



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

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**Ozark Section**

**San Miguel's Mexican Grill and Bar for Lunch  
On Saturday, January 20**



Our January event will be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas, to enjoy lunch at San Miguel Mexican Grill and Bar. According to its website, it is owned and operated by Jose and Maria Rodriguez of Springdale. The Rodriguez family also operates the La Hacienda restaurant on Zion Road in Fayetteville. They strive to offer innovative takes on classic Tex-Mex and some new dishes that follow the Hispanic path, from the traditional street tacos for lunch to the one of a kind migas for breakfast! San Miguel Mexican Grill and Bar is like none other in Northwest Arkansas.

After lunch, President Kathy Menold will hold a short mock board meeting so all of our members can be included in what goes on during our quarterly board meetings. The entire board felt this would help all our members understand what it takes to keep this section going, and we hope you have suggestions to help improve our section.

**When:** Saturday, January 20, 2018  
11:30 a.m.

**Where:** San Miguel's Mexican Bar and Grill  
722 North Front Street  
Fayetteville, AR

**RSVP:** Linda Harrell by January 17, 2018  
[linda.harrell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linda.harrell@sbcglobal.net) or 479-644-8087

**Crystal Bridges Museum and  
Flying Fish Restaurant  
On Saturday, February 24, 2018**



Our February Event will be held in Bentonville, Arkansas. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Flying Fish Restaurant (right off the square/downtown) for lunch before caravanning to Crystal Bridges Museum. The Flying Fish is not just a fish restaurant; it has a well-rounded menu which includes all types of fish along with burgers and chicken.

At the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, we will view the **"All or Nothing"** Collection. This exhibition features works from Crystal Bridges' permanent collection that utilize black and white to focus on elements such as composition, detail, and spatial relationships. Admission for this event is free, and the Museum is open until 6 p.m. for your viewing pleasure.

**When:** Saturday, February 24, 2018  
**Lunch:** Flying Fish – Off the square/downtown Bentonville  
109a NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bentonville, AR 72712

**Where:** Crystal Bridges Museum and Art Center  
600 Museum Way  
Bentonville, AR 72712

**RSVP:** Linda Harrell by February 21, 2018  
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**Star Reflections**

Submitted by Kathy Menold, President

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and/or friends. It's hard to believe Christmas time is here already. Another year will have passed before we know it!!

I would like to thank each and every one who attended our 20-year anniversary celebration on October 14 at the Shuler Autohaus in Fayetteville. We had a large turn out and were honored to have Mike Regennitter, the Mercedes-Benz National Executive Director, and Gene Jurick, our South-Central Region Director, attend the event. Our National President at the time, Terry Kiwala, FaceTime the members from Germany, where he was attending a conference. As you may know, Gene Jurick was elected the new National President for the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. It was a great pleasure to meet and spend time with Mike and Gene to receive beneficial information regarding the Mercedes-Benz Club of America and to help inspire the Ozark Section.

In October we held elections for the Board of Directors. This was the year to elect directors only. Joel Menold was re-elected for a three-year term, and Ray Lippig was elected to complete the two-year term of a member who moved out-of-state. Thank you both for assuming these positions.

Next year will be elections for president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and one director. Several of these positions have been held by the same members for a number of terms. I'm asking you to please consider running for an office in 2019-2020. I know many of you enjoy attending the events and luncheons, and it is time for new faces on the board to help make these functions possible. Everyone has the opportunity to attend board meetings, which are held four times a year (the first Wednesday in March, June, September and December). The board members take turns holding these meetings in their homes. All members are welcome to attend. If you would like to join us for a meeting, you only need to inform me prior to the meeting; then I will be able to tell you where it will be held and let the host board member know. Again, please give this some thought for 2019-2020.

We have some great events planned for 2018. Just to name a couple, we will be traveling to Tulsa in April to have a regional event with the Eastern Oklahoma, the Central Oklahoma and the North Texas Sections. It has been a number of years since these

Sections have come together, so it should be a great event. I have also made reservations to go to Dogwood Canyon Nature Park on May 19, 2018. This year I was able to reserve two trams, and the price for the trip and bar-be-que lunch will be the same. Of course, there will be more details to follow.

*Have a wonderful Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!*



*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.*

**Welcome New Members**

<b>Joel Bunch</b>	<b>Elkins, Arkansas</b>
<b>William Hegmann</b>	<b>Texarkana, Arkansas</b>

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

<b>Member</b>	<b>Member Since</b>
<b>Donald Buslinger</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Roy Farley</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Linda Harrell</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Lisa Knapp</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Martin Maize</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Robin Retzlaff</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Roger Shepperd</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Roger Shuler</b>	<b>1997</b>

## The Tired Iron of the Ozarks 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Show in Gentry, Arkansas

Submitted by Kathy Menold, President



On Saturday, September 9, eleven Ozark members and Vern Sutter's son, Randy Sutter, visiting from Ventura, California, attended the Tired Iron of the Ozarks 26<sup>th</sup> Fall show. According to its website; the Tired Iron of the Ozarks is a club dedicated to the preservation and exhibition of antique engines and tractors. They also included old-time saw-milling, blacksmith work, hit-and-miss engines, home and business antiques and rope making. Dottie Miller, Ruth Shafer and Kathy Menold enjoyed the opportunity to make colorful ropes and dog leashes from polypropylene.



After spending several hours enjoying the displays, the members met up with Jim and Becky Deitz, at the Cotton Patch Café in Siloam Springs for a delightful lunch.

Dave Jones had suggested this event, and we thank Linda Harrell for making the arrangements and having it on such a beautiful day!



## Ozark Section's Twentieth Anniversary Celebration

Submitted by Ruth Shafer



On Saturday, October 14, seventy-two Ozark Section members and guests gathered at Shuler Autohaus in Fayetteville to celebrate twenty years of cruising and schmoozing with friends in the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. The festive event began with President Kathy Menold's welcoming remarks. She then introduced our Shuler Autohaus hosts and special guests Mike Regennitter, Executive Director of MBCA and publisher of *The Star* magazine, and Gene Jurick, Director of the South-Central Region.



Highlights of the event included:

- Brief remarks from Mike and Gene, both of whom praised the Section for its accomplishments and painted a bright picture for the future of the Club and our Section.

- Greetings and remarks from MBCA's National President Terry Kiwala, who addressed the group via a FaceTime cell phone link from Daimler headquarters in Germany, where he was attending an international conference of national presidents of Mercedes-Benz clubs, and via a personal letter to our section's members.
- A very comprehensive section history compiled and presented by Past President Dave Jones, with technical assistance from Ray Lippig. Dave walked us down memory lane via PowerPoint slides and narration as he reviewed our section's founding, its early triumphs and struggles, and its growth. Early in his remarks, he introduced "mystery guest" Mike Staudt, a former employee of Shuler Autohaus, who conceived the idea of forming our Section and, with Frank and Roger Shuler, was instrumental in starting it. Mike made a special trip from Oklahoma City to be with us.
- A display of model Mercedes-Benz vehicles owned by various members, who brought their favorites to share with the group. The oldest were a 1928 SSK and a 1938 770K sedan. Several models from the 1950s were shown, including two gullwings, a Rennwagon Schnelltransporter, and five SLs (two gullwings, two roadsters, and one pulling a teardrop camper). Models from the 1960s and 1970s included two SLs (one gullwing and one roadster), two SELs (one AMG), and an SLC. Later models included two M classes, an SL, an SLK, and an E55. A big thank you for this extra attraction is due the exhibitors: Porfirio Gutierrez, Dave Jones, Joseph Kelly, Don and Phyllis Klinger, John Lee, Joel and Kathy Menold, and Robin Retzlaff.
- Kathy Menold presented Roger Shuler with his 20-year membership pin and certificate.



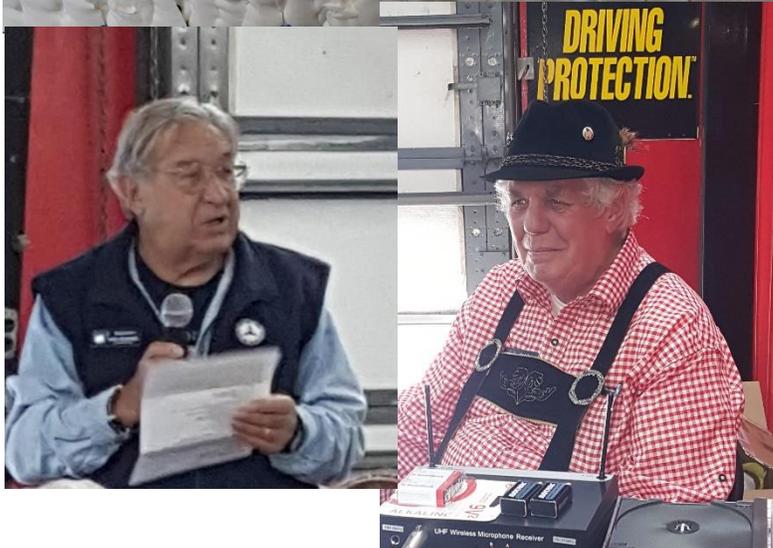
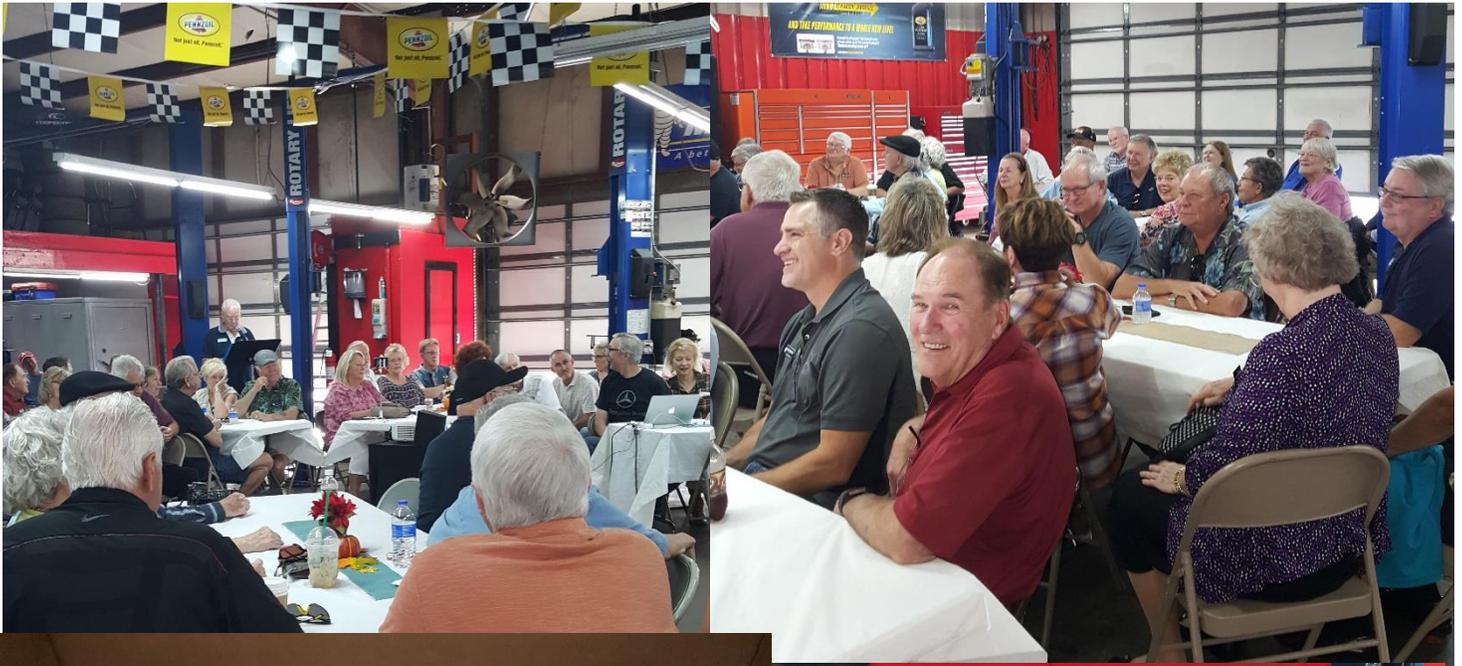
Our Board of Directors decided early in the planning process that paying for a catered lunch for this event would be an appropriate and much-appreciated use of club funds. Through five silent auction items, we raised \$515.00 for the event, which covered much of the cost of the food and drinks. Lunch came primarily from Whole Hog Café; it consisted of pulled pork and pulled chicken sandwiches, slaw, potato salad, chips, tea, and soft drinks. An anniversary cake sporting the section logo, baked by Shelby Lynn's Cake Shop in Springdale, topped off the meal. The Shuler family kept coffee flowing throughout the day.





Another big thank you goes to the following members for making it all happen:

- The Shuler Autohaus crew for providing and preparing the meeting place as well as the tables, chairs, and a novel display space for the model vehicles on a hydraulic lift.
- Ray Lippig for assisting with computer, cell phone, and projection technology.
- EuGene Smith for providing and operating his public address and music system.
- Brenda Lippig for lending her deft touch in decorating the tables.
- Kathy Menold and Linda Harrell for tons of detail work.
- Vern Sutter for sharing his extensive memory of the Section and scrapbook of early documents.
- Members who provided their files of event photos, including Bob Gailey, Dave Jones, Joel and Kathy Menold, Rob and Kathy Retzlaff, Paul and Penny Springmann, Vern Sutter, and Bob and Patti Tetu.
- Dave Jones for countless hours of researching archived newsletters, meeting minutes, and photos essential for his creation of the PowerPoint and script that conveyed our story.



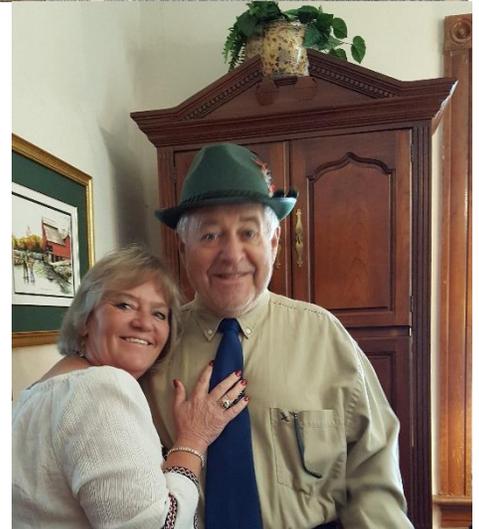
Our board sincerely hopes all who attended enjoyed the celebration and that it inspired you to stay active in our Section and become more so. We eagerly look down the road ahead toward our next milestone.

## Ozark Section Friends Take a Trip to Visit Wineries Along the Missouri River

Submitted by Kathy and Joel Menold



On Friday, October 27, friends John and Dottie Miller, Jim and Becky Deitz and Joel and Kathy Menold drove to Washington, Missouri, in their three red roadsters to spend three nights at the Brick Inn Bed and Breakfast. This lovely inn, owned by Art and Kathy Winters, was built in 1911. From the B&B we were able to travel along the north side of the river to Augusta, Missouri, and on the south side to Hermann, Missouri. Washington is a hidden secret along the river with beautiful old homes, quaint stores and wonderful restaurants. The train station is downtown along the river, and the Amtrak runs through daily. On Saturday morning after breakfast, we drove across the Missouri River to Augusta and visited six wineries; they were all different, but I must say we enjoyed the Montelle Winery the most. It is located up on the hillside overlooking the valley and river below. It was cold, but we found a nice enclosed room with others to share cheese, crackers and wine! That evening we found a wonderful restaurant in Washington--the Sugarfire Smokehouse, along the river.



On Sunday morning we ate another wonderful breakfast at the B&B, then dressed accordingly to spend the day at the Stone Hill Winery in Hermann for the last day of its Oktoberfest. John bought the ladies three lovely matching light-weight blouses to wear to the event; however, it was very cold Sunday morning, so Becky and I had to quickly add another shirt underneath the blouse to keep us warm. The Stone Hill Winery is nestled up on the hillside overlooking Hermann. The venue included German music and, of course, a dance floor. The winery served Stone Hill wines, local beers, bratwurst and sauerkraut. We had a delightful afternoon dancing and socializing by meeting so many wonderful people from Missouri. That evening we returned to the B&B and sat around the fire pit for more cheese, crackers, wine and laughs!



This was an enjoyable trip with four of our very good friends who belong to the Mercedes-Benz Club of America Ozark Section. For those who know John, you know he kept us laughing about his stories as a Fort Smith policeman and on the State Police Bomb Squad, plus his years growing up in Brooklyn, New York. Thank you, John, Dottie, Jim and Becky, for your friendship and a great time!!



### **Lunch at Joe's Italian Restaurant**

Submitted by Kathy Menold, President

On Saturday, November 11, eighteen members met for lunch at Joe's Italian Restaurant and Sports Bar in Springdale, Arkansas. Since the section held its 20-year anniversary celebration in October, the Board of Directors chose to have just a luncheon in November instead of a monthly event. The luncheons always give us the opportunity to spend more time becoming acquainted, and it was a perfect cold, windy day to be inside. We were pleased to see Jan Sweitzer and Vicki Spranza be able to attend along with Eugene Smith from Conway and John and Dottie Miller from Greenwood. These luncheons are always a lot of fun, and I will keep you posted on our next "Lunch Bunch" date and location.



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2018 Upcoming Ozark MBCA Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 20	San Miquel's Mexican Restaurant Lunch to include short mock-up board meeting	Fayetteville, AR
February 24	Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art Lunch at the Flying Fish-Bentonville Square	Bentonville, AR
March 17	Wonders of Wildlife National Museum and Aquarium-lunch to be announced	Springfield, MO
April 14 or 21	Mercedes-Benz Mixer for the Central OK, Eastern OK, North Texas and Ozark Sections	To Be Announced
May 19	Dogwood Canyon Nature Park Tram Ride and BBQ Trail Lunch	Lampe, MO
June 30	Patio Wine Tasting Party at Hank and Jean Euler's	Rogers, AR

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### Ozark Section Birthdays

Tanny Jones	Dec 06
Maxine McClain	Dec 10
Bob Gailey	Dec 16
Dave Jones	Dec 18
Don Klinger	Dec 18
Rachell Lippig	Dec 25
Jamie Pinchen	Dec 29
Kathy Retzlaff	Dec 31
Dennis Anderson	Dec 31
Donna Fairchild	Jan 08
Paul Springmann	Jan 20

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### Ozark Section Anniversaries

Klaas & Jeri Voermann	Dec 10
Al & Maxine McClain	Dec 21
Jamie & Amanda Pinchen	Jan 21
Larry & Wanda Altman	Jan 30
Congratulations!	

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



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