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## MBCA Ozark Section Newsletter

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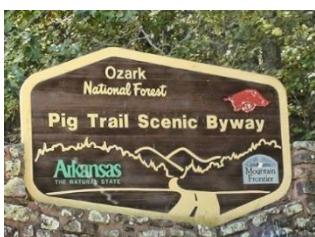
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#### Poker Run Down the Pig Trail to Altus, Arkansas, on October 19, 2019



The fall leaves are starting to turn, and it's time to take a road trip down the Pig Trail to enjoy the beauty and end up in the Altus wine country for lunch. John and Dottie Miller have planned a poker run, followed by lunch at the Post Winery. We will start out in Fayetteville, Arkansas, traveling Highway 16 East through Elkins to Combs, and soon turn right onto Highway 23 South to Turner Bend by the Mulberry River. From Turner Bend we will make one more stop before arriving at the Post Winery.

The cost per person participating in the poker run will be \$10.00-one hand per participant; please bring a \$10.00 bill or two fives so we don't have to deal with change or checks. The winner will receive half of the poker stakes, and the other half will go to the Ozark Section. We encourage you to buy a hand, but, if you would rather not, please come and enjoy the ride with us.

The Post Winery's menu is limited to salads, pizza and sandwiches, but if we give them a head count two weeks prior, they will arrange to add a larger variety of sandwiches.

Date and Time: October 19, 2019- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Meeting At: Huntsville Road (Hwy. 16) and Crossover  
2500 Block of Huntsville Road  
Fayetteville, Arkansas  
Lunch and Time: Post Winery at approximately 11:30 a.m.  
1700 St. Mary's Mountain Road  
Altus, Arkansas 72821  
RSVP: John Miller no later than October 5, 2019  
[jm9415@cox.net](mailto:jm9415@cox.net) or 479-996-3129 or  
479- 597-9415

#### Welcome to New and Transferred Members

Robert Poulsen	Bella Vista, AR
Teresa Poulsen	Bella Vista, AR
Keith Rutkowski	Saddlebrooke, MO
Venkatesh Sivaraj	Bentonville, AR

#### Thanks to Renewing Members and their Continued Loyalty

Lisa Knapp	2015
Keith Rutkowski	2013
Winn Wilson	2017

### Annual Christmas Party December 7, 2019 Springdale Country Club

Plans are being made for our Annual Christmas Party to be held on December 7, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Springdale Country Club. More information will be sent to you at a later date. Be sure to mark your calendar.



## Ozark Section MBCA 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Submitted by Dennis Anderson

Photos by Mercedes-Benz of Northwest Arkansas

**Celebrate Ozark Section's 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary at Mercedes-Benz of Northwest Arkansas.** Learn about the best of Mercedes-Benz with new model previews, innovative technologies, certified pre-owned Mercedes-Benzes, a technicians' question and answer session, ways to save money operating your Mercedes-Benz, and other good information. See the detailed lists below. You don't have to be a club member to participate. **We would love to have guests in addition to our members.**

We will kick off our 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary celebration at the NWA Mercedes-Benz Dealership in the break room to allow seating for dealership introductions, discussion sessions, and refreshments of cake, coffee and water. We'll get together for an optional lunch at 12:30 p.m. at a Rogers restaurant.



NWA Mercedes-Benz Dealership

**Date/Time:** Saturday, November 9, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. to Noon

**Location:** Northwest Arkansas Mercedes-Benz Dealership  
2400 SE Moberly Lane  
Bentonville, AR

**RSVP:** Dennis Anderson no later than October 31, 2019  
[dt.anderson@cox.net](mailto:dt.anderson@cox.net) or 479-295-8008



**Terry Fabbri**  
Mercedes-Benz  
Senior Sales Advisor

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**Philip Johnson**  
Mercedes-Benz  
Service Manager

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- How to select the right tire for your vehicle and driving experience.
- Auto detailing 3rd party recommendations plus discussion from members what they use to detail their Mercedes-Benz.
- Prizes from the Service/Parts Department.



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

As four of our board members--Kathy Menold (President), Ruth Shafer (Secretary), Ray Lippig (Webmaster/Director), and Dave Jones (Past President), move out of their positions, I want to express my gratitude for their service. Each of them has made a significant contribution to our Section's success by their dedication of time and leadership. They have helped create interesting events and been involved in decisions that continue to make the Ozark Section a great part of MBCA. Each has also played a role in mentoring new leaders and members with their spirited leadership.

I am also grateful for those whose terms continue on the board--Jan Sweitzer (Vice President), Joel Menold (Advertising Chair/Director), John Miller (Historian/Director) and Diane Paulsen (Hospitality). Kathy and Ruth will stay on the board in their positions as Immediate Past President-Newsletter Editor and Treasurer.

I am excited to share with you two new members of our leadership team--Bob Poulsen (Secretary) and Teresa Poulsen (Membership Chair). The Poulsens are avid Mercedes-Benz brand loyalists and auto enthusiasts. They also bring with them great experiences and ideas that grow membership from the Wichita Section, which is MBCA's fastest growing section.

There are several past and upcoming events shared in the newsletter that showcase how our Section loves the beauty of the Ozarks and the special friendships gained. Please share this newsletter with a friend you think would enjoy joining us in some of our events.

Our focus for this next year will be to continue supporting our members with club events that focus on:

1. Understanding the technical side of our Mercedes-Benz vehicles;
2. Identifying discounts for vehicle service and parts;
3. Developing road events that allow members to explore the beauty of Arkansas;
4. Creating social opportunities that strengthen our Section's friendships.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events soon.

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## Eureka Springs Fifth Annual Ozark Euro All German Car Show Rally

Submitted by Kathy Menold

Photos by Dennis Anderson and Dottie Miller



Eureka Springs, Arkansas, held its Fifth Annual Ozark Euro Rally for all German cars on August 24, 2019, at *The Great Passion Play* parking grounds. Fifteen members and guests joined in the event with our Mercedes-Benzes and one Porsche. It turned out to be a cloudy, cool day, but that didn't keep the fans from enjoying the number of cars that came from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and other states. There were no classes and no formal judging.



The show was for enthusiasts who love to show off their vehicles, regardless of how they look, and the camaraderie that owning a German car brings! Participants chose their favorites in a variety of categories, and the winners received trophies. John and Dottie Miller, from Greenwood, Arkansas, won the "Top Mercedes" trophy for their beautiful Red 2013 SLK350. Congratulations! John also furnished a German flag for the Ozark Section to fly along with a Mercedes-Benz medallion on top of the pole. Dennis Anderson provided a Mercedes-Benz banner.

The Northwest Arkansas Mercedes-Benz dealership from Bentonville was also present with two of its new vehicles and current information. Phillip Johnson, the Service Manager for Mercedes-Benz came, along with a few staff members from the BMW dealership. Phillip gave the Ozark Section several boxes of Mercedes-Benz hats to hand out to patrons.



Dottie and John Miller and Their 2013 SLK350

We were pleased that Terry and Barb Lowinger from the Triangle-Raleigh Section in North Carolina were able to join us on this event. They talked about moving to Bella Vista to be close to family.

After a long cool day, Ozark Section members met for dinner at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant. Eight of the members had come to Eureka Springs the night before to spend two nights, but the others left to go home right after dinner.



Thank to Dennis Anderson, John and Dottie Miller and Kathy Menold for setting up this great event, along with Elizabeth Wintercom from the Ozark Euro Rally.

## Auto and Farm Museum Event

Submitted by Dennis Anderson

Photos by Dennis Anderson and Kathy Menold



On Saturday, September 21, 2019, twelve Ozark Section members and Dennis Anderson's son Todd, drove through the beautiful Ozarks to Branson, Missouri, where we toured the 90,000-square-foot air-conditioned building hosting the **Auto and Farm Museum**. We were able to reminisce on some of the auto industry's best in history as we walked around the 140 classic and collectible autos as well as the 170 tractors and steam engines from the 1900's to 2000's. Almost everything in the museum is for sale to keep inventory current with fresh vehicles, causing us to want to add some very special autos to our collections.



Dennis Anderson and the 1956 Corvette

One of the favorites was a 1956 white Corvette with a sporty red interior on sale for \$79,000. Some of the best of show were classics, including vintage Corvettes, Cadillac Biarritz, Lincoln Continentals, Thunderbirds, Shelby Mustangs, Vipers and even Model T Fords.





Todd Anderson

After visiting the museum, we drove to Branson's Landry's Seafood Restaurant where we enjoyed a delicious fresh seafood lunch, including salmon, crab, shrimp and more delicious entrees.

One of the fun parts of our lunch was sharing what autos each of us would buy from the museum if the price were not an issue. We also had a great time talking about our personal experiences with many of the vehicles throughout our lives. After lunch we had a beautiful drive home on a sunny day in the Ozarks.



Dane Paulsen in a Teakwood Tree Root

## *Mark Your Calendar!!!*

### 2019 Upcoming Ozark Section MBCA Events

October 19, 2019	Rally thru the Boston Mountains-Poker Run	John & Dottie Miller
November 9, 2019	Northwest Arkansas Mercedes Dealership New Vehicle Designs and Technology; along with service capabilities for members. Bentonville, Arkansas	Dennis Anderson
December 7, 2019	Christmas Party at the Springdale Country Club – Springdale, Arkansas	Jan, Sweitzer, Ruth Shafer & Dottie Miller
December 5, 2019	Annual Board of Directors Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Northwest Arkansas Dealership Board Room in Bentonville, Arkansas – All members are invited to attend.	Dennis Anderson
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!

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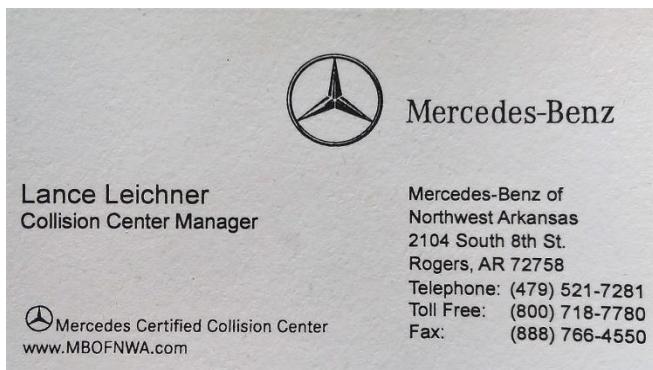
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<b>No October Birthdays!</b>	
John Brennan	Nov 06
Linda Harrell	Nov 08
John Miller	Nov 08
Case Vendel	Nov 21
Lisa Knapp	Nov 26
Tanny Jones	Dec 06
Bob Gailey	Dec 16
Dave Jones	Dec 18
Kathy Retzlaff	Dec 31
Dennis Anderson	Dec 31



## Ozark Section Anniversaries

Paul & Penny Springmann	Oct 26
Robin & Kathy Retzlaff	Nov 12
Bob & Teresa Poulsen	Nov 20
Andrew & Vicki Spranza	Nov 21
<b>Congratulations!</b>	

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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