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Mercedes Benz "Ozark Section" 2018 Christmas Party

The festivities for 2018 will be an enjoyable evening at Crabby's Seafood Bar and Grill on December 8, in Rogers, Arkansas. We will have a separate room, and social hour

will begin at 6 p.m. with two appetizers and a cash bar. (Wine-\$8, Beer-\$4, Liquor-\$7).

This year we have a choice of four entrées, which includes a dinner salad, entrée, and dessert. There will be a separate station for coffee, tea and water. Price per person, including appetizers, is \$40.00.

The entrée selections are as follows:

- 1. Sirloin (6 oz.)
- 2. Bone-in-Pork Chop
- 3. Chicken Marsala
- 4. Grilled Salmon Fillet

Desserts to choose from:

Molten Lava Chocolate Cake or Vanilla Crème Broyée

Please select which dessert you would like to enjoy along with your entrée and **send your selections to Linda Harrell at linda.harrell@sbcglobal.net** or call 479-644-8087 **on or before December 3. Make your check out to MBCA Ozark Section,** send to Ruth Shafer, 122 Woodcliff Road, Springdale, AR 72764.

NOTE: After December 5, cancellations will not be accepted and no refunds given for the entrée purchased for our annual Christmas Party.

The Arkansas Children's Hospital has been the charity of choice for the Ozark Section. Please plan ahead and make this worthy cause a part of your holiday giving. Please make your check payable to "Arkansas Children's Hospital" and bring to the party on December 8.

WHEN: Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 6 p.m.
WHERE: Crabby's Seafood Bar and Grill
Bentonville, AR 72758 (park in the back)
RSVP: **On or before December 3, 2018 to Linda.harrell@sbcglobal.net** or 479-644-8087

**Annual Wine-Tasting Event
Saturday, January 26, 2019**



It's wine-tasting time again!

On Saturday, January 26, Ozark Section will gather at the Jones-Shafer home in Springdale at noon for a brunch and wine sampling. Charge for the event is \$10.00 per person to be applied to the cost of the sampling wine and the prizes. Attendees will also be asked to bring "brunchy" food to share, preferably a dish that complements a favorite type of wine. At the event, you'll have the opportunity to explain why you like it with that particular wine. If you would also like to bring wine to share, feel free to do so.

Details will be out shortly after the first of the year, so save the date and plan to make your reservation with the hosts.

Save the Date!

When: January 26, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.
Where: Dave Jones and Ruth Shafer's



The Star Reflections

Submitted by Kathy Menold, President

I would like to first wish y'all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The last two years have flown by, and we are now in another Ozark Section term for 2019-2020. I said last year would be my last term and it was time for new minds to take over. I had really planned to retire and turn the torch over to a new president. Well, that didn't happen for the president's position. Here I am again!!! The Ozark Section means a great deal to me, and I'm not ready to surrender. Dave Jones worked very hard to encourage members to become involved and run for office; however, we had only a few members who agreed to do so. I feel confident the 2019-2020 Mercedes-Benz Club of America Ozark Section has been fortunate to have a great team of board members who agreed to participate.

Jan Sweitzer, our new Vice President, has been an associate member of the Ozark Section for many years. George Williams helped to form the Ozark Section, and Jan has always been beside him to help out. Since no one offered to take the secretary's position, I am very thankful to announce that I asked Ruth Shafer to resume the position and she will continue to be our Secretary/Treasurer. John Miller, from Greenwood, has agreed to be a Director and will continue for a three-year term. Ray Lippig, a current Director will continue as Webmaster, handle our Facebook page and be our computer expert. Joel Menold will continue as the Advertising Director. Diane Paulsen has done an excellent job as our Hospitality chair, and we thank her for all her help. I know Dave Jones was certainly ready to retire, but as I remain President Dave will continue to be our Past President. We've had our ups and downs when it comes to Membership chair; however, we are very fortunate to have a Wal-Mart retiree come forth and take over the Membership position. Dennis Anderson has been a member of MBCA Ozark Section for fifteen years but, due to his work, has been unable to attend many of our events. I was very thankful when Dennis told me he would be pleased to handle the position. These wonderful people

are here to serve our MBCA Ozark Section and all its members, so please give them your support.

We have planned some great events for 2019; however, we need a few more, and your suggestions and help to fulfill them are needed. The board would like to continue periodic breakfasts or luncheons in addition to our monthly events, with the idea of show-casing our Mercedes-Benz vehicles. We want to encourage people to realize there is a Mercedes-Benz Club of America out there with benefits for them to enjoy!

Congratulations to the Murphey's

We are pleased to announce, on October 13, 2018, Kevin Murphey and Elaine Rosen were united in marriage at the Pinnacle Country Club in Rogers, Arkansas. They had an intimate group of twenty-five family members and guests for an afternoon wedding. On the first part of their honeymoon, they toured the Hill Country of Texas and then to Austin for the Formula One races.



Kevin and Elaine have been members of the MBCA Ozark Section since 2014 and reside in Bella Vista.

Welcome New Member

William Hirst	Sherwood, AR
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Thanks to Renewing Members for their Continued Loyalty

Member	Member Since
Joel Bunch	2017
Porfirio Gutierrez	2007
Martin Maize	2007
Pornthip Seedtibood	2016

**The Pioneer Woman Mercantile
Pawhuska, Oklahoma, on September 22, 2018
Submitted and Photos by Kathy Menold**



On September 22, 2018, twelve Ozark Section members and six guests drove to Pawhuska, Oklahoma, meeting with twenty-six Eastern Oklahoma members and seven Central Oklahoma members to visit The Pioneer Woman Mercantile and have lunch in their new banquet area. For those who may not be familiar with the Mercantile, it is a 25,000-square-foot building over one hundred years old, which was purchased in 2012 and restored by Ree and Ladd Drummond. Ree has her own *Food Network* show. The Mercantile, originally called the Osage Mercantile, was built in 1910 at the corner of Kihakah and Main Street. Pawhuska is a county seat of Osage County and at one time was a booming oil community. Today, The Pioneer Woman Mercantile has helped to restore the economy with the visitors who come to eat and shop in their store.



Due to the size of the group, the restaurant planned a fixed menu, which was served family style at several tables. The menu consisted of spinach-artichoke dip, tomato soup with grilled cheese dippers, chicken fingers, a choice of pecan or chocolate petit pies, iced tea and lemonade.



Joel and Kathy Menold and John Kushnerick



John and Harriet Kushnerick

After we had lunch, the members parted ways, and many returned to the Mercantile or visited some of the antique shops and/or stopped by several of the town's unique stores. Members could also visit the museum or drive to the Tall Grass Prairie Wildlife Preserve to see the largest herd of free-range bison in the United States.

John Kushnerick, the Eastern Oklahoma President, had contacted me several months in advance regarding this trip. We can't thank John and Harriet Kushnerick enough for arranging this special event and giving our Section the opportunity to meet again with the Eastern and Central Oklahoma Sections. It was a beautiful day for a great event and drive!!!



MBCA South Central Region Sections: Ozark, Eastern and Central Oklahoma

Road Trip to Baxter Springs, Kansas

October 13, 2018

Submitted by Ruth Shafer and Photos by Linda Harrell



When someone says, "Driving event on the second Saturday in October," do beautiful pictures of the open road lined with sun-kissed foliage beginning to hint of fall (maybe touches of red off in the woods) dance through your head? Do you want to put the top down and let the last breezes of summer rustle gently through your hair? That's early autumn in Northwest Arkansas, or so I remember. It should have been a beautiful time to visit our neighbors up the road and check out the opening of their brand-new car museum.

Reality check! Nine of us shivered in the cool, overcast morning, exercising our chatting skills as we waited in Gravette for the appointed starting time. Once on the road, we did catch a few glimpses of red in the underbrush, but the sun was not kissing

anyone or anything on our route that day. I think all of our tops stayed up, and I put my last dollar in the slots at the casino rest stop. (FYI, it wasn't the last dollar I own; it was the last one I plan to put in the slots.) We drove carefully through the downtown fall festival in Quapaw, Oklahoma, and cruised into Baxter Springs well ahead of our planned arrival time. Two more of our group had driven in from a different direction and were waiting patiently for us in a prime parking spot directly across from the museum, which was easy to locate. We were surprised to find the museum in a not-very-ready-to-open state and only a few vehicles on display. What we did see, however, was pretty interesting. The "General Lee", of Dukes of Hazzard fame, stands out in my mind and makes me think I'd like to return when the facility is really up and running. I have seen a newspaper article showing the owner has at least one Batmobile, which I hoped to see that day but didn't.



Touring the dozen or so vehicles on display didn't take a long time, so we arrived at Van's Steakhouse about an hour before the staff was expecting us, but they were quite gracious and accommodated our need to be warm and dry. The food was good and very reasonably priced. While we were there, Dave Jones, our Immediate Past President, informed us of the election results and asked for a voice vote to finalize our choices, which you can read elsewhere in this newsletter.

Despite the cold and the rain, we really enjoyed ourselves. Just being together is enough to make a great day, but we had a few interesting cars and a fine meal on top of that. Thank you, Linda Harrell and Bob Gailey, for all your work in arranging this trip. As for the weather, maybe next time!



Dennis Anderson, Criss Brown & Robin Retzlaff



Dave Jones and Vern Sutter

Mark Your Calendar!!!

2019 Upcoming Ozark Section MBCA Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 26	Brunch Wine Tasting at the home of Ruth Shafer and Dave Jones	Springdale, Arkansas
February - TBA		
March 23	Big Brutus and Lunch at Two Brothers Mining Company	West Mineral, Kansas
April 27	Mixer with Eastern and Central Oklahoma to the Shangri La, and Lunch at Doc's Restaurant	Grand Lake, Oklahoma
May 18	Keel's Creek Winery and Lunch or Dinner	Eureka Springs, Arkansas
June - TBA		
July 20	Annual Membership Luncheon Location TBA	
August - TBA	Frisco Festival Car Show and Lunch or Dinner After	Rogers, Arkansas

Ozark Section Breakfast Board Meeting at Mimi's Café in Rogers, Arkansas Submitted and Photos by Kathy Menold

On November 3, 2018, eighteen Ozark Section members and one guest met at Mimi's Café for a breakfast board meeting. The purpose of the board meeting was to transition from the existing board to the newly elected board for the 2019-2020 term. This gave everyone the opportunity to greet the new board and become more acquainted with the Section's upcoming activities. To encourage our members to participate, we drew for a \$25.00 gift card to Mimi's Café to pay for one lucky person's breakfast. The proud winner was Bob Gailey!



Criss Brown, from Rogers, joined us for breakfast. He had also attended the Baxter Springs event in October and plans to join the Ozark Section.

Ray Lippig has set up a new Facebook page for the Ozark Section (Mercedes-Benz Club of America: Ozark Section). If you are interested in being a friend on the website, be sure to let Ray know. He will include events, pictures, where to receive technical information and advice and more.

I presented Linda Harrell, our 2016-2018 Vice President, and Bob Gailey, our 2016-2018 Director, certificates of appreciation for all they have done for the Ozark Section the last two years. They will always continue to remain members but are planning to do some serious traveling in their motor home. Linda has graciously offered to host another great Christmas Party this year at Crabby's in Rogers. We thank you, Linda, for setting up another great event at Mimi's. We will miss your expertise!!



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2018 ELECTION RESULTS

Submitted by Dave Jones

Our 2018 election process was successfully completed--barely. Twelve members were nominated. However, for each of the four open positions *except Secretary* only one was both nominated *and* agreed to serve if elected. Of our 81 members, seventeen cast votes via the online process. Three of the 11 members who attended the October 13th event voted there because they had not done so using a postal or on-line ballot or because they were new members. Therefore, 20 members in all (including associates and primaries) voted.

To those few who participated by sending me your nomination form and/or voting ballot or by voting in person—and especially to those who agreed to serve—our Board of Directors is deeply grateful that you cared enough to be involved. We fervently wish more members cared as much about continuing our section's strength by ensuring we have officers and directors who are dedicated and qualified.

Because I received so few nominations and votes, I supplemented the written process at the October event by asking for a voice vote. I did so to ensure the result became fully legal because it met the stipulation in our section's bylaws that requires "a majority vote of responding primary and associate members." I then said I'd name the four who agreed to serve and that if there were no substantial objections I'd declare them elected by *acclamation*. I elaborated by saying that form of election "either does not use a ballot or is an expression of approval in certain social contexts." I added that using both a ballot and a voice vote would assure we met our bylaw stipulation—even though there were embarrassingly few votes cast. At the end of this article, I'll admit partial blame for that outcome.

I told the group that the members who were nominated in each position category and who agreed to serve if elected were: President—**Kathy Menold**; Vice President—**Jan Sweitzer**; Secretary—**(no one nominated)**; Treasurer— **Ruth Shafer**; Director—**John Miller**.

I then made a motion that the four members just named be considered elected in 2018 and said all in favor should say "Yea" and any who objected should say "Nay." All said Yea. There were no objections, so I declared the four elected and added they will take office November 1st. Then, I noted that additional to those four are two directors elected in a previous year: **Ray Lippig** and **Joel Menold**. I asked all present to join me in giving the six dedicated board members a hearty round of applause. They did.

The board is still hoping someone will step up to the plate for the secretary position. I advised that rather than being elected the person could be *appointed* by our section president. I told the group the position requires attending only one board meeting of about 3 hours duration each three months, and I emphasized that's not much to ask. I said anyone who's interested in the position may contact me so I can send them the job description from our Guide for Section Leaders, and I will ask our incumbent secretary to provide advice and assistance.

To conclude the announcement, I said anyone who has questions or concerns about the election, or a suggestion on how we could improve the process, may contact me by phoning 479.756-6943, or texting 479.301-3322, or emailing joneshafer@sbcglobal.net.

Now, a quick comment about the process. I admit partial blame for the skimpy participation because I created the forms and procedures we used. I'm researching ways to improve them. A factor may be that, unlike what was the case when I created the process, some members may now be relying on mobile devices like a smart phone or an ipad and the forms may not easily adapt for those. One route I may take to correct that and other deficiencies is to employ a commercial program such as *Survey Monkey* or *Qualtrics Research Core*. There'll be more on that notion as it develops and in a later newsletter.



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Ozark Section Birthdays

Tanny Jones	Dec 06
Bob Gailey	Dec 16
Dave Jones	Dec 18
Kathy Retzlaff	Dec 31
Dennis Anderson	Dec 31
Donna Fairchild	Jan 08
Paul Springmann	Jan 20

**Happy
Birthday**

Ozark Section Anniversaries

If you have an anniversary in December or January, “**Congratulations**”. We don’t have any current information.

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact our Hospitality Chair, Diane Paulsen at 479-790-5643 or diane55tablerockdr@gmail.com.

Diane hasn’t been receiving the birthday and anniversary information from of our members. Please take a minute and send her an email enabling us to have an updated listing. Diane sends out Birthday, Anniversary and Get Well cards to all our members, and informs me so I can include it in our newsletter. Thank you!



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