



## MBCA Ozark Section Newsletter

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November/December 2008

### The Star of the Ozarks

#### NOVEMBER EVENT

**Event:** Autumn Gathering at the Lake  
**When:** Saturday November 8th at 3pm  
**Where:** at Ken and Monika McCurdy's house.  
8551 Pine Ridge Drive, Rogers, AR 72756 Phone:  
479 877 9537

The colors of nature at the lake are beautiful this time of year. We want to celebrate our friendships and share stories of Thanksgiving or talk about what we are thankful for. (Story telling is optional.)

We will share Apple Cider and cookies.  
If you want to bring a goody to share, here are some suggestions:

1. veggies and dip
2. cheese
3. sweets

Remember, the days are getting shorter and it gets dark early. So please be on time to see what nature has to offer.

#### DIRECTIONS TO MONIKA AND KEN'S HOUSE 8551 PINE RIDGE DRIVE

##### Plan A

From old downtown Rogers (intersection of W. Walnut St. and 2<sup>nd</sup> St.) [large Coca Cola mural on side of building] –

Go north on N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street about 1/3 rd mile to W. Locust St./AR Hwy.12 [new Harps store on corner]

Turn right (east) onto W. Locust St./AR Hwy. 12 and continue east for about 7 miles until you cross the bridge over Beaver Lake.

Just past the bridge you will pass a condominium complex on the left, and just past the condominium complex, turn left onto the first road you come to on the left which is Pine Ridge Lane [just beyond Pine Ridge Lane there is an old bus stop painted green with "Pine Ridge Estates" on the side and across the street to the right is the entrance to Graystone.

Take Pine Ridge Lane about 3 car lengths to a T-intersection and turn right (which keeps you on Pine Ridge Lane)

After about another 3 car lengths, the road forks – stay on the main road which is Pine Ridge Lane to the left and up the hill.

At the top of the hill, you will come to another T-intersection with Pine Ridge Drive

Turn right onto Pine Ridge Drive and continue until you almost drive into someone's garage – Don't drive into that garage! It's not ours.

Instead, before you drive into the garage, turn left into a gravel cul-de-sac that is just past a black mailbox with 8551 on it.

Pull around and park in the gravel cul-de-sac and walk down the concrete drive between the two brick light posts at the far edge of the cul-de-sac.

#### DECEMBER EVENT

**Event:** Christmas Dinner

**Location:** Metfield Club in Bella Vista, AR

**Date:** Saturday, December 13

**Times:** Cocktails 6:00pm, Entertainment 7:00pm, Followed by Buffet Dinner. Dinner cost is \$18 including tax & gratuities. The Metfield Golf Club is collecting food for the disadvantaged during the Holiday Season. Please bring any canned or boxed foods that you are able to donate for the needy. Come prepared to tell your Christmas experiences and we will have a gift exchange - \$10 value maximum gift per person.

**Directions:** At stop-light on US 71 (Exit 97) turn east on Trafalger and go 2.4 miles. Turn right on Commonwealth just before the Fire Station. Go 0.8 miles to Euston. Turn right. Metfield Club is immediately on left.

**Reservations By Saturday, December 6.** Call Robin Retzlaff at 479-248-1442 or email [rkretzlaff@cox.net](mailto:rkretzlaff@cox.net).

# The Star of the Ozarks

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## Welcome New Members

Lian Wong, Bentonville, AR  
 Don Gasparetti, Lincoln, NE moving to NWA  
 Klaas and Jerilyn Voerman, Holiday Island, AR  
 Wade & Debbie Shownes, Ft. Smith, AR  
 Damon & Debbie Stringer, Fayetteville, AR  
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 Carole Denney, Rogers, AR

New members and prospective members are always welcome at our events. Members – Bring a guest.

## For Sale

1991 350 SDL. Car is in excellent condition always garaged. 70K miles on engine/transmission overhaul, 250K on car. \$9500.00 Robin Retzlaff, 479-248-1442

### Share-the-Ride

With fuel prices high there may be opportunities to share a ride to our events. If you want a contact in your area please call Rob Retzlaff 479-248-1442 or Vern Sutter 479-855-6854 to find a member that would share the ride.

## 2008 Election Results

President: Robin Retzlaff  
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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| <b>Ozark Section MBCA</b>       |                        |                 |                          |              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| <u>Date</u>                     | <u>Event</u>           | <u>Location</u> | <u>Contact</u>           | <u>Phone</u> |
| November 8                      | Party at McCurdy's     | Rogers, AR      | Ken & Monika McCurdy     | 479-925-2170 |
| December 13                     | Christmas Party        | Bella Vista, AR |                          |              |
| <b>Regional (South Central)</b> |                        |                 |                          |              |
|                                 |                        |                 |                          |              |
| <b>National</b>                 |                        |                 |                          |              |
| November 6-8, 2008              | National Board meeting | Denver, CO      | National Business Office | 800-637-2360 |

Clip this page and put it on your refrigerator.



### New for 2009 Mercedes-Benz E-Class

The 2009 Mercedes-Benz E-Class adds a standard AMG Sport Package for the E350 Sport and E550 Sport, including new 18-inch 5-spoke wheels. Luxury sedans receive new 17-inch 7-spoke wheels and 4MATIC all-wheel-drive is offered at no additional charge on all E-Class sedans. A new multimedia head unit includes a more colorful display, in-dash 6-disc CD/DVD changer and Bluetooth hands-free connectivity.

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### Cross-Country from California to Arkansas

The last week in October found Vern & Oleatha traveling from California to Arkansas. The trip was to take us to visit friends and see some sights along the way.

The first day – Friday-we traveled to the Colorado River near Parker, Arizona from Los Angeles, California to visit friends who were camped there. Getting out of town on the LA freeways was a little challenging but there were no tie-ups. The campers had a wonderful dinner prepared for us. The Colorado River was beautiful and the sunset was most spectacular. High-powered speed boats were cruising the river until dark. The weather was perfect so we decided to stay another day.

Sunday we traveled to Bullhead City, AZ and had lunch with more friends. The venue was a beautiful country club where several new homes were being built. Again, lunch was excellent and the conversation was soooo good. (Walt owed us a lunch.) After lunch we continued on to Williams, AZ for a night's stay.

Monday was spent at the Grand Canyon. We savored the awe-inspiring views of the canyon from several viewing points. (See photos on next page.) Weather was perfect for viewing and walks along the rim. Sunset was gorgeous. We began to wonder how we chose the days to travel and the sunny and mild weather.

Tuesday the travel was to Mancos, CO – again to visit friends. This route took us past Desert View of the Grand Canyon and the “Four Corners” of Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah. These friends lived in the country and we were amazed to see the home there because they were from the big city of Los Angeles. We toured some back country and dined in an unlikely fine restaurant in the little town of Mancos.

Thursday's travel took us through Durango, CO and on to Red River, NM. Red River is mostly a ski town but also a summer vacation spot. We were between seasons and the town closed up at 7 pm. The next morning there was not even a coffee shop open by the time we were to leave.

Friday we took a back road to Taos, NM and to Santa Fe, NM. It was a drive to remember. Over the mountain the temperature dropped to 22 degrees. Aspen trees had lost their leaves and we were a little surprised that there was very little snow on the mountains. In Santa Fe our goal was to visit the Lorreto Church. (See photos on next page.) This church has a free standing, two-revolution spiral stairway. It was built in the 1860's. If you desired, you could view and buy the many jewelry and pottery items made by the local people.

Then it was on to Tucumcari, NM for an over-night stay. Lots of brown hills and trucks on I-40.

Saturday we found a relative in Oklahoma City and enjoyed watching Oklahoma football as they soundly whipped Nebraska. A delicious steak dinner was prepared for us and there was lots of car talk as well as football talk.

Sunday we hurried home to Bella Vista. Turnpikes at 75 mph. The whole ten days were a wonderful trip. No car trouble and gas prices dropped every day. The V-8 left Los Angeles with the gas computer showing 21.8 mpg. By the time we arrived in Bella Vista the computer was showing 24.9 mpg. I cannot remember a trip of that length with continuous sunny days and cool nights.

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### Monsters and Mummies at the ACO!



Although it was still a week before Halloween, there was no shortage of vampires, mummies and monsters at the Arts Center of the Ozarks in Springdale, Arkansas. They weren't trying to trick or treat early, but were there to enjoy an evening of fun featuring the play, *"I'm Sorry, the Bridge is Out, You'll Have to Spend the Night."* The musical was written by the same guy who gave us "The Monster Mash" and was a delightfully funny tale of a young couple stranded by a storm and their experiences trying to evade both Dr. Frankenstein's and

Count Dracula's attempts to steal their bodies and brains. Sixteen members and guests of the MBCA Ozark Section were first treated to a devilishly delicious dinner catered by the Spring Street Grill that featured a variety of treats that would satisfy even the pickiest of ghouls.



After the play, the Ozark Section members hammed it up with the cast and compared costumes. Can you guess who was who? This was one Halloween that was all treats and no tricks! Thank you Dave and Ruth for another great event!





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### Wiederkehr Wine Fest Days



The Ozark Section got revved up for its annual trip to Altus, AR to visit our friends at the Wiederkehr Vineyards. Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> was a perfect day to show off our cars at the Wiederkehr Winery parking lot reserved for Mercedes! The day began at Joel and Kathy Menold's home as nine Mercedes gathered to caravan to Altus. We picked up three more Mercedes along the way and had a total of 12 Mercedes caravanning down Highway 23, more commonly referred to as the "Pig Trail", because of its twisty roads that run through the Boston Mountains of Northwest Arkansas. What a fun ride it was! We made a rest stop at Turner Bend on the Mulberry River before heading south for the balance

of our trip. Once all our members had arrived, our entire reserved hillside was covered with Mercedes. There were over 25 models for the public to view! It was a beautiful sight! We had a very special guest, the president of the Eastern Oklahoma Section, Hans Schmidt. He brought a Smart Car from his place



of employment, Jackie Cooper Imports of Tulsa.

We also had an awesome Black Diamond series SL brought by

John & Linda Concoby and a beautiful 560 SL brought by Brad Woepple. The public voted for their favorite cars and this year Dane & Diane Paulsen won first place with their pristine 1966 250 SL.

The Concoby's took

home second with their beautiful Black Diamond SL and the Retzlaff's 560 SL got third place. As always, it was a lot of fun to see all the different models of Mercedes and I have to say that they are all "winners" in my book!!! A big thank you goes to Joel and Kathy Menold for doing such a fine job of organizing this event for the second year in a row!





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Grand Canyon from South Rim



The Grand Canyon Floor



Desert View at Grand Canyon



Lorreto Church – Santa Fe, NM



Free-Standing Spiral Stair at Lorreto Church

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Home Phone Business Phone

E-mail address -

Mercedes-Benz vehicle(s) now owned (model and year)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Car Care       | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical | <input type="checkbox"/> The Star      |

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