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**Poker Run Through Central Arkansas on  
Saturday, October 17, 2020**



John and Dottie Miller's plans for the October 17 Poker Run have been completed. The fun will begin at the Holiday Inn Express in Morrilton, Arkansas, located at 8 Bruce Street, just south of I-40 and Hwy. 9. You can see the hotel from the intersection. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the hotel parking lot to check off all names and hand out a map of the run, draw the first playing card and any other necessary business. There is no cost to participate in the run but if you want to enter your name to draw a card, the fee will be \$10.00 per person. At the final destination, we will draw the final card for the winning participant. The winner will

receive half of the pot with the other half going to the Ozark Section for future expenses. The total value of the five cards picked will determine a winner. If there is a tie, a card for each final winner will be drawn to break the tie.

We will leave the parking area of the hotel at approximately 9:15 a.m., turning left to make the short drive to Hwy. 9. Turning right onto Hwy. 9 will take us to Hwy. 64 where we will head East to Hwy. 25, which is at the west end on Conway. Then travel north for about a mile to Kinley Drive with a beautiful lake-park to draw the second playing card. Our third stop will be at the corner of Hwy. 64 and Hwy, 5. Continuing north on Hwy. 5 to Hopewell we will draw the fourth card and then onto our destination in Heber Springs. The Millers have picked a beautiful location for lunch at the Red Apple Inn, 305 Club Road, on Eden Isle. It is approximately an 80-mile run and show take 2 ½ hours. A very large dining room is available for us to enjoy lunch, and we will draw the last final card for the grand winner. If any of the group would like to take in one more surprise, the Millers are planning a trip back toward Morrilton but heading a little more west to view something they won't currently talk about. They will provide a second map to all who want to get a little adventurous. From this final location, it is easy to head back home Northwest towards Harrison, Arkansas or South to Morrilton and back home on I-40.

The Holiday Inn Express has blocked six rooms at a rate of \$103.55 for two double beds and \$94.05 for a king bed room. Several members may plan to spend Friday night. Please call the hotel for reservations no later than October 5 to ensure availability. The number is: 501-215-4924. Please come join us for a great day of fun! This will enhance an opportunity for members in the Little Rock and surrounding areas to join us. See you there!

**Starting Location: Holiday Express-Make Reservations no later than October 5, if you plan to spend the night.**

**8 Bruce Street  
Morrilton, Arkansas  
501-215-4924**

**Time and Date: October 17, 2020  
8:30 a.m.**

**R.S.V.P.: John and Dottie Miller-No later than October 12<sup>th</sup>  
479-597-9415 or 479-414-9415 or [jm9415@cox.net](mailto:jm9415@cox.net)**

**Final Destination: The Red Apple Inn  
305 Club Road  
Heber Springs, Arkansas**



## **The MBCA Ozark Section President's Message by Dennis Anderson**

It has been great to be able to have members get together again during reduced Covid-19 outbreaks in our area as we all become more used to using masks and social distancing. We had a really good turnout out for the August 29 Annual Eureka Springs Euro Rally. It was great to be with so many friends again and also to see some really beautiful Mercedes-Benz and other German autos participating. We will have an even better time next year with the German auto parades and unique restaurants in the area as there become more ways available to provide better protection against Covid-19.

Thirty of us, members and their families, also just celebrated special club anniversaries on September 19. It was great to catch up with friends from the club; some came from as far away as 3 ½ hours. We couldn't have had a more perfect day to enjoy each other as a club with perfect weather and box lunches at the Orchards Park Pavilion in Bentonville.

As we look into the next several months, we have some terrific events on the schedule, including a Poker Run through Central Arkansas and The Northwest Arkansas Mercedes-Benz dealership event showcasing new Mercedes-Benz models, service tech question and answers, and prizes for those attending. Your Section leadership will do its best to support you with member benefits, including the Star Magazine, dealership discounts and exciting events that will bring us together.

November 1, 2020, we will be installing the new Ozark Section Board of Directors officers with the addition of Barb Lowinger as Vice President and Events Chair. Barb brings to the leadership great experience from the North Carolina Tarheel Section, one of the top-rated Sections in the USA. We really appreciate each of the officers and Section leaders for their dedicated service as volunteers working extra hours just to support our club's direction and events. We hope that you will consider volunteering, too, to help sponsor or support club events; that is critical for our success and will help to guide us on what you want to experience.

I hope that you and your family are staying healthy and look forward to seeing you soon.

Best regards.

Dennis Anderson  
President, Ozark Section MBCA



**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ozark Euro Rally for All German Cars  
August 29, 2020**

**Submitted by Dennis Anderson  
Photos by Dennis Anderson and Dottie Miller**



Our Ozark Section had a great time participating at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ozark Euro Rally for All German Cars in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, on August 29, 2020. There were 13 spotless Mercedes-Benz vehicles participating in our lineup of members' cars along the main entry to the event including: "Crystal", Diane and Dane Paulsen's 1967 SL230 classic, a 1987 SL560, SLKs, Es, an E AMG, GLSs, an ML AMG and even a 2020 AMG GT, which captured the Euro Rally event award for the Best in Show Mercedes-Benz. Philip Johnson, Director of Service for our Northwest Arkansas Mercedes-Benz Dealership placed several Mercedes-Benz vehicles in a presentation area for Mercedes-Benz support with his dealership team as well as providing participants a chance to win a generous \$500 Service and Parts voucher for the best Mercedes-Benz participating, which again was awarded to the 2020 AMG GT. We greatly appreciate the awesome support from the dealership hosting events, providing members special discounts and their support purchasing and servicing our vehicles.



"Crystal" - Diane & Dane Paulsen's



Dottie & John Miller



Dennis Anderson's 1987 SL560

This is an annual event staged for German auto enthusiasts (Audio, BMW, Porsche, Volkswagen and Mercedes-Benz) to show off their vehicles, regardless of how they look, and the camaraderie that owning a German car brings! We had an on-site Mexican food truck for those who didn't pack a picnic lunch as well as trophies and several raffles from local sponsors.

We enjoyed getting to know new members as well as some potential new members in our lawn chairs as we took the appropriate social distancing and used facemasks when viewing other cars at the Euro Rally. Unfortunately, by mid-afternoon Mother Nature brought in some strong storm winds and rain with threatening hail. This caused all but a few cars to head for home; however, we still enjoyed the time together again after the difficult late spring and summer months of isolation with Covid-19.

The Annual Ozark Euro Rally is a perfect place for our Mercedes-Benz Ozark Section to participate each year to showcase our cars and spend time together. Hopefully next year we will be past the Covid-19 virus restrictions and can enjoy the vehicle parades, raffles, and great local restaurants.



## Welcome to Our New Members

Gregory Hopkins – Little Rock, AR

Stephen Grimm – Cabot, AR

Danny Dang – Lowell AR

Jerome Moore – Jasper, AR

Johnathan Binyon – North Little Rock, AR

Tony Black – Fayetteville, 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

Dane Paulsen – Holiday Island, AR – 1998

John Lee – Siloam Springs, AR – 2009

Martin Maize – Sherwood, AR – 2007

Wilson Winn – Rogers, AR – 2017

Venkatesh Sivarraj – Bentonville, AR – 2019

Keith Rutkowski – Saddlebrooke, MO - 2013

## Annual Membership Recognition Event

September 19, 2020

Submitted by Dennis Anderson

Photos by Kathy Menold



Thirty members of the Ozark Section gathered for our Annual Membership Recognition event at Orchards Park Pavilion in Bentonville, Arkansas, with beautiful blue skies and temperatures in the 70s. It is such a rewarding time to see so many members who celebrated their milestone years including anniversaries of 30, 15, 10 and 5. Our club sponsored the box lunches from Panera Bread for members and families to enjoy catching up with friends and new members. Lots of items were raffled off from mugs to keychains, wine serving accessories, extra lunches and Mercedes hats. For the protection of the members during this event, we used sanitation of the pavilion, practiced social distancing as much as possible and chose to provide individual box lunches.

It has been a challenging time for car clubs to keep their members engaged during the Covid-19 virus; however, we have actually been able to increase our membership with Teresa Poulseen's membership tools with our dealership, sponsors, car rally events and member contact. We welcomed Tony and Phyllis Black from Fayetteville, two new members of our Section who are interested in participating in our events travelling around the state and making new friends.

**Certificates and anniversary pins were given to the following members:** 30 years-Paul Springmann from Bentonville, 20 years-Robin Retzlaff from Springdale, 15 years-Jan Sweitzer from Fayetteville and Reid Fairchild from Rogers, 10 years-Gary Reusswig from Joplin, 5 years-Bob Poulseen from Bella Vista, Lisa Knapp from Holiday Island, Linda Harrell from Rogers and Becky Vendel from Bella Vista.



Paul Springmann – 30 Years



Kathy & Robin Retzlaff - 20 Years



Jan Sweitzer – 15 Years



Gary & Linn Reusswig – 10 Years



Bob Poulseen – 5 Years



Robert & Lisa Knapp – 5 Years



New Members P.J. & Tony Black

We also took time to recognize the current Section Leadership for their great support of our Section as volunteers. They spend many extra hours of their time on your behalf and received lots of applause and appreciation at the event: Dennis Anderson-President, Kathy Menold-Past President, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, Jan Sweitzer-Vice President and Event Coordinator, Ruth Shafer-Treasurer, Bob Poulseen-Secretary, John Miller-Historian and Director, Joel Menold-Advertising and Director, Teresa Poulseen-Membership Chairperson and Diane Paulsen-Hospitality Chairperson.

The election for new officers for 2021-2022 was held at the event for five board member positions. Several mail-in ballots had already been received, and the members unanimously approved the new slate of nominees. The following people will take on leadership roles for the next two years in our Section beginning November 1, 2020. We appreciate these leaders for volunteering their time to the club to help us best support our membership across Arkansas and Missouri.

**President** - Dennis Anderson with 15 years membership

**Vice President** - Barb Lowinger with 6 years membership and a prior member of the North Carolina Section

**Treasurer** - Ruth Shafer with 23 years membership

**Secretary** - Bob Poulseen with 5 years membership and a prior member of the Kansas Section

**Director Position** – to be appointed

*Mark Your Calendar!!!*

**2020 Upcoming Ozark Section MBCA Events**

October 17, 2020	Poker Run-Drive through the middle of Arkansas to include members locally. This event was rescheduled from the June 20	John & Dottie Miller
November 1, 2020	New Board of Director positions take effect	
November 21, 2020	NWA Mercedes-Benz Dealership – New model previews, servicing advice – 23 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary	Dennis Anderson
<b>December 5, 2020</b>	<b>Ozark Section Board Meeting – NWA Mercedes-Benz Board Room 10:00 a.m.-noon</b>	<b>Dennis Anderson</b>
December 4, 2020 Friday Evening	Annual Christmas Party-Springdale Country Club Dining Room – 6:30 p.m.	Jan Sweitzer

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 Jan Sweitzer, our Vice President, if you are able to assist us!

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**Ozark Section Birthdays**

Linda Harrell	Nov 08
John Miller	Nov 08
Case Vendell	Nov 21
Lisa Knapp	Nov 26

**Ozark Section Anniversaries**

Paul & Penny Springmann	Oct 26
Robin & Kathy Retzlaff	Nov 12
Bob & Teresa Poulseen	Nov 20

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](mailto:diane55tablerockdr@gmail.com)**

**If you are interested in joining the MBCA Ozark Section or have questions, please contact one of the Board Members.**

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