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Greetings Fellow Motorists:

Welcome to that most favorite time of year; Fall. Time for falling leaves, football, Halloween, Thanksgiving and comfort foods. It's us convertible lovers favorite time of year. It is the time of cool days, colder nights and the end of Daylight Savings Time; being with family, friends and welcoming the holidays. It's Mother Nature's time of giving up the hot weather and preparing us for the winter season.

We have had several great events in the past two months. In August, Bruce Smith hosted an ice cream social at his beautiful home. The Club wants to thank Bruce for a wonderful time and a delicious ice cream bar that evening. September's Club meeting was at Siegi's Sausage Factory, where, as always, we had a great turnout, great fellowship and great food. Then, there was the South Tulsa Baptist Church Annual Car Show. Our Club was well-represented with 13 cars in the show. Although the day was very sunny and hot, a lot of people were there. We met several new potential members who own new and older cars. The Church treated everyone to hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and cookies of all kinds. My favorite part of the Show was the vintage airplanes flying over while the National Anthem was playing, and also seeing all types of automobiles, trucks and people. Thank you to everyone who made these events possible. Everyone had a great time and wonderful fellowship.

In October, we are going to get the opportunity to experience a new adventure at Ben and Cathe Kehe's place. We will have a new driving challenge; a 1951 John Deere Model R Diesel Tractor! It is going to be a fun, challenging and exciting time. Ben has promised we will all get to drive the tractor. This should be very interesting and memorable. Look for the details further in this newsletter.

Also planned for October is the First Annual Classic on the River Car Show hosted by the Oklahoma City Mercedes Club and held at the Oklahoma City Boathouse District. The car show used to be a Mercedes-Benz and Jaguar car show, but this year it will be the Mercedes' and Porsche's turn; an all German Car Show. It promises to be a grand time with details to follow. If you have never attended this event, I highly encourage you to go. It is an enjoyable time of good food and fellowship. Last year, several of our Club members won awards and certificates for classic automobiles. We had a great time at the car show and excellent food and fellowship that evening with our sister chapter, The Central Oklahoma Mercedes-Benz Club.

I would like to thank all our Club members, officers, newsletter editor and sponsors of the best club; The Eastern Oklahoma Mercedes-Benz Club. Each one of you make this Club so enjoyable every month. Invite your friends to our meetings and let's grow our club membership. Also, consider volunteering for activities in the Club. It is a very rewarding experience.

It's been a pleasure for Paula and I to be a part of all of your lives. I've said it before, and am sincere when I say that you are all family to us. I thank you for the encouraging words to me throughout this past year and a half while I attended culinary school, and I appreciate your support as I'm looking for a culinary position, and while seeking to be what and where God wants me to be in my Culinary journey.

May God bless you and the United States of America. Michael

Eastern Oklahoma
MBCA Profiles
by John Kushnerick

Ben & Sharon Cunningham
Collinsville, Okla.
Joined Oct-17-2007

Born in western Oklahoma, Sharon in Geary and Ben in Thomas to older parents. Both of our mothers were 43 years old. Sharon had 3 older and 1 younger sister and 2 older brothers. I had 2 older sisters. Sharon was raised on a farm and helped milk 34 cows every morning. I was raised in town by a father that owned a tire repair shop and a mother that did ironing at home. Yes both of our families were poor, but hard working. Sharon's mother passed away after fighting cancer when Sharon was 14. Her father sold their farm and moved to town (Watonga) between her sophomore and junior year. That is when my life improved!! At the end of our junior year I got the nerve to ask Sharon for a date. I really did not think she would say yes, but she did. We dated through our senior year and got married in August of 1965. I started to college at Southwestern in Weatherford in January majoring in mathematics and minoring in physics. Somehow I graduated in 4 years and started to work as an Industrial Engineer in January 1970. When Hilti decided to close their Plant in Tulsa, I went back to college and graduated in December 2004 with a Master's Degree in Industrial Management. I still work part time as a Supply Chain Consultant.

We were blessed with three sons they were born in 1969, 1971, and 1973. We currently have 2 grandsons and 3 granddaughters, with 3 of them in college.

I have always enjoyed sports cars and always planned to have a sports car to drive to work. My first was a 1965 Austin Healy Sprite that I purchased right after graduation from college. During the busy years of raising our sons sports cars were not a part of my life. That desire for a sports car kept coming back. I would buy a pickup to feel responsible and then the urge would take over and I would buy a sports car most of which were Nissan Z cars including a 240, several 280's and one 300. I sold the 300ZX and bought my sons loaded 1999 GMC extended cab pickup.

My First Mercedes-Benz

I got the fever again and took my pickup to Jackie Cooper looking for a sports car and bought my first Mercedes a 1998 SLK 230 in 2005. I drove the SLK for 2 years and traded for a 1998 SL500. While I owned the 98 SL500 we joined EOMB. In 2009 we purchased a 2006 E350 for Sharon. In 2010 I purchased a 2003 SL500 and early in 2011 traded it for a 2003 CLK430. In 2015 we traded Sharon's E350 for a 2012 E350 and the latest purchase was a 2000 SL500 with less than 30,000 miles from my son. We currently drive the 2012 E350 and the 2000 SL500.

Something that other might not know:

If anyone is around me very much you have heard about my three sons. The oldest son Troy passed away in 2011 suddenly from anaphylactic shock. At the time of his death all three sons owned their own business. Troy had some minor health problems early in life that caused him to struggle in sports. His two younger brother both went to college at UCO on wrestling scholarships. Keith was a two time National Champion and a three time All American. Mark was a National Champion and a four time All American. Both have been inducted into the Division II Wrestling Hall of Fame as well the UCO Athletic Hall of Fame. Our sons are our PRIDE AND JOY.

My Dream Car is a new SL550.

How to make the club better;

I think we need to always have the quality of the brand as our focus and have several different kinds of activities for the members to fellowship around. Some like detail technical activities, some like social events, some like car shows, all of them are great. We need to encourage more involvement from members. The last board meeting was a good example of stirring up interest.

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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

Meeting Schedule

Saturday, October 15, 2016
2:00 PM
Tractor Ride at the
Home of Ben & Cathy Kehe
14934 East 13th
Tulsa, Okla
918-906-3715

Thursday November 17, 2016
7:00 PM
Siegi's Sausage Factory
81st and Sheridan
Tulsa, Okla
918-492-8988

Up Coming Events

Eastern Oklahoma Section

October Membership Meeting

Ben and Cathe Kehe's , Saturday October 15, 2016 2:00 P.M.

You are invited to our home rain or shine for the monthly MBCA meeting and then an afternoon of fun with tractors. Everyone will be welcome to take charge of our 1951 John Deere Model R Diesel Tractor for a cruise around our property until your heart's content.
(Ben will cruise with you to ensure your safety and powering satisfaction)
So bring a lawn chair, your hat and wear your grubbies because we will be playing farmer wannabe for the afternoon. We will have water, cake & cookies so if you want something else, better bring it with you.
To find our place from Tulsa, come East on 11th Street, turn right onto 149th East Avenue, turn left at the end of the street and we are the third driveway on your right. Our driveway is 850 feet long washed gravel, (no dust). The address is 14934 East 13th Street and there are two American Flags on either side of the driveway entrance.
HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR HOUSE!

Central Oklahoma Section

Classics on the River - Car Show at the Boathouse District

Ben :

THIS IS YOUR CALL FOR CARS

Our 2016 Car Show is quickly approaching and your Section needs you - and your Mercedes-Benz! This year's show returns to the OKC Boathouse District, and the Porsche Club is joining us for an All-German marque show. The Boathouse District continues to grow and we expect many of the area's visitors to take in the Car Show. If you've not visited the Boathouse District, you're in for a treat as the District has become one of OKC's jewels and what a venue for our show! This Call for Cars includes:

Vintage Mercedes-Benz, Classic Mercedes-Benz, Late Model Mercedes-Benz, New Mercedes-Benz, 2-doors, 4-doors, Convertibles, Sedans, Hardtops, Wagons, SUVs, G-Wagons. If it has a 3-pointed Star on the hood or grill, we need it.

The Show offers something for every Mercedes-Benz: Display Classes (open categories for non-judged displays; which are a great way to show daily drivers and classic survivors.) Judged Classes (award competition categories.) Silver Star Preservation Class (inspected to receive Silver Star Preservation certification, scoring only for originality.)

For more information call Charles Woods 405-640-9500

Past Events

E-Class Introduction at Jackie Cooper August 13, 2016

Several of our members attended the E-Class Preview hosted by Jackie Cooper Mercedes. They provided a nice selection of goodies as well as a very good presentation of the new features of the 2017 E-Class.

Ice Cream Social Thursday August 18, 2016

Ice Cream Social beats the heat

Twenty-two members attended the August meeting at the home of Bruce Smith. The meeting was an ice cream social that brought back many memories of the early days of the Eastern Oklahoma section when Bruce was the Vice President and held this annual summer gathering. Door prizes included original tea cups, soup bowls, and tea pitchers from the Mercedes Benz executive dining room from Stuttgart Germany. Though many things have changed in the past ten years, the summer ice cream social continues to be a vital part of the legacy of our section.

MBCA 60th Anniversary – EOMB 11th Anniversary

Eleven years and still kicking.

In 2004, three Tulsa Mercedes Benz owners would travel almost monthly to attend MBCA meetings in Oklahoma City. During one of the trips Bruce Smith, Terry Barnes, and Jim Sehl decided that they would form the Eastern Oklahoma section of MBCA. With commitment, dedication, and desire to make this vision succeed, our section was commissioned. Although MBCA records show our section was formed in September of 2005, in reality South Central Regional Director Charles Boyd came to Tulsa to sign and present a charter to the newly established Eastern Oklahoma section at an October meeting.
We thank these dedicated members for their vision and their inspiration that drives the current section leadership.

28 Members attended the Sept meeting to commemorate the 60th anniversary of MBCA and the 11th anniversary of EOMB

Don East cuts the cake as the longest member of 39 years. Don will celebrate 40 years with MBCA in April 2007.

South Tulsa Car Show – Sunday September 18, 2016

We had several members attend the Car show. We ended up with 13 cars from our section and had a visitor join with the group and it looks like he might join the club. There was a fly over at 4:00 pm.

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August

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August

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Thanks for Renewing

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