



## Philbrook Museum of Art – Tulsa

Spring will be in the air and it is a great time to take a road trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the day. Larry and Wanda Altman have scheduled a wonderful day for a guided tour at the Philbrook Museum of Art, which is a world class art museum. The beautiful Italian-style villa and grounds were donated to the City of Tulsa by Phillips 66 founder Waite Phillips in the late 1930's. The villa mansion has 72 rooms and 27 manicured acres of flowers, shrubs, and trees, which are available to roam about freely. The admission price is \$5.50 per person for a group of 10 or more, or for seniors over 62. There is a very nice restaurant and gift shop within the villa, and Larry and Wanda have made arrangements for us to have lunch there.

On our return trip home you may want to stop at the Amish Bakery and Cheese Store in Chouteau, Oklahoma, just a mile from the main highway. They have a bakery, deli, aisles of homemade relishes, jams, candies, etc., etc.

<b>When</b>	<b>April 23</b>
<b>Departure</b>	April 23, 2011 – 9 am <b>SHARP</b> - Springdale Cracker Barrel Restaurant (412 & 540 intersection – Northwest corner by Sam's Furniture). For those of you wanting to have breakfast at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant prior to leaving for Tulsa, be sure to give yourself ample time before we leave at 9.
<b>Route</b>	Cherokee Turnpike (Toll Road: \$2.50 each way); we will make a stop at the Turnpike gas station.
<b>Lunch</b>	Italian Villa Restaurant
<b>Tour</b>	After lunch, museum and villa tour
<b>RSVP</b>	Larry and Wanda Altman 479.575.8458 larwan@cox.net

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## On the Road Ahead

Submitted by David Jones, President

In our previous newsletter I confided a few things about my background, hoping that you'd get some idea of what to expect from me as section president. I've not heard of a mass exodus of members, so I assume few were scared away. Now let's turn from that optimistic motive to this column's ongoing purpose: a focus on plans and future activities. First up is the multitude of events our Board of Directors recently approved. Following that, I'll summarize a new and very important requirement from the club's National Business Office (NBO) that will impact each of us prior to every event.

Thanks to the coordination skills of our Events Chair, Kathy Menold, our complete 2011 Calendar of Events is in this issue. It shows our board discussed a wide variety of fun activities at its December meeting and Kathy sweet-talked several folks into being hosts. We were guided by a tip sheet we created titled "Event Scheduling Factors." Thirteen factors and nine event categories were involved, in addition to a multitude of considerations about our members' diverse interests.

All of our events involve a social aspect, of course, and this year two will feature only that category. The other 10 will primarily feature other event categories, but some—especially driving events—will be combinations. One may be competitive driving, and six will involve caravan-style driving in addition to entertainment (3), education (2), or our annual elections. Two other events will be technical sessions, and one more will be for membership recognition. Be advised that these are planned but revisions are possible. **Be sure you check each issue of this newsletter for event updates and watch for email or postal messages and reminders.**

Now we turn to a summary of that important new requirement you need to know about. MBCA recently changed insurance providers, so I have to send the NBO a form in advance listing all upcoming events. The consequence for you is each activity must fit one of three increasingly-restrictive categories: Group A (e.g., social) is least so, and about half of ours are that. **Events in the categories of Group B (e.g., caravanning) and C (e.g., an autocross) require that each of us sign a "Release of Liability" form prior to participating.** Group C events also require that the section request an insurance certificate from the NBO at least 30 days in advance. For every event, regardless of group category, a "Terms of Participation" agreement must be included in the event registration materials but does not have to be signed (it's on page 5). Further, if at any event an incident occurs that might result in a claim being filed, the section must submit an incident reporting form to the NBO within 24 hours of the incident.

Yes, this new requirement will entail some minor adjustments and accommodations. However, I'm sure you can see it's necessary and will not keep us from the pleasure of getting together to have fun, to exercise our magnificent machines, and to see the attractions of this wondrous area as we proceed on the road ahead.



### Welcome New Members

Sanford Ensinger  
Thomas Wissing

Bella Vista  
Rogers



**Anniversaries**

Dave Jones and Ruth Shafer	Mar 14
John and Linda Concoy	Mar 19
Jeff and Denise Klepac	Apr 5
Paul and Vickie Johnston	Apr 6
Olethea and Vern Sutter	Apr 19
Reid and Donna Fairchild	Apr 28

**Birthdays**

Ginny Gulseth	Mar 1
Sue Carter	Mar 2
Beth Hickman	Mar 3
Monika McCurdy	Mar 7
Becky Deitz	Mar 10
Kathie Weinberg	Mar 17
Tamanda Khanga	Mar 21
Jackson Springmann	Mar 22
Porfirio Gutierrez	Mar 27
Dane Paulsen	Apr 3
Jim Deitz	Apr 15
Barbara Freeman	Apr 15
Wanda Altman	Apr 20
Diane Paulsen	Apr 21
Miranda Jones	Apr 24
Wayne Eris	Apr 28

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**2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****National MBCA**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Apr 29- May 1, 2011	StarTech 2011	Milwaukee, WI	Black Forest LLC	414.228.4899
May 21-24, 2011	Gemutlichkeit 2011	Mansfield, OH	Sue Morrison	330.673.7885
Aug 17-21, 2011	Star Trails 2011	Ouray, CO	Charlie Bennett	719.576.9737
Aug 19, 2011	2011 Legends of the Autobahn: West Coast Summer Concours	Carmel Valley, CA	Laura Simonds	650.592.7613
Sep 24-30, 2011	2011 Lake Huron Mille Driving Tour	St. Claire, MI	Ron Harshman	312-337-5186

**Ozark Section MBCA**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Mar 8-10, 2011	Complimentary Vehicle Inspection	MB of NWA 2400 SE Moberly Bentonville, AR	MB NWA	888.614.8288 877.264.4442
Mar 9, 2011	Ozark Section Board Meeting	Deitz Home	David Jones	479.756.6943 joneshafer@sbcglobal.net
Mar 18-20, 2011	Hot Springs Horse Races	Austin Hotel Hot Springs, AR	Jim and Becky Deitz	479.756.2149 <a href="mailto:rhjd@att.net">rhjd@att.net</a>
Apr 23, 2011	Philbrook Museum in Tulsa	Tulsa, OK	Larry and Wanda Altman	479-527-6812 <a href="mailto:larwan@cox.net">larwan@cox.net</a>
May 14, 2011	George Washington Carver National Monument	Joplin, MO	Gary and Linn Reusswig	417-206-2936
Jun (tba), 2011	Joint event with Kansas City Section	Kansas City, KS	Jeff and Denise Klepac	913-782-5865 jmklepac@comcast.net
Jul 16, 2011	Membership recognition	Al and Mary Marks Home, Bella Vista	Al and Mary Marks	479-876-5219 marksfishinghole@hotmail.com
Aug 5, 2011	Naturals Baseball	Arvest Stadium, Springdale, AR	Ruth Shafer	479.756.6943 <a href="mailto:joneshafer@sbcglobal.net">joneshafer@sbcglobal.net</a>
Sep 10, 2011	Eureka Springs Antique Auto Festival	Eureka Springs, AR	Dane and Diane Paulsen	(479) 253-7650 <a href="mailto:diane@kcrealty.net">diane@kcrealty.net</a>
Oct 15, 2011	Elections and event brainstorming	Queen Wilhelmina State Park or Mount Magazine	Joel and Kathy Menold	479.756.6798 <a href="mailto:menold1@att.net">menold1@att.net</a>
Nov (tba), 2011	Tech Session	MB of NWA	Don Baker	479.203.0900 <a href="mailto:dg.baker@cox.net">dg.baker@cox.net</a>
Dec (tba), 2011	Christmas Party	Bentonville, AR	Mickey and Beth Hickman	479-254-0826 mickbeth@cox.net

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  - a. The vehicle I am driving or in which I am a passenger in the events is insured with at least \$100,000.00 per person bodily injury and property damage insurance that will be in effect for the entire duration of the events
  - b. Any participant violating the competition and event rules may be expelled from the event and forfeit all competition privileges.
2. I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE that excessive consumption of alcohol or possession or consumption of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.
3. I HEREBY GRANT TO MBCA and the event organizer the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish photographs and video images of me, or in which I may appear, for editorial, trade, advertising and any other bona fide purposes, in any manner and medium. I hereby release MBCA, the event organizer, the photographer and videographer from all claims and liability relating thereto.
4. MBCA cannot be held liable for cancellation, delays or other lack of performance with respect to the event under any "force majeure" circumstances (including, but not limited to, wars, riots, insurrection, terrorism, acts of god, strikes or labor stoppages).
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HAVING READ THIS TERMS OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, I HEREBY BIND MYSELF AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN BY THIS AGREEMENT.

## Horse Racing and Wagering at the Sutter's

Submitted by Kathy Menold and Dave Jones

Pictures by Jeff Klepac

At our January event, Oleatha and Vern Sutter graciously opened their lovely home in Bella Vista for a fun evening of learning about horse racing and wagering. To emphasize the theme, they'd placed a colorful jockey statue at their door. Oleatha said it represents her favorite rider, Willy Shoemaker. She worked 25 years as a parimutuel clerk at racetracks in California, so what she and Vern taught us may help all who attend the March event in Hot Springs plump up their wallets/purses.

Tanny Jones and Porfirio Gutierrez kicked off the evening by showing a fabulous video they took on a recent hiking trip in Norway. The scenery was absolutely breathtaking, especially their view from the precarious edge of a 2000' cliff over a Mercedes-blue fiord.

After feasting on Oleatha's homemade tortellini soup and all the great salads, breads, desserts, etc., brought by our section's wonderful cooks we learned many tips about wagering on the ponies. To add realism, Vern taped off a racetrack on their living room floor and handed six of us stick horses he'd made. There were six races, so every warm body had an opportunity to fill a saddle. Hilarity ensued as we placed our "bets" and cheered on our section's fillies and mares. If you missed this event, you missed a unique one that was wonderful fun.



Get Ready



Victory

Prior to the races, each member wrote the name of a charity on a slip of paper so the proceeds from the "bets" could be donated to one recipient. Larry Altman's name was drawn, and in memory of his and Wanda's son the Ozark section donated \$96.00 to The Fayetteville Education Foundation for the Nathan Altman Scholarship for Creative Writing. The foundation provides annual college scholarships to Fayetteville High School students interested in creative writing. A true asset to our community, Nathan had shared his love of writing by conducting writing workshops in area schools and by teaching basic writing skills, plus the art of writing poetry.

To conclude the evening, Dave Jones summarized our board's plans for the remaining events of 2011 and asked each member who is scheduled to be a host to elaborate the details of their event. He also urged anyone who has an idea for an event or would like to be a host to contact our Events Chair, Kathy Menold. That's true for all of our members.

We thank Vern and Oleatha for their great hospitality, for teaching us about horse racing and wagering, and for just providing a fun time. Thanks, too, to Tanny and Porfirio for giving us the vicarious thrill of hiking to a summit in Norway.

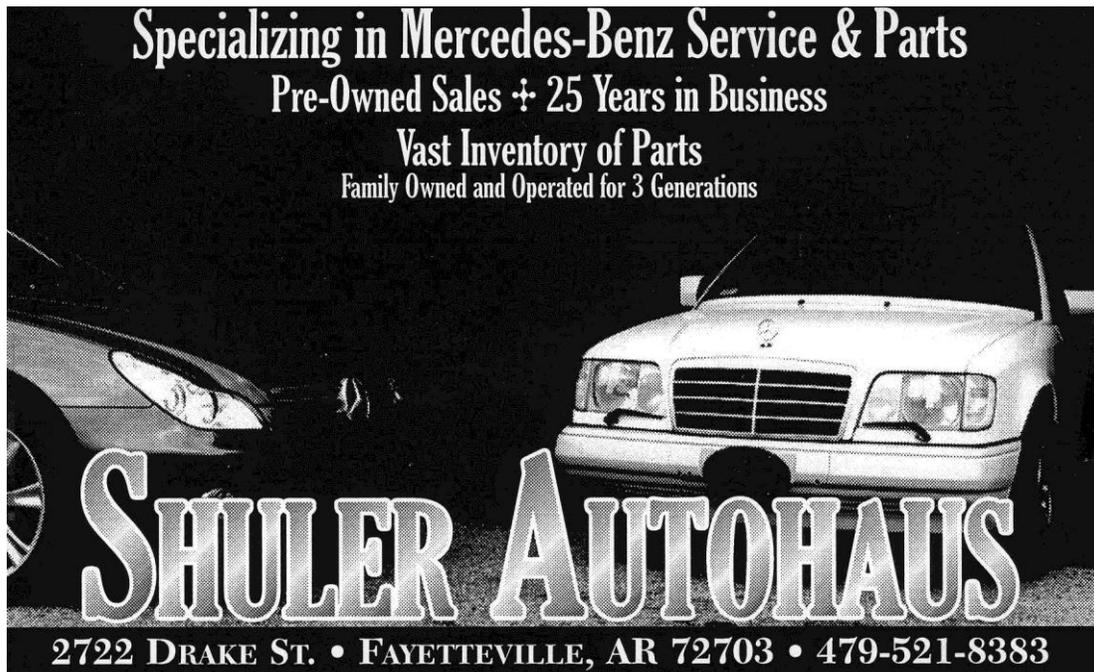
As is sometimes the case, Jeff and Denise Klepac were the members who came furthest for the event. They must enjoy our camaraderie, because they didn't arrive back home in Kansas City until about 1:30 a.m. the next morning! Truly dedicated, they're also president and first lady of the Kansas City section of the Mercedes Benz Club of America, which won the club's Section of the Year for 2010.

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