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**Ozark Section April Event Arkansas Air & Military Museum
11:00 a.m., Saturday April 10, 2021**



We would like you to join us for our first Section event in 2021, at the Arkansas Aviation and Military Museum. This museum is one of the prized museums in Arkansas that shares our rich aviation history.

The museum's website says that, born of necessity in World War II, the all-wood hangar that houses the museum is as famous as the memorabilia stored within. Follow the colorful history of aviation in Arkansas and American military conflicts through numerous displays of original artifacts and aviation memorabilia! The historic aircraft in the Arkansas Air & Military Museum are unusual among museum exhibits because many of them still fly. Static displays at the museum range from the golden age of aviation to the jet age, including Vietnam-era Army helicopters and a Navy carrier fighter. The vast, all-wood white hangar, which houses its part of Arkansas and American history, was formerly the headquarters for one of the United States' many aviator training posts during World War II.

Exhibits: Historical displays from various points in the age of aviation, from Fayetteville's first days in flight including our own aviation pioneer Louise Thaden through the Golden Age of air racing. A variety of military vehicles, aircraft, and artifacts are also on exhibit.

Aircraft: Featuring some of the nation's only surviving varieties of aircraft, world-famous replicas, and signature pieces of the collection from the Golden Age of Aviation as well as WWI through current national conflicts.

Museum Location: 4290 S. School Avenue, Fayetteville, AR 72701 - 11:00 a.m.

Lunch Afterwards: The Catfish Hole – 1:00 p.m.
4127 W. Wedington Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72704

Cost Per Visitor: Section rate of \$5.00 per person

R.S.V.P.: Barbara Lowinger no later than April 9 at bebv11234@gmail.com or 910-987-9877

**Poker Run to Krebs, Oklahoma
May 22, 2021
with the Eastern Oklahoma Section**



John and Dottie Miller have planned another poker run on May 22, teaming up with the Eastern Oklahoma Section. They started putting this together over a month ago but ran into a problem. When they made a dry run a few weeks back, they ate at the restaurant, Pete's Place in Krebs, Oklahoma, just outside McAlester. After speaking with the manager about the event, they were told that they can only reserve for 32 people due to another booking for the same day. The weeks before and after our event are also booked up. We will only be able to sign up 16 folks from each section to attend. John will call the restaurant a few weeks before to see if there are any changes, and hopefully we will have room for a few more.

The poker run for the Ozark Section will start at the Pilot Truck Stop on Hwy 412, in Springdale, Arkansas, west of I-49. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. and plan to leave at 8:30 a.m., giving us time to meet the Eastern Oklahoma Section in Chouteau, Oklahoma, just a mile north of Hwy 412 on Hwy 69. (We will take the turnpike, and the cost is approximately \$3.25.) We should arrive about 10:00 a.m. at the Amish Cheese House, where maps and information will be handed out, we will pick up our first playing card and a drawing will take place for a small gift. We will depart at 10:30 a.m. and head down US Hwy 69 to McAlester. This will be repeated four more times at different stops along the route to Pete's Place. Fee to participate is \$10.00 per person for drawings and grand prize. The winner gets half the pot with the two sections splitting the second half for their respective Sections. We hope to arrive between 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the restaurant. Two bonus drawings will be done at the restaurant. After lunch we plan a trip to Lovera's Italian Grocery, a few blocks away, to end the event.

Since there will be a maximum of members that can eat at the restaurant, the first 16 who sign up will be accommodated, with hopes we will be able to add more. If not, our additional participants will be able to eat at another restaurant nearby. John and Dottie are working on this.

Starting Location: Pilot Truck Stop – 8:00 a.m.
5660 W. Sunset, Springdale, AR

Meet Eastern Oklahoma: Amish Cheese House – 10:00 a.m.
101 South Chouteau Avenue, Chouteau, OK

Lunch: Pete's Place 1:30 p.m.
120 SW 8th Street, Krebs, OK

R.S.V.P. John and Dottie Miller by May 10, jm9415@cox.net or 479-597-9415



**Ozark Section's Message
from our President, Dennis Anderson
Greetings, Ozark Section MBCA members!**

We have been very fortunate to see some great growth in club membership over the last 6 months and look forward to seeing and experiencing the full value of membership's service discounts, *The Star* magazine, our bi-monthly "Star of the Ozarks" newsletter, Ozark Section Facebook page and participation in events. FYI Check out this month's issue of *The Star* magazine that recognizes our newsletter on page 92.

This last twelve months have been difficult with Covid-19 personally impacting some families and friends in our Section. We send our thoughts and prayers to those families impacted. As more of our members begin getting vaccinated in greater numbers and the risks lessen, we will begin to hold more really fun and interesting events.

The Ozark Section Board has been hard at work preparing a variety of events in 2021 while ensuring that we minimize risk to you. Other MBCA Sections and auto clubs across our region are taking similar approaches to ours. We would love to have you attend our first 2021 event April 10th where we will visit the Arkansas Air and Military Museum. This museum is one of the great Arkansas treasures showcasing great Arkansas aviation history, aircraft and people that have been very significant. Barbara Lowinger has arranged a guided tour for us to get the most out of these exhibits.

Please access our Facebook page *Mercedes-Benz Club of America: Ozark Section* for additional information on Mercedes-Benz, club events, vehicle information and photos.

Special thanks go to two very special people at our NWA Mercedes-Benz dealership--Philip Johnson, Service Director, and Terry Fabbri, Sales Senior Client Advisor--for their support of our club with events, special discounts, and advertising sponsorship. If you purchase your vehicle at another Mercedes-Benz dealership in our region, be sure to show your MBCA membership ID number in order to receive fleet pricing on new vehicles that vary by model as well as service and parts discounts.

We thank you for being an MBCA Ozark Section club member and would love to see you at an upcoming event.

Be safe and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Dennis Anderson
President, Ozark Section MBCA

**GRATITUDE FOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD
By Dave Jones**

What a pleasant surprise it was for me when Dennis announced at the December event that our board of directors selected me as Member of the Year for 2020. It was totally unexpected, because that was not a normal year for me--nor was it for most of our members. I'm sure several others did far more for the section than I did, but I was proud to place the Member of the Year plaque on the wall of honor in my man cave. I am grateful to have been chosen. Thank you, Board Members.

Welcome to Our New Member

Jimmy Duval - Rogers, AR

We would like to remind you to add your associate member on your membership at no charge. This gives the associate member the opportunity to vote and run for an office. Contact the National Office if you haven't done so already! 800-637-2360

Thank you to our Renewing Members and Their Continued Loyalty

Reid Fairchild – Rogers, AR – 2005

Clay Ferguson – Nashville, AR – 2020

Louella Terrell – Murfreesboro, AR – 1992

David Newbern – Little Rock, AR- 1988

Spring Renewal Incentive

You don't need to be expiring to renew early and get these benefits.

Beginning March 1, 2021 running through May 31, 2021 we will be offering three special **bonuses** to members who **renew** their membership.

BONUS 1: One additional month added to your membership for every year you renew. You can earn up to an additional three months of extended membership for a three-year renewal. (bonus months are added onto the expiration date of your membership)

BONUS 2: All members who renew their membership during this promotion will be **eligible to win** a \$50.00 gift card of their choice. (AMEX, VISA, or Amazon) Drawing to be held on June 2nd.

SPECIAL BONUS: If you **enroll in Auto-Renew** at the same time you renew, you will automatically be entered into the drawing for a \$50.00 gift card of your choice. (AMEX, VISA or Amazon) A drawing is held at every 1,000 auto renew enrollment. The next drawing will be held at the 3,000-enrollment mark.

Don't delay, Renew today.

Renew online at <https://www.mbca.org/> or contact the National Business Office at 800.637.2360 and one of the staff will gladly assist you.

*Mark Your Calendar!!!***2021 Upcoming Ozark Section MBCA Events**

March 2021	No planned events due to Covid-19	
April 10, 2021	Arkansas Air & Military Museum, Drake Field, 490 S School Ave, Fayetteville-Lunch TBD	Barbara Lowinger
May 22, 2021	Poker Run with Eastern OK Section. Late lunch at Pete's Place Restaurant, Krebs, OK	John & Dottie Miller
June 12, 2021	Quarterly Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m. to Noon NWAMB Dealership (Zoom Call)	Dennis Anderson
June 19, 2021	Simplicity Lavender Farm Tour, 23344 Farm Road 1085, Washburn, MO-Lunch TBD	Bob & Teresa Poulseen
July 17, 2021	Will Rogers Museum Tour, with Eastern OK Section, 1720 W. Will Rogers Blvd, Claremore, OK-Lunch TBD	Kathy & Joel Menold
August 28, 2021	All German Car Show Ozark Euro Rally, Great Passion Play grounds, Eureka Springs, AR, Dinner TBD	Dennis Anderson, Kathy & Joel Menold
September 4, 2021	Quarterly Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m. to Noon NWAMB Dealership (Zoom Call)	Dennis Anderson
September 18, 2021	Membership & Recognition Luncheon Event – Orchards Park Pavilion, Bentonville, AR	Teresa Poulseen, Dennis Anderson
October 16, 2021	NWA Mercedes Dealership, 400 SE Moberly Lane, Bentonville AR. New model previews, 24 th Club Anniversary, Service Advice	Dennis Anderson, Terry Fabbri, Philip Johnson
November 2021	To Be Determined	
December 4, 2021	Quarterly Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m. to Noon NWA Mercedes Dealership (Zoom Call)	Dennis Anderson
December 11, 2021	Annual Christmas Party, Crabby's Seafood Bar & Grill, Rogers, AR	Barbara Lowinger, Kathy Menold, Ruth Shafer

These events have been planned by the members of the MBCA Ozark Section Board. We need your help to host or co-host on these events. Please contact Barbara Lowinger, our Vice President, if you are able to assist us! bebvl1234@gmail.com or 910-987-9877

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Second Prize: 2021 Mercedes Freude Event

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The **International Stars MBCA 2021 Spring Raffle** is open to MBCA members. Tickets are \$50 each and there is not a limit to the number of tickets a member can purchase.

To participate in the raffle, you must be a member of the MBCA.

Entries are due by June 17

[Rules and Regulations](#)

[Download 2021 Spring Raffle Mail-in Form](#)

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Ozark Section Birthdays

Dane Paulsen	Apr 03
Vicki Spranza	Apr 07
Diane Paulsen	Apr 21
Jane Acord	May 08
Dottie Miller	May 15
Linn Reusswig	May 20
Jan Anderson	May 21

Happy Birthday!!



Ozark Section Anniversaries

Dennis & Jan Anderson	Apr 19
Reid & Donna Fairchild	Apr 28
Rob & Lisa Knapp	May 28



Happy Anniversary!!

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact our Hospitality Chair, Diane Paulsen at 479-790-5643 or diane55tablerockdr@gmail.com

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