



**MBCA Ozark Section Newsletter**  
*The Star of the Ozarks*

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**Tour of Garvan Woodland Gardens  
near Hot Springs, Arkansas**



Garvan Woodland Gardens is a 210-acre botanical garden located approximately six miles from Hot Springs National Park. Owned by the University of Arkansas, it has the stated mission of education, research and public service. The garden is situated on a woodland peninsula with 4.5 miles of shoreline on Lake Hamilton. It features rocky inclines reflective of surrounding Ouachita Mountains, with floral landscapes, streams, and waterfalls in a natural woodland setting, Garden of Pine Wind Japanese Garden, a conifer border, camellias, magnolias, roses and more than 160 different types of azaleas.

**Where:** 550 Arkridge Road, Hot Springs, AR 71923

**Cost:** General admission to Garvan Woodland Gardens is \$15 for adults. You may rent a golf cart (if available) to tour the gardens for an additional \$10 per passenger.

**When:** Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The tour of the garden takes about two hours. The time you take your tour is totally flexible that day as we will not be touring as a group. If you want to arrive early or late, that will be fine. The garden opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. However, we are planning a social hour at the Marriott at 5 p.m. and dinner at a local restaurant at 6 p.m., so give yourself enough time to tour the gardens and be ready for these two group activities in Hot Springs. This is planned as an overnight event. You can stay one or two nights in Hot Springs or drive down on Saturday morning and back on Saturday night so you can join us for the social events. **We have reserved a block of rooms for two nights (April 22-23) at the Hot Springs Courtyard Marriott, 200 Marriott Court, Hot Springs, AR 71913. To make your reservations, call 501-652-4366 by April 12.** The Ozark Section Group rate is \$109 for Standard King and a King suite is \$121.



**Along-the Border Casino Poker Run  
May 21, 2016**

Our May event will be a pay-to-play casino poker run on Saturday, May 21. Each poker hand will cost \$20, which you will pay as you submit your hand at the end of the run. You may buy one hand for your vehicle, or every person in the car may buy a hand. The run will begin at the Sonic just off Highway 71 in Bella Vista in late morning. We will meet in the large parking lot in front of Allen's Food Store where we will draw our first card. From there, we will caravan together to Downstream Casino just outside of Joplin, Missouri, to draw our second card and then drive south along the border of Oklahoma and Arkansas.

The poker run will continue south to Wyandotte Casino in Oklahoma where we draw our third card. From there, we continue south to Cherokee Hotel and Casino in West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma, where we will draw our fourth poker card. After spending some time at Cherokee Casino, we will cross the border back into Arkansas, stopping just on the other side for a late lunch at 28 Springs restaurant in downtown Siloam Springs. We will draw our fifth and final card at the restaurant. Prizes will be awarded for the winning poker hands, and we will also be drawing for several door prizes. We will provide more details and exact times for this event as we get closer to the date.





**Star Reflections**

Kathy Menold, Section President

I would like to thank the Ozark Section members for your "Get Well" cards, prayers, and concerns regarding the spinal fusion surgery I had on February 17. I am doing very well. I recently had my monthly check up with X-rays, and Dr. Barr is very pleased with my progress. I will return to see him on May 23 and hopefully at that time he will say I can remove my brace (turtle shell) for good.

Thank goodness spring is on the way. We have some great events planned for the section. We do have a change for our May event. Unfortunately the Northwest Mercedes-Benz Bentonville Dealership has had to postpone our car show display: however, Bob Frye has come up with a great idea for a substitute. We are going to have a Casino Poker Run on May 21, 2016. We will start in Bella Vista, Arkansas, at the Sonic and then drive to the Downstream Casino in Joplin, Missouri and end in West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma, at the Cherokee Casino. This will be a pay-to-play event, and each poker hand will cost \$20. We will have a late lunch at the 28 Springs restaurant in downtown Siloam Springs where the prizes will be awarded.

**I have several reminders for you:**

**First:** As many of you know, the Ozark Section does have a Facebook page, MB Ozark, and Larry Altman posts many of our events on this page. If you are currently on Facebook and would like to be added to the MB Ozark page, you can request Larry Altman to be your friend, and he will invite you onto the site. This is a way for our Section members to keep up on current Ozark Section events and share information and photos. Once you are a member, you can invite other Ozark Section members or friends onto the Facebook page. Please do not forget that this site is for Ozark Section information only and personal information will not be accepted. Larry will keep the site monitored. If you have a Mercedes-Benz or genuine Mercedes-Benz parts that you would like to sell, this is a good way to advertise.

**Second:** The Ozark Section still has a few 2016 section calendars available at \$8.00 each. Patti Tetu has these calendars; you can contact her at [mudmouse@hughes.com](mailto:mudmouse@hughes.com) or call her at 479.981.9389.

**Third:** October 2016 will be an election year for board members. The positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer are two-year terms, and the open director position is a three-year term. Two of our directors will continue on the board for the duration of their terms. Please give some consideration to whether you would be willing to run for one of these positions or know of another member in our section who would be interested. Associate members may also run as long as they are on the MB National Office membership file. A spouse or other over-18 person in the member's household may be registered as an associate at no extra membership charge, but some members have only registered themselves. We'd love to have your associate actively involved, so please make sure your spouse is a registered member.

**Fourth:** Several members have recently requested nametags. The cost for a nametag is \$7.50 if I place an order for eleven nametags or less. If an order is for twelve or more nametags, the price is \$6.70. Each nametag will have a magnetic fastener. If I need to mail the nametag to you, there is an additional postage charge of \$2.50 per nametag. I'd like to get these ordered, so if you need one please let me know soon.

**Fifth:** The National Office has made changes to its web-site, and I am not able to pull up all the names of members who have currently renewed their memberships, so I am sorry if your name is not listed.

I want to remind you to get involved. Come and join in on our monthly events! It is such a great way to meet our members and have a fun time motoring!



**Welcome New Members**

Horace Daniel	Mountain Home
Jeffrey Garner	Little Rock
Judy Hornibrook	Little Rock
Scott Huff	Bentonville

**Thanks to Renewing Members for their Continued Loyalty**

Member	Member Since
John Brennan	2010
David Chance	1995
Randy Kelderman	2015
John Miller	2012
Eugene Smith	2011

### “Wine Tasting Event”

Submitted by Kathy Menold, President  
Photos by Pamela Modisett



On January 30, 2016, 24 members of the Ozark Section attended the annual wine tasting and social event at Hank and Jean Euler’s home in Rogers, Arkansas. This year Hank selected three white wines (Albarino, Chenin Blanc, and Riesling) and three reds (Gamay, Graciano, and Sangiovese) for us to taste. He described

each of the wines before we sampled them and explained a way of tasting wines: first swirling your glass, then sniffing the scent, and finally sipping for the taste. The wine bottles were numbered and wrapped in paper bags tied with ribbons. We were each given a slip of paper with the six wines listed; as we tasted the wines, we were to select the number that corresponded with the correct wine name, based on Hank’s descriptions. We had some real wine connoisseurs among our members. Our “master of wine” was Ruth Shafer, who selected all six wines correctly; others were Vicki Spranza, who correctly chose the white wines, and Luke Lippig, Phyllis Klinger, and Eric Duca, who tied for correctly choosing the reds.

Our members contacted Jean Euler prior to the event for her suggestions on what type appetizer to bring for the evening. As usual, we all outdid ourselves with cheeses, meats, shrimp, fruit trays, numerous dips, crackers, breads, chocolates, etc. Outstanding job, food lovers!!





Luke Lippig came all the way from Little Rock to join us, he was sorry his wife had to work and couldn't attend. Not only did Luke receive a keychain from the Ozark Section, he won a prize for tasting the red wines correctly. He was very pleased, for this was his first event.

Hank hand purchased six additional bottles of wine—three whites and three reds—to be given as door prizes. Winners were: Nick and Patti Schuh, Dave Jones, Sharon Frye, Bob Tetu, and Mike Modisett. There were some happy members that evening.



We can't thank Jean and Hank Euler enough for opening up their lovely home again this year for the wine tasting event. We also want to thank Patti and Bob Tetu for co-hosting, and a special thank you goes to Pamela Modisett for all the great pictures she took during the evening.



## Crystal Bridges Museum and Frank Lloyd Wright House

Submitted and Photos by Larry Altman, Vice President



Thirty Ozark Section members gathered at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville on a beautiful spring-like Saturday morning, Feb 27. Prior to the main event, Ruth Shafer and David Jones hosted a delicious brunch in their beautiful hillside home in Springdale from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Members were treated to wonderful homemade muffins, breakfast pizza, quiche, French toast casserole, bagels, doughnut bites, a variety of fruits and juices, and endless coffee. Once at the museum, we toured a very special house that was recently opened for public viewing. The Bachman-Wilson House is an example of Frank Lloyd Wright's classic usonian architecture. Wright embraced this term as the name for a distinctly American and democratic style of residential architecture he developed during the Great Depression. Compared to his highly customized homes, these models were simpler, lower-cost houses designed to be within the reach of the average middle-class American family without sacrificing quality. Crystal Bridges acquired the house in 2013 and had it

disassembled and transported from Milbrooke, New Jersey, to Crystal Bridges. Due to limited space, we toured the house in three separate groups of ten; each person had a hand-held audio guide giving details concerning the design and construction of the house.

Following the tour of the Bachman-Wilson house, members visited some of the other interesting exhibits at Crystal Bridges museum. Many of the exhibits were free, including a new work by Samuel F.B. Morse known as "Gallery of the Louvre." Morse reproduced on his canvas miniature versions of some of the Louvre's famous paintings, showing them as they hung at that time. Another free exhibit entitled "Changing Perspectives of Native Americans" reflects shifting attitudes toward Native Americans over the course of the 19th century.

Some members chose to visit a very special exhibit entitled "The Open Road," which debuted at Crystal Bridges on this particular Saturday. With more than a hundred images, "The Open Road" features nineteen photographers on the move across America from the 1950s to the present. It is a journey through time that poignantly displays roadside motels, Mt. Rushmore, the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Route 66, the Pacific Coast Highway, theme parks, and everyday America. This was a very fitting exhibit for members of our auto club, and we were lucky to have it available during our event.

After walking through the museum and feasting our eyes on all the fascinating exhibits, many of us had worked up an appetite and headed over to The Flying Fish restaurant for lunch. The restaurant is located five minutes from the museum, just off the Bentonville Square. It features many kinds of fried and grilled fish, shrimp, gumbo and wonderful fish tacos, which are served with either fried or grilled tilapia. Even though we did not have a group reservation, we managed to find enough tables that we could sit together as a group. After a great lunch and lots of friendly conversation, we decided it was time to go out and enjoy the beautiful weather. By the time we left the restaurant it was very sunny and 72 degrees--not bad for a February day in Northwest Arkansas.

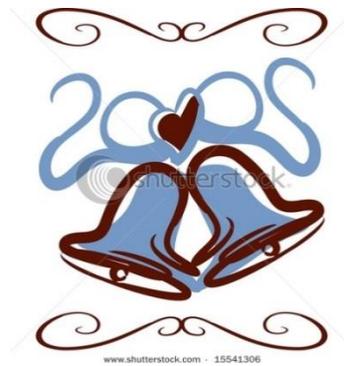
This was also Carl and Joan Long's first event with the Ozark Section, and we were so pleased that they were able to join us.





### Congratulations to Mike and Pamela Modisett

Pamela Hill and Mike Modisett are pleased to announce they are now Mr. and Mrs. Mike Modisett. The couple exchanged vows as sunset fell upon the beautiful Cooper Memorial Chapel in Bella Vista, Arkansas. Mike and Pamela were joined for a weekend of wedding events in their honor by friends and family from the area as well as Tennessee, Chicago, Florida, Kansas City and the UK. Following the ceremony everyone joined the happy couple in Gallery One of 21C Museum Hotel for a reception. The couple set sail for a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean. Mike and Pamela are making their home in Springdale, Arkansas.



### StarFest 2016 - New England August 3 – 6, 2016



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StarFest 2016 will take place in Connecticut's "Quiet Corner" with lush green valleys and picturesque hilltop farms. It's also known as the Antique Capital of Connecticut. From the seashore near the host hotel, to the lush greenery near the host track, the two are linked by a short trip on I-395. Spectacular scenery and iconic New England towns await your discovery.

Get updates on line at: [starfest2016.mbca.org](http://starfest2016.mbca.org)

## Will Rogers Highway

Submitted and Photos by Bob Frye

The Will Rogers Highway, better known as Historic Route 66, roughly parallels I-44 between the Missouri border and Tulsa, Oklahoma. This one-tank trip covers the portion of Route 66 from Afton to Claremore, Oklahoma.



The easiest way from Northwest Arkansas to Afton, Oklahoma, is to take I-49 north to Neosho, Missouri, and then take US-60 west to Afton. Our two-car caravan took a more scenic path following AR-59 north to Gravette, Arkansas and Noel, Missouri; AR-90 to Southwest City, Missouri; and then MO-43 and OK-25 to Grove, Oklahoma. At Grove, we took US-59 northwest to US-60 and Afton.

However when you get to Afton, stop at "Afton Station and Packard Museum". (12 SW 1<sup>st</sup> St.) It's a restored D-X gas station and has souvenirs, memorabilia and restored old cars. A mile east of town is a roadside monument featuring a piece of the "Sidewalk Highway" that was part of the original Route 66.

We followed the US-60/Historic Route 66 signs south and west to Vinita, Oklahoma. About three miles west of Vinita, US-60 turns to the northwest, but we continued on OK-66/Historic Route 66 to Chelsea.

Take a few minutes and stop to see the Andrew Payne statue at the park on the south side of Foyil (east side of the highway, near the intersection with Andy Payne Blvd.). In 1928, Andy won the "Bunion Derby", a 3400 mile, transcontinental footrace that followed Route 66 from Los Angeles to Chicago and finished in New York City. Andrew graduated from the Foyil school.

The Claremore area is the setting for the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *Oklahoma!* Recommended attractions are the Will Rogers Memorial and the J.M. Davis Arms Museum. The four of us toured the memorial, which has a collection of Will's personal items from his career as cowboy, vaudeville performer, humorist, columnist, and stage and movie actor. The Davis collection has over 20,000 firearms and firearm-related items. The Hammet House restaurant is just south of the Will Rogers Memorial, and is a local favorite. We found their salads and sandwiches delicious.

The quickest return route is to take OK-88 to Inola, and then US-412 east to Siloam Springs (toll road). We took a more scenic return route following OK-20 east, through Salina, Spavinaw and Jay, Oklahoma. Spavinaw was the birthplace of the great New York Yankees' baseball player, Mickey Mantle. We continued east on OK-20 to Maysville, Arkansas. For trivia buffs, Maysville is the westernmost settlement in Arkansas. You can take AR-72 to Bentonville and Rogers or continue on AR-43 south to Siloam Springs and then to Springdale or Fayetteville.

This is a 210-mile round trip from the Northwest Mercedes-Benz Dealership in Bentonville, Arkansas.





### 2013 AMG 63 Coupe FOR SALE

Nick Schuh is selling his 2013 AMG 63 Coupe. It is loaded with all the desired options. It has the P32 Performance package, which includes lightweight engine components and more hp than the standard, plus oversized brakes with red calipers. It has 14k miles and has also been garaged and never driven in bad weather. The factory warranty is good thru March 2017, and MB certification is transferable and good for another year. Call Nick Schuh for a test ride and to talk about the price. 816.506.0944



~ Spring 2016 Raffle ~

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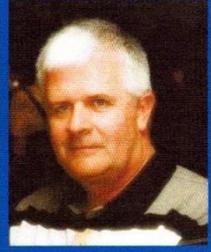
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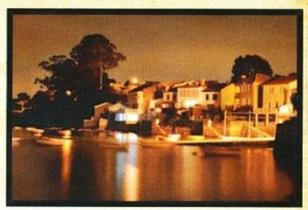
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**2016 Upcoming Ozark Section MBCA Events**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
April 23rd	Garvan Woodland Gardens	Hot Springs, AR
May 21st	Along-the-Border Casino Poker Run	Joplin, MO, to West Siloam Springs, AR
June 25-26th	Kansas City—Art of the Car Concours On the Kansas City Art Institute Campus	Kansas City, MO
July 6th	Membership Luncheon/Copeland's Restaurant	Rogers, AR
August 20th	Driving Scavenger Hunt/Gaston's Seafood Restaurant/White River	Lakeview, AR (Below the Bull Shoals Dam)
September (TBA)	Cruising Route 66 to Oklahoma City	Oklahoma City, OK
October (TBA)	Fall Foliage Tour/Tour of Subiaco Abbey	Subiaco, AR
November (TBA)	Mercedes-Benz Dealership Event	Bentonville, AR
December 10th	Christmas Party at Shadow Valley Country Club	Rogers, AR



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**Ozark Section Birthdays**

Dane Paulsen	Apr 03
Don Shelton	Apr 05
Vickie Spranza	Apr 07
Amanda Pinchen	Apr 12
Jim Deitz	Apr 15
Wanda Altman	Apr 20
Diane Paulsen	Apr 21
Don Baker	May 06
Jane Acord	May 08
Dottie Miller	May 11
Liz Syer	May 15
Klaas Voerman	May 17
Linn Reusswig	May 20
Guillermo Rosales	May 20
Jan Anderson	May 21

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, contact our Hospitality Chairman, Becky Deitz at [bhdjd@att.net](mailto:bhdjd@att.net) or 479-466-5066, so she can update her listing.

**Ozark Section Anniversaries**

Hugh & Janet Showalter	Apr 25
Reid & Donna Fairchild	Apr 28
Bob & Sharon Frye	May 02



**Who's Who? Ozark Section MBCA**

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