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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

**LOOKING BACK....LOOKING FORWARD**

With the passing of 2021, I look forward to the coming year 2022. As your President I cannot express my thankfulness enough. We started out 2021 late with Caffeine and Gasoline in March where I met our Vice President John Kushnerick. He was our Section President and next thing I know I am elected to take those reigns and move us further along. I can say as the youngest (I think) member of our Section I am reminded of the many members and friends I have made. Going into 2022 it is my goal to learn from John and continue to lead our section into the future. I have ideas and thoughts of what our Section will look like in the coming year. My promise to all of you is that we will continue to meet monthly with lots of activities as well. My desire is that you all have a wonderful 2022. Thanks to all who have planned events and our new treasurer. I would also like to recognize our Member of the Year Richard Jagel. Richard has served as our treasurer for many years, so thanks Richard. As I like to say "onward and upward" to The Eastern Oklahoma Section of MBCA. As a reminder we have our gatherings in January and February at Waterfront Grill and Siegi's, respectfully. On top of this we have our tech session in February at Jackie Cooper as well as a reveal of the new electric Mercedes Benz EQS sedan. The date for the Tech Session is Tuesday February 8th at 6 PM. I look forward to seeing you all at these events.

Regards,  
Brian Johnson  
MBCA Eastern Oklahoma President



**Brian Johnson  
President**

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## Route 66 Trip

It was a perfect fall day for a drive as twelve members of the Eastern Oklahoma section took a drive west on Route 66 from Tulsa to Oklahoma City.

Members drove past the Heart of Route 66 museum, the Rock Café in Stroud, the “famous” Round Barn in Arcadia, and stopped for lunch at Pops Drive-in and gas station. Members dined on cheeseburgers, malts, and French fries.

From there members moved to their final Route 66 destination, the National Cowboy and Western Museum in Oklahoma City. At the museum members were able to stroll at their own pace and take in the artwork and sculptures that define the American West and the Cowboy lore of times gone by.

After the tour, each member headed back home on Interstate 44 which replaced Route 66 as the quickest route between Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Speeds on the Interstate are now 80 mph and a sign of our fast-paced lives versus the days of the pony express and the two-lane Route 66.



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## Mercedes Freude becomes the largest Mercedes Benz Club gathering in 60 years

Three hundred and five Mercedes Benz club of America members visited Hilton Head Island and South Carolina's "Low Country" on Tuesday November 2 through Friday November 5 for the first annual Mercedes Freude (The Joy of Everything Mercedes) event. Members gathered to socialize, attend technical seminars, and tour famous local sights.

I found the trip to the city of Savannah Georgia to be the highlight of my trip. Savannah is a uniquely beautiful city with signature coastal cuisine, carefully curated boutiques, and unparalleled array of historic landmarks, museums, and touring experiences. The city's historic district is laid out with local squares named for famous heroes of the revolutionary and civil wars and they each bring a refreshing oasis of large oak trees with Spanish moss to the neighborhoods.

On the third day of the event, members signed up to take the Jepson Collection Tour or the Butterfield Plantation tour. Since the Jepson car collection is world class, only the first fifty members were able to secure a spot. Harriet and I drove seventy miles through the countryside with fifty-eight other members for a tour of the 1800-acre Butterfield Plantation near Allendale SC. The plantation is being restored to its original 1929 condition and serves primarily as a hunting lodge for deer, quail, and pheasant. While at the plantation we were able to view owner Dr. Charles Campbell's collection of Mercedes Benz Ponton's and a 190SL. The caravan of 15 Mercedes along with 2-3 rental cars was impressive with all makes and models from 1962-forward.

On Friday, members could participate in a scenic drive to Savannah, a road rally, and poker run. Hagerty Insurance presented a "Cars and Cocktails" Friday night. At the closing banquet, members of the Peachtree section (metro Atlanta GA) were named 2020 MBCA Section of the Year and our friends from the Ozark section were given the 2020 Public Service Award for their philanthropic events and work in the communities of Northwest Arkansas. The Ozark section also won second place in the Section of the year process. Mark Hyman of Hyman LTD Collector cars in St Louis MO was the keynote speaker who gave the audience a market overview on the status of the current collector car market.

The signature Legends of the Autobahn East event was moved from Saturday to Sunday November 7 due to a constant rain that saturated the Hilton Head area and the Port Royal Golf Course. On Sunday both the Concours and the Legends events were held simultaneously. However, I had booked our return flight back to Tulsa for Sunday morning and missed both key events.





# BENZIN MOTOR WORKS

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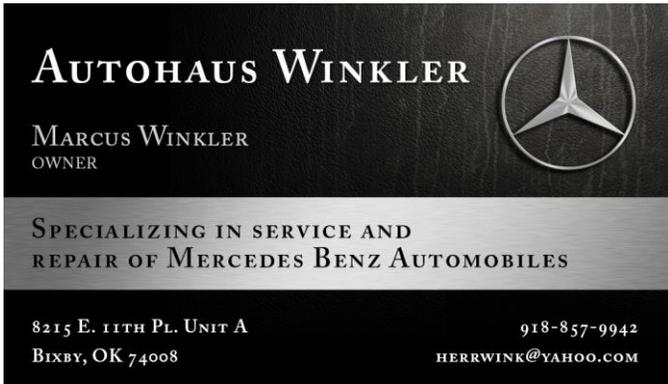
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## HOLIDAY PARTY ALWAYS ENTERTAINING

The Eastern Oklahoma section held their annual Christmas party at Freddie's Event Center in Sapulpa OK on Thursday December 9, 2021. Thirty-five members enjoyed a dinner with choice entrees of Smoked Filet, Salmon, or Grilled Chicken.

The section presented a special plaque to John Kushnerick for serving as section President for the past five years. The Member of the Year award was presented to Richard Jagel for his nine years of service as section Treasurer. Door prizes for the evening were provided by Kristen Bebout and the staff of Jackie Cooper Mercedes Benz.

President Brian Johnson reviewed the 2021 calendar and outlined upcoming 2022 gatherings for January, February, and an upcoming tech session with cocktail party and the unveiling of the new EQS sedan at Jackie Cooper Mercedes Benz. Jim Rice, Chair of the Events committee distributed a survey seeking priority for potential driving events in 2022 with members asked to rank their top five trips for the event committee to plan from a list of potential destinations.

Thanks to Jim Rice for shepherding a food drive for Arms Around Broken Arrow food pantry. Members collected hundreds of pounds of canned goods and boxed dry goods.

The highlight of the evening is always the "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. Most gifts stayed with their original owners. However, Cathe Kehe and Harriet Kushnerick were victims of multiple steals. In the end we hope everyone walked away with a gift they enjoyed.

A special thanks goes out to Ron and Jean Hardage for serving as the event chairs on this event. They always are on top of the event planning and provide centerpieces for each table.





## Section supports Marine Corp Toys for Tots

Twenty members of the Eastern Oklahoma section MBCA and forty members of the Cimmaron section of the PCA participated in the annual Marine Corp Toys for Tots annual toy drive. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> time the MBCA has participated in this event.

This year there was not a 100-mile drive associated with the event. Members dropped off their unwrapped toys at the Jackie Cooper Porsche showroom where they were met by members of the US Marine Corps. The Jackie Cooper staff treated drivers to a chili buffet luncheon with tables located inside the dealership.

Special thanks as always to Jackie Cooper Imports Marketing Director Kristen Bebout and Steve Canada social director for the Porsche Club.

Over 60 toys and bikes were collected for needy children in the Tulsa area.



EASTERN OKLAHOMA SECTION



UPDATED DECEMBER 15, 2021

| 2022 CALENDAR    |  |  |                          |         | MONTHLY MEETING         |
|------------------|--|--|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
|                  |  |  |                          |         | QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING |
|                  |  |  |                          |         | EVENT                   |
| <b>JANUARY</b>   |  |  |                          |         | REGIONAL OR JOINT EVENT |
| 20               | MONTHLY GATHERING  | WATERFRONT GRILL                                       | JENKS OK                 |         | 6:00PM                  |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>  |  |  |                          |         |                         |
| 5                | BOARD MEETING  | JACKIE COOPER PORSCHE TRAINING ROOM                    |                          |         | 10:00AM                 |
| 8                | JACKIE COOPER DEALERSHIP TOUR AND REVIEW OF NEW 2022 EQS SEDAN |  |                          |         | 6:00PM                  |
| 17               | MONTHLY GATHERING  | SIEGI'S SAUSAGE FACTORY, 81'ST & SHERIDAN. TULSA       |                          |         | 6:00PM                  |
| <b>MARCH</b>     |  |  |                          |         |                         |
| tbd              | DRIVING EVENT  | TBD  |                          |         | TBD                     |
| 17               | MONTHLY GATHERING  | LOCATION TBD   |                          |         | 6:00PM                  |
| 19               | CAFFEINE AND GASOLINE  | The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial            |                          |         | 9:00am                  |
| <b>APRIL</b>     |  |  |                          |         |                         |
| TBD              | POKER RUN AND LUNCH, JOINT EVENT WITH OZARK SECTION            |  |                          |         | TBD                     |
| 8,9,10           | TULSA AUTO SHOW  | Tulsa fairgrounds                                      | RIVER SPIRIT EXPO SQUARE |         |                         |
| 9                | CAFFEINE AND GASOLINE  | River Spirit Expo Square tied into the Tulsa auto show |                          |         | 8:00am                  |
| 21               | MONTHLY GATHERING  | LOCATION TBD   |                          |         | 6:00PM                  |
| <b>MAY</b>       |  |  |                          |         |                         |
| 7                | MBCA BOARD MEETING   | JACKIE COOPER PORSCHE TRAINING ROOM                    |                          |         | 10:00AM                 |
| 19               | MONTHLY GATHERING  | LOCATION TBD   |                          |         | 6:00 PM                 |
| 21               | CAFFEINE AND GASOLINE  | The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial            |                          |         | 9:00am                  |
| <b>JUNE</b>      |  |  |                          |         |                         |
| 9,10,11          | MECUM AUCTION  | TULSA RIVER SPIRIT EXPO CENTER                         |                          |         |                         |
| 11               | JOINT PICNIC WITH CENTRAL OKLAHOMA SECTION                     | HAFER PARK, EDMOND OK                                  |                          | 10:30AM |                         |
| 16               | MONTHLY GATHERING  | LOCATION TBD   |                          |         | 6:00PM                  |
| 21               | CAFFEINE & GASOLINE  | The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial            |                          |         | 9:00am                  |
| 21               | ROUTE 66 ROADFEST EVENT IN DOWNTOWN TULSA                      |  |                          |         | ALL DAY                 |
| <b>JULY</b>      |  |  |                          |         |                         |
| 21               | MONTHLY GATHERING  | LOCATION TBD   |                          |         | 6:00PM                  |
| TBD              | PHILBROOK MUSEUM   | JOINT EVENT WITH OZARK SECTION                         |                          |         |                         |
| 16               | CAFFEINE & GASOLINE  | The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial            |                          |         | 9:00am                  |
| <b>AUGUST</b>    |  |  |                          |         |                         |
| 6                | MBCA BOARD MEETING   | JACKIE COOPER TRAINING ROOM                            |                          |         | 10:00AM                 |
| TBD              | ICE CREAM SOCIAL   | LOCATION TBD   |                          |         | TBD                     |
| 20               | CAFFEINE & GASOLINE  | The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial            |                          |         | 9:00am                  |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |  |  |                          |         |                         |
| 15               | MONTHLY GATHERING  | LOCATION TBD   |                          |         | 6:30PM                  |
| 17               | CAFFEINE & GASOLINE  | The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial            |                          |         | 9:00am                  |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>   |  |  |                          |         |                         |
| 20               | MONTHLY GATHERING  | LOCATION TBD   |                          |         | 6:30 PM                 |
| 15               | CAFFEINE & GASOLINE  | The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th                       | 7-Feb                    |         | 9:00am                  |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  |  |  |                          |         |                         |
| 5                | MBCA BOARD MEETING   | JACKIE COOPER  | determine 2023 calendar  |         | 10:00AM                 |
| 18               | MONTHLY GATHERING  | LOCATION TBD   |                          |         | 6:30PM                  |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>  |  |  |                          |         |                         |
| 3                | Mercedes Benz Toy Run WITH PORSCHE CLUB                        |  |                          |         | TBD                     |
| TBD              | CHRISTMAS PARTY  | LOCATION TBD   |                          |         | 6:30PM                  |
| TBD              | CANNED FOOD DRIVE  | BRING FOOD TO CHRISTMAS PARTY                          |                          |         | 6:30PM                  |

# 5 essentials that allow your classic to sleep peacefully when the snow falls

Rob Siegel

How much or how little you do depends on the length of the layover and how thorough you want to be. Basically, you need to consider the fuel, the battery, the tires, rodent repellent, and a cover. If your winter is just two or three months, disconnect the battery and throw a cover on the car, but for a longer slumber, you'll want to be more scrupulous.

## Fuel

Most gas contains 10 percent ethanol, which is hygroscopic (it absorbs moisture from the air). If you live in a humid environment, it's a good idea to store a car with the tank full, as it minimizes the possibility of water being absorbed from air in the unfilled portion of the tank. This is particularly important if the car is old enough that it has a metal gas tank; you don't want water collecting at the bottom. Some folks swear by additives like Sta-Bil, which claim to break up water and keep the fuel from oxidizing. I've never had an over-the-wintered car have running problems attributable to old gas, but if three months turns to a year, you'll be glad for the stabilizer. If you know in advance that the car is going into long-term hibernation, you'd be smart to drain the tank first and suck the carburetor's float bowls dry, as the gooey varnish left by ancient gas can be problematic.

## Battery

Cold temperatures and a parasitic drain will likely kill a battery before spring. If the car is stored where there's electricity, a battery tender will keep the battery charged. Note that you generally want a maintainer, not a trickle charger; a maintainer is designed to stay connected to the battery, whereas a trickle charger should be disconnected when the battery is fully charged—and can overcharge the battery if it's not removed. If the car is wintering somewhere where there's no juice, simply disconnecting the negative terminal of the battery is very effective.

## Rodent Repellent

The vicissitudes of time and fortune may slowly eat away at your treasured car, but between the nesting, the poop, the chewing, and the dying and stinking, the damage rodents can do quickly is astonishing. Reportedly, rodents don't like smells, and some folks swear by Bounce dryer sheets, Irish Spring soap, peppermint oil, and other aromatics. Others have had luck with ultrasonic devices. Bottom line: Any rodent deterrent is better than nothing, and be prepared to react at the first sign of contamination before massive damage is done.

## Tires

Having a car sit for several months will flat-spot the tires a bit, but when they're driven and warmed up, they'll probably work themselves round. Longer sits, though, particularly in cold weather, can permanently flat-spot tires. The best prevention is to use four jack stands and store the car with all four wheels up. Short of that, drive the car on occasion or at least move it in the storage space. It doesn't take much.

## Cover

This one's the easiest. Even if the car is in pampered indoor climate-controlled storage, a cover will keep the dust, the critters, and the sun streaming through the windows off the paint, and those are all good things.

That's it. Thankfully here in Oklahoma spring driving season comes in 90 days.

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**Thanks for Renewing**

# The 2022 Mercedes-AMG SL takes a big left turn

Nathan Petroelje

28 October 2021



Mercedes-Benz AG

Affordable convertibles are all but gone these days, but svelte, luxurious droptops are very much alive. One of the longest-running nameplates in this department is the Mercedes SL, born again for 2022 as the Mercedes-AMG SL. Following in the [footsteps of past heroes](#) such as the [sumptuous 300 SL Gullwing](#) and the [wedge-tastic R129 SL](#), the new topless Merc promises the same open-air thrills and generous helping of power, albeit this time with a simpler snazzy soft top, and, for the first time in SL history, four driven wheels.

With the demise of the S-Class Cabriolet after the 2021 model year, as well as the imminent arrival of a CLE-Class cab replacing the roofless C- and E-Class, the SL occupies a niche for practical-minded Benz fans shopping in the upper echelons of the segment. This two-door now offers 2+2 seating, should you for some reason be stuck loafing two additional dinner guests to your evening of Malibu's finest Surf 'n Turf. It certainly looks the part; the new SL retains styling staples from generations past—long wheelbase (106.3 inches), short overhangs, an endless hood, and a tucked-back passenger compartment.

While some may be dismayed at the loss of a yet another rear-drive sports car, all-wheel drive and four seats makes the new SL a more compelling year-round daily driver. (If not a direct [Porsche 911](#) rival.) As a weekend or warm-weather toy, the AMG GT Roadster won't have to compete internally. Expect the new 2022 Mercedes-AMG SL arrive in dealerships during the first half of the year, with a yet-to-be-revealed starting price of around \$100,000.



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