



**MBCA Ozark Section Newsletter**  
*The Star of the Ozarks*

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**Fun with Wine Tasting**  
**June 9, 2018**

Our June Event will be a “**Fun with Wine – Tasting**” being held on **June 9, 2018**, at the home of Hank and Jean

Euler. In the past, the wine event has been held in January so this year we are switching it up so everyone can enjoy the beautiful weather. Because of the warming weather we will be sampling 6 summer wines and the **glasses will be provided by the Euler’s**. Hank and Jean have decided to have a blind tasting competition, which means the bottles will be blind folded NOT us! The Euler's want this to be a "FUN" time, nothing too serious. So come, bring your friends, and join the fun.

The cost for this event is **\$10.00 per person whether tasting wine or not**. This will be collected upon arrival, at the door, in order to help cover the cost for the evening. Tasting stations will be set up around the house and garden. A prize will be given to the person “guessing” correctly.

**What to bring:**

- A libation of your choosing to enjoy prior to or after the formal competition. This could be soft drinks, wine, beer, or alcohol, whatever your like.
- An appetizer. Please select from the following list;
  - Trays - Cheese, Fruit, Meat, Shrimp, or Veggie
  - Dip – such as spinach, hummus, etc.
  - Tortellini & Veggie Kabobs
  - Bruschetta, crackers
  - Dessert (the Euler’s will provide dark chocolate)

When confirming your attendance, **please advise Linda which appetizer you will be bringing**. That way we will have a nice selection. **Please confirm by June 5.**

**WHAT:** June Wine Tasting  
**WHEN:** Saturday, June 9 starting at 5:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Hank and Jean Euler  
 8652 Apple Park  
 Rogers, AR

**RSVP:** Linda Harrell no later than June 5, 2018  
[linda.harrell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linda.harrell@sbcglobal.net)  
 479-644-8087



**Annual Membership Event**  
**Saturday, July 21, 2018**

Our July Event will be “The Mercedes Benz Ozark Section Membership Event” held on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at Whole Hog Café, located in Bentonville, Arkansas starting at 1 p.m. This event is for member appreciation awards and we will have a separate dining area reserved so we’ll be able to enjoy each other’s company without distractions.

Whole Hog Café offers the best Memphis Style barbeque in Northwest Arkansas. After arriving, everyone will be able to order individually. Please contact Linda Harrell by July 17 if you are planning to attend.

**WHAT:** Annual Membership Event  
**WHEN:** Saturday, July 21, 2018 - Starting at 1 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Whole Hog Café  
 1400 SE Walton Blvd. #46  
 Bentonville, AR 72712

**RSVP:** Linda Harrell no later than July 17  
[Linda.harrell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Linda.harrell@sbcglobal.net)  
 Or 479-644-8087





**The Star Reflections**

Submitted by Kathy Menold, President

The Board of Directors nominations will be coming up in August. In this newsletter you will see Dave Jones’s article explaining the nomination procedures for all members and associate members. Keep in mind the members nominated are current Ozark Section members or their associate members. If you are not sure you have named an associate member, you can contact Ryanne Dias at the MBCA National Office 719-633-6427 or 800-637-2360. There is not an additional membership fee for the associate members.

I have truly enjoyed my ten years serving on the MBCA Ozark Section Board of Directors; however, at the end of this term, October 31, 2018, I will be at the end of my term. I’ve spent two years as treasurer, four years as vice president and four years as president and will not be running again. Joel and I have made many wonderful friends in the Ozark Section and are planning to keep those friendships dear for many years to come. Once you elect a new president, I will remain on the board as past president. I’ll still have a few duties to perform as past president, and I would also like to continue as editor for our newsletter, *The Star of the Ozarks*, if the new Board of Directors agrees.

I know that most of our members are not always able to attend events, but they do enjoy the Mercedes-Benz Club of America membership and what it has to offer. In our time as members, Joel and I have found the reality of what it takes to make a Section prosper, and, without a lot of help from others, it could die. We learned that it takes teamwork, giving of yourselves, having fun and not taking things too seriously if at times they don’t work out as planned. We are all Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts who love our vehicles and want the opportunity to enjoy events with others who feel our passion. This passion takes effort on everyone’s part, not just a few.

I have said this often, “You need to become involved; please don’t just enjoy the benefits!” What really makes our Section successful is its members, their love for their Mercedes-Benz vehicles and the friendship within the membership. Joel and I hope to see you often as we continue our involvement with MBCA.

**Welcome Our New Member**

**Jennifer Vashkevich**

**Bentonville, AR**

**2018 RAFFLE  
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By June 13  
Drawing June 21  
S560 Cabriolet**

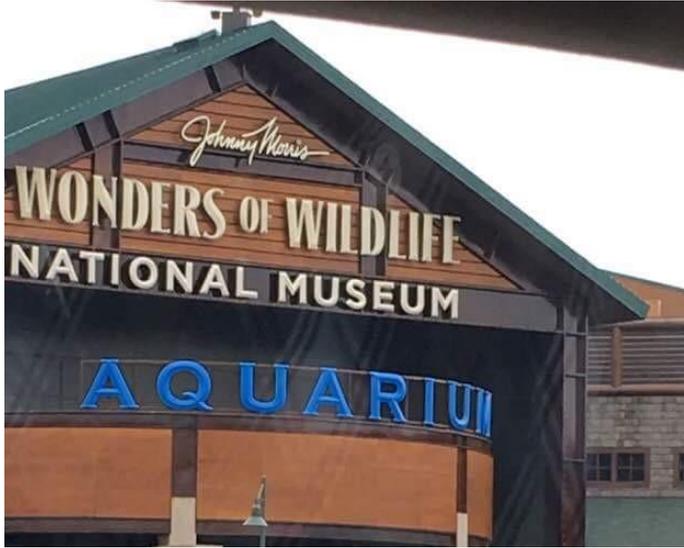


**Thanks to Renewing Members for  
Their Continuing Loyalty**

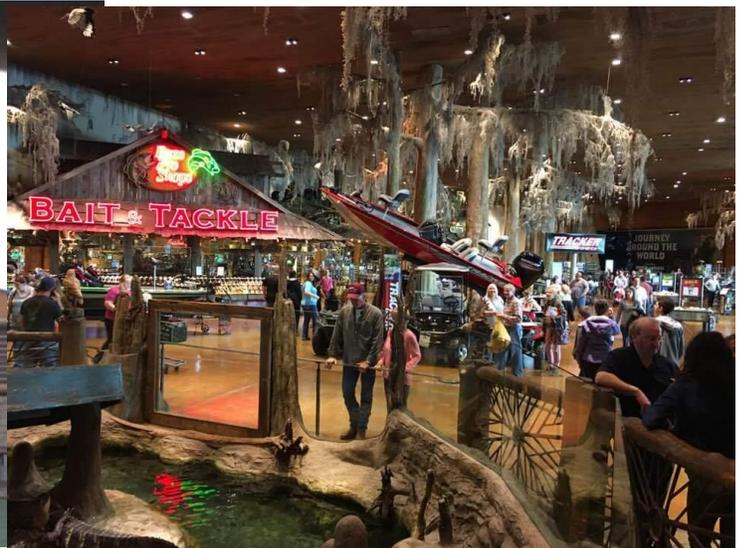
<b>Dennis Anderson – Rogers, AR</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>John Brennan – Huntsville, AR</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Warren Flynn – Rogers, AR</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Ray Lippig – Rogers, AR</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Larry Long – Fayetteville, AR</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>M. L. Scherz – Rogers, AR</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Rebecca Vendel – Bella Vista, AR</b>	<b>2015</b>

**Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife  
National Museum and Aquarium**

Submitted by Kathy Menold, President



Entrance to the Museum and Aquarium



Bass Pro-Shop

Twenty-three Ozark Section members and guests drove to Springfield, Missouri, to the Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium on Saturday, March 24, 2018. They drove from Springdale, Rogers, Bentonville, Bella Vista, Siloam Springs, Holiday Island, Arkansas, and Joplin, Missouri. Linda Harrell's son Jon, daughter-in-law Shannon and grandson Gavin Harrell joined us from Rogers. We met at Jimm's Restaurant in Springfield prior to going to the museum and aquarium. It just happened to have been Ray Lippig's birthday on March 23, and his wife Brenda brought cupcakes to share with the group for dessert.



Once we left the restaurant and headed towards the museum and aquarium, we became separated and arrived from different directions. It was Spring Break, and the parking lot was full with few spaces to park. We came into Bass Pro Shop from several entrances finding our way to the museum first and then the aquarium. This 300,000-square-foot complex was overwhelming; it's truly an adventure to be seen. However, I recommend going during a time when it's not as busy. We spent three or more hours walking the complex and seeing all the wonders it provided.



In the Wolf's Den



In with the Sharks

Ray and Brenda Lippig, Kevin Murphey, Elaine Rosen, Dave Jones, Ruth Shafer and Kathy and Joel Menold



Ray Lippig in the Mouth of a Shark



We would like to thank Linda Harrell for her time and effort putting this event together. She purchased our group-rate tickets that morning and passed them out to everyone at lunch, which kept us from standing in a very long line. Well done, Linda!!

### South Central Region 2018 Mercedes Mixer

Submitted by Kathy Menold, President

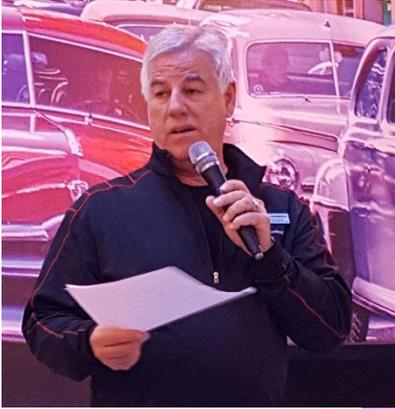
Photos by Kathy Menold, John Kushnerick and Dottie Miller



Oklahoma. Mercedes-Benz members from the Eastern Oklahoma, Central Oklahoma and Ozark Sections met together for a wonderful luncheon and were able to visit with old and new friends. John Kushnerick and the Eastern Oklahoma members planned to host a static display car show, barbeque luncheon and our choice of an afternoon side trip to the Woody Guthrie Center in downtown Tulsa or the Tulsa Botanical Gardens. *Old Mother Nature* failed to cooperate once again, but it didn't seem to bother many of the club members. A few members from Oklahoma cancelled due to the rain, but thirteen Ozark members made the trek, leaving from Springdale, Arkansas, even though rain was predicted for later in the day. Unfortunately, the rain kept us from having the car show; however, we could admire the vehicles from within the complex.



John Kushnerick asked the members to introduce themselves and tell where they were from, a little history of the Mercedes-Benz they drove, and if they had any other Mercedes vehicles. We were also honored to have Brett Jurick, our South Central Regional Director, come up from Texas to join the event.



John Kushnerick, President  
Eastern Oklahoma Section



South Central Region Members



Brett Jurick, South Central  
Regional Director



Ruth Shafer



Robin & Kathy Retzlaff



Vern Sutter



Kathy & Joel Menold

The Stokley Event Center is a unique complex which hosts all sorts of parties. There were several types of old arcade games, such as pinball, motor cross, baseball and Pac-Man, plus table shuffleboard. Many of the memorabilia were old metal signs, neon picture signs, a soda fountain and many fine photos.

As the heavy rain continued, it was certain the trip to the Botanical Gardens would be cancelled, and just a few members decided to go to the Woody Guthrie Center. The majority of the group decided it was best to head back home.

Thank you, John and your Eastern Oklahoma Section members, for hosting the regional event this year. The Ozark Section members had a great time; we need to get together more often.



## ANNUAL ELECTION PROCESS BEGINS

Submitted by Dave Jones

Our leadership nominating committee is initiating the election process we conduct each year to assure we continue to have strong leaders on our Board of Directors. This time, we'll choose one new director and—as we do each two years—all four officers. It's essential for the continued health of our section that all members, Primary and Associate, exercise their rights to nominate and vote. This tells you what you can expect, need to know, and should do.

**TWO SIMPLE FORMS.** The process is simple, quick, easy, and efficient. About a month apart, you'll receive two one-page forms (nominating and voting) from me via an email that will be sent by our section president, Kathy Menold. Those who don't have an email capability will receive the forms by postal mail. Postal items will also include stamped self-addressed envelopes for replies. Each form will ask you to fill in the information it requests and return it to the chair of our leadership nominating committee (me) no later than a date indicated on the form.

**ELIGIBILITY TO NOMINATE AND VOTE.** The forms provide a way for Primary and Associate members to nominate and vote. Primaries received a membership number from the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA). Associates are eligible if (1) a Primary asked that they be listed on MBCA's official membership roster, (2) they live in the primary's household, and (3) they're at least age 18. If you're not sure an Associate you want to nominate meets those criteria you may ask me by emailing [joneshafer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joneshafer@sbcglobal.net) or phoning 479.756-6943.

*Heads up, Primary members.* If a person in your household could be listed as an Associate but you didn't name them when you joined MBCA, our board highly encourages you to extend the small effort it takes to register him/her. It's easy, there's no charge, and adding them will not increase your dues. ***It's a special way to show your person how much you value their opinion. Also, your Associate will be eligible to participate in our elections and, if elected, hold an office on our board—a prestigious honor!*** Several of our most effective and valued board members are Associates. Their enthusiasm helps all of us to continue having fun. Convinced? Well then, contact MBCA (email [www.mbca.org](http://www.mbca.org) or call 1.800.637-2360) and ask that your person be listed as an Associate. Please do that before mid-September. We'll cease taking nominations after that.

**NOMINATION FORM.** The first form will come to you in August. It will provide an easy way for you, as a Primary or an eligible Associate, to ***nominate*** section members you think might be willing to serve on our board. You may even nominate yourself! Then, after marking your choices on the form, you follow its simple steps to reply to me (not to Kathy) via email or postal mail.

**CONTACT BY COMMITTEE MEMBER.** Those who were nominated and are eligible will receive a call and/or email from a nominating committee member. If a nominated person is ineligible, the committee member will inform the person who sent the nomination but won't contact the person. If the nominee is eligible, the committee member will congratulate the nominee and ask if she/he ***might be*** willing to serve if elected. If the person says *yes* or *maybe*, the committee member will inform them of the office-holder's duties and—if requested—send a copy of the position's job description from our Guide for Section Leaders.

**VOTING FORM.** The second form will come to you in September. As a voting ballot, it will list the slate of contenders who were nominated and agreed to serve. It will ask you to follow the form's simple steps to indicate your choice of the members for each listed position. As with the nomination form, please reply to me (not to Kathy).

**RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT.** Members of the nomination committee will tally the results, and I will announce them at our section event in October and in our November/December newsletter. Those who are newly elected will take office November 1, 2018.

And the  
**Winners**  
are...

## Mercedes-Benz Club of America Membership Application

Please call the National Office at 800-637-2360 to join by phone or go to [www.mbca.org/](http://www.mbca.org/) to join online.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby apply for membership in the Mercedes-Benz Club of America.

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(Signature)

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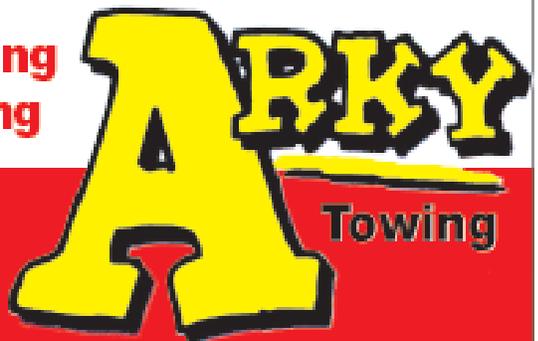
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 30	Patio Wine Tasting Party at Hank and Jean Euler's	Rogers, Arkansas
July 21	Annual Membership Event Whole Hog Restaurant	Bentonville, Arkansas
August 18	Northeast Oklahoma Casinos Casino Scrabble Run	Oklahoma
September 15	Road Trip and Lunch Oark General Store and Cafe	Oark, Arkansas
October 20	Keel's Creek Winery	Eureka Springs, Arkansas



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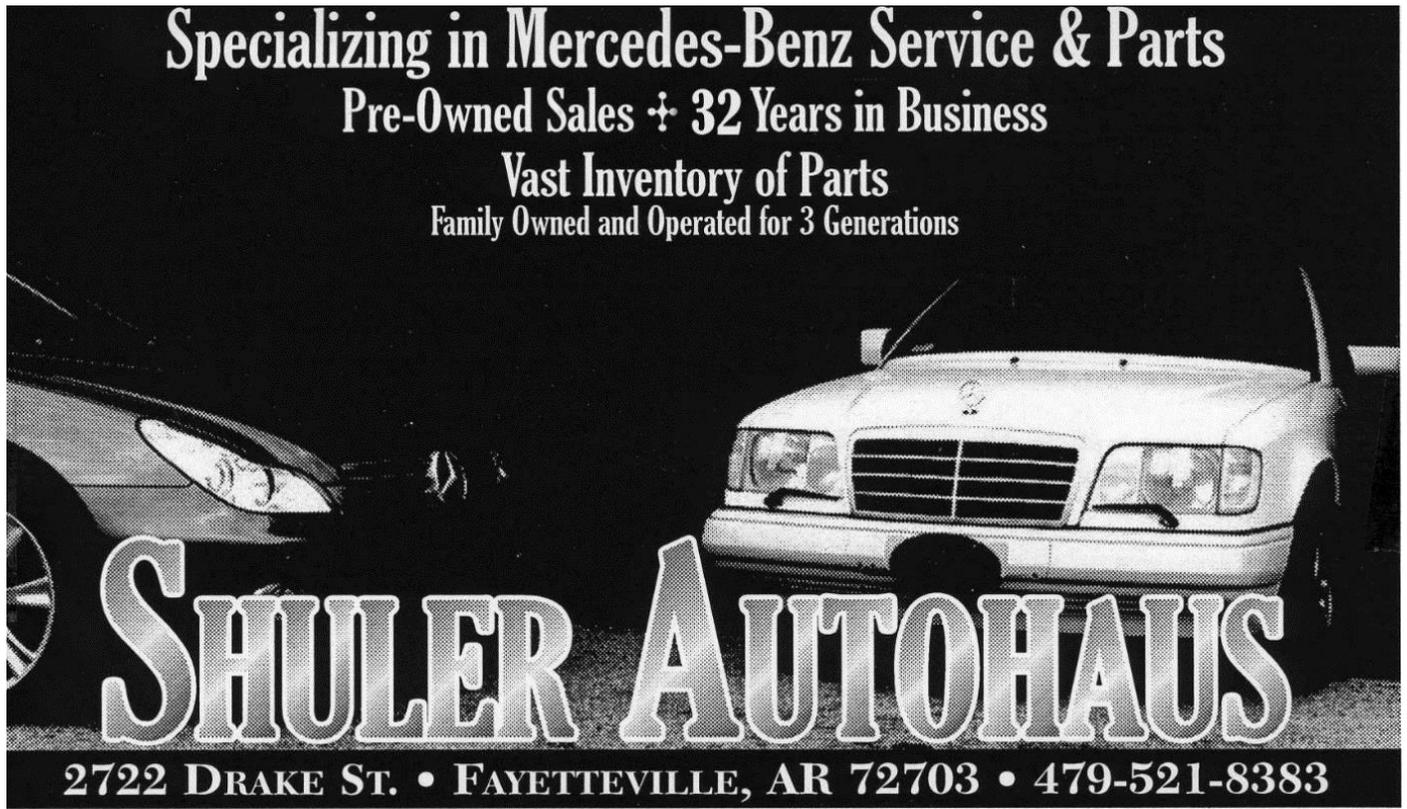


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Hank Euler	June 03
Jean Euler	June 13
Woodie Acord	June 14
Rob Knapp	June 27
Jan Sweitzer	June 30
Penny Springmann	July 08
Kathy Menold	July 10
Amanda Kelly	July 14
Elaine Rosen	July 18
Gary Reusswig	July 20
Becky Vendel	July 21
Sharon Frye	July 22
Aimee Duca	July 23

*Happy Birthday!*

**Ozark Section Anniversaries**

Al & Ginny Gulseth	June 17
Case & Becky Vendel	June 19
Terry & Lori Lee	June 27
Hank & Jean Euler	July 01
Woodie & Jane Acord	July 03
Gary & Linn Reusswig	July 06
Linda Harrell & Bob Gailey	July 08
Dane & Diane Paulsen	July 16
John & Dottie Miller	July 29

*Happy Anniversary*

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

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