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# *Cat Tracks*

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## Tour of the Ted Davis Auto Collection

By Jeff Hand

On February 1, 2025, 35 COJA members and guests descended upon Ted Davis's car collection for a personal tour from Ted Davis of his auto collection. As expected, this collection exceeded our expectations.



Ted Davis on the right.

Ted was a car guy before he was born and at age ten was working at his father's auto mechanic shop. His grandfather had an auto mechanics shop in Terra Haute Indiana. Later Ted brought his grandfather's auto mechanic shop to OKC and it became a part of his collection.



Half of the tools in the shop were for wood working. That fact dates the shop because the cars repaired at that time were made partly of wood.



Some brass car accessories in a beautiful cabinet.



Each car in Ted's collection had a story, about the manufacturer, the previous owners, how the car was built and tested, and how it worked. His blue 1915 Packard had a 6-cylinder 415 cubic inch engine that delivered 48 hp. Both of his Marmon luxury cars were test driven at the Indianapolis Brickyard at 100 mph before they were deemed ready for sale by the manufacturer.



1915 Packard 6 cylinder.

Ted had restored a 1903 4-cylinder Packard Grey Wolf specifically designed to go as fast as possible and reached a speed of 77 mph on Daytona Beach. He pointed out a 30-foot-long Bonneville Salt Flats electric car that accelerated from 0-200 mph in 90 seconds and held the world speed record for electric cars.



Ted with his back to us.

He is currently building a 1933 front wheel drive Miller race car. Miller never built the car but Ted got the drawings and he is building it from scratch.

We saw a Mercer race car and his original 1911 Franklin race car equipped with an air-cooled engine that participated in the Los Angeles to Phoenix Desert Race 1908 to 1914. The Franklin is the only survivor of



that race.



1911 Franklin, sole survivor.



The huge engine of the 1911 Franklin.

He knew the history of the owner of his 1932 Packard prototype roadster and

knew in detail what was done that made the car a prototype.

Ted has been to Hershey's in Pennsylvania every year for the past 50 years, taken his cars on tours from Brighton, England to Pebble Beach, California and he shows no sign of slowing down. Ted had a good time as our tour guide and I personally look forward to another tour.

After the tour about 20 COJA members and guests went to Cajun Corner for lunch.



Lunch at the Cajun Corner.

# Upcoming Events

## March Get-To-Gether at the Russ's

By LaNeal Russ

We are very sorry to report that the tour of Braums has been cancelled, because they are remodeling their facility. Maybe next year!

In the meantime, we are scheduling our hamburger cookout at our home on SATURDAY MARCH 29th beginning at 11:00 AM. The address is 8813 NW 121 Street in far NW OKC.

As usual, we have ordered clear dry warm days with light winds.

We will furnish: ice, water, tea, hamburgers, cheese, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, pickles, jalapenos, mustard, miracle whip, ketchup, and anything else we can think of to add to the burgers. We will also have veggie burgers.

Some of the things that you might want to consider would be soda, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, potato chips, appetizers, nuts, beer of your choice, cookies, dessert or nothing. There is always enough to eat.

Of course, we will furnish plates, glasses, silverware, napkins and hopefully enough seating for everyone, and that is why I'm requesting a head count.

We are looking forward to hosting this club event and look forward to seeing everyone. Please let me know if you are able to come and what you want to bring. Our contact info is as follows:

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## March's Ladies Lunch

By Susan Laurence

Hello COJA Friends!!

March is the month that I (Susan Laurence) will be hosting the bi-monthly COJA luncheon in my home. For this formidable event we are having a potato bar with every conceivable topping known to man (or to COJA woman.). The date will be Friday, March 14 at noon. My address is as follows: 3312 Old Georgetowne Rd., Edmond. The gate code is: #1776. As you come through the gate it is the second house on the left - It will be the home-sporting a flag honoring St. Patrick's Day.

Our own Susan Frantz is going to be providing the dessert: again in honor of St. Patrick's Day, an Irish Creme Cake. Who would want to miss that?

Please RSVP to one of the Susans (Susan L. 405.640.0545 - or - Susan F. 405.250.1082). Mark your calendars, ladies! March 14 – noon – Susan Laurence's home in Edmond. Everyone is expected!

## Spring Fling to Austin, Texas

By Sandy Ratzlaff

Due to a lack of interest, the Spring Fling to Austin has been cancelled.



# 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Month	Date	Activity	Coordinator
January	17 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies' Luncheon – Charleston's in Bricktown	Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
February	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tour of Ted Davis's Car Collection & Lunch	Jeff & Lynette Hand
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Guy's Outing – Tour of Smitty's Classic & Lunch	Dick Russ
March	14 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies' Luncheon @ Susan Laurence's Home	Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Cookout & Get-together at Russ' House	Dick & LaNeal Russ
April	TBD TBD	<b>Open - TBD</b> Guys' Outing	<b>Need volunteer</b> Dick Russ
May	16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> TBD	Spring Fling in Austin, TX Ladies' Luncheon	Ben & Sandy Ratzlaff Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
June	TBD TBD	<b>Open - TBD</b> Guys' Outing	<b>Need volunteer</b> Dick Russ
July	TBD TBD	Volunteer at Oklahoma Food Bank Ladies' Luncheon	Nancy Driver Susan Laurence/Susan Frantz
August	TBD TBD	Brunch – Place TBD 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 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 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 TBD	Christmas Party @ OKCG&CC Guys' Outing	Sarah, Susan F, Susan L., Nancy Dick Russ



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