



**MBCA Ozark Section Newsletter**  
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### Titanic Museum



Titanic Museum

MBCA Ozark journeys to Branson, MO, on August 22nd to experience first-hand the maiden voyage of the Titanic at the Titanic Museum. We'll share the excitement and danger as we board the world's most famous luxury liner, the RMS Titanic, for this self-guided tour. As "passengers" we'll see what it was like to walk the hallways, parlors, cabins and Grand Staircase while surrounded by more than 400 artifacts which came directly from the ship and its passengers. Each of us will receive a boarding pass of an actual Titanic passenger or crew and discover their fate in the Titanic Memorial Room where 2,208 names line this historic wall.

After our tour we'll continue to Landry's Seafood Restaurant (just down the street) for lunch. After lunch we'll have the opportunity to shop at Branson's Landing, walk the pier and take in the sights, or just return home.

What: Titanic Museum Tour

Where: 3235 W 76 Country Blvd, Branson, MO 65616

When: Saturday, Aug 22, beginning at 11 AM

RSVP: Larry Altman at [larwan@cox.net](mailto:larwan@cox.net)



Cost: The group rate is \$22 per person and must be paid before August 1st. If you missed the deadline, you may still take the tour by paying the regular rate (\$27) at the door. 🕒

### Branson's Landing



### Welcome New Members

Don & Peg Shelton	Springdale
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### Ozark Section's Journey to Jasper, AR On Saturday, September 19



Scenic and quaint are two words that well describe the town of Jasper, Arkansas. Located in Newton County, this small town is surrounded by natural beauty. Jasper has a picturesque downtown square with a beautiful courthouse in the middle and gazebos on the grounds.

We will begin our journey from the town square in Kingston at the junction of Arkansas Highways 21 and 74. From there, we will caravan together as we make several stopovers along the way. We will stop first in the picturesque Boxley Valley and try to catch a glimpse of wild elk grazing near the Buffalo River. Other planned stops along the way include Ponca General Store and Low Gap Café. For lunch, we will enjoy a feast at the historic Ozark Café (est. 1909) on the town square in Jasper. The restaurant features burgers, steaks, and seafood and was selected by *New York Magazine's* "Grub Street" blog as the Arkansas entry in its list of the Top 50 foodie destinations. Following lunch, we will take a different route home to enjoy more scenic beauty. 🚗

What: Road Trip to Kingston, Ponca, Jasper, Arkansas  
 When: Saturday, September 19, beginning at 10 a.m.  
 Where: We rally at Kingston and caravan to Jasper  
 RSVP: Larry and Wanda Altman at [larwan@cox.net](mailto:larwan@cox.net)



 **Star Reflections**

Kathy Menold, Section President

I am sorry to inform our Club members that our Newsletter Editor and Web-Master for the MBCA Ozark Section has resigned. Paul Springmann has served as the editor for the past six years. He has done an outstanding job for our Club, but with his work and family he doesn't have the time to continue. This leaves an opening on the MBCA Ozark Section Board of Directors. I have sent out a request to see if we could find a member to fill this position, but, unfortunately, that has not happened. I have appointed Larry Altman to be our Web-Master, and I will do my best to continue the newsletter with Ruth Shafer's assistance until the October election. Fortunately, Paul has offered to help us get started on the newsletter.

We have a few items left over from the "Silent Auction" that are for sale. If you are interested, please contact me at 479-756-6798 or [menold1@cox.net](mailto:menold1@cox.net).

- 1- Tri Mtn men's 2XL water repellent blue jacket \$30.00
- 1 - Velocity men's 2XL navy long-sleeved shirt - \$15.00
- 1 - Sierra Pacific ladies' L blue denim short-sleeved shirt-\$10.00

I would like to remind you we have a Facebook page, MB Ozark. If you are currently on Facebook and would like to be added to the MB Ozark page, you can request Larry Altman to be your friend and he will invite you onto the site. This is a way for our Club members to keep up on current Ozark Section events and share information. Once you are a member, you can invite other Ozark Section members onto the Facebook page. Please do not forget, this site is for Ozark Section information only. Personal information will not be allowed, and Larry will keep the site monitored. If you have a Mercedes-Benz or genuine Mercedes-Benz parts that you would like to sell, this is a good way to advertise them.

Your comments and submissions for the newsletter are always welcome. Your Mercedes-Benz stories are of special interest to all of us. Please submit these stories to me at [menold1@cox.net](mailto:menold1@cox.net).

The MBCA Ozark Section Board meetings are held four times a year on the first Wednesday in the months of March, June, September, and December. These meetings are open to any Ozark Section members who would like to attend. We normally hold these meetings in a board member's home. If you would like to join us, please contact me prior to the meetings at [menold1@cox.net](mailto:menold1@cox.net) or 479-756-6798. ☺



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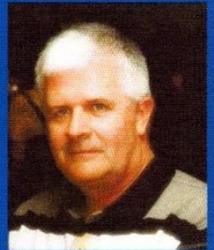
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Mark McDonald	2014
Guillermo Rosales	2011

## Day Trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma

Submitted by Kathy Menold, President

Pictures by Petti Tetu and Larry Altman



Neither rain nor shine stopped our wonderful trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to visit the Philbrook Museum of Art and other points of interest on May 23, 2015.

Before leaving to drive to Tulsa, Pam Hill prepared our members with an outstanding breakfast in her lovely home in Springdale.

Twenty-one members and two guests drove to Tulsa and made their first stop at the Jackie Cooper's Imports. There we were met by the staff and given the opportunity to view the dealership's line of Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, and Maserati vehicles. What a wishful adventure that was! From the dealership we drove to Kilkenny's Authentic Irish Pub for lunch. The meals were excellent, especially the fish n' chips. Our final destination was the Philbrook Museum of Art, which, in addition to its own collections, brings world-class art exhibits to Tulsa.

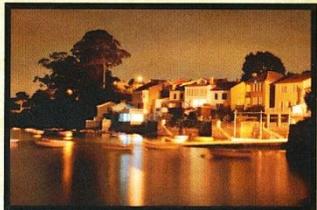
The Villa Philbrook and its gardens are the result of the grand vision and collaboration of architect Edward Buehler Delk, landscape designers Sidney and Herbert Hare, and patrons Waite and Genevieve Phillips. Completed in 1927 and created in the Italian Renaissance style, the spectacular house is surrounded by twenty-three acres of gardens and wooded grounds. Improvements were made to the house and grounds, and museum was opened to the public in 1939. Once we were inside, the weather started to become threatening, so we took a quick guided tour of the exhibits. It wasn't long before we realized we would not be able to really enjoy the beautiful gardens.

As a reminder, these events can't be done without the help of our members. Our Board of Directors has been doing a wonderful job of providing these events, and, as a reminder, it takes time to plan and prepare them. They are done for you; we can use and would greatly appreciate your assistance. For those members who are willing to help, please contact Larry Altman at [larwan@cox.net](mailto:larwan@cox.net) or me at [menold1@cox.net](mailto:menold1@cox.net). ☺



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## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Art of the Car Concours in Kansas City, Missouri

Submitted By Wanda Altman



Packards and Auburns and Bentleys! Oh My! Lincolns and Ferraris and Cords! Oh My! Twenty MBCA Ozark Section members and guests were overwhelmed by the amazing cars on display at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Art of the Car Concours in Kansas City on Sunday, June 28. The exhibition, on the Kansas City Art Institute campus, presented historic concept/dream cars from major manufacturers. The Art of the Car Concours, a benefit for the Kansas City Art institute scholarship fund, is growing in popularity and stature among vintage and classic collectors. And now we know why!

The overnight adventure began at the Marriott Country Club Plaza on Saturday night where members met for a social hour at 6 p.m. before walking several blocks along Main Street for dinner at the Grand Street Café. The restaurant featured an American style cuisine and received very positive reviews from our members. After dinner, some of us enjoyed a stopover at the Café Trio piano bar for drinks and a taste of that unique style of Kansas City jazz. Others opted to attend the Rolling Stones' concert at the Arrowhead Stadium instead, and they were not disappointed. Evidently, the Stones still have what it takes to please the crowd.

Members met for a leisurely breakfast in the hotel restaurant on Sunday morning before heading over to the Art of the Car Concours just two blocks away. Gates opened at 10 a.m., and we were anxiously waiting to see all the beautiful vehicles. More than 200 automobiles and motorcycles and one awesome-looking bus were on display. Automobiles ranged from a 1910 Stanley Steamer to a 2016 Buick Cascada Convertible concept car. Our own Mercedes-Benz brand was represented with seven different models ranging from a 1952 170 Sb Sedan to a 2005 SLR McLaren Sport Coupe. There were so many unique and beautiful vehicles on display that it was difficult for most of us to decide which one was our favorite. However, the yellow 1935 Auburn 851 boat tail speedster won the hearts of many of this year's attendees.



After feasting our eyes on so many unique classic automobiles and motorcycles, many of us took a break and walked over to the Country Club Plaza for lunch. Members feasted at The Cheesecake Factory, Jack Stack BBQ, and other restaurants.

It was a perfect weekend for car aficionados, foodies, and music fans—or those of us just looking for a quick get away with friends. A big “thank you” goes to Nick and Patti Schuh for recommending this show for our June event.

## Ozark Section Couple Tours MBUSI Visitor Center

Submitted by Bob Frye



Bob and Sharon Frye recently took a pleasant ten-hour drive to Vance, Alabama, to the Mercedes-Benz U.S. International (MBUSI) Visitors Center. The center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; there is no admission charge nor is a reservation required. The display has recently been updated to serve as a quick introduction to Mercedes-Benz history for dealer tours through the assembly plant. MBUSI builds the M-Class (soon to be GLE-Class), GL-Class and C-Class Mercedes models.

On their self-guided tour of the Center and Museum, the Fryes saw about a dozen Mercedes vehicles, ranging from some of the original Daimler carriages through the 2014 F1 Championship Petronas race car. A large section was devoted to AMG, featuring the new AMG GTS. During their morning visit, they had the Visitor Center to themselves and visited all the exhibits in about two hours.

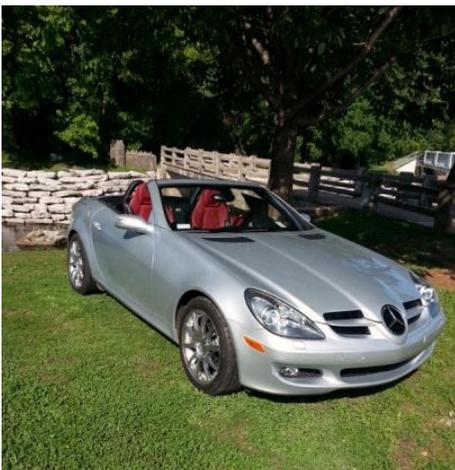
The Fryes have three suggestions for those who might wish to take a similar trip. First, in the well-stocked gift shop, Club members can get a nice discount. Second, if a dealer tour happens to be in progress, visitors to the Center can hear some additional facts about the displays because the guide speaks loudly. Finally, U.S. Highway 78 between Memphis and Birmingham is an interstate quality road. [Editor's note: Factory tours may also be scheduled for a \$5 charge. See the MBUSI website for details.]



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## OZARK SECTION ELECTION INFORMATION

Submitted by Dave Jones, Nominating Chair

The Ozark Section is initiating the election process we conduct each year to assure we have strong leaders on our Board of Directors. This year, we need to choose two new directors. The current officers will continue to serve one more year. It's essential for the health of our section that you exercise your right to nominate and vote, so this is a "heads-up" on what you can expect.

The process is simple, quick, easy, cost-free, and efficient. You'll soon be receiving two one-page forms (nomination and voting) via email or, if you don't have an email capability, postal mail. Each will ask you to complete and return it to the Chair of our Nominating Committee no later than a date indicated on the forms. In both cases, they will also provide a way for an associate member who is named on our membership roster—if your household includes one (typically a spouse)—to also nominate and vote.

The first form will come in August. It will provide a way to **nominate** two members you think might be willing to serve as directors. You may even nominate yourself or an associate member! Then, after marking your choices you just reply to the committee chair via email or postal mail. For those who receive the form by postal mail, we'll include a stamped and addressed envelope you may use to send your reply.

When our committee chair receives the nominations, those who were nominated will receive a call and/or email asking if they might be willing to serve if elected and, if so, informing them of a director's duties.

The second form will come in September. It will be a ballot that lists the members that were nominated and agreed to serve. It will ask you to **vote** for two of the named members. As with the nomination form, you may reply via email or postal mail. Results of the election will be announced at our section event in October and in our November/December newsletter.



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<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Aug 22	Titanic Museum/ Landry's Seafood Restaurant	Branson, MO
Sept 26	Journey to Jasper	Ozark Cafe Jasper, AR
Oct 24	Fall Foliage Tour	Queen Wilhelmina State Park
Nov 21	NW Mercedes-Benz Dealership	Bentonville, AR
Dec 12	Christmas Party	Shadow Valley Country Club Rogers, AR

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Marty Anderson	Aug 06
George Williams (80 <sup>th</sup> )	Aug 08
Mike Irwin	Aug 11
Larry Altman	Aug 15
Andrew Spranza	Aug 15
Joel Menold	Aug 16
Cathi Cody	Aug 16
Luke Lippig	Aug 20
Robin Retzlaff	Aug 21
Michael Butler	Aug 21
Ruth Shafer	Sept 05
Mary Baker	Sept 14
Jan Showalter	Sept 14
Larry Spradlin	Sept 17
Sandra Rosales	Sept 25
Al Gulseth	Sept 28
Eugene Smith	Sept 29
Lori Lee	Sept 30

**Ozark Section Anniversaries**

Carl & Cathi Cody	Aug 07
Jim & Becky Deitz (51 years)	Aug 12
Mike & Lisa Butler	Aug 20
Mike & Evelyn Irwin	Aug 31
Joel & Kathy Menold (50 years)	Sept 24

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