, rebuilt transmission. 56K miles – very good condition \$19,000. call John Howell, Stillwater, OK 405-372-3000 or 405-372-1132