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I had already submitted my President's message to our editor a while back. It seems like such a long time ago considering what we have seen happen in our country and the world in the past 30 days. The news seems to get worse with each passing day. In an abundance of caution, we have canceled our March Gathering, rescheduled our Will Rogers trip, and are looking to see if the April events will need to be rescheduled.

I want all our members to stay healthy as we adjust to the next 60-90 days. Hopefully our economy will spring back in the second half of the year and our livelihoods, investments, and country will rebound.

Stay safe and try to enjoy the spring weather. We will overcome.



THANK YOU LOYAL MEMBERS

Allen Horn-2014
GLK250 BlueTEC

Derek Bennett

**Alan & Helen
Hammerli**-1983
380SL, 2020 GLE
350 4Matic

Donald East-2018
E400 4Matic coupe,
2004 SL500, 1994
S500, 1994
CL500,1995 CL 65

Bruce Smith-1992
500E, 2019 A220

Marcus Winkler

Jeffrey Goodloe-
1999 S500

**Joseph & Deana
Connors**-1988



BEST OF THE BEST SILVER LAUREL

Jackie Cooper Imports Mercedes-Benz is proud to announce they have earned the coveted Mercedes-Benz Best of the Best Silver Laurel designation for their exceptional business practices in 2019.

Best of the Best – Silver Laurel acknowledges a dealership's outstanding achievement and is evaluated based on metrics including New and Pre-owned sales, parts and service, and owner loyalty. Dealerships earning this honor are recognized as high performing stores that have exceeded their expectations throughout the year.

THANK YOU NEW MEMBERS

Kira Allert

Susan Marple

Nathan Armer-
2006 SLK350

Adrienne Hyle

The Mercedes-Benz Best of the Best award was created in 2001 to recognize dealerships going above and beyond expectations of the brand. Jackie Cooper Imports has been named Best of the Best two previous times, making the 2019 honor the third time for the dealership.

“Earning the Mercedes-Benz Best of the Best award is a magnificent achievement for us,” stated Jackie Cooper Imports General Manager Steve Lujan. “Every year our teams across the dealership perform at top level, and we consistently recognize them for that. While they are always the best of the best to us—and, we believe, our customers--it’s a real honor that the brand and our peers recognize their effort, as well.”

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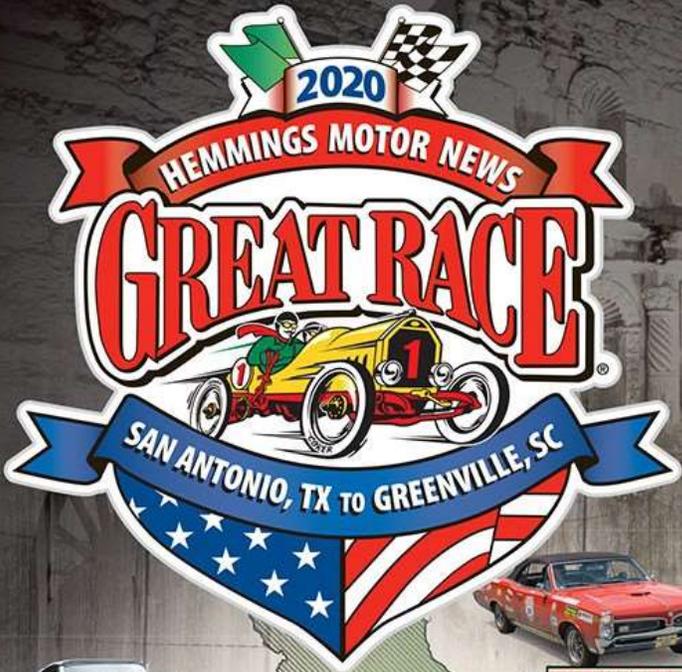
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BEST OF THE BEST
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2020 Great Race is coming to Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum in Sapulpa



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HEART OF ROUTE 66 AUTO MUSEUM IN SAPULPA TO HOST 2020 GREAT AMERICAN RACERS

Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum will host a lunch stop on the 2020 Hemmings Motor News Great Race presented by Haggerty. The cars will begin arriving at Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum at approximately 12 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2020 and continue at one-minute intervals for more than two full hours.

The Great Race, the world's premier old car rally, will bring 120 of the world's finest antique automobiles to the Sapulpa museum for the \$150,000 event. The race will start June 20 in San Antonio, Texas, and finish June 28 at Greenville, South Carolina. Sapulpa is the day three lunch stop for the racers.

Cars start – and hopefully finish – one minute apart if all goes according to plan. “The biggest part of the challenge, other than staying on time and following the instructions, is getting an old car to the finish line each day,” organizers say. At each stop on the Great Race the public and spectators will be able to visit with the participants and to look at the cars.

Only cars built in 1972 or earlier are eligible, with most entries having been manufactured before World War II. In the 2019 Great Race from California to Maine, a 1916 Hudson won the grand prize, a 1932 Ford Cabriolet Hill won second place, and a 1932 Ford Victoria took third and splitting the \$150,000 cash prize. The total purse is again \$150,000 for 2020.

“When the Great Race pulls into a city it becomes an instant festival,” race director Jeff Stumb said.

For information on all our upcoming events please visit our website, www.heartofroute66.org, or call our office at (918) 216.1171. Connect with us on Facebook!

Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum, located at 13 Sahoma Lake Rd, in Sapulpa is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and from March 1 to November 30 on Sundays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Closed each Monday. Admission is \$6.50 per person which includes tax for visitors age 12 and older. 918.216.1171.

QUESTION AND ANSWER WITH YOUR MEMBERS



Ben Cunningham

1. **Your first car:** My first car was a light green 1950 Chevy 2 door sedan. It was our family car. When I turned 16 my father quit driving and I became the family driver.
2. **First Mercedes:** My first Mercedes was a 1998 SLK 230. I was driving a 1999 GMC extended cab pickup that was loaded with every option except 4-wheel drive. As I done in the past to go from pickup to sports car about every 4 years, I was looking for a Nissan 300ZX and could not find one, so I stopped by Jackie Cooper and she had a white SLK 230. I traded my truck for the SLK and have been in a Mercedes ever since.
3. **What led you into a Mercedes car and then the club?** I drove the SLK for about two years and spotted a 1998 SL500 at Jackie Cooper's and called and made a deal on it. Before I purchased the SL500 I took it to Benzin's to have it evaluated, they approved it so I purchased it. While I was waiting in the waiting room, I saw a flier about the next EOMB meeting along with an application. We attended the next two meetings and then joined. I was impressed with the quality of the car, so much so that I started looking for an E class for Sharon. They had a 2006 E350 on the lot at Jackie Cooper. I was doing consulting work in Miami so I could not be there to negotiate, so I purchased it over the phone and had Sharon pick it up. I asked her to test drive, but she did not. She called me while she was driving home and said, "This car fits me", so I have been a fan ever since.
4. **Favorite car you have ever owned:** My favorite car is my current 2015 E350. It is comfortable and still sporty.
5. **Current cars you have:** 2015 E350 and 2006 SL500
6. **One Car you wished you would have purchased:** None that I could afford.
7. **A car that you one day hope to have one soon.** I would love to have a S550.

Design of new breathing aid developed by Mercedes to be made freely available



The designs of a new breathing aid developed by engineers at the Mercedes F1 team, University College London (UCL), and clinicians at UCL Hospital have been made freely available to support the global response to Covid-19. It's the latest development in [Formula 1's Project Pitlane effort](#) to help fight coronavirus.

The Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) devices, which help coronavirus patients with lung infections to breathe more easily, were [developed by engineers at the Mercedes team](#) and University College London (UCL), and clinicians at UCL Hospital after a round-the-clock effort to reverse engineer a

device that could be manufactured rapidly by the thousands.

It took fewer than 100 hours from the initial meeting to production of the first device.

And after patient evaluations at UCLH and across sister hospitals in the London area, the device received regulatory approval last week. An order for up to 10,000 has now been placed by the British National Health Service, and the Mercedes AMG High Performance Powertrains technology centre in Brixworth – the facility where the F1 team's highly successful power units are developed and built – is now building 1,000 devices per day.

Mom on the Farm

By Ben Kehe

Mother used to tell stories of growing up on the farm in Northeast Iowa. One of her favorite memories was driving the John Deere GP while pulling the binder that her brother would be riding and controlling.

Her brother would collect some dirt clods and keep them in a bucket on the binder so if she got a little off the row while pulling the binder he would pitch a dirt clod at her to get her back on track. Do you suppose this could be considered an early global positioning satellite system?

Mom commented that even in the 1930's a sixteen year old girl could dream of what the future might bring. After hours of cutting oats with the binder and listening to the putt putt of that old Deere, it as easy to understand that her attention to direction could wander.

And we should always remember; "Not all those who wander are lost".



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A letter from the Editor

by Craig Barnes

First, I would like to apologize for the late arrival of the newsletter. With all that has happened recently and with a change in careers, I have put off the newsletter for too long and I sincerely apologize. Like some of you, I have grown tired of companies, CEO's, and any people with some sort of influence telling us what we should be doing during this time of separation. I don't like the term quarantine since it makes me think that we are all sick. So instead of some inspirational reason why I am late completing this newsletter, I am just going to be honest. I didn't want to do it. Not because I don't like the club or what it stands for, actually it is the opposite.

You see, my name is Craig Barnes and I am the nephew of Terry Barnes. To some of the newer members, he was the guy that got this chapter started back in the day, but to me, he was my Uncle Bruce. His middle name was Brewster, which why he was always known to me as Uncle Bruce. His partner in life, for most of my life, was Bruce Smith. Mr. Smith (no not the secret agent Mr. Smith, just Bruce Smith, but I will refer to him as Mr. Smith to avoid confusion) is the one that fueled my passion for automobiles. You see, I grew up on a farm, just as Ben Kehe did. My automobile knowledge was mainly off road vehicles and muscle cars. When I went to Mr. Smith's house as a young boy, he showed me a different world of automobiles. I know I made him nervous by looking at all of the perfect condition model cars that so accurately represented the real cars. As time passed, I gained a lot of knowledge of automobiles from the Bruce's. I not only learned about the car industry as a whole and all its history, as Mr. Smith taught me in his classroom full of model cars, but also the passion that my Uncle Bruce had. My Uncle Bruce didn't only have a passion for cars, but it was a passion for people! Which is why he put together this club. Which is why I still continue to be a member, play with my daughter in her Mercedes Power Wheels car, write the newsletter and go to as many drives and gatherings as I can. Our relationship was so close, that if he thought something was good, then sign me up because I think it's good too!

So, when I say life got in the way, I mean it. My wife, daughter and I took a drive in my E63 to enjoy the gardens at Gilcrease Museum, one day we drove by Westhope (the Frank Lloyd Wright house here in Tulsa) and sometimes I just got in the car and drove! No destination in mind, just to get out and roll the windows down and enjoy the ride!

Again, I apologize for the late newsletter. There was this thing that got in the way of it all called life! I say this coming from a place of appreciation. Like AMG F1 Team Manager Toto Wolff recently said, "...what unites us is our passion..." When our now club Vice-President Ben Cunningham came up to me at one of my first gatherings and told me how much he misses talking to my Uncle Bruce, I knew I was with the right club. On the next page I will include some pics of what I have mentioned, sorry but the MB stars are blurry on the pic of the frog. Notice what is included in every one of these pics, the Star. A symbol to me of passion.



Westhope, the Richard Lloyd Jones House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.



My tribute to my Uncle Bruce pictured next to his headstone and a photo of us enjoying the gardens at Gilcrease Museum.



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APRIL	17-19	TULSA AUTO SHOW	Tulsa fairgrounds	
	18	CAFFEINE AND GASOLINE	River Spirit Expo Square tied into the Tulsa auto show	8:00am
	16	MONTHLY GATHERING	Ti Amo 61'st & Sheridan Road, Tulsa OK	6:30PM
	25	TED DAVIS CAR COLLECTION/ROUTE 66 POPS, AND ROUND BARN, CENTRAL OK SECT		
MAY	2	MBCA BOARD MEETING	Jackie Cooper imports, training room	10:00AM
	21	MONTHLY GATHERING	Tres Amigo's 81'st and Lewis, Tulsa OK	6:30PM
	16	CAFFEINE AND GASOLINE	The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial	9:00am
TBD	DRIVING ACTIVITY			
JUNE	2-6	RITCHIE BROS/LEAKE AUCTION TULSA	VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE AS DRIVERS/SPOTTERS	
	13	JOINT PICNIC WITH CENTRAL OKLAHOMA SECTION HAFER PARK, EDMOND OK		10:30AM
	18	MONTHLY GATHERING	Waterfront Grill, Jenks OK	6:30AM
	20	CAFFEINE & GASOLINE	The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial	9:00am
	22	THE GREAT RACE	HEART OF ROUTE 66 MUSEUM	LUNCH WITH DRIVE
JULY	16	MONTHLY GATHERING	TBD	6:30PM
	18	CAFFEINE & GASOLINE	The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial	9:00am
AUGUST	8	MBCA BOARD MEETING	JACKIE COOPER TRAINING ROOM	10:00AM
	TBD	ICE CREAM SOCIAL	Kushnerick Residence, 12445 S Granite Ave, Bixby OK	TBD
	15	CAFFEINE & GASOLINE	The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial	9:00am
SEPTEMBER	12	SOUTH TULSA BAPTIST CAR SHOW		1:15 meet show 3-5:00
	17	MONTHLY GATHERING	Waterfront Grill Jenks, OK	6:30PM
	21	CAFFEINE & GASOLINE	The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial	9:00am
OCTOBER	15	MONTHLY GATHERING	TBD	6:30 PM
	19	CAFFEINE & GASOLINE	The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial	9:00am
NOVEMBER	7	MBCA BOARD MEETING	JACKIE COOPER determine 2021 calendar	10:00AM
	19	MONTHLY MEETING	Siegi's Sausage Factory 2020 year in review	6:30PM
DECEMBER	5	Mercedes Benz Toy Run WITH PORSCHE CLUB		TBD
	10	CHRISTMAS PARTY	TBD	6:30PM
	10	CANNED FOOD DRIVE	BRING FOOD TO CHRISTMAS PARTY	6:30PM

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