



January - February
2019

Eastern Oklahoma Section



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Welcome to 2019!

Another year has begun with opportunities to check things off your bucket list, get into shape, or to try to right a previous wrong. I'm not one who makes promises I can't keep so let's take diet and weight control off the table. I will, however, make a promise to make sure the Eastern Oklahoma section has a great new year with plenty of opportunities to drive and enjoy your Mercedes Benz experience with fellow members of our club.



John Kushnerick
President

First off, I want to thank Regional Director Brett Jurick for presenting me; and the Eastern OK Board for nominating me, the award for *South Central Region Officer Of The Year* in 2018. I take my responsibilities seriously and enjoy every minute of my leadership role. Five years ago, my children purchased a membership to the MBCA for me. They said I needed a hobby for when my work career was over. Imagine that! Today I use my MBCA role as a bridge between my consulting career and one toward settling into a life of retirement.

We had a great Christmas party in December. I am pleased to say that Kitzie and Tim Vander Kooi earned the *Leadership Award* for their work in providing us with a first-rate newsletter and their efforts to grow our club membership. Our *Member Of The Year* was awarded to Harriet Kushnerick in her role as club Secretary and "social director". Harriet has always made it a point to make sure everyone has a good club experience at meetings and activities. And yes, she is the one who drives me to "do this", "do that", "say this" and "say that". I guess it may have been my kids who purchased the membership, but Harriet makes sure we get the most from our membership as there is never a stranger in the room at any of our meetings.

The calendar is beginning to fill up with some great events in the first half of 2019. Please be sure to sign up for some or all these activities. I am excited about the trip to the National Weather center as I have always been fascinated by weather since moving to Oklahoma.

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Welcome New Members!

Curtis Farrar
Matt Gawey
Berry Keeler
John Taylor
Richard Toler
Marcus Winkler
Kristen Doyle

Thank You Loyal Members!

Marc Bullock
Stephen Canada
Darwin Childs
Joseph Connors
William Hill
Richard Jagel
Van Nowlin
Ken Parker
Ted Riseling
Garrett Russell
James Sehl
Eric Wiszneauckas

Welcome to 2019!

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In Pennsylvania, I never worried about the weather. The biggest issue I faced was driving in snow on a given winter morning.

Thanks again for your continued support. Let any officer or board member know of any activities or meeting locations that you think we should explore. I hope you are enjoying your experience, feel free to bring a friend to any of our dinner meetings. "We don't bite".

Regards

John



Trivia Time!

How much do you know?

Below are the answers to last issues Automobile Trivia Challenge followed by the next set of stumpers that will test your knowledge of the auto industry and Mercedes-Benz history.



What lead Carl Benz to retire as an active work in Benz & Cie.?

In 1901 Benz & Cie. faced declining sales and decreased production due to competition from cheaper and more powerful vehicles - notably from France. Julius GanB, Benz & Cie. partner and manager over commercial production, seized an initiative: since Carl Benz clung to his previous designs; especially the belt drive, GanB hired a team formed around the French design engineer Marius Barbarou to compete with a German team headed by chief design engineer Georg Diehl to see who had the better designs for the future Benz models. The stress and discord of designing automobiles was too much for Carl Benz who retired in January of 1903 from the work force. However in 1904 he was appointed to the Supervisory Board of the company. The new model competition policy bore fruit and after posting losses from 1901-1903 business was back on the road to success again in 1904.

Diamler AG.

When and how did the tri-star become the recognized symbol of Mercedes Benz?

Tradition has it that the idea for the Daimler star, which originated in 1872, came from the company founder. On a photograph of Cologne and Deutz, Gottlieb Daimler had marked his house with a star and written to his wife "from here a star will rise, and I hope it will bring blessings to us and our children." In 1909 DMG requested design protection for three-pointed and four-pointed variants of the star from the Imperial Patent Office in Berlin. The three-pointed star prevailed and was also understood as a symbol of Daimler's efforts to realize universal motorization "on land, on water and in the air." The brand name Mercedes had been registered since 1902. It was also in 1909 that Benz & Cie. Registered the company name Benz in a stylized laurel wreath as a trademark. Today the Mercedes star is one of the most familiar trademarks in the world. In 1955, Daimler-Benz made use of the popularity of its symbol for the German slogan "Ihr gutter Stern auf allen Strassen" which can loosely be translated as "you're lucky star on every road" but was officially rendered in English as "engineered like no other car in the world".



Red, amber, green and... blue? Indeed, some cities in Germany added a blue aspect to their traffic lights in the 1980s. The blue light also showed a white key, but what did it mean?

The "engine off" blue was one of the early attempts at helping drivers conserve fuel. It was typically used at intersections where the red duration was 60 seconds or more. The light was solidly lit for most of the red, asking the driver to turn off the engine. It went off about 20 seconds before green (keep engine off, but do not turn off if just arriving) and then, 5-7 seconds before green, came on flashing (restart engine).



Would You Like To Contribute?

Do you have a great trivia question, joke or riddle, delicious recipe or anything else you would like to contribute to the newsletter and your fellow MBCA Members? Just shoot an email to MBCAEasternOK@gmail.com and we will include your contribution in upcoming issues.

1st Annual Toy Run

Since its inception the Marine Toys For Tots program has distributed over 530 million toys to over 244 million less fortunate children.

Strong storms may have moved through the area the night before, but it was no match for the horsepower and giving spirit of the Mercedes and Porsche clubs as they rolled through the Osage and Washington county hills on Saturday December 1, 2018.



Over 50 members of the Cimarron Porsche Club of American and the Eastern Oklahoma Mercedes Benz Club of America participated in the Marine Corp Toys for Tots toy drive. The "elves" started their day at the Tulsa Target store at 9:00 and



wrapped up with a meeting with the Marine Corp and a delicious chili luncheon at the Jackie Cooper Import showroom at noon. Special thanks to Kristen Doyle, Nazir Khaled, and Steve Canada for helping to bring this event to life. Our section included 12 members plus Bob and

Teresa Poulseen who joined us from the Wichita section. The couple is relocating to the area and is looking to settle within our region in 2019.



Why should you be a MBCA Member?

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Christmas Party



December 13th was a cold and rainy night but that did not dampen the spirits of those who attended our annual Christmas Party. This year we gathered at Freddie's Steakhouse in Sapulpa making use of their new banquet facility. We all enjoyed Freddie's famous tabouli and cabbage rolls and each of us chose from chicken, steak or salmon with a wonderful slice of chocolate cake for

dessert. As a special thank you and Christmas gift to our loyal MBCA Members the Eastern Oklahoma section picked up the dinner tab for all who attended adding a delightful surprise to everyone's evening.



The table talk was lively all evening long and bits of laughter burst like popcorn throughout the room. Of course the highlight of our Christmas Parties; the Dirty Santa gift exchange, had the whole room "Ooo"ing and "Ahh"ing with the always popular bottles of wine being stolen several times until they were locked in with the final recipient. The Moo Cow snack bowl made it's reappearance this year as it also had a successful annual donation to Broken Arrow's Association.



ance this year as it home; we'll see if he our events this year! We ful collection of canned our an- to the Neigh- tion.



We had the pleasure of new company this year as we were joined by Regional Director Brett Jurick; members were elated to watch as our own section President, John Kushnerick, accepted the 2018 award for *South Central Region Officer Of The Year*. The spirit of gratitude continued as Harriet Kushnerick received the *Member Of The Year* award for her efforts at making each event meaningful and memorable and Tim and Kitzie Vander Kooi were presented with the *Leadership Award* for their contributions to helping the club newsletter and membership growth.

It was truly a blessed evening full of laughter and merriment that brought our 2018 activities to a close. As we look back and reminisce over the scenic drives, jubilant meetings and ever deepening bonds we've created together we look forward to the many more to come in 2019; can't wait to see you there!





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A-Class-y Introduction

The family of compact cars from Mercedes-Benz continues to grow: the all-new A-Class Sedan hit the Jackie Cooper Mercedes showroom in late January.



The four-door sedan has a wheelbase of 107.4 inches and the proportions of a dynamic and simultaneously compact sedan with short front and rear overhangs and boasts impressive space in the interior. In addition, the sedan model has A-Class virtues familiar to the rest of the world. These include a new and efficient engine and high levels of safety thanks to the available state-of-the-art driving assistance systems on par with the Mercedes-Benz S-Class.



The new A-Class is also the first vehicle in the Mercedes-Benz lineup to introduce the intuitively operated MBUX – Mercedes-Benz User Experience multimedia system.



The 1997 A-Class originally established the compact car segment of Mercedes-Benz that exists today. Since then, more than six million models have been delivered worldwide. As the seventh model, the A-Class Sedan further expands the range of Mercedes-Benz compact cars. A logical addition, because with the C, E and S-Class, Mercedes-Benz continues to hold its position as a top manufacturer of premium sedans.

The A Class falls somewhere between a CLA and a C-class. Sits on a CLA chassis but has the power of a C300, just smaller and sportier.



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Insights

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Judged Concours

R107 Class

Silver Star Preservation Class

Display Corral

Event Overview

The Red River Concours d'Elegance is an all-Mercedes car show sponsored by the South Central Region of the Mercedes Benz Club of America (MBCA). The event is scheduled to take place at the Dallas/Ft. Worth Marriott Hotel & Golf Club at Champions Circle May 17-19, 2019. MBCA members of the South Central Region are invited to enter their car(s) in a Judged Concours, Silver Star Preservation Class, and a Special Display Corral for other Mercedes sedans and coupes. Guests are encouraged to arrive Friday and stay through the weekend in order to fully enjoy this unique opportunity. Festivities begin early on Saturday May 18th and will include the car show, an afternoon/pre-dinner reception, auctions*, and a special awards dinner program.



Recognizing the R107 Series

The Mercedes-Benz R107 was produced by Mercedes-Benz from 1971 through 1989, and represents the second longest single series ever produced by Daimler Benz. This iconic body design has become the standard in which all other sports cars are judged and synonymous with the legendary quality that accompanies the Mercedes Benz brand. The R107 is a classic 2-seat roadster with a standard soft top, hardtop and optional seats for the rear bench. It was the only cabriolet produced by Mercedes during its entire period of production. They are still in great demand, extremely collectible and relatively affordable. This year we will formally the R107 generation by having a judged event for two special eras of the SL class of roadsters produced from 1971-80 and 1981-89.

Registration Requirements

Please enter your car(s) in the show and finalize dinner arrangements by completing the attached registration form. Hotel reservations must be made individually through Marriott reservations staff at the following link: [2019 Red River Concours @ DFW Marriott Hotel & Golf Club](#). Rooms and dinner reservations are available on a first come basis; therefore, everyone is encouraged to finalize arrangements as soon as possible.



*Auction proceeds & donations will be given to Folds of Honor (FOH). This is a nonprofit organization founded by Major Dan Rooney, a PGA Professional & F-16 fighter pilot in the Air Force Reserves. FOH is a four-star rated charity by Charity Navigator and platinum on GuideStar, that provides educational scholarships to the families of military men and women who have fallen or been disabled while on active duty in the United States armed forces. Scholarships support private educational tuition and tutoring for children in grades K-12, as well as higher education tuition assistance for spouses and dependents. Since 2007, FOH has carried forth this singular, noble mission - *To provide educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service-members*. Their motto says it best: *"Honor Their Sacrifice. Educate Their Legacy."* (Additional information is available @ <https://www.foldsofhonor.org>).



Activities

Friday, May 17, 2019

5:00pm - 7:00pm Check-In & Registration

Saturday, May 18, 2019

7:30am - 9:00am Photographs & Park Vehicles

9:00am - 1:00 pm Concours d'Elegance

1:00pm - 5:00pm Open Time

5:30pm - 7:00pm Reception on the Green

7:00pm - 10:00pm Dinner - Awards Banquet



Red River Concours d'Elegance
Ft. Worth, Texas, May 17-19, 2019





Mercedes-Benz Club of America - Registration Form

Registrant's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

Category: Concours R107 Silver Star Preservation Display Corral

Vehicles:	Year	Model/Description	Color	Fee: \$40 1st Car, \$25 Additional Cars
1.	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
2.	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
3.	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Saturday Night Dinner Choices		# of People	
Mesquite Rubbed 12oz Rib-eye	\$55.00	_____	\$ _____
Dijon Marinated Salmon	\$53.00	_____	\$ _____
Pan Seared Breast of Chicken	\$48.00	_____	\$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

*All Dinners include three courses, rolls, coffees, and a selection of hot and iced teas.
 **Make checks payable to the MBCA/NTX Section Car Show, P.O. Box #550662, Dallas, TX 75355-0662. Registrations must be received by April 29, 2019

Hold Harmless Agreement

Exhibitor agrees that by voluntarily entering the vehicle(s) described above: (1) exhibitor has in force liability insurance for each vehicle, (2) exhibitor will provide proof of such insurance on demand, (3) exhibitor indemnifies and holds harmless Mercedes-Benz Club of America, their officers, agents, employees, volunteer show workers, or assigns for any acts or omissions which may result in injury or damage to exhibitor's property that occurs during or results from exhibitor's participation in this event, and (4) exhibitor, by participating in this event, assumes the risk of any and all such injury or damage.

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____

Upcoming Events

February Meeting 21st @ Seigi's @ 6:30pm

The February members meeting will once again be at our favorite Seigi's Sausage Factory. This month we will be trying something new by offering dinner buffet style with a delicious selection of meats and sides. Hear about some epic upcoming events and enjoy food and fellowship.



National Weather Center & Switzer Center

RSVP ASAP! Our group will depart Jackie Cooper Mercedes Benz at **8:00am** and drive to Norman OK to visit the Barry Switzer Center on the University of Oklahoma campus. The Switzer center contains the training center and houses the memorabilia of the Sooner football team. We will have lunch at The Flying Cow restaurant at the National Weather Center and will tour the facility at 1:00pm. Expect us to depart Norman by 3:00 and be back in Tulsa area by **5:00pm**. The National Weather Center only allows tours on Tuesdays or Thursdays and they fill up quickly!



Leake Auto Auction - OKC Fairgrounds

February 22nd-23rd at the Bennett Event Center; email JKushnerick@cox.net for details on free entry to the show.



March Meeting @ Lonestar Steakhouse in Owasso

Get excited all our northern group members! In March our meeting will be in your neck of the woods at Lonestar Steakhouse. Be sure mark your calendars for **March 21st @ 6:30pm**.



Tour of NEW Jackie Cooper Mercedes-Benz

You've followed along with the construction; now come join us for the unveiling of this beautiful new redesign of Jackie Cooper Mercedes-Benz **March 23rd @ 10am**. This is an event you will not want to miss! Be sure to sign up at the February meeting or email JKushnerick@cox.net.



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2019 Schedule of Events

January

18th - MONTHLY MEETING, BASS PRO SHOPS/UNCLE BUCKS MEETING ROOM, BROKEN ARROW, 6:30PM

February

2nd - MBCA BOARD MEETING, JACKIE COOPER TRAINING ROOM
 21st - MONTHLY MEETING, SEIGI'S SAUSAGE FACTORY, 6:30PM
 23rd - 24th - LEAKE AUTO AUCTION, OKC FAIRGROUNDS
 28th - NATIONAL WEATHER CENTER & SWITZER CENTER, 8AM-5PM

March

16th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON
 21st - MONTHLY MEETING, LONESTAR STEAKHOUSE OWASSO, 6:30PM
 23rd - JACKIE COOPER NEW SHOWROOM LAUNCH PARTY @ 10AM
 30th - ENID OK, BSA CAR SHOW, CENTRAL OKLAHOMA SECTION

April

12th - 14th - TULSA AUTO SHOW, TULSA OK
 13th - MERCEDES MIXER E. OK, OZARK SECTIONS, GRAND LAKE/SHANGRI LA
 18th - MONTHLY MEETING, TBD, 6:30PM
 20th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON

May

4th - MBCA BOARD MEETING, JACKIE COOPER TRAINING ROOM
 16th - MONTHLY MEETING, TBD, 6:30PM
 17th-18th - MBCA REGIONAL CAR SHOW, DFW MARRIOT CHAMPION CIRCLE
 18th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON

June

6th - 9th - LEAKE AUCTION TULSA, VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED!
 15th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON
 15th - JOINT PICNIC W/ CENTRAL OK, HAFFER PARK
 20th - MONTHLY MEETING, SEIGI'S SAUSAGE FACTORY, 6:30PM

July

TBD - MONTHLY MEETING, ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 6:30PM
 20th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON

August

10th - MBCA BOARD MEETING, JACKIE COOPER TRAINING ROOM
 15th - MONTHLY MEETING, TBD, 6:30PM
 17th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON

September

14th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON
 15th - SOUTH TULSA BAPTIST CAR SHOW, 1:30PM MEET & GREET, 3PM-6PM SHOW
 19th - MONTHLY MEETING, TBD, 6:30PM

October

TBD - MONTHLY MEETING, CHILI COOKOFF - KUSHNERICK RESIDENCE, 6:30PM
 19th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON

November

2nd - MBCA BOARD MEETING, JACKIE COOPER TRAINING ROOM
 21st - MONTHLY MEETING, SIEGIES SAUSAGE FACTORY, 6:30PM

December

TBD - MERCEDES-BENZ TOY RUN
 19th - CHRISTMAS PARTY, TBD, 6:30PM

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 MONTHLY MEETING
 BOARD
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