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MBCA Ozark Section Newsletter

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



Auto Restoration Speaker, Sam Harris, Graduate of McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas January 18, 2020

Founded in 1887, McPherson College is a four-year liberal arts college related to the Church of Brethren. The campus is set on 27-acres in McPherson, Kansas, 50 miles north of Wichita, Kansas.

Bob and Teresa Poulsen have invited Sam Harris, a graduate from McPherson College, to speak to the Ozark Section of his experiences while attending the college. His points of interest are as follows:

- Where my passion started/My projects/Alumni projects
Why McPherson College?
Portfolio submission/Entry process into the Automotive Restoration Program
Classes in Restoration Program
Areas of focus in Restoration Program
Opportunities within the program (Clubs/Teams/Projects)
Senior project examples
Annual car show
Questions and Answers about the McPherson College Automotive Restoration Program

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.

Location: To Be Determine (Bentonville Library or the Northwest Mercedes-Benz Dealership
Date/Time: January 18, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. with lunch to follow
RSVP: Teresa Poulsen, teresapoulsen@gmail.com or 316-706-3388 No later than January 10, 2020

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

More information will be emailed or mailed soon.



## President's Message: Your Leadership Team and Direction Update

### *Greetings and Happy Holidays!*

This has been a very exciting year for me when I succeeded Kathy Menold as the Ozark Section President. Kathy and many of the club's past presidents have all been so supportive of me by providing great advice in this new role. I can't thank Kathy enough for her passion as a leader to deliver many interesting events, drive growth in membership and, most importantly, having each member feel valued as a member of our club.

Being the new Ozark Section President, I have had a lot of fun meeting members who readily volunteer to lead events and the members who are just a lot of fun to be with on our adventures. We love Mercedes-Benz autos and the special relationship that we as members gain on road trips throughout the beautiful state of Arkansas.

I also appreciate our Leadership team and Board who are true leaders giving their time and energy to ensure our club stays on course to our mission of helping our membership to enjoy:

1. Understanding the technical side of our vehicles
2. Discounts for vehicle service and parts
3. Road events that showcase the Ozarks
4. Social opportunities that value each member and strengthen our club friendships.

It is hard to believe that 2019 is almost ended. We enjoyed multiple road rallies in Arkansas and neighboring states exploring several historically significant locations, auto museums and the beauty of our area. Next year's events will be really exciting with new sights to see and rallies throughout the middle of our state to include more members there. You will read about a few of the upcoming events in this newsletter with more to come, after our Board approves on December 5<sup>th</sup> the rest of the year's plans.

As 2019 closes, we are looking forward to our Christmas party at the Springdale Country Club sponsored by Jan Sweitzer, Ruth Shafer and Dottie Miller. I would like to wish each of you and your families a very special holiday season with friends and loved ones. We have so much to be thankful for.

Don't forget to share MBCA membership applications with other potential members when you see them in their Mercedes-Benzes at the grocery store or the gas station. You are the very best way to expand our membership!



### Northwest Arkansas Mercedes-Benz Dealership Toy Drive to Support the Salvation Army

Support the Salvation Army Tree by donating unwrapped toys and/or monetary donations until December 9<sup>th</sup>.for the Salvation Army of Northwest Arkansas, at the Northwest Arkansas Mercedes-Benz Dealership located at 2400 SE Moberly Lane, Bentonville, Arkansas.



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These gifts were donated by Joel and Kathy Menold to the NWA Mercedes-Benz Dealership. They won them at the Annual Fund Raiser and Auction for the Humane Society of the Ozarks.



### Thanks to Renewing Members and Their Continued Loyalty

<b>Joel Bunch</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Sharon Davis</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Porfirio Gutierrez</b>	<b>2007</b>
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<b>Martin Maize</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Pornthip Seedtibood</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Roger Shuler</b>	<b>1997</b>
<b>Jan Sweitzer</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Robert Zierak</b>	<b>2011</b>

## Poker Run Down the Pig Trail to Altus, Arkansas, on October 19, 2019

Submitted by John Miller

Photos by Dottie Miller



On a cool, wet Saturday morning, twenty-one Ozark Section members, in ten Mercedes-Benzes, met in south Fayetteville for a fall foliage poker run through the Ozark Mountains and down the famous "Pig Trail" to a wonderful destination in the town of Altus. The rain made the start of the run a little annoying, yet with twenty-one umbrellas we were able to choose the playing cards, write the values down and head out for the next stop. With all this aside, we had a wonderful time. The color change really hadn't developed as we hoped, but the camaraderie, the beauty of the back roads and the final destination at the Post Winery in Altus made the event a success.



Once inside the winery, it was wine tasting and shopping time prior to lunch. The last playing card, out of five, was drawn at the winery in the dining room. The cost to participate was \$10.00 per person, and winner was to receive half the jackpot with the other half being donated to the Ozark Section. Going into the winery, it appeared there was a tie between Jan Sweitzer and Dave Jones. They both drew an ace, so once again they were tied. They decided to draw one more card, and the highest card won. Dave Jones took the honors of winning and chose to donate his winnings back to the Ozark Section's treasury for future needs. Thank you so much, Dave!!



I want to personally thank Ruth Shafer for her assistance along with my wife Dottie and all who attended for making this event memorable.

## The Mercedes-Benz Ozark Section's 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Northwest Arkansas Mercedes-Benz Dealership

Submitted by Dennis Anderson

Photos by Kathy Menold and Dennis Anderson



The Ozark Section celebrated the 22nd Anniversary of the Section's founding at the Northwest Arkansas Mercedes-Benz dealership in Bentonville, Arkansas, with eleven current members and two future members, Saturday, November 9th.

Terry Fabbri, Senior Sales Associate, helped us understand the significance of the launch of the 2020

models, which happens about every seven years with leap frog changes in design, performance and safety features. This transition started with the 2020 GLE moving to the AMG GT53 and through the rest of the lineup, including the addition of the GLB in spring of 2020.

Terry also shared the great support that this dealership and the Superior Auto Group are doing in our community with the Salvation Army for the holidays.



Philip Johnson, Service Manager, and his staff described many of the technical sides of the exciting changes. We even got a chance to ride in the AMG GT53 and feel how the new electric motor supplements the twin turbo engine to provide even smoother acceleration.

We closed the event with cake and prizes provided by the dealership and then enjoyed some delicious Southern Fried Chicken at the Slim Chickens restaurant in Bentonville.

Thanks to Eric Anderson, Slim Chickens General Manager, for hosting our lunch and the Mercedes NWA Mercedes-Benz dealership leadership team for helping us celebrate our 22nd year and be proud to be a part of Mercedes-Benz.



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

January 18, 2020	McPherson College Auto Restoration Graduate Speaker Sam Harris	Teresa Poulseen
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 Claremore, Oklahoma	Joel and Kathy Menold
April - TBA	Branson Belle Lunch Cruise Branson, Missouri	Jan Sweitzer
June - TBA	Evergreen Historic Auto Museum with the Missouri Section Lebanon, Missouri	Bob Poulseen
July - TBA	Annual Membership Recognition Luncheon	Dennis Anderson
August 29, 2020	All German Car Show-Ozark Euro Rally Eureka Springs, Arkansas	Dennis Anderson and Kathy Menold
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.	Cars, Coffee and Donuts – Informal monthly event for enthusiasts at Krispy Crème parking lot to show our Mercedes and influence new members-Bentonville, AR	Dennis Anderson

**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!**

***The Ozark Section has been fortunate to have outstanding advertisers to support our Section. We would like to remind you to patronize these businesses and let them know how much you appreciate their support.***



## Mercedes-Benz of Northwest Arkansas

Ozark Section Members Since 2019

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### Current Service and Parts Department Specials\*

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\*See Service or Parts Advisor for more details. Offers Expire 01/31/2020.

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**Ozark Section Birthdays**

Tanny Jones	Dec 06
Bob Gailey	Dec 16
Dave Jones	Dec 18
Kathy Retzlaff	Dec 31
Dennis Anderson	Dec 31
Donna Fairchild	Jan 08
Paul Springmann	Jan 20
Terry Lee	Feb 07
Vern Sutter	Feb 13
Hugh Showalter	Feb 19

*Happy Birthday!!*

**Ozark Section Anniversaries**

No Anniversaries in January and February 2020

**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)**

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