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Greetings Fellow Motorists!

Welcome to that wonderful time of year; WINTER! A convertible owners' favorite time of the year. It is hard to believe that it is already time for Christmas and New Year's, 2017. Where does the time go? Santa will be here before you know it; bringing us all a new Mercedes-Benz. One can hope, can't he or she?

By now, many of you know that Paula and I will be stepping down from our positions of President and Secretary, respectively, as of January 1, 2017. We are very grateful for the opportunity to have served the Eastern Oklahoma Mercedes-Benz Club. It has been a wonderful experience, and one we have treasured. We look forward to the next chapter of our Club, and will still be eager to help where and when needed.

The Board met in October, and unanimously voted John Kushnerick to be President, and Ben Cunningham to be Vice-President of the Club. I'm very thankful that John has accepted the position of President, as I know he will lead our club to yet another great chapter. He is such an organized leader, as we have already seen. Ben graciously agreed to serve as Vice-President again, and as before, will be a great asset to the Club. Harriet Kushnerick and Sally Mueller have agreed to co-chair the Secretary position. Richard Jagel will remain Treasurer, and Fritz Winkler will remain the Club's Membership Chairman. Thanks to each of you.

Now, I'd like to tell you a little about Paula's and my history of becoming Club members. Here's the first Chapter. I remember it well; August 2011. Paula and I were looking for her a sports car. In fall of 1978, when she first parked by a midnight blue 450SL at an OSU football game, she fell deeply in love and for years dreamed of one day having a Mercedes of her own. One of Paula's friends owned a Jaguar, and she thought those were cute too, so one Saturday, we went to Fayetteville, Arkansas and drove a Jaguar XKR. It was ok, but, it wasn't what she really wanted. We traveled back to Tulsa and drove around to see what various dealerships might have on their lots. First, we went by the Lexus dealership; nothing. I suggested we go by Jackie Cooper's. It was already past closing time, so we were able to look at our leisure. There it was???? A Silver 2-seater Mercedes - 2005 SLK 350!!!! That day in 2011, as Paula recalls; angelic voices sounded beautiful songs from above, within a halo of a heavenly light. After all those years, there she sat; the car of Paula's dreams .... Sadie as Paula named her. Doc Sumrall walked out onto the lot and explained that they were closed, so he was unable to show it to us. However, he gave Paula his card and wrote down her phone number. Being Doc, first thing the following Monday, he called her and they agreed that he would bring the car to her work and she would drive it on her lunch hour. She did, and when they returned to her work, they got out of the car and he asked her what she wanted to do. With her mind spinning

like crazy, she decided it was now or never. She said YES! She went for it and purchased her dream car.

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Now to the next chapter. Paula was all about Sadie, and looked into the Mercedes Club in Tulsa. We decided to join the Club, so she called and talked to Hans, who told her about the group tour planned for the following month (September). We decided to go. We arrived at Jackie Cooper's early that Saturday morning and Hans greeted us. We went on the tour and were so excited. It was so cool to see and be a part of the Mercedes convoy. We toured the Coleman Theater in Miami, Oklahoma, with the sweetest bunch of people we had ever met. Everyone was so kind and welcomed us with open arms. It was a grand tour; unforgettable. We were in love with Sadie and also fell in love with the Club. Little did either of us know what was in store for us with this Club. Eventually, we were offered and accepted our officer positions and thus began the next chapter.

The next chapter... Leaving my career in office equipment repair, after seventeen years, was a leap of faith. That leap was made possible by my faith in God, and Paula's blessing. I believe it was also partly due to the experience of being in this Club, to William Hill and the other great presidents before us that changed my life. I will never be able to thank you all enough. We evolve in our lives and are fortunate enough to be surrounded by wonderful people. My advice is this; take the chance to be you and have faith and pursue your dream. It's never too late. Life is short. I did, and I wouldn't trade it for the world.

The next chapter will be grand with new ideas and new people, but let us never forget how and why the Club came to be. We came together as a club for the love of an automobile, but I can say that for us, it's more about our Club family, together as people who care and love each other. The members are the glue that hold the Club together. I encourage you to become involved in the club and invite new people to join us. When those new members join, let's always be warm and welcoming, as you were to us.

We will have our Christmas Party on December 15, 2016 at Freddie's Steak House. Further information is included in this newsletter. We will be having a food drive, so please bring what you can to the Christmas party and provide what blessings you have been provided, to give to the less fortunate. This is a great opportunity to give at this time of year. Thank you Ron and Jean Hardage for accepting and delivering the food on behalf of the Club. Dirty Santa will also be at our Christmas party again this year. Bring a gift (valued at \$10.00) for each person that wants to participate. Also, don't forget your UGLY sweater, as Ben Cunningham has said. "lookout for his". This should be very entertaining. And as usual, a wonderful time.

It has been an amazing journey for Paula and me, and we have both loved and treasured the experience. Thank you all for allowing us to serve you.

May God bless you and the United States of America

Michael

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## Eastern Oklahoma MBCA Profiles by John Kushnerick

### Richard Jagel Broken Arrow, OK

Richard was born in Lynbrook, New York, a small town on Long Island. He met his wife Martha through dance lessons. Martha and her roommate were school teachers. "She stole me away from her roommate during Latin dancing lessons." In 1970 they were married and have been happily married for 46 years. In 1979, American Airlines transferred Richard and Martha to Tulsa. Richard worked in the Purchasing Department. Martha had never been to Oklahoma and Richard told her all that was there were cowboys and Indians. "She had no idea what to expect" says Richard. They raised three daughters who now live in San Diego, California, Jacksonville, Florida and Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Mom and dad still live in the house they purchased in 1979.



#### My First Mercedes

In his second career Richard worked for WorldCom. "In the office next to me was a guy named Jim Sehl." Jim was the President of the Mercedes club and would always pester Richard to buy a Mercedes. "One day I saw a 1980 300D sedan in the newspaper. So I took Jim with me to look at the car." "Jim says buy it, buy it". Richard was so excited that he did not notice that the car did not even have a gas pedal. Richard and Jim visited the junk yard many times looking for parts for that car. "The car never died; that diesel just kept on running. I called her Eva." Eventually Richard purchased a second Mercedes. It was a silver 1988 420sel sedan. He sold it after a few years because I got tired of it and always wanted a sports car. "Martha would not allow me to get a sports car until I retired". So once he retired, Richard started looking. "I found a 1996 SL500 in California on EBAY." "I flew out to California, bought it, and drove it all the way home". He still owns the car and drives it frequently. He named it "Lady."

#### Dream car: 2016 Mercedes AMG SLC.

Richard is a world traveler and has been to all 50 states, over 70 countries, and 6 continents. If you want to hear a really good story, ask him about his trip to Guatemala when he was 21 years old, lost his passport, and hitchhiked 2200 miles back to the United States.

When asked what he would like to see to make the club better he responds, "we need to keep up the activities, have a better working partnership with Jackie Cooper Mercedes, and more meeting speakers". "A club with lots of activities is a strong and growing club. This should increase our membership."

Richard has faithfully served as the Treasurer of Eastern Oklahoma Section of Mercedes-Benz Club of America for the last four years.

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**Please encourage your friends to like us on Facebook**

## Meeting Schedule

Thursday December 15, 2016

7:00 PM

Christmas Party

**Freddie's Steak House**

**1425 New Sapulpa Rd**

**Sapulpa, Okla**

**918-224-4301**

Thursday January 19, 2017

7:00 PM

Ti Amo's

6024 S. Sheridan

Tulsa, Okla

918-499-1919

# Up Coming Events



**Eastern Oklahoma Section  
December Christmas party meeting  
Freddie's Steakhouse, December 15, 2016 7:00 pm**



**1425 New Sapulpa Road, Sapulpa, OK Please RSVP by Friday, December 9, 2016**

**to Paula Snider at (918) 833-1137 or by responding to this email**

**Don't forget**



**"Dirty Santa" with members participating with a \$10 wrapped gift.**



**Please bring your bag of canned food for the Broken Arrow Neighbors Food Bank.**



**Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest. Make one or you can even buy one at Wal Mart, join the fun.**

# At The Christmas Party we will be collecting Full Bags of Non-Perishable food to Donate to the “Broken Arrow Neighbors”



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## About Us

Broken Arrow Neighbors is an interfaith organization that provides basic needs emergency assistance to more than 11,000 financially disadvantaged people in the Broken Arrow area. A significant number of these clients require multiple visits to Broken Arrow Neighbors to build on services that help them regain or maintain their desired level of self-sufficiency.



We are people of all faiths who believe that meeting the needs of the under-served, financially disadvantaged, and the elderly is a community responsibility. To some, Broken Arrow Neighbors makes the difference between continuing to live independently or becoming just another government statistic – homeless and broken.

Broken Arrow Neighbors reaches out to those in need. We nourish the body with food and the spirit with respect and dignity. We are gentle with the angry, patient with the trying, firm with the weak, supportive to the struggling, a companion to the lonely and hospitable to all.

As we look back at the past year, who could have foreseen such a downturn in the economy or the many challenges our entire country would face? Broken Arrow Neighbors has felt the effects twofold; the tremendous increase in requests for assistance and the decrease in donations. Many of those that at one time supported the agency are now having to seek assistance.

Saturday January 21, 2017  
We will meet At Jackie Coopers at 9:30 am  
Caravan the Museum for tour at 10:00



After the tour we will caravan to  
White River Fish Market for lunch



## Past Events

Classics on The River – Car Show at the Boathouse District in Oklahoma City

Several of our members attended the Car Show with Ben Kehe winning Best in Class with his 1985 300SD.



# Green Acres

On Saturday October 15, 2016 Ben and Cathe Kehe invited the club to their home to drive their 1951 John Deere Model R Diesel Tractor



## New Officers elected

New officers of the Eastern Oklahoma section were elected at the November 5, 2016 fourth quarter board meeting to fill the unexpired terms of Mike Eddy President and Paula Snyder Secretary.

Effective January 1, 2017

John Kushnerick will move from Vice President to President.

Ben Cunningham will assume the role of Vice President.

Richard Jagel will continue as Treasurer.

Harriet Kushnerick and Sally Mueller will share the roll of our section Secretary.

These officers will be in place through September 30, 2017. New officers will be nominated and elected in September for the 2017-2018 term.

We wish to thank both Mike and Paula for their multiple years of service to the section.

## Anniversary of Members

### December

<b>Steve Burgess</b>	<b>15 years</b>	<b>Walter Exon</b>	<b>6 years</b>
<b>Jeffery Goodloe</b>	<b>11 years</b>	<b>John Kushnerick</b>	<b>3 years</b>
<b>William Nash</b>	<b>19 Years</b>	<b>Robert Parker</b>	<b>3 years</b>

### January

<b>David Box</b>	<b>4 years</b>	<b>Walter Miller</b>	<b>10 years</b>
<b>Van Nowlin</b>	<b>5 years</b>	<b>William Reppart</b>	<b>6 years</b>
<b>James Sehl</b>	<b>8 years</b>	<b>Paula Snider</b>	<b>4 years</b>

## Membership Information

<b>New Members</b>
<b>October</b>
<b>James Rice</b>
<b>November</b>
<b>Thomas Loken</b>

<b>Expired Membership</b>
<b>November</b>
<b>Charles Cresap</b>
<b>Garrett Russell</b>

<b>Renewed Members</b>
<b>October</b>
<b>Mark Harrison</b>
<b>Ronald St Clair</b>
<b>November</b>
<b>William Clovis</b>
<b>Rene Koesler</b>
<b>Eugene Starr</b>
<b>Thanks for Renewing</b>

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