



MBCA Ozark Section Newsletter  
*The Star of the Ozarks*

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**“A Wine Tasting Journey”  
January 28, 2017**



We begin our 2017 calendar of events with a social and wine tasting party at the home of Mike and Pamela Modisett in Springdale. These events have been an annual event for several years. Mike and Pamela will select three whites and three reds for us to taste. Please check with Pamela about what kind of appetizer to bring so that we don't all bring the same thing. We suggest that you bring one of the following items: cheese and crackers, meat and cheese, pate or spread or fruit. In addition, please bring your favorite beverage to enjoy during the evening.

Event: Wine Tasting Party  
Date & Location: Saturday, January 28 – 6:30 p.m.  
Location: 692 Clinton Circle, Springdale, AR 72762  
Cost: \$10 per person  
What to Bring: Check with Pamela about an appetizer  
RSVP: Pamela Modisett [pqmodisett@yahoo.com](mailto:pqmodisett@yahoo.com)  
731-217-4499

Directions:

**From Bella Vista & Bentonville:**

Take I-49 S/US-71 South to exit 72 in Springdale towards Tontitown/ Springdale/Siloam Springs. Turn left onto S 48<sup>th</sup> and then immediately turn right onto US-412 West / West Sunset Avenue. Turn right onto South 56<sup>th</sup> (Pilot Station on the corner). Turn left onto Francis Fair Parkway, left onto McGill Way and then immediately turn right onto Dancing Rabbit Drive. Next turn left onto Clinton Circle. 692 is on your right side.

**From Fayetteville:**

Take I-49 N/US-71 North to exit 72 in Springdale toward Tontitown/Springdale/Siloam Springs. Exit ramp and turn left onto US412 West / West Sunset. Follow the directions above when turning right onto South 56<sup>th</sup> (Pilot Station on the corner).

**Arts Center of the Ozarks  
February 18, 2017**



Mark your calendars now for Saturday, February 18. We'll be meeting at the Arts Center of the Ozarks in downtown Springdale to view the work of about half a dozen area artists depicting the “funner” side of what borders mean to us. According to visual arts director Eve Smith. A guest curator is in the process of assembling the work, and it is she who will lead us through the exhibit.

The ACO exhibit is designed as a companion to the “Boarder Cantos” exhibit that will be showing at Crystal Bridges in the same time period. The Crystal Bridges exhibit will present the works of a photographer and a composer whose collaborative intent is to stimulate their viewers' thinking and conversations regarding the U.S.-Mexico border. That one sounds a little more intense than what we will experience, but it will certainly be a good follow-up for those who wish to take in both exhibits.

The times are not yet set for this event, but we expect it to be in the middle of the day—very likely a late morning talk and viewing with a curator followed by a catered lunch in the ACO (or lunch followed by the art, depending on what we can arrange with the curator). The cost has not been determined yet but will include the lunch charge and an honorarium for the speaker. Ruth Shafer is host for this event. You can contact her by email [ruthshafer73@gmail.com](mailto:ruthshafer73@gmail.com) or call (479) 756-6943. She will need a firm count for the caterer in advance of the event, so the registration deadline is Friday, February 10. Stay tuned for more details.



**Star Reflections**

Kathy Menold, Section President

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and was able to be with family or friends. Apparently Mother Nature finally decided it was time for our late summer to pass and fall to begin.

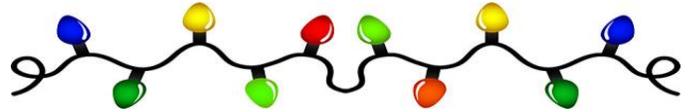
At our event on October 30 to Mt. Magazine and Paris, Arkansas, the Ozark Section members voted for our new 2017-2018 Board of Directors. The new slate of officers is:

- Kathy Menold – President/Newsletter Editor
- Linda Harrell – Vice President/Event Coordinator
- Ruth Shafer – Secretary
- Pamela Modisett – Treasurer/Photographer
- Mike Modisett – Director -Webmaster
- Joel Menold – Director – Advertising Chair
- Bob Gailey – Director – Historian Chair
- Dave Jones – Past President
- Vern Sutter – President Emeritus
- Diane Paulsen – Hospitality Chair
- Roger Shuler – Technical Chair

I look forward to working with this fine group of members for the next two years.

Linda is planning our 2017 calendar of events. I know she has some wonderful ideas, but she would welcome any suggestions you may have. One of the most helpful contributions you could do for the Ozark Section is help to plan, organize or hold one of these events.

Remember we have a Facebook page, MB Ozark. If you are currently on Facebook and would like to be added to the MB Ozark page, you can request Pamela Modisett to be your friend and she will invite you onto the site. She would like to know how many members are actually looking on the site, so please keep her updated by entering "Like" or by making a "Comment" to the entries she makes. Please do not forget that this site is for Ozark Section information only. Personal information is not allowed; Pamela monitors the site.



**Welcome New Members**

<b>Donald Buslinger</b>	<b>Rogers, AR</b>
<b>Tom Kluba</b>	<b>Carl Junction, MO</b>
<b>David Roller</b>	<b>Rogers, AR</b>
<b>Sharon Russell</b>	<b>Little Rock, AR</b>
<b>Roger Shepperd</b>	<b>Beaver, AR</b>
<b>Roger Smalley</b>	<b>Pine Bluff, AR</b>
<b>Jerry Taylor</b>	<b>No. Little Rock, AR</b>
<b>Joshua Whited</b>	<b>Jonesboro, AR</b>

**Thanks to Renewing Members for Their Continued Loyalty**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Member Since</b>
<b>Amiee Duca</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Roy Farley</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Porfirio Gutierrez</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Linda Harrell</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Albert McClain</b>	<b>1998</b>



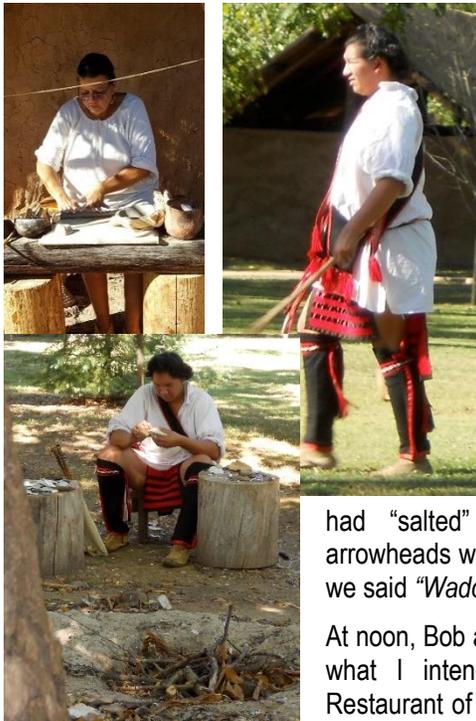
### DEEP INTO THE CHEROKEE NATION

Submitted by Dave Jones

Thirteen Ozark section members delved deeply into another nation on September 17 when we took a fun drive on a twisty road alongside the Illinois River through the Cookson Hills of Oklahoma to the Cherokee Heritage Center near Tahlequah. A medium-dense fog added a surreal aspect to the scenic drive but lifted as we arrived for an early in-place time. The weather then became perfect for our activity, which was to tour the center's museum and Diligwa, its re-created 1710-era village.



Our tour guide greeted us with "Osiyo," the tribe's traditional word of welcome. She then led us on a time-travel adventure to 14 interpretive stations and 19 wattle-and-daub structures on a 4-acre landscape. The sport of stickball and crafts like pottery-making and arrowhead-making were demonstrated, stories were told, and the ways of Cherokee life were explained. Inside the circular community house, we learned that the people belonged to a variety of clans, membership being inherited, and that multiple clans lived in the same village.



After the tour, we went into the Center to see the 21st annual Cherokee Homecoming Art Show and a Trail of Tears exhibit. The latter was established in collaboration with the National Park Service. Its six galleries portray very dramatically the challenges Cherokees and several other tribes faced in reestablishing their nations after President Andrew Jackson decreed that they be forced to relocate from their ancestral homes in the eastern U.S. On exiting the Center, we found our tour guide had "salted" the lawn with flint reproduction arrowheads we could discover and keep. Of course, we said "Wado," the tribe's word of sincere thanks.



At noon, Bob and Sharon Frye led our procession to what I intended as our lunchtime venue, the Restaurant of the Cherokees. We discovered it had closed for an extended Labor Day holiday, so we retraced our path to a brick oven pizza place nearby. For

the next hour or so, we engaged in the Mercedes-quality camaraderie Ozark section members enjoy so much. We would like to thank Ruth Shafer for arranging this event. She did a superb job, as always.



### Fall Drive to Mt. Magazine

Submitted by Larry Altman

Thirty Ozark Section members and guests left from the Brentwood Community Park on US-71 south of West Fork, Arkansas, on Saturday, October 29, to begin a fall foliage drive to Mt. Magazine, Arkansas' highest peak at 2,753 feet. The weather was a bit warm for late October, but there was a hint of fall in the air. The fall foliage over the Boston Mountains was the most colorful. You can never really count on the weather in Northwest Arkansas, so we were a few weeks ahead of the true beautiful fall colors. The Ozark Section had a great drive to the lodge at Mt. Magazine. There we took in spectacular views and then drove back down the mountain to share a delicious lunch at the Grapevine Restaurant in Paris, Arkansas.



Ozark Section

We welcomed new members David and Marion Roller from Rogers, Arkansas. After lunch, everyone scattered to the four winds and took different routes back home to Missouri and Northwest Arkansas. The Ruesswigs decided to stay in Paris for a few more hours and tour the Subiaco Abbey.



New members David and Marion Roller with Kathy Menold



Penny and Keith Garrison



Becky and Jim Deitz and Dottie Miller



Wanda and Larry Altman



Kathy and Robin Retzlaff

## Dinners for Six Anyone?

Submitted by Linda Harrell

Jean Euler has graciously agreed to coordinate our spring session for Dinners for Six. If you are interest in participating in this popular and fun activity, please contact Jean Euler at [2jipe@cox.net](mailto:2jipe@cox.net), and she will arrange for you to be part of a fun group of Ozark Section members who get together to know one another in a more relaxed and intimate setting once a month for dinner.

Dinners of Six is a way for our Ozark Section members to get to know one another in a smaller group gathering than during our monthly events. Couples (or combination of singles and couples) agree to take turns hosting a meal for six in their homes. Each month the host is in charge of the entrée and beverages. The other members in the group bring appetizers, salad, bread and dessert. The guests are invited by the host home each month. This commitment is for three months---or one rotation through the group.

The idea is to provide our section members an opportunity to blend socially without the distractions of activities associated with our monthly events. This will give our members an opportunity to actually get to know each other better by having some great food and conversation in an intimate setting around the dinner table. Everyone who indicates an interest will be assigned to a group and invited to contact the people in their dinner rotation and discuss calendars and host rotations.

### **Q: How does Dinners of Six work?**

A: Let the coordinator know you want to participate by sending an e-mail with your contact information. The coordinator will assign you to a group. The leader of the group will host the first meal and will contact other group members to organize who will bring what dish to share. During dinner, the group will agree on a schedule of when and where to meet the next month. The host provides the main dish and beverages and the other group members provide the sides. The group can be as creative or simple as they choose in the meals they enjoy. However, we encourage all groups to be alcohol-free to enable as many people as possible to participate and to limit the liability of our club in case an accident should occur during or following what is a section-recommended program.

### **Q: How are Leaders selected & what do they do?**

A: You can volunteer to be a Leader. The Leader hosts the first meeting, contacts people to let them know the first dinner date (or a list of possible dates), and organizes who brings what for the shared-dish dinner. At dinner, the leader also facilitates discussion of where and when the group will meet next. The leader will remain the point person for that group until the end of that cycle when groups are reorganized.

### **Q: All that sounds pretty good, so far, but who cooks the meals?**

A: These are shared-dish dinners. The host provides the entrée and beverages and will contact group members to determine who will bring what side items.

### **Q: Will there be separate Dinners of Six groups for singles & couples?**

A: No. Our intention is to mix EVERYONE together. That way, it'll be more fun. Our priority will be to diversify the group.

### **Q: This is sounding better & better, but I have children. What happens to them?**

A: That's an issue for the group. Child care will be decided by the host and parents.

### **Q: What happens when the three months are over?**

A: At the end of each rotation period, people will have an opportunity to sign up for a new group---or not. At that point, the process begins again. New groups will be assigned, and new dates will be chosen.

### **Q: This sounds like fun! How do I sign up?**

A: Just e-mail your Dinners of Six coordinator and provide your contact information (phone number and e-mail address). Once 6 people have signed up, a Leader will be selected, and our new rotation will begin.

**Dinners for Six Anyone?** continued

We are hoping new members will want to be a part of this activity and that we can match up new members with some of our more “seasoned” members. Either way, we want as many folks who want to join the fun to contact Jean Euler. Remember, if you are interested, please let Jean Euler know by sending her an email at [2ipe@cox.net](mailto:2ipe@cox.net) or give her a call at 479-936-0427.



**Ozark Section Couple Tours MBUSI Visitor Center and Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum**

Submitted by Robin Retzlaff

In October, Kathy and I drove from Springdale, Arkansas, to Vance, Alabama, to take a visit and tour of the Mercedes-Benz U.S. International (MBUSI) Visitors Center. We were able to take a tour of the C class being built. Next, we visited the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum and a road track along with a race car/motorcycle museum. There were 1500 motorcycles on display. It was a wonderful trip.



2017 Upcoming Ozark MBCA Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 28	Wine Tasting Journey	Springdale, AR
February 18	Arts Center of the Ozarks	Springdale, AR
March (TBA)	Event has not been confirmed	
April (TBA)	Event has not been confirmed	



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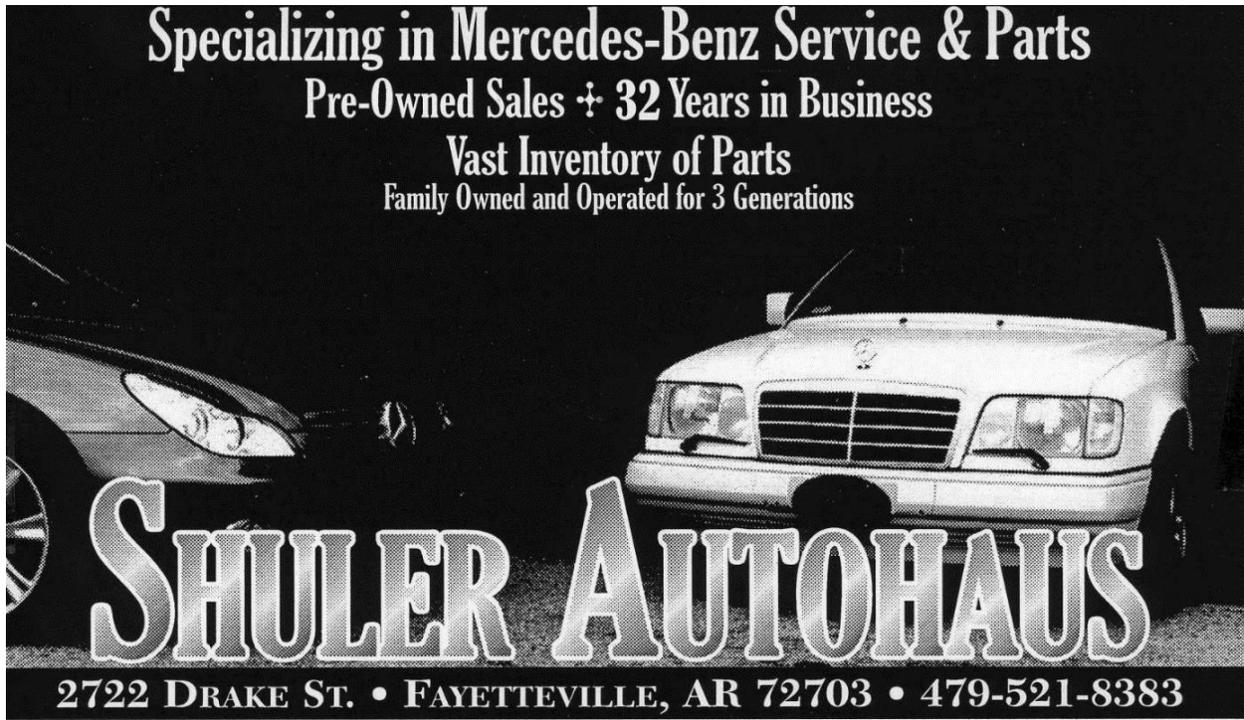


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**Ozark Section Birthdays**

Peggy Shelton	Dec 05
Tanny Jones	Dec 06
Maxine McClain	Dec 10
Bob Gailey	Dec 16
Dave Jones	Dec 18
Rachell Lippig	Dec 25
Jamie Pinchen	Dec 29
Kathy Retzlaff	Dec 31
Dennis Anderson	Dec 31
Donna Fairchild	Jan 08
DeEdra Carter	Jan 12
Paul Springmann	Jan 20

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, contact our Hospitality Chairman, Diane Paulsen at [diane.kcrealty@gmail.com](mailto:diane.kcrealty@gmail.com) or 479-790-5643.



**Ozark Section Anniversaries**

Klaas & Jeri Voerman	Dec 10
Al & Maxine McClain	Dec 21
Guillermo & Sandra Rosales	Dec 28
Jamie & Amanda Pinchen	Jan 21
Larry & Wanda Altman	Jan 30
Don & Mary Baker	Feb 04

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