



MBCA Ozark Section Newsletter

The Star of the Ozarks

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Antique Auto Show in Eureka Springs

Eureka Springs, Arkansas will host its 43rd Annual Antique Auto Show on September 6th and 7th, 2013. This will be the club's third year to enjoy the antique autos in the enchanting and historical town of Eureka Springs. Plan to stay for both Friday and Saturday nights, or just spend the day on Saturday. There are several accommodations along Hwy 62 East, many B&B's, as well as hotels in the historical district.

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Friday evening Jeri and Klaas Voerman have again graciously offered to host a potluck dinner in their home on Table Rock Lake starting at 5 pm. They plan to provide the barbeque ribs, wine, and cold drinks. Please RSVP Jeri by September 2nd to let her know what you will be bringing for dinner. jeri.voerman@gmail.com or call 479-253-5908.

Saturday morning the Antique Auto Show parade starts at 11 am from the Pine Mountain Village on Hwy 62 East. Since some of our members are staying at the Rock Garden Cottages on Eugenia Street, (across from the hospital), this is a great place to watch the antique cars and trucks roll by during the parade about 11:30 am. You are invited to join those on the lawn, just bring your

folding chairs. There is parking on the side street or across the street at the resale shop next to the hospital.

We will meet at the German Bavarian Restaurant on Hwy 62 West at 6:45 pm. Kathy has made reservations for the evening, but needs to know the exact number of those planning to attend.

Autocross and Defensive Driving

Don't know what an autocross is? Well, read on, m' friend. All of our events are fun, and the one we'll have in October will certainly be that. However, this one will include a course in defensive driving that may literally save your life AND save you quite a bit of foldin' money. So, listen up and mark your calendar now!

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One of the driving instructors our board is bringing in from Ohio will tell you quite vividly about an incident in which the training kept her from being killed, and she'll say why it could save your life, too. She might also tell you the difference between "the line" and "a chicane" so you can impress your friends with your knowledge of the motorsport called autocrossing.

The instructors are Frank and Mary Alice Cozza. He's MBCA's National Events Chair and a Regional Director (Great Lakes). She's an officer (Secretary) on MBCA's National Board of Directors. As the national club's experts on driving events, they will conduct our second-ever autocross and defensive driving course. They did our first in 2010, after which our section president's insurance company awarded him a discount of \$160 spread over a 3-year period. Yours might do likewise!

According to Wikipedia, "An autocross is a timed competition where drivers navigate one at a time through a temporary course marked by traffic cones." It also says "Speeds are slower...compared to other forms of motorsports...but the activity level...can be higher than even Formula One."

You can elect to take the defensive driving course and omit the autocross. You also may elect to do the autocross just for fun and to learn or as a timed competition. Wish you'd bought that all-out sports car now, don't 'ya? Not to worry. In fact, the Cozzas prefer that you come in your "daily driver." That's the vehicle in which the odds of your having an accident are highest. A safety inspector will assess its suitability for the event.

We'll meet at **8:00 a.m., October 26th**, in the paved parking area on the south side of the Metroplex Event Center, which is at 2305 S. 8th St. (aka HW 71B South) in Rogers, AR. For those familiar with the area, it's the large building a block south of the old Daisy Air Rifle plant and was formerly the Ichiban athletic center. We'll hold the event rain or shine. In fact, inclement weather would add an important element of real-world driving to the experience.

Bring weather-appropriate clothing, and, if you like, folding chairs and snacks. There are vending machines and restrooms in the building. Our classroom training and waiting area will be in a room just inside the building's south entrance, which has a black awning over it. The Cozzas say we'll spend about half an hour there and then return to the parking lot for hands-on instructions, with the emphasis on "*knowing what your car can do and knowing what you can do with your car.*" One of them will be in each driver's vehicle during the on-course training and during the autocross.

Each driver who signs the required participation agreements and completes both parts of the defensive driving course (class and driving) will receive a gift and a certificate that their insurance company may need to justify the discount. To help defray the user's fee our section paid the facility's owner, we will ask participants to donate \$15 per driver, cash or check. Drivers wishing to compete in the autocross will be timed, and we will

award prizes to the quickest in three "classes" (sports, sedan, and SUV).

For lunch, we'll go to a nearby restaurant. After lunch, we'll return to the Metroplex and apply what we've been taught so we can negotiate the autocross in style—perhaps several times—until the Cozzas say "enough, already." We can accommodate 35-40 participants, but you must reserve your spot by October 25th. Contact Dave Jones at (479) 756-6943 or joneshafer@sbcglobal.net. We're still working out some minor details, so stay alert for our emails as we get closer to the date. 🕒

Welcome New Members

Henry Euler	Rogers
Leighton Ewell	Cabot
Michael Irwin	Heber
Tim Ward	Clarksville

Thanks to Renewing Members for their Continued Loyalty

Don Baker	Rogers
George Williams	Fayetteville

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Stay up to date by keeping your email address updated at www.mbca.org or by calling the National Office at 800.637.2360. This will ensure you get that latest national, regional, and most importantly, local section communication and event information. 🕒

Ozark Section Anniversaries

Gary and Linn Reusswig	Jul 06
Mick and Beth Hickman	Jul 23
Dane and Diane Paulsen	Jun 27
Jim and Becky Deitz	Aug 12
Jeff and Catherine Conner	Aug 19

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2013 Loyalty Rewards Program

This is to remind you about the **2013 Loyalty Rewards Program**. Your membership with the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) comes with special privileges, like saving \$500 off the purchase or lease price of a NEW Mercedes-Benz. To qualify, you must be a current Member of MBCA and have at least one year of uninterrupted membership with the Club, prior to your New car lease or purchase. If you are a current U.S. Member of the MBCA and have been a Member for at least 12 consecutive months prior to purchasing or leasing a NEW 2013 or NEW 2014 (when available) Mercedes-Benz vehicle, you are considered a "Member in Good Standing" and automatically qualify for a \$500 price discount. Go to www.mbc.org for details. 🕒

Ozark Section Birthdays

Jeff Klepac	Jul 04
Penny Springmann	Jul 08
Kathy Menold	Jul 10
Bob Zimmerman	Jul 17
Barbara Wissing	Jul 19
Gary Reusswig	Jul 20
Reid Fairchild	Aug 05
George Williams	Aug 08
Larry Altman	Aug 15
Joel Menold	Aug 16
Rob Retzlaff	Aug 21

What happened to the Calendar?

We planned for a 2013 calendar, but did not receive enough picture submissions. We will continue to look for member pictures and compile pictures from events. We will be ready for 2014! 🕒



On the Road Ahead

Submitted by Dave Jones, Section President

In my previous Road column, I said we were looking for a volunteer to host our annual Christmas party. I'm delighted to report that, once again, Mick and Beth Hickman said they'd be honored to do so. We always have a great time in their home, and they will again give us an opportunity to help support a worthy non-profit cause in a very personal way—which our board heartily endorses. Past experiences show we who are fortunate enough to drive a Mercedes enjoy contributing to our members' favorite causes at Christmastime, and we do so generously.

I also said our board brainstormed an incentive to help motivate volunteers to host our Christmas parties, and I cautioned that we want to avoid the complications and hard feelings that might arise if our section appears to be promoting one charitable activity at the expense of others. I then noted the board approved a motion saying for "each Christmas party, the host can pick their own 'special cause,' but the Club itself would not sponsor a personal interest." A recent query caused me to wonder if we need to broaden or supplement that policy. I discuss the reason below.

One of our members, a realtor who recently learned about an opportunity for us to tour a famous historic mansion in Eureka Springs, asked if we would be interested in doing that as an option during our September event. My reply said, "I think several members might be interested. However, we have to be very careful about giving the impression our section is endorsing non-Club activities--especially any which could be construed as commercial in nature." Her reply said she understood and, "That is why I sent the signup sheet with my name

on it instead of showing MBCA in any way shape or form. I really do hesitate to mention anything to do up here since it seems to always appear that I'm 'pushing' real estate even though it is not my intention. It just happens to be my only connection with things!"

In this instance, her connection is providing us an opportunity we might not otherwise be provided, and we appreciate her gracious offer to facilitate it. While mulling over whether or not to inform our members of the opportunity, I remembered we set a precedent of sorts several months ago when the couple who hosted our 2012 Christmas party asked us to inform our members about a subsequent fundraiser for the organization to which they sent our donations. I told the realtor we sent a notice, but emphasized we said (1) it was for info only, (2) the event was related to a non-profit organization, and (3) the activity was not Club-related. I said we might use similar wording to poll for interest in the mansion tour and send it to only those planning to attend the Eureka event. By the time you read this, our Events Chair may've done that.

We must continue to avoid giving the impression of a conflict of interest, so our board will discuss this at its September meeting and attempt to establish a broader policy about sending out notices. If you have any input, we'd certainly appreciate seeing it. For example, the realtor reminded me that most of our events involve commercial establishments for meals, etc. True, however, most aren't suggested or hosted by a member who has a professional relationship to the type of business--as she does in this instance. Therein lies the rub. Send your comments to joneshafer@sbcglobal.net. They'll help us to keep steering this section between the ditches on the road ahead. ☺



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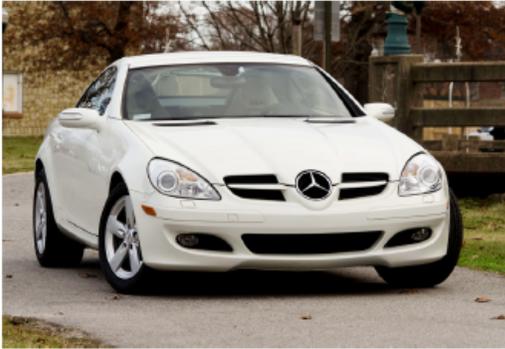
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Submitted by Dave Jones

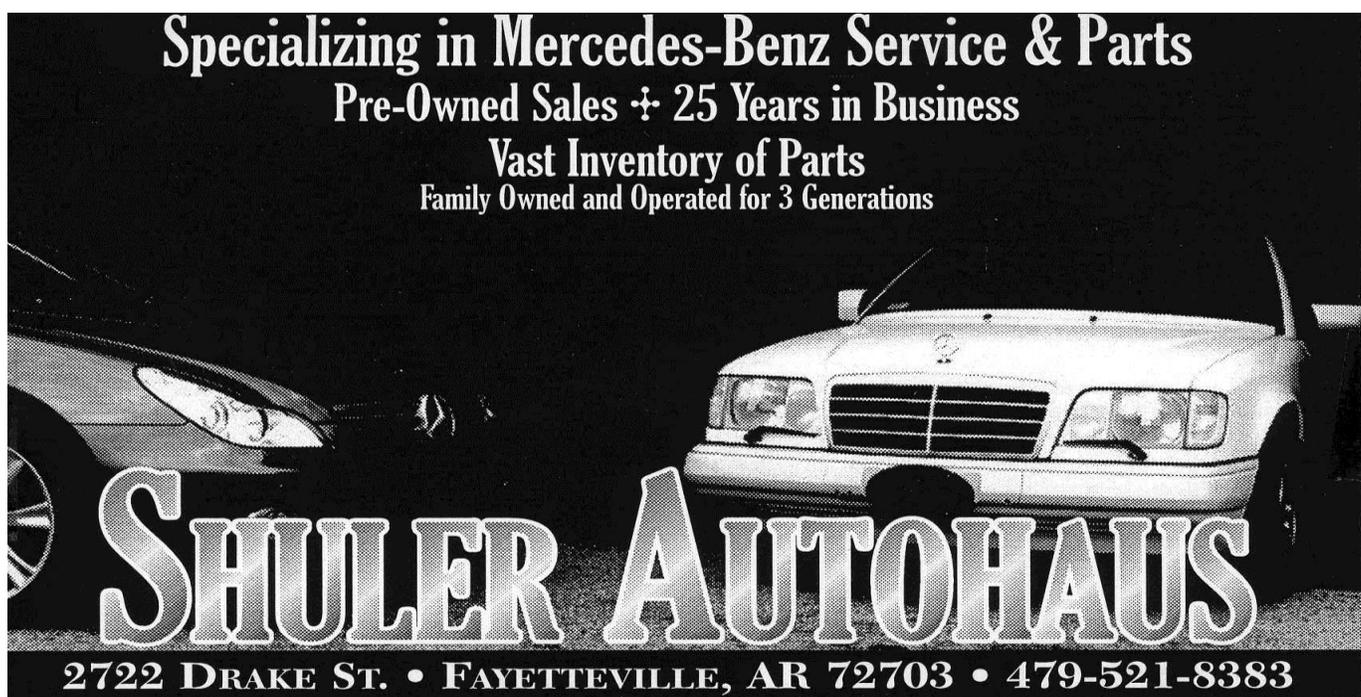
Twenty-eight convivial Ozark section members and guests convened at noon on June 15th under a pavilion near a large and well-landscaped water feature in Bentonville's Orchards Park, which is adjacent to the Crystal Bridges Museum. As advertised, it was both *Le Piquenique Extraordinaire* and our annual Membership Recognition event. Vacation activities apparently kept a few regulars from attending, but we had fun anyway and were charmed by the presence of Guillermo and Sandra Rosales' three children and his mother, a college professor visiting from Mexico. Other special guests were Tanya Stumbo's friend, Ted Mantooth, a retired Air Force fighter pilot who teaches high school in Van Buren, and John and Joslynn Lee. The latter are the son and daughter-in-law of Terry and Lori Lee.

Everyone pitched in to transport the necessities to the pavilion, to display and serve the food, and to clean up afterwards. As always Kathy Menold's skill at coordinating the yummys assured we had a delectable array of diverse dishes. We were especially grateful to Gary and Linn Reusswig, who—as for the past two years—brought enough gourmet wursts and condiments to feed a multitude, as well as plates, etc. Despite their status as guests, the younger Lees fired up the grill, cooked, and served the “dogs.” It was evident they had good parenting.

Following lunch, I announced this year's Membership Anniversary awards. I said the Club provides a special enameled pin and a parchment certificate of recognition to members who, as of the event's date, have been on the rolls five years or a multiple thereof and have not previously received their increment's award. This year, the increments and our section's award recipients were as follows: 20—Louella Terrell; 15—Jose Penagaricano, Roger Shuler, and Dane Paulsen; 10—Harry Weisenstein and Wayne Eris; 5—Al Gulseth, James Sehl, Tanny Jones, Bob Zimmerman, and Heather Ramsey. Only Tanny was able to attend in person, so she graciously received the hearty round of applause intended for all of them.

Tanny had also volunteered to lead a hike on one of the Museum's trails but suggested we forego that because of the heat. For the same reason, no one played with a lawn game—including the bocce ball set John and Dottie Miller brought. Kathy Menold then summarized our three upcoming events and encouraged everyone to participate. I mentioned that we still need a host for our Christmas party and that our board recently approved a motion to provide an incentive (see my *Road Ahead* column).

There were hugs all around and sincere expressions of thanks as we ended the meeting. When you're ready to feel that warmth as an event host, please contact our Events Chair, Kathy Menold. You can email her via menold1@cox.net or phone 479.756-6798.



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2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS Ozark Section MBCA

(Dates and Events are subject to change)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Contact Info</u>
Sep 6 – 7	Antique Auto Show in Eureka Springs	Eureka Springs	Kathy Menold	menold1@cox.net
Oct 26	Autocross and Defensive Driving	Rogers, AR	Dave Jones	joneshafer@sbcglobal.net
December TBD	Christmas Party at the Hickmans	Bentonville, AR		

National MBCA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Contact Info</u>
Sep 22	NYC-LI Legends of the Autobahn	Old Westbury New York	Oliver Seligman	914.763.0178
Sep 23 - 29	2013 Club Trip to Germany	Germany	Jim O'Sullivan	843.671.2079

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1. I CERTIFY, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE that if I am driving, a passenger or otherwise participating in the events:
 - 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).
5. I authorize and consent to treatment, hospitalization and other care rendered to me in the event of my illness, injury or other emergent circumstances that may occur while participating in the event and assume full responsibility to pay for all costs and expenses for any such treatment, hospitalization and care (therefore agreeing to hold harmless and indemnify MBCA and the event organizers therefore).

HAVING READ THIS TERMS OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, I HEREBY BIND MYSELF AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN BY THIS AGREEMENT.



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