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Greetings Fellow Motorists:

Welcome to June and summer driving.

Now more than ever you need to get out and hit the road with your Mercedes-Benz automobile.

In this month's member profile you will read of Ed and Peggy Hoag who have toured 49 states in their Mercedes automobiles. If only you could drive to Hawaii.

This month we will be volunteering for the Leake Car auction in Tulsa. For those of us who love cars, this will be a feast for the eye with hundreds of late model, antique, and street rod automobiles up for sale.

Our June meeting will feature Paul Paddock, Detail Manager of Jackie Cooper Imports and Marty Hill of Car Brite Inc. They will be advising us on the "Do's and Don'ts of detailing". Don't miss this informative meeting.

All are welcome to the Central Oklahoma MBCA picnic at Hafer Park in Edmond on Saturday June 18. Members of Eastern Oklahoma and Central Oklahoma Section will gather for an afternoon of food, car stories, and fellowship. **Sign up by Wednesday June 15.**

July's meeting will be Saturday July 16th and will be a Hawaiian Pig Roast at William and Linda Hill's home in Bristow.

The August meeting will feature an ice cream social at the home of Bruce Smith.

As you can see, there are lots going on this summer. So shine up the car, pack the picnic basket, and take a drive with your favorite loved one.

Enjoy your summer.

God bless you and the United States of America.

Michael

Eastern Oklahoma
MBCA Profiles
by John Kushnerick

This is our ninth edition with Profiles of one long standing member and one recent new member, this time we have only one member from Oklahoma City, but he has been the most helpful member from any section..

Ed and Peggy Hoag
Edmond, OK

Ed was born in Santa Monica California and lived there till he was thirteen years old. Then in 1951 his father who worked for Douglas Aircraft was transferred to the Tulsa facility. After the move, Ed attended Will Rogers High School and graduated from the University of Oklahoma. During his senior year at OU, his father was again transferred by Douglas back to Santa Monica. Ed met Peggy in college and they married after her graduation. They moved to California where Ed fully expected to go into the US Air Force. When his draft number came up, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Scott Air Force base in Illinois, across the river from Saint Louis MO. After four years in the Service, Ed and Peggy moved back to Orange County California. In 1994 when it was time to retire, Ed and Peggy looked at moving back to Oklahoma to be closer to Peggy's family and their sons. They settled in the Oak Tree edition of Edmond and never looked back.

My First Mercedes.

In 1986 I ordered an Acura Legend with a 6 speed manual transmission and a leather interior. 1986 was the last year you could deduct the sales tax on an automobile purchase and the tax was a substantial number in California. As luck would have it, the car did not come in on time. "I wanted to buy a new car and to also take advantage of the sales tax deduction before the end of December". Since Ed owned an Audi 5000, he then approached his Audi dealer to see if he would negotiate on a new Turbo Audi. "But he would not budge". That same day Ed stopped by a Mercedes-Benz dealership in Newport Beach and it was there that he met a German salesman named Adolph. "I purchased a 1987 Mercedes Benz 260E in black. "Only black car I have ever owned." "I loved the car. This was the first time I had driven a REAL car that drove nice and had a solid feel". During the past 30 years, Ed and Peggy have owned a total of 8 Mercedes-Benz automobiles (3 wagons, 2 roadsters, and 3 sedans). "My favorite is my current model; a 2012 E350 4 Matic wagon."

Why did you join the MBCA?

Ed had owned Mercedes-Benz automobiles for years. He never knew there was a Mercedes club. "I was in the dealership ordering a SLK and Charles Boyd asked me to join the club. This sounded interesting. "Since the time we joined we have really enjoyed the people, the trips, and the experiences."

Ed and Peggy have driven in 49 of the 50 states and in 7 Canadian provinces. "The only state we have not driven around was Hawaii." Ed and Peggy are big touring people. They have attended many MBCA Starfests and other club functions. Ed also is a member of both the Eastern and Central Oklahoma Sections.

When asked about how we can make MBCA better, Ed thinks the biggest challenge is to get Members to organize activities outside of meetings. More activities offer opportunities for people to meet, connect, and to share their love of Mercedes automobiles. "Some sections like Fort Worth Texas are great at organizing driving events, games, and other activities. The key is to have a core of committed Members who like to plan and to have fun."

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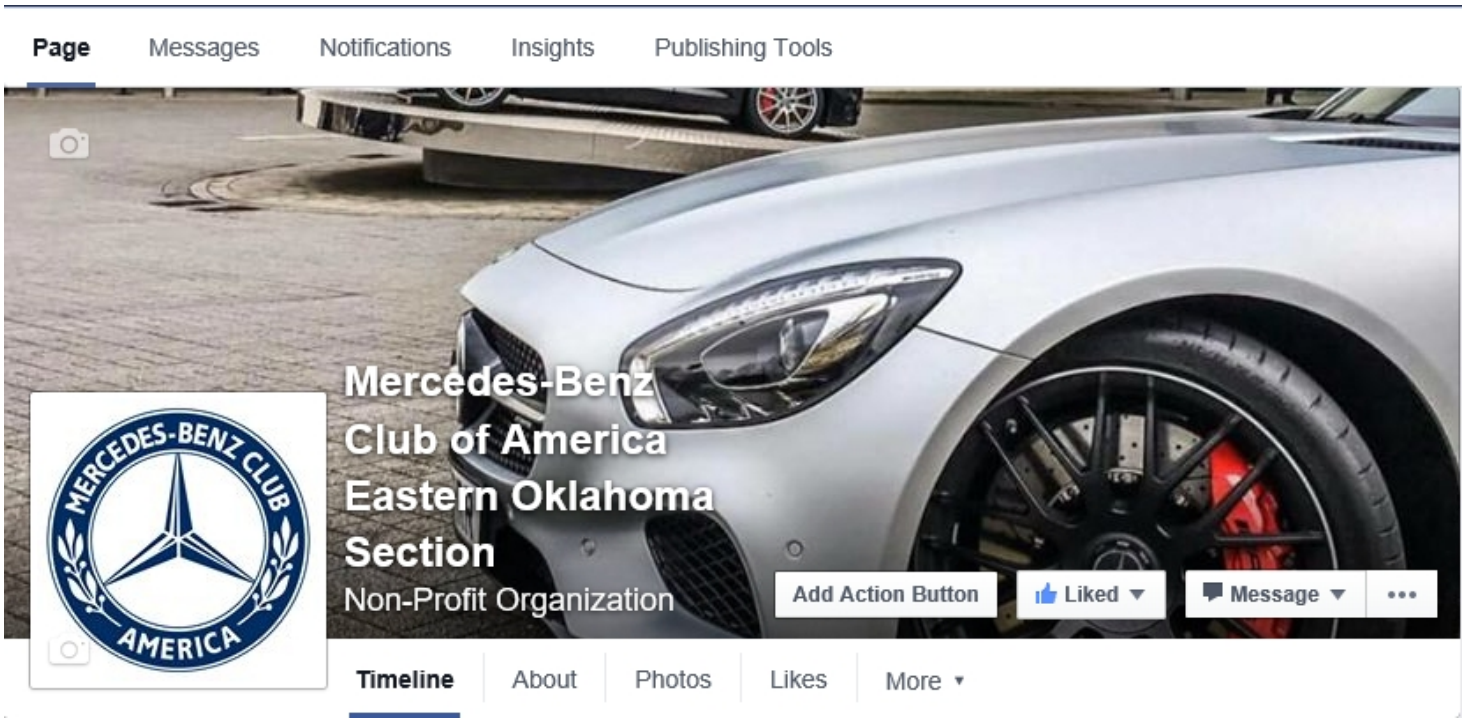

Mike Eddy does a great job posting to our Face Book Page as well as the Jackie Cooper Page

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.

Meeting Schedule

Thursday, June 16, 2016
7:00 PM
Mimi's Restaurant
8215 East 71st
Tulsa, Okla
918-254-6333

Saturday July 16, 2016
5:00 PM
Hawaiian Luau
William & Linda Hill's Home
Bristow, Okla

Up Coming Events

Leake Car Auction
Tulsa, Okla
June 10 – 12, 2016

We have 10 members that have volunteered to work at various times over three days.

Thanks to all of those that signed up – we will see you at the
River Spirit Expo, Tulsa Fairgrounds

June Meeting on June 16

We will have guest speakers:
Paul Paddock – Detail Manager at Jackie Cooper
Marty Hill – Representative for Car Brite

They will be giving us the DO'S and DON'TS of Detailing

Eastern Oklahoma Section
June Picnic
On Saturday June 18, 2016
Our section will meet the Central OK section for an
" OKLAHOMA MERCEDES BENZ OWNERS PICNIC."

This event will be held at Hafer Park in Edmond OK and will feature a catered lunch which includes food, soft drinks, and water. Cost is $15 per person. Come meet Mercedes Benz owners from all over the state. The event will take place in a covered shelter with picnic tables. Share car stories, pictures, and maybe even talk a little football.

Sign up by Wednesday June 15 by contacting John at jkushnerick@zebco.com if you wish to be added to the list. Trip schedule to follow.

Hawaiian Luau
Saturday July 16, 2016
5:00 PM
William & Linda Hill's Home
Bristow, Okla

Please sign up to bring a dish at the next meeting
Bring lawn chairs

Past Events

On Saturday May 14, 2016, Eleven members of the Eastern Oklahoma section met up with twenty four members of the Central Oklahoma section to preview two unique auto events.

Our group first attended the VDUBS on Western 2 event in the parking lot of the historic Will Rogers theater on Western Avenue. The Oklahoma city VW club host a show and shine event twice a year for members and guests. As it were, both members Ben and Cathy Kehe and William and Linda Hill entered the event with their VW Passat and Porsche 911. As one of the first 50 entries they received commemorative t shirts.

From there members drove a few miles to the Oklahoma Cowboy and Western Heritage museum. This is where we met the Central Oklahoma section for lunch. Across the street and nestled in the woods was the home and private collection of Don Boulton. Don's garage is a treasure trove of 20+ restored brass era cars, motorcycles, antiques, memorabilia, parts, and airplanes. This historic collection was well worth the trip and we were very thankful for Don's taking through the significance of each and every car in the shop. We want to thank members William Nash and Ed Hoag for their setting up this visit to a very amazing and special place.

Pictures from Pinehurst Concours

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April

Eric Wiszneauckas

May

Charlotte Luerssen

Expired Membership

May

Gary Anderson

Charles Sharpe

Renewed Members

April

Charles Wayne Bailey
David McElvania

May

Rex Alexander
David Box
Steve Burgess
David Hinnant
Ben Kehe
Joseph Miller

Thanks for Renewing

TAKATA Airbag Inflator Recall

Dear Valued Mercedes-Benz Owner,

The automotive industry is facing an unprecedented challenge with respect to the recall of Takata airbags. As yc probably know, the National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA) has made the determination that millio Takata airbags are potentially defective and the inflators in these airbags, if defective, could explode causing inj even death. Mercedes-Benz uses these driver-side Takata airbags in many of its vehicles and, while we have nc seen any related incidents in our vehicles, given NHTSA's determination that a safety risk exists, we are recallin Mercedes-Benz vehicles which use the affected airbags. Your safety and peace of mind are our top priority.

Given the sheer size of the total affected vehicle population, NHTSA is making determinations as to when and tc whom available airbags are allocated under their Coordinated Remedy Program. This means that we are subjec parts availability constraints as we seek to bring Mercedes-Benz vehicles back to our dealerships to have these airbags replaced. This is not a desirable situation but it is one over which we have little control.

We ask for your patience as we work through these logistics. You have our assurance that we are bringing even resource to bear in order to address this issue so as to effect a remedy and minimize the inconvenience to you.

We will keep this page updated with information as it becomes available and will, of course, inform you individua the parts become available. Should you need additional assistance, please visit www.mbusa.com, and use the "Email/Write" section under Customer Support, or call 1-877-496-3691.

Once again, we sincerely regret any disruption or inconvenience this situation may have caused and ask for you understanding and your patience as we address this issue.

Dietmar Exler
President and CEO
Mercedes-Bez USA, LLC

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Daimler AG was informed that Takata submitted a "Defect Information Report" to NHTSA in the US on January 2: 2016, reporting a potential safety defect for SDI and PSDI-5 airbag inflators. Takata's investigation of affected infl to date indicates that exposure to certain environmental conditions (several years of exposure to persistent cond of high absolute humidity), could lead to over-aggressive combustion in the event of a driver's-side air bag deployment.

In a crash where the air bag system deploys, the air bag inflator housing may rupture. In the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the air bag material, which may result in injury or death to vehicle occupants. To date, we are not aware of any instances of ruptured inflators in Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

What are the ranges for the individual model lines?

M-Class		GL-Class		R-Class		SLK-Class	
ML320 Diesel	2009-2010	GL320 Diesel	2009-2010	R320 Diesel	2009-2010	SLK280	2007-2008
ML350	2009-2011	GL350 Diesel	2011-2012	R350	2009-2012	SLK350	2007-2008
ML450 Hybrid	2010-2011	GL450	2009-2012			SLK55AMG	2007-2008
ML550	2009-2011	GL550	2009-2012				
ML63AMG	2009-2011						

GLK-Class		SLS-Class		E-Class		C-Class	
GLK350	2010-2012	SLS	2011-2014	E350	2010-2011	C230	2005-2007
				E550	2010-2011	C300	2008-2011
				E63AMG	2010-2011	C320	2005
						C350	2006-2011
						C63AMG	2009-2011
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