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MBCA Ozark Section Newsletter

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MBCA Ozark Section Celebrates 20-Year Anniversary

Submitted by Dave Jones



HAPPY TIME, PARTY TIME!

The Board of Directors cordially invites members and guests to gather at 10 a.m. on October 14th in the main service bay of Shuler Autohaus, 2722 Drake St, Fayetteville, Arkansas, to celebrate—where it all began—the 20th anniversary of the Ozark Section’s founding. We want everyone to have a happy time reflecting on our Section’s successful past, our active present, and our expectations for the future.

The Shuler family and the Board will be our hosts. We’ll conclude about 1 p.m., following a complementary restaurant-catered meal. There will also be special decorations, appropriate music, a custom cake, and a variety of beverages—plus an entertaining graphics-centered PowerPoint presentation by our emcee for the day and wisdom from our distinguished visitors.

We’ve invited the Club’s National President and its Executive Director—who is also publisher of *The Star* magazine—plus the Director of the South Central Region and the Operations Manager of Mercedes-Benz of Northwest Arkansas. A special mystery guest may be introduced during the emcee’s presentation.

To add fun and festivity, the emcee and his lovely assistant will invoke two major schemes that emphasize audience-participation. One will be posing questions and awarding token prizes to those who answer correctly; added to that will be awarding a valuable special prize after a mildly-competitive process. The second scheme is a secret not to be revealed until during the presentation. Gotta know? So attend. Put this on your calendar now!

The presentation will condense 20 years of our long-time members’ institutional memories, our archived newsletters and documents, Log of Section Events and pictures that represent the wide diversity of activities we’ve enjoyed. It will also highlight aspects of the history of MBCA and our section and will show the names of all who’ve been key players, plus a solemn *In Memorium* moment. Following the meal, we’ll finalize the 2017 election of two directors for our board.

It’s essential that our caterer gets an advance count of how many will attend, so you must RSVP the co-chair of the celebration committee no later than October 9th by emailing joneshafer@sbcglobal.net, texting 479-601-7542, or phoning 479-756-6943. Got your section nametag and most festive party hat on yet? See you there!



Joe's Italian Restaurant

Ozark Section’s Lunch Bunch will gather at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 11, at Joe’s Italian Restaurant and Sports Bar in Springdale. Joe’s offers weekday pasta lunch specials, some with meat and others without, and the full menu is available as well, including salad entrees. Check out Joe’s website for reviews. We’ll have no club business or program; it’s just a get-together. We hope to see you there. Please RSVP Kathy Menold at menold1@cox.net or 479-756-6798 by November 9 if you are planning to attend.

Driving Directions: The address is 669 E. Robinson (Highway 412 East) in Springdale. From I-49 or 71B, head east on Highway 412. (You’ll be on Sunset Avenue west of 71B and then at Thompson, which is 71B, you’ll dogleg south and then east onto Robinson.) You’ll see Joe’s on your right just past the stoplight at Powell Street.

**Ozark Section
Annual Christmas Party at
Fred's Hickory House
Saturday, December 9, 2017**



Our MBCA Ozark Section Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 9, at Fred's Hickory Inn in Bentonville, Arkansas. The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with appetizer's and drinks. A plate dinner that includes a salad, entrée, and dessert will be served at 7 p.m.; members will be able to pre-select from four entrees. The menu will be emailed or mailed in early November. Everyone will be able to choose the entrée of their choice. The cost per person and RSVP information will be provided at that time.

Our charity for the Ozark Section is Arkansas Children's Hospital, which is a worthy cause. Please make this part of your holiday giving. Make your tax deductible check out to Arkansas Children's Hospital or, if you prefer to give cash, we will have a gift acknowledgement form available. Please plan on joining us for our 2017 holiday celebration!

WHEN: Saturday, December 9, 2017

WHERE: Fred's Hickory Inn
1502 North Walton Blvd.
Bentonville, AR 72712



Our Ozark Section has been fortunate to have outstanding advertisers to help support our section. I would like to remind you to please patronize these businesses. Please let them know how much you appreciate their support.

**MBCA Ozark Section
Election for Two Director Positions**

On October 14 the Ozark Section members will be electing two director positions for the Board of Directors. Dave Jones, our past president, has contacted those members who have been nominated and has asked them if they would be willing to serve on the board.

Ozark Section Directory

Please contact Kathy Menold, menold1@cox.net or 479-756-6748 if you want your name and information included in the Ozark Directory. The directory will be completed sometime in October.

Welcome New Members

Terry Trichell	Springdale, Arkansas
Wilson Winn	Rogers, Arkansas

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

Member	Member Since
Dom Baker	2006
Gary Carter	2016
Clark Chastain	2014
John Concoby	2008
Bob Frye	2014
Keith Garrison	2016
Jacques Payne	1997
Bryan Sheehan	2014
Axel Wulff	2005

Ozark Section Membership Event at Copeland's New Orleans Restaurant

Submitted by Kathy Menold, President

Photos by Linda Harrell



The Ozark Section held its annual membership event at Copeland's New Orleans Restaurant in Rogers, Arkansas, again this year, on July 15. Copeland's provided the Section with a private room, which gave the members the opportunity to get together and visit. Thirty-two members and associate members gathered to enjoy the fine food and each other's company. A silent auction item, donated by Joel and Kathy Menold, consisted of a Griot's Garage Ultimate Interior Car Kit enclosed in a Griot's Garage carrying bag. Kevin Murphey, from Bella Vista, was the highest bidder. The profits from our silent auctions this year go towards our upcoming 20-year anniversary celebration on October 14, 2017.

After we enjoyed such a wonderful lunch, I presented a keychain to two new members, Larry and Nancy Long from Fayetteville, who were attending their first event. I also presented Jeff Chastain and his son Clark a keychain. They have been members since 2014, but this was also their first event and my first opportunity to recognize them. They drove their 1987 560SEL all the way from Pocahontas.



This year the Ozark Section had ten members who received their anniversary pins and certificates. Not everyone was able to attend the luncheon, however, and for those I either mailed their awards or I will present them at a later date. We had one long-time member who received his 35-year pin and certificate with the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, and that fine gentleman is Vern Sutter of Bella Vista. Vern had been a member before moving to Arkansas, and in 1997 he helped to establish the Ozark Section. The members wanted to give him a special gift for his years of serving on the Board of Directors, so we presented him with a gift certificate to spend at his pleasure. I wasn't able to present a 25-year pin to Louella Terrell who lives in Murfreesboro, since she was unable to make the trip, but she sent me a very sweet letter of gratitude. Two members received a 20-year pin and certificate: Roger Shuler of Fayetteville and Jacques Payne of Little Rock. Two members received a 10-year pin and certificate: Al Gulseth of Alma and Porfirio Gutierrez of Hot Springs. Four members received their 5-year pins and certificates, and I was able to make three of the presentations at the luncheon: Carl and Cathi Codi of Fayetteville, Robert Hiler of Bella Vista, and John and Dottie Miller of Greenwood. William Kremer, also of Fayetteville, was unable to attend. As you can see from this list, we recognize associate members along with their primary members. Congratulations to all of you!



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Petit Jean State Park and the Movie House Winery

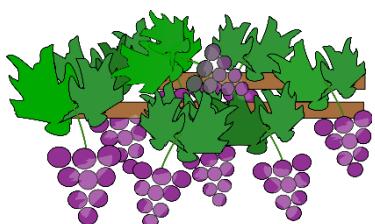
Submitted by Kathy Menold, President
Photos by Dottie Miller and Kathy Menold

On August 19, twenty-one Ozark Section members traveled to Morrilton on a beautiful summer day. Our destination was Petit Jean State Park, Arkansas's first state park. This is one of Arkansas's historic treasures; Mather's Lodge holds the distinction of being the only lodge built in Arkansas by the Civilian Conservation Corps back in the 1930's. This mountain lodge, built of native log and stone, has a rustic warmth that combines with its bluff setting overlooking rugged Cedar Creek Canyon to inspire visitors with its natural beauty. It was so pleasing to see members drive up from Little Rock and Hot Springs and down from Clinton, Bella Vista, Rogers, Fayetteville, Springdale and Siloam Springs and over from Greenwood. The lodge had set seating aside for us to enjoy such a stunning view and friendship. We had new members from Fayetteville, Dr. Lloyd and Terry Trichell, join us on the trip. I also presented Porfirio Gutierrez from Hot Springs a 10-year anniversary pin and certificate since he was unable to attend the membership event at Copeland's Restaurant in Rogers July.



After lunch, we caravanned down to Morrilton to visit the Movie House Winery. This old movie theatre has been completely renovated by the owners, Ken and Sherrie Sowers. After Sherrie gave us a brief history of the winery, we broke into two groups. Ken took half of the members on a tour of his winery and showed them how he prepares and makes the different wines. Sherrie, meanwhile, was giving the other half wine sampling. After Ken's wine tour, the groups changed locations and continued to enjoy a wonderful opportunity to see this old building after it had been restored. Many of the members enjoyed purchasing some of the wines and gift items that were for sale.

I would like to thank Linda Harrell and Bob Gailey for arranging such a fun trip to Petit Jean State Park and finding the Movie House Winery. The Ozark Section took a trip to Petit Jean many years ago and toured the auto museum, but the lodge was closed for renovation at that time, so this was a great opportunity for many of us to enjoy.





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2017 Upcoming Ozark MBCA Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 14	20-Year Anniversary Celebration for the Ozark Section at Shuler Autohaus	Fayetteville, AR
November 11	Lunch Bunch Joe's Italian Restaurant	Springdale, AR
December 09	Christmas Party Fred's Hickory Inn Restaurant	Bentonville, AR
January 2018	Wine Tasting	To Be Announced



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Ozark Section Birthdays

Linda Concoby	Oct 09
Joseph Kelly	Oct 28
Phyllis Klinger	Nov 01
John Brennan	Nov 06
Mickey Hickman	Nov 08
Linda Harrell	Nov 08
John Miller	Nov 08
Bob Frye	Nov 14
Case Vendel	Nov 21
Lisa Knapp	Nov 26

**Ozark Section Anniversaries**

Paul & Penny Springmann	Oct 26
Joseph & Amanda Kelly	Nov 01
Robin & Kathy Retzlaff	Nov 12
Andrew & Vicki Spranza	Nov 21
Congratulations!	



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

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