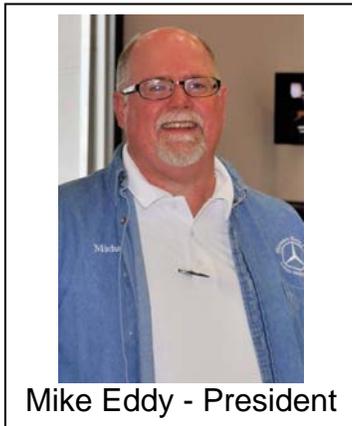




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Mike Eddy - President

Greetings Fellow Motorists:

Welcome to that most wonderful time of the year; Summer. Well, where's the Sun? All of us in Oklahoma, states around us and here in beautiful Owasso, have had record rain and flooding in the last two weeks. As of the last day of May, while typing this newsletter (sorry Ben it's my fault) it's still cloudy and a north wind blows. It's been a cool weekend and we hope to see a change in the weather soon, and it will change soon. We are at summer's door and it's going to be hot, humid and sticky.

We had a great turnout and wonderful fellowship in Oklahoma City at the Concours on the River in May. Ben and Sharon Cunningham, John Kushnerick and myself all made the journey down. We had a wonderful time.

I'm proud to say we all won awards for our cars. John will be sent a Silver Star Preservation Class Award for his beautiful 1986 560 SL. Ben took first place with his son's 2000 500 SL. Our 2006 350 CLK won first place in the CLK category. Ben and I each received a custom hand made glass vase that sits on a lighted base, which is very nice.

During the car show, we had a great burger and ole' time rock and roll DJ show. Amazingly, we only received a small amount of rain. Picture's to follow.

Saturday evening, Ben, Sharon and I attended the banquet at Embassy Suites. There was a silent auction held and the proceeds went to support the efforts of the American Red Cross of Oklahoma. A first class dinner was served. Desert was the best. We experienced Oklahoma's weather in a classic thunderstorm. Meeting Terry Kiwala from National was a real pleasure, as was seeing Gene Jurick, Charles Woods and all the familiar faces. I want to thank the Central Oklahoma Chapter for their warm hospitality and a memorable time.

The Eastern Oklahoma Chapter MBCA are a proud 85 members. We are more than a Club. We are family and a group of people with the same interest in automobiles. We are truly blessed to call one another friends and what I call "Family". Thank you for allowing me to grow. If you were to have told me three years ago what I would be doing now at this place and time in my life, (thanks to our first SLK and Paula wanting her dream car, and past president William Hill) I would have said no way. The changes have lead us to be where and what we are today. I've changed with the help of God and Paula. They both have made it possible for me to leave a job; having faith in a lifestyle, career and home change. They are scary and difficult decisions, but God knows what's best for us. If we don't try, we never know what could have been. Life is so short, but it shouldn't be hard if we have faith.

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We have a new tour planned for Saturday, June 27th. Ron and Jean Hardage have us lined up to leave Jackie Cooper at 9:00 a.m. sharp! We are going to Bentonville, Arkansas where we will tour Crystal Bridges Museum. We will have lunch at the world famous AQ Chicken House. More details to follow. I hope you all can make it.

We need to support all of the club events and meetings, as well as promote our Club in order to increase our membership, and make our chapter, EOMBC, the best chapter.

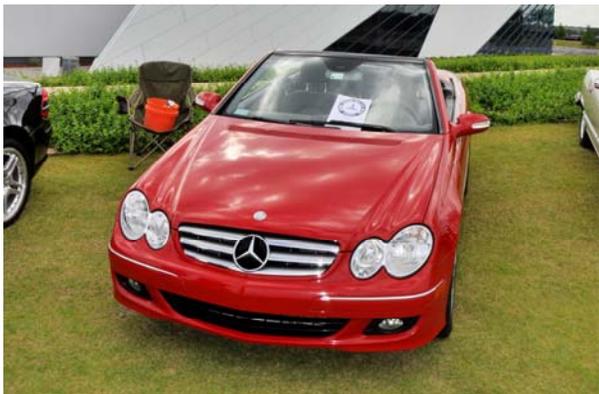
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May God bless you and The United States of America.

Michael

## The Oklahoma City Jaguar-Mercedes Car Show May 16, 2015





## Eastern Oklahoma MBCA Profiles

by John Kushnerick

This is our third edition with Profiles of one long standing member and one recent new member. It is our hope that this encourages everyone to get to know our fellow members. We all need to realize it takes a long time and many experiences to get to know someone. These articles and all of the club activities are intended as opportunities to make long term friends.

### Walt Miller

Coffeyville Kansas



The Gettysburg address starts off with the immortal lines “Four score and seven years ago our fathers...”

And so does the story of Walt Miller... only slightly different. Three score and ten years ago, a boy was born in the small farm town of Scott City, Kansas. Walt tells me the town was 60 miles to the Colorado border and halfway between Oklahoma and Nebraska. The town was too small for a high school football team so Walt went out for cross country. Turns out he was a pretty good runner as his team won the Kansas State Cross Country championship three years in a row and Walt won first place in the half mile in the Kansas State high school class BB track and field championships as a junior and second place as a senior. Bet you did not know he could sing as well. Walt sang on a quartet that won a state music competition. Upon graduation, Walt headed to Kansas State University to pursue a degree in Agriculture. After a year he transferred to McPherson College in McPherson Kansas and majored in Business Administration and Economics.

For over 36 years Walt taught high school accounting, business law, and other courses in Oklahoma and Kansas. He also was a Co-Manager with his wife Virginia of her family-owned Rural Electric Company.

#### His First Mercedes Benz.

“I was driving a lot in my electric company job and needed something safe and reliable. I purchased a 1984 300td wagon with 12,000 miles on it. It was so long ago that you did not have a power sunroof. To open the sunroof you had to pull down handle, twist, and yank it back”. At the time he also owned a 1986 Oldsmobile. About one year later, Walt took the Olds on a trip to Washington DC, Richmond, and Hilton Head. On the way from Washington to Richmond, the Olds blew a head gasket. He got it repaired but started looking for another Mercedes to own. “I bought a second 300td to compliment the

1984 I already loved. It was a 1982 with 90,000 miles on it. I purchased it in Wichita Kansas.”

The cars were serviced by Benzin Motors of Tulsa. Over the years Walt, Sid, Denny, and Dave would develop a great relationship with the continued service of his cars. When Walt needed a new ride, he knew where to go. He bought two cars from Benzin and Denny referred him with a lead on his current Mercedes.

One day in 2006, Sid Overturf asked Walt to come to the MBCA chapter meeting in Tulsa. He gave Walt an application and told him he could turn it in after the meeting if he wanted to join. The meeting was held at the Five and Diner next to Route 66 Harley Davidson on Memorial. At that meeting Walt was welcomed by Terry Barnes, Bruce Smith, Don East, Ted Rising, Steve Burgess, Sid, and about 10-15 of the original members. “Jim Sehl was the President at that time and called the meeting to order at 7:05. We ordered dinner, told people what car we drove, and told car stories.” That night he was hooked. Walt told me about other meetings he particularly remembers. “The club held the meeting at Benzin Motors one night. The chapter purchased fried chicken and the members brought a cover dish. Then Sid gave a presentation on a group of cars in the shop.” At another meeting Fritz and Sid both gave a presentation at Margaret’s in the Farm Shopping center. And finally he remembered a meeting that featured a Mercedes Benz technician from Jackie Cooper.



During my conversation with Walt he took me through the story of five cars. Each car had at least 100,000 miles on them (the diesels over 200,000 miles) when he sold them or traded them. Since December 2013, he drives a 2008 GL320cdi in Pewter color. This vehicle was purchased from an estate of a 90 year old gentleman.

After nine years, Walt still likes to come to meetings to talk about what you drive, car stories, and to share the love of Mercedes Benz automobiles. When asked about his dream car he states a Mercedes Benz SLS AMG with those great doors that open straight up...somehow I just don't see Walt and Virginia coming to a meeting in that car...unless they make a diesel wagon version that I am unaware of.

Walt is a man full of stories, a smile from ear to ear, and a hearty laugh that will fill the room. I really enjoyed profiling him and hope he stays with the club at least till he is “four score and seven years old”.

## Mark Rosellini

Grove OK

Joined 6/25/2012

Mark and Cindy Rosellini lived for many years in the “windy city” of Chicago. When it was time to retire, they searched until they settled on Grand Lake and the town of Grove Oklahoma in 2013. “We loved the lake, the reasonable cost of living, and the people of Oklahoma.”

Mark joined MBCA in June of 2012 and was a member of the Chicago section. He renewed his membership in the Eastern Oklahoma section upon the move. He enjoyed his time in the Chicago section especially the road trips and dinners. His fondest and most memorable experience was a road trip to Indianapolis Indiana where the Chicago and Indianapolis sections got to drive their cars on the famous Indianapolis 500 speedway. “About 12 cars participated in this road trip and I got to drive on the racetrack and take the curves. We had a track car that led the group so we could not go out and drive at top speed but it was still fantastic.”

### My first Mercedes



“My first Mercedes and the car I still love to drive is a 1973 SLC450 in white that was purchased 5-6 years ago. I used to own a horrible Corvette. I sold it to a dealership and sitting there was the 1973 Mercedes.” He loved the car and its distinctive looks. “Basically I just traded dollars and bought the Mercedes. I fixed a few things and really loved the way the car drove. I liked the road feel...it was unlike any other car I had ever owned.”

Today Mark still owns the white 73 SLC450 and a Silver 2006 CLK500 with black interior and would not think of buying any other brand but a Mercedes. “We love to go for drives in both cars on sunny days.”



Mark and Cindy do not attend all meetings but they have to hand it to Paula Snyder, “She really picks some great places to eat. When we come to Tulsa we like to go back to all the places we have had club meetings because we have enjoyed the food every time.” Mark and Cindy did attend the Baxter Springs road trip last year hosted by Ron and Jean Hartage and thoroughly enjoyed it. “We don’t attend all the meetings because it is a long drive to head back to Grove after a dinner meeting.” Mark really enjoys road trips, dinners, and going for a ride. “The club is about the cars, and I want to talk about the cars with others. The trips are the things that stick with you.

The memories are great”.

When asked about any dream cars he quickly has one that is tops. “I love the old Cord 810 convertible. I’ve loved it since I was a kid. Sometimes I see them in Hemmings so I know they are still out there. That is one beautiful car with those hideaway headlights.”

Coming back to earth, his second favorite is a 280 SL Pagoda. “The one car that is so classy and perfect in size and style. I only wish I would have found one 5 or so years ago when the pricing was still within reach”.

Mark told me he recently had a new neighbor move in a few doors down the street. “She is a widow from Missouri with a nice white 380 SL.” Now when I see her coming down the street I think the car looks great and just like mine only a convertible.”

Mark is going to try to get the new neighbor to come to a meeting and see if she would enjoy dinner with the rest of us. That would be nice to see both white SL’s driving the highway on a beautiful sunny day.

We will introduce two more members in the next newsletter.

## Our Facebook Page



Mike Eddy does a great job posting to our Face Book Page as well as the Jackie Cooper Page

We continue to see increased activity on our Facebook Page and encourage everyone to like our page as an easy way to keep updated on the club activities.

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

**Let's do another one day tour!!!**  
**It's a return tour to Bentonville, AR and the**  
**Crystal Bridges Museum**

**Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Start time 9:00 AM**

**Start location: Jackie Cooper's Parking lot, 9393 South Memorial, Tulsa**

We will depart the Jackie Cooper parking lot at 9:00 am, for Springdale, Arkansas for lunch at the AQ Chicken House. After lunch it's on to Bentonville and the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. After touring Crystal Bridges Museum we travel back to the Tulsa area, for a early evening arrival.

**Be sure to mark your calendars for this museum tour to Arkansas.**



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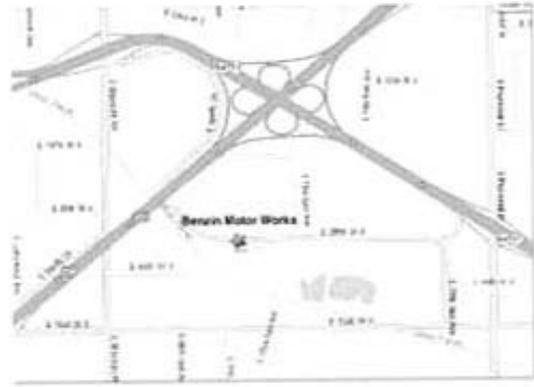
Elizabeth

Elizabeth "Liz" Anne Wilson Wood Smith was born July 8, 1928 in Tulsa to Dr. W.M. and Elizabeth Josephine Wilson and passed from this life on June 2, 2015 at the age of 86.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Norval Ross Smith; children, Katherine Wood Sears and husband, Dr. Larry Sears of Gainesville, Texas, Michael L. Wood of Grand Prairie, Texas, Robin Wood Freeman and husband, Gary Freeman of Plano, Texas, W.M. "Todd" Wilson, III and wife, Lori Wilson of Reno, Nev., Dr. Gregg A. Smith and Velma L. Smith of Tulsa; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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