



September/October 2016

MBCA Ozark Section Newsletter

The Star of the Ozarks

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Fall Drive to Mt. Magazine on Saturday, October 29



Our annual fall foliage tour will take place on Saturday, October 29. We will rally at Brentwood Roadside Park off U.S. Highway 71 (scenic byway) about eight miles (10 minutes) south of West Fork, Arkansas. Please plan to meet us at the roadside park promptly at 9:00 a.m. To get to Brentwood, you can take exit 61 at Fayetteville, via Fulbright Expressway over to U.S. 71 south or you can continue south on I-49 until you get to West Fork (Exit 53) and head east over to U.S. 71 going south. From Brentwood, we will drive south on Highway 71 until we reach Alma.

At Alma, we will take I-40 driving east over to Arkansas 23 (Pig Trail). We will take the AR-23 exit and make a quick pit stop at the Valero I-40 Travel Center on the north side of the interstate about 10:00 a.m. From the travel center we will continue south on AR-23 passing through the town of Ozark on the Arkansas River. After crossing the river, we will head east on AR-309, which is also Mt. Magazine Scenic Byway, toward Paris, Arkansas.

From Paris, we will continue traveling on the scenic byway to reach Mt. Magazine, Arkansas's highest peak at 2,753 feet. North of Paris, the scenic byway travels through rolling pastureland and hayfields, dotted with hardwood shade trees. In addition to the beautiful views on the way up, we'll find Mt. Magazine State Park at the top, which has a massive lodge with conference center restaurant and gift shop. From the lodge there are expansive views of the Arkansas River Valley and the Ozark Mountains to the north. After taking in the gorgeous views from the lodge we will head back down to Paris, passing picturesque Cove Lake on the way.

We plan to have lunch at the Grapevine Italian Restaurant in Paris around 1 p.m. where we have a separate room reserved. The restaurant has an extensive and varied menu as well as beer, wine and mixed drinks. After lunch you are free to head in whatever direction your sense of adventure may lead.



Mercedes-Benz Dealership of NW Arkansas to host Customer Appreciation Day Saturday, November 19

Mercedes-Benz of Northwest Arkansas will host a special customer appreciation event at their location of 2400 SE Moberly Lane in Bentonville on Saturday, November 19, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ozark Section members have been specially invited to participate in this celebration. The free event will include food and entertainment throughout the day. Free car washes and complimentary service inspections are also being offered. This will be a unique opportunity for our section members to have their Mercedes-Benz vehicle checked out free-of-charge with no obligation. Ozark Section Board members Bob and Patti Tetu will be conducting a special raffle of Mercedes-Benz accessories. This would be a great time to do some early Christmas shopping. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Ozark Section to help fund other upcoming events throughout the year. More information will be provided via email announcements as we get closer to this event. You may direct questions to Larry Altman at larwan@cox.net or 479-530-3019.



Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10

Our Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10, at the Shadow Valley Country Club, promises to be a gala celebration. The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour and special music provided by a three-piece jazz ensemble. This year's event will be a sit-down dinner featuring a scrumptious feast of your choice from our very own menu. So mark your calendars now; come on out and join the 2016 culmination celebration! The cost will be \$35 per person. The Arkansas Children's Hospital is our charity of choice once again, so plan ahead and make this worthy cause a part of your holiday giving.



Star Reflections

Kathy Menold, Section President

Here it is the first of October, and the leaves will be turning soon. This is a wonderful time of year to travel the back roads in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. During the Club's recent trip over to Tahlequah, Oklahoma, to visit the Cherokee Heritage Museum, we drove though some beautiful areas. In October our members will caravan to Paris, Arkansas, and drive up to Mt. Magazine just as the leaves will turn their most vibrant colors.

As my two year term as president is about to come to an end and the members will be electing new board members, I can't thank our current board members enough for all their support and for the outstanding work they have done to continue to make the Ozark Section thrive. I want to thank Larry Altman, our Vice President/Event Coordinator, for his hard work making our monthly events possible with the help from other members. Ruth Shafer, our Secretary, has done a remarkable job of taking the minutes and keeping us in line at the board meetings. Patti Tetu, our treasurer, has done a wonderful job keeping our finances in order, and she has also been a support to her husband, Bob Tetu, a Director and our Advertising Chair, in promoting additional ads for "The Star of the Ozarks" newsletter. Together they have made a great team when it comes to supporting the Ozark Section. This was Pamela Modisett's first year as a Director and as our Historian; she has done a great job keeping up with our events and becoming a new bride at the same time. I also want to thank my husband, Joel, also a Director, for all his support keeping the Club on track and helping out with the newsletter and anything else that I have requested. We lost our previous Membership Chairperson this year, but thankfully Jamie Pinchen stepped up and took over the position, which I appreciate so much. Becky Deitz has been our Hospitality Chairperson for a number of years, but she has requested to retire. She has done an outstanding job for the Ozark Section, and we can't thank her enough. Diane Paulsen has volunteered to replace Becky as our Hospitality Chairperson, and she'll do a wonderful job. One more member I want to thank is Dave Jones, our Past President. I have enjoyed working with Dave for the past eight years while serving on the board of directors. He has been an extreme inspiration and help to me, and I can't thank him enough.

Dave Jones will announce the new Board of Directors at our October 29 event. Ozark Section members are requested to submit their ballots back to Dave Jones by October 14. I urge all our members to vote. I can't say enough how important it is to have an outstanding Board of Directors to keep our Ozark Section running. These board members volunteer their time in order for you, as members, to enjoy the monthly events, the newsletter, increase our membership, acknowledge birthdays, anniversaries, etc. If it weren't for them, there wouldn't be an Ozark Section.

Welcome New Members

Dawn DeLong
Jim Endicott
Jeffrey Garner
Kelli Riem

Elm Springs, AR
Siloam Springs, AR
Little Rock, AR
Nixa, MO

Thanks to Renewing Members for Their Continued Loyalty

Member	Member Since
James Acuff	2013
Don Baker	2006
Bobby Bateman	2007
Gary Carter	2015
John Concoby	2008
Jim Deitz	2006
BJ Jenkins	2014
John Lee	2009
Luke Macken	2013
Dane Paulsen	1998
Gary Reusswig	2010
Don Shelton	2015
Paul Springmann	1990
George Williams	1995



Ozark Section Membership Event at Copeland's New Orleans Restaurant

Submitted by Kathy Menold, President

Twenty-nine members of the Ozark Section met on Saturday, July 16, to attend our annual membership event at Copeland's New Orleans Restaurant in Rogers, Arkansas, on a very hot Northwest Arkansas afternoon. This year the section had twelve members who received anniversary pins and certificates, but unfortunately only two couples were able to attend the luncheon. Out of twelve members, five received ten-year pins and certificates: Don and Mary Baker, Jim and Becky Deitz, Roy Farley, Watson James and Joel & Kathy Menold. We recognize associates with their primary members. The other members received five-year pins and certificates: Michael Butler, Bobby Hayes, Lynn Knight, Guillermo Rosales, Eugene Smith, Tom Wissing and Robert Zierak. Congratulations to all of you!

This was another great opportunity for the section members to get to know each other just a little more. Copeland's gave us a room to ourselves, and we had three large tables along with room to get up and mingle. I also had a great time giving out door prizes to many of the members. Just to name a few; Mickey Hickman won a really nice umbrella, Pamela Modisett won a hat for her husband, and Dave Jones selected a ladies' hat, which he promptly donated to the first lady who said she didn't own one—Linda Harrell. We were honored to have guests of Case and Becky Vendel's, R J and Janie Herting from Florida. .

We would like to thank Bob and Sharon Frye for making the arrangements at Copeland's. We especially enjoyed having a private room so we didn't have to worry about keeping the noise down! These events can't be done without the help of our members!

Ozark Section Membership Event

Jim and Becky Deitz



Mickey Hickman



Pamela Modisett

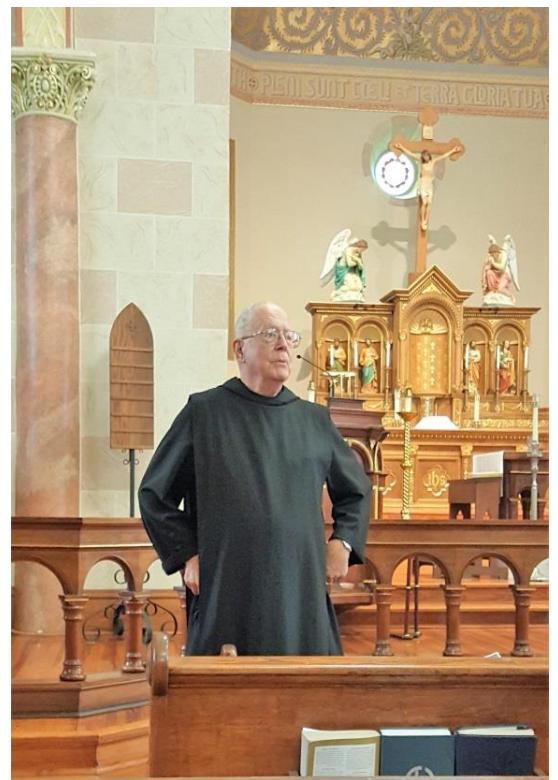
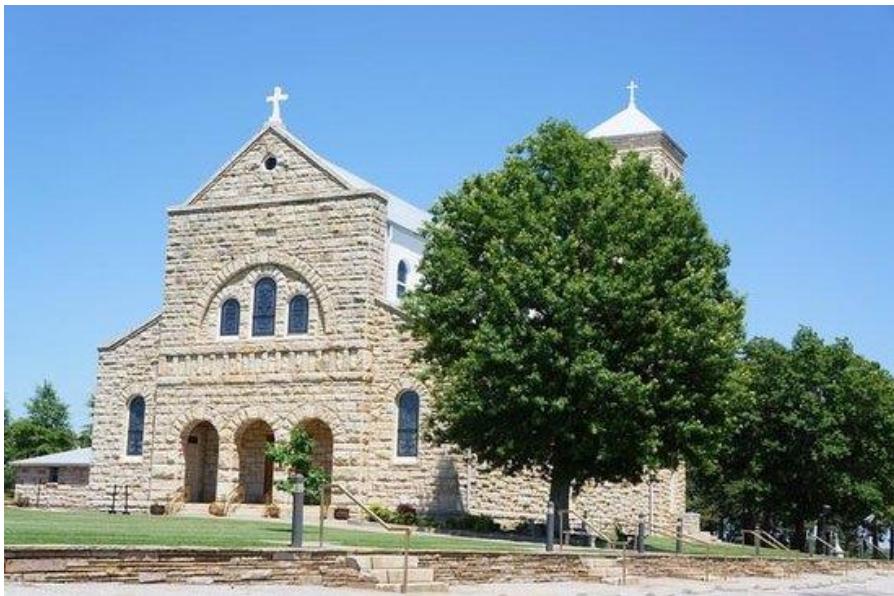
Ozark Section Members Attend the 2016 StarFest in Connecticut

Ozark Section members John and Dottie Miller from Greenwood, Arkansas, took an exciting adventure across the eastern United States to attend the MBCA StarFest 2016 held in Connecticut on August 3-6. Hosted by the Minuteman Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, StarFest 2016 is the MBCA's largest national event. It took place in Northeastern Connecticut's Quiet Corner—where the state of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island converge. The Mohegan Sun Resort Hotel and Casino, a world-class entertainment destination located along the Thames River in Uncasville, Connecticut, was the host hotel for the event and served as the venue for StarFest's Welcome Reception and Grand Awards Banquet. We appreciate John and Dottie sharing their photos of this exciting event and only wish we could have joined them on this fantastic road trip. John is from New York City, so this also gave them an opportunity to visit with family and friends. (The information about StarFest in this article was provided by the MBCA National Office.)



Road Trip to Altus and Ozark, Arkansas

Submitted by Larry Altman, Vice President/Event Coordinator



A historic church, a family winery, and a barbecue fest were features of the day for Ozark Section members on Saturday, August 20. The weather was unusually cool, with just a touch of fog and drizzle—actually a welcome respite from the heat. Twenty-five members met at the intersection of AR-265 and AR-16 in Fayetteville at 9:45 a.m. for a fun drive down to Altus and Ozark on the Arkansas River. We had the pleasure of welcoming two new families to our group all the way from Springfield and Nixa, Missouri: Keith and Penny Garrison and Kelli and Manfred Riem and their son Jayden. We drove east on AR-16 out of Fayetteville and met up with Dane and Diane Paulsen at Brashears. From there, we headed south on the Pig Trail (AR-23) down to I-40 where we met John and Dottie Miller, bringing our numbers to 29. We continued down AR-23 until we reached U.S. 64 and then turned east towards Altus.



At Altus, we visited a historic German and Swiss Catholic Church built in the 1870's. Father Hugh, who is a Priest from Subiaco Abbey, gave us an informational tour and historical perspective of the church. From there, we headed down the hill to the Post Familie Winery and Gift Shop where we sampled some of the wine and bought lots of wine and wine-related gifts. By this time we were getting a little hungry and decided to head back to Ozark for a great BIG lunch at the Rivertowne BBQ. The meal and the fellowship were great, and we all left very full and satisfied. From there some of us headed back to the wineries in Altus, others went shopping for antiques in Ozark, and the rest decided it was time to head back home. Everyone seemed to have a good time and left with a smile as we bid our farewells until September 17, when we were to meet again in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, the capital of the Cherokee Nation.



Taco Tour Summer Fun By Ruth Shafer

Earlier this year, the Board of Directors discussed holding some informal activities in addition to the regular Section events and dinner groups as a way for members to get better acquainted. Kathy Menold and I started the ball rolling with a series of lunch get-togethers.

We met six times over the summer at places on Springdale's Taco Tour, which are all locally owned and authentically Mexican. The restaurants we chose included Charly's Taqueria, Taqueria El Cuñado, Guanajuato #1, Guanajuato #2, Taqueria Mexico, and Las Margaritas. The last one isn't a member of the Taco Tour, but Charly's was closed for a parking lot paving job the day we tried to visit it a second time, and we wound up at Las Margaritas instead. In at least two of the restaurants, the menus were based on family recipes. Prices ranged from under \$5 to over \$12, with many choices between. The service was mostly walk-up for order and pick-up, a pain if you're a table service person, but it was also pretty quick.

The food was great everywhere we went. We sampled some favorite dishes such as quesadillas and enchiladas as well as some not very familiar items. We were not as adventurous in our ordering as we could have been, but we did have some interesting, beautiful food. One of my personal food surprises was the taco dish at Taqueria Mexico. The tacos were served flat and soft, the way I saw them years ago in Mexico City, instead of folded and fried to a crisp in the Tex-Mex style. We saw that same style again at one of the Guanajuatos. No utensils came with the plate, so I just rolled them fajita-style for a slightly messy but delightful lunch. Kathy was kind enough not to laugh.

Part of the goal for these informal events is to avoid overloading the contact person with the kind of organizational detail required for a full Section event. We want to keep it simple enough that members will say, "I can do that," and get a group together for something fun. For that reason, we chose Facebook as our information platform. I wrote very brief announcements and reports, sent them to Larry Altman, and Larry posted them. In this case, Kathy also contacted a few people she thought would miss the Facebook postings but would enjoy the activity. Our attendance was small, sometimes just Kathy and me, but we did have eight people come the day we met at Taqueria Mexico. Regardless of attendance, we always had a good time.

We plan to "do lunch" again in 2017, so watch for the next exciting series! If you have an idea for an informal event, contact one of our board members and we'll help you make it happen.

**FOR SALE**

2008 Mercedes-Benz 563 AMG owned by Mickey Hickman. It's just broken in with 104,500 miles. Exterior in iridium silver with black interior. Asking price is \$40,000 cash. For more information contact Mickey at 479-366-1716.

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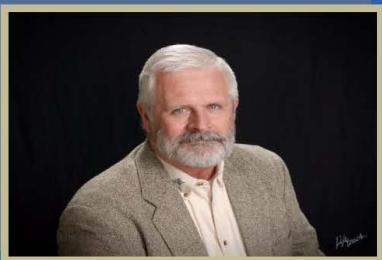
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2016 Upcoming Ozark Section MBCA Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 29	Fall Foliage Tour/Mt. Magazine	Paris, AR
November 19	Mercedes-Benz Dealership Customer Appreciation Day	Bentonville, AR
December 10	Christmas Party at Shadow Valley Country Club	Rogers, AR
January (TBA)	Wine Tasting Event	



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Ozark Section Birthdays

Linda Concoby	Oct 09
Joseph Kelly	Oct 28
Pamela Modisett	Oct 31
Phyllis Klinger	Nov 01
Mike Modisett	Nov 04
John Brennan	Nov 05
Bob Zierak	Nov 07
Mickey Hickman	Nov 08
Linda Harrell	Nov 08
John Miller	Nov 08
Tom Wissing	Nov 10
Bob Frye	Nov 14
Bob Tetu	Nov 14
Jim Carter	Nov 17
Case Vendel	Nov 21

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Ozark Section Anniversaries

Tom & Barbara Wissing	Oct 06
Jim & DeEdra Carter	Oct 09
Paul & Penny Springmann	Oct 26
Joseph & Amanda Kelly	Nov 01
Robin & Kathy Retzlaff	Nov 12
Andrew & Vicki Spranza	Nov 21



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