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Upcoming Technical Session, Shuler's Autohaus February 8, 2020



Ozark Section members are looking forward to participating in a technical session with Roger Shuler, the owner of Shuler's Autohaus. We always learn a lot from him about caring for classic Mercedes-Benz vehicles. Some of the topics planned include:

- Servicing classic Mercedes-Benz vehicles.
• Identifying fundamentals of a good vehicle purchase for restoration.
• Restoration versus just repairing issues.
• Stages in restoring: Parts, specialty services, quality control, cost.
• Demonstration on a vehicle with some work needed. Description of how to approach the project with potential pitfalls and success.

We will also have several Section founders in a panel discussion sharing some highlights of their learnings and advice from when they first started our group 22 years ago.

We will close the event with a free catered barbecue lunch. Providing lunch for this event is one way that the Board is trying to put more Section funds to work for the benefit of the members.

Date/Time: February 8, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. to Noon
Location: Shuler's Autohaus 2722 North Drake Street Fayetteville, Arkansas

RSVP: Dennis Anderson, dt.anderson@cox.net or 479-295-8008 no later than Jan. 31, 2020

Will Rogers Memorial Museum Claremore, Oklahoma March 21, 2020



The Mercedes-Benz Ozark Section will be heading to Claremore, Oklahoma, on March 21, 2020, to visit the Will Rogers Memorial Museum and have lunch at J. Farley's Pub. We will also invite the Eastern Oklahoma Section.

Will Rogers was America's cowboy philosopher. He was born William Penn Adair Rogers on November 4, 1879, in a log-walled, seven-room house along the Verdigris River, on an Indian reservation in what is now Oklahoma. This was later called Oologah. The incredible museum stands on the top of the hill in Claremore, Oklahoma, in his honor. You can also drive to Oologah to visit the birthplace ranch, 9501 E. 380 Road, Oologah, Oklahoma.

Prior to visiting the museum, we will have lunch at J. Farley's Pub at 11:30 a.m. The pub was established by Chris Hayes and James Franklin in memory of their dear friend and fire fighter, Jason Farley, who lost his life in a flood while on duty. This pub has an array of great dishes to choose from. Their private room has been reserved for us.

After leaving the museum and on our way home, you may want to stop in Chouteau, Oklahoma, at the Amish Cheese House, Highway 69 North. They have a variety of cheeses, meats, jellies, spices, soups, and kitchen items; the list goes on! However, they also have the best ice cream!!

Event: Will Rogers Memorial Museum and J. Farley's Pub
Location: Claremore, Oklahoma
Museum: 1720 W. Will Rogers Blvd.
Lunch: 609 S. Brady St.

More information will be sent later on the exact time and location to meet if you want to caravan. We will have lunch first at approximately 11:30 a.m., and it's a two-hour drive from Springdale.



The MBCA Ozark President's Message Dennis Anderson

Our 2020 goal for the Ozark Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America is to be more than your average car club; it's a lifestyle. We value friendships and have open arms to everyone who owns, appreciates or simply wishes to own a Mercedes-Benz.

Being involved with our Ozark Section in 2020 opens the door to many opportunities, from making new friends to networking with local shops to complete your dream build or restoration. The Ozark Section MBCA enhances your love for all things Mercedes-Benz, with monthly events ranging from maintaining your Mercedes-Benz, to poker run road trips exploring the Ozarks, to paddle boat cruises and everything in between. Our club offers the full experience that our enthusiasts have loved for over 22 years.

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- tire/wheel combos

I am looking forward to seeing you throughout our events in 2020!

Welcome to Our New Member

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Thank you to Renewing Members and Their Continued Loyalty

Philip Daniels - Rogersville, Missouri since 2006

Dan Myers - Fayetteville, Arkansas since 2018

Milton DeJesus - Little Rock, Arkansas since 2018

Nathan Smith - Little Rock, Arkansas since 2018

David Newbern - Little Rock, Arkansas since 1988

EuGene Smith - Clinton, Arkansas since 2011

Martin Anderson - Hot Springs, Arkansas since 2014

Ray Farley - Fayetteville, Arkansas since 2006

Robin Retzlaff - Springdale, Arkansas since 2000

**MBCA Ozark Section 2019
Christmas Party
Submitted and Photos by Kathy Menold**



The annual Mercedes-Benz Ozark Section's Christmas party was held at the Springdale Country Club, in Springdale, Arkansas, on December 7, 2019. The clubhouse was decorated beautifully, and our members and guests had ample room to mingle and enjoy themselves. Thirty-five members and guests enjoyed a wonderful sit-down dinner of either steak and fries, bacon wrapped pork filet with mashed potatoes and asparagus or spring vegetable pasta, with shrimp or chicken, and a wonderful dessert spread with a large cake, cheese cake and candies. The Ozark Section had invited the service department crew from the Northwest Arkansas Mercedes-Benz Dealership in Bentonville, and seven of the employees and their guests joined us for an evening of fun.

Dottie Miller added festive decorations to those provided by the Country Club; she also made the centerpieces for the tables plus a beautiful gift basket that was raffled for the Northwest Children's Hospital. The MBCA Ozark Section raised \$900.00 between the raffle and donations to be given to the Northwest Children's Hospital again this year. Bob Poulseen was the lucky winner of the raffle basket. The centerpieces were also given away at each table as door prizes. Philip Johnson, the service manager for the Northwest Mercedes-Benz Dealership, won the gag gift, by guessing the exact number of Christmas ornaments in a large vase.

Each member or guest was asked to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament, and we played the Left or Right Christmas story game. Jan Sweitzer read the story as we all laughed and became confused, but we had a great time. Everyone eventually received one of the ornaments to take home.

A special thank you goes to Jan Sweitzer and Ruth Shafer for making the arrangements for the grand party as well as to John and Dottie Miller for providing the charity raffle basket, the centerpieces, and the additional decorations.







**McPherson College Auto Restoration Alumnus Samuel Harris
January 18, 2020**

Submitted and Photos by Dennis Anderson

The Ozark Section MBCA gathered at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, at the Bentonville Public Library to hear Samuel Harris IV share the story of his auto restoration education and career. As a teenager, while watching the Motor Trend show “Chasing Classic Cars” with his dad, Sam was inspired by show host Wayne Carini to see if he could qualify as one of only 50 students admitted each year (out of about 2,000 applicants) to McPherson’s four-year B. S. degree in auto restoration, the only one of its kind in America. Throughout his education and career, Sam has had amazing first-hand experiences with Wayne Carini, Jay Leno and many other esteemed classic car collectors.

According to its Facebook page, the McPherson College Auto Restoration education gives its students hands-on experience restoring vehicles to concours levels, working with a range of cars from Model Ts to an ongoing project of a 1953 Mercedes 300S Cabriolet. The degree also prepares students as future business leaders. They participate in various auto-related extra-curricular activities of their choice, including a “speed build” of a completely disassembled Model T. (Sam’s team holds the record at just over six minutes.) They also participate in car shows and concours such as Amelia Island and Pebble Beach. McPherson College has a fantastic 95% placement rate after graduation into classic automotive shop leadership, major restoration shops and auto museums.

Thanks go to Teresa and Bob Poulsen for letting us learn from Samuel about automotive restoration processes and this important college. Samuel, a local from NWA, has a goal to become a Loan Officer responsible for classic car loans and to support his father’s business restoring Land Cruisers.

After the program, the Ozark Section enjoyed a delicious lunch at Bentonville’s Pedaler’s Pub.



The MBCA Ozark Section Donated \$900 to Northwest Children’s Hospital

The MBCA Ozark Section membership and the Northwest Arkansas Mercedes dealership team generously donated \$900 to the Arkansas Children’s Hospital from our annual Christmas party. This Hospital helps children with serious medical needs to have a brighter future. Thanks to Ruth Shafer and Dave Jones for delivering our check to Misty Parker with the Arkansas Children’s Hospital Foundation. A thank you also goes to Lori Lee for making the beautiful blankets for the children.



*Mark Your Calendar!!!***2020 Upcoming Ozark Section MBCA Events**

February 8, 2020	Shuler's Autohaus – Restoration, Servicing Classic Vehicles, Technical Discussion, Founds Panel Discussion, Catered Lunch Fayetteville, Arkansas	Dennis Anderson
March 21, 2020	Will Rogers Museum Tour Lunch at J. Farley's Pub with the Eastern Oklahoma Section, Claremore, Oklahoma	Joel and Kathy Menold
April - TBA	Branson Belle Lunch Cruise Branson, Missouri	Jan Sweitzer
May - TBA	Poker Run #1 – Drive through the middle of Arkansas	John & Dottie Miller
June 20, 2020	Evergreen Historic Museum Tour Lebanon, Missouri	Bob Poulseen
July - TBA	Annual Membership Recognition Luncheon with location TBA	Dennis Anderson
August 29, 2020	All German Car Show-Ozark Euro Rally Eureka Springs, Arkansas	Dennis Anderson and Kathy Menold
September - TBA	Poker Run #2 – Destination to be determined	Robin Retzlaff

The Evergreen Historic Museum Tour-June 20, 2020

The price to attend this tour is \$25.00 per person if we have 25 people or more, and an additional \$10.00 or \$12.00 per person for a catered onsite lunch prior to the tour. The Eastern Oklahoma and St. Louis Sections have been invited to attend. Bob needs to know exactly how many members and guests will be attending no later than April 1, 2020. The Ozark Section will caravan from Bella Vista, Arkansas, and it a 2.5-hour drive to Lebanon with no stops, so figure at least 3 hours. This will not be an overnight event, but you may want to make your own arrangements if you choose to stay. There will be more information to follow, but it is important to let you know now, in order to make arrangements in advance. RSVP Bob Poulseen at number9fssnoc@gmail.com or 316-706-3386 by April 1, 2020.

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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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Vern Sutter	Feb 13
Hugh Showalter	Feb 19
Ginny Gulseth	Mar 01
Carl Cody	Mar 03
Bee Anderson	Mar 19
Porfirio Gutierrez	Mar 27
Ray Lippig	Mar 23

**Ozark Section Anniversaries**

Dave Jones & Ruth Shafer	Mar 14
Marty & Bee Anderson	Mar 15
Porfirio Gutierrez & Tanny Jones	Mar 17
Congratulations!!	

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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