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2018

Eastern Oklahoma Section



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Happy Fathers Day

All that I am, and all that I will ever be, has been a gift from my Dad. He was a father of five, a committed husband, and a church going God fearing man. I learned from him to work hard, support and love your family, and always try to do your best. He gave me a love of automobiles and racing, taught me to be frugal with my money, save for a rainy day, and to educate my children to the fullest so that they could go out in the world with meaningful careers. However, it is not all good. He did leave me some not-so-favorable traits. I received his impatience, his dry sense of humor, and a weakness for potato chips.



John Kushnerick
President

10 years have gone since his passing and I wish I could show him all that has transpired since the time we last spoke. So, for all the fathers out there reading this message, I wish you and your dad a Happy Father's Day. Make the most of your day-week-month-year together.

We enjoyed a great Mercedes regional Mixer in April. I want to publicly thank our committee of volunteers who made sure we were organized and that the event exceeded our attendee's expectations.

May marked the drive to Hutchinson Kansas to the Strataca salt mine. We enjoyed beautiful weather and a destination few people get to experience.

This summer we are working on planning an ice cream social, the Oklahoma Mercedes owner picnic, car shows, and a trip to the ballpark. The Leake car auction is always a good time to view all types of classic, exotic, and resto-mod vehicles.

Thanks again for joining this bunch of people who share a love for all things Mercedes. For those of you out there who are not a member, please feel free to reach out to any of our members or officers listed in this newsletter or on our website Easternok.MBCA.org we would love to add you to one of our events.

Welcome New Members!

Gordon & Jerrie Shaieby

Mervin & Rita Wright

Thank You Loyal Members!

David Hinnant

John & Jacqueline Tanner

William Wiles

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.



1
Gulf opened the first drive through gas station in Pittsburg, PA in 1913



2
Oklahoma City was the first to use parking meters on July 16th, 1935



3 - Mercedes Benz History

Bertha Benz, Karl's wife, whose dowry financed their enterprise, was aware of the need for publicity. She took the Patent-Motorwagen No. 3, supposedly without her husband's knowledge, and drove it on the first long-distance automobile road trip to demonstrate its feasibility. That trip occurred in early August 1888, as the entrepreneurial lady took her sons Eugen and Richard, fifteen and fourteen years old, respectively, on a ride from Mannheim through Heidelberg, and Wiesloch, to her maternal hometown of Pforzheim.

As well as being the driver, Benz acted as mechanic on the drive, cleaning the carburetor with her hat pin and using a garter to insulate a wire. She refueled at the local pharmacy in Wiesloch, taking on ligroin as a fuel, making it the first filling station in history. As the brakes wore down, Benz asked a local shoemaker to nail leather on the brake blocks, thereby inventing brake linings. After sending a telegram to her husband of her arrival in Pforzheim, she spent the night at her mother's house and returned home three days later. The trip covered 194 km (121 mi) in total.



 Bertha Benz Memorial Route



What was the 1st drive in restaurant?
What year did it open?



TRUE of FALSE:
The 1953 Corvette came in White, Red and Black.

Who told Karl Benz:
"I'd forget about the motor car if I were you."?

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2018 South Central Region Mercedes Mixer Rocks



What happens when you mix 49 MBCA members, 27 cars, memorabilia from Route 66, and stir in music from the golden age of rock and roll?...You get the South Central region 2018 Tulsa mixer.



Due to the rain, most members opted for the tour of the Woody Guthrie Museum in downtown Tulsa with a special profile on Marty Stuart and a collection of artifacts called "Way out West, a Country Music Odyssey".

gether to meet, greet, and share their Mercedes Benz ownership experiences.



The Stokely Event Center was a perfect



meeting venue with loads of neon signs, pinball machines, shuffleboard, and an Oklahoma Barbeque meal consisting of Sliced Brisket, Pulled pork, and sides.

Grey skies and persistent rain did not stop MBCA members from the Eastern Oklahoma, Central Oklahoma, Ozark, and Wichita sections from getting to-



A special thank you to members from the Central Oklahoma, Ozark and Wichita sections who attended this event!



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To advertise a car for sell simply send an email to MBCAEasternOK@gmail.com; include in your email up to 3 photos of the vehicle, a brief description or key features, asking price and contact information, and we will be happy to advertise for you. We will place your vehicle in the Newsletter, send out section emails and post the vehicle to our FaceBook page {personal information will be excluded} for sale; your ad will run until the vehicle sells or you request it to be removed.

Likewise; if you are searching for the car of your dreams and would like to place an "iso" ad with us please send an email with the vehicle information and your contact info. We will use the same marketing techniques described above to help you locate your dream car! The ad will be removed upon request.

We will also be happy to post ads for Mercedes-Benz parts and accessories.

These advertisement features are being offered FREE to members! If you know someone who is not a member that would like to advertise with us there will be a nominal charge of \$5 per ad. This will provide them advertisement in the next 2 section newsletters, FaceBook posts and e-mail blasts for up to 3 months. The ad will then expire after 3 months or can be extended for an additional \$5.



STRATACA Day Trip Delights



for the remaining miles. Upon reaching Kansas the caravan stopped for a brief stretch and a walk down the yellow brick road. Then it was off again with tummies rumbling for some made from scratch Amish food.



Upon arrival our MBCA group received

The morning air was refreshingly crisp as members gathered for the caravan to Hutchinson Kansas. We departed promptly at 8am heading down the Cimarron towards the sweet smell of fresh baked pies from Carriage Crossings Restaurant. While the main group glided gracefully along admiring the scenery a couple of cars broke off to clear the cobwebs out of their manifolds. Fortunately the high speeds were only witnessed by a couple of regular motorists and one



Carriage Crossings was a delectable treat as members sat down to enjoy delicious fried chicken, fresh hamburgers, home-made yeast rolls with honey butter and mouth-



watering pies of every variety. A few members elected to take home cinnamon rolls that were practically the size of your face. Once everyone had topped of their tummy tanks; and were feeling slightly gluttonous, we set out for our final destination of Strataca Salt Mine.



tickets and put on our hard



hats to board the double decker elevator that low-

ered us 650 feet underground into the belly of the mine. The ride was surprisingly fast and very smooth with only the occasional ear popping an indicator of how far down we really traveled.



We stepped off into the Permian room which detailed information on the age of the earth around us and the salt that



majestic Bald Eagle that was perched on a dead tree overlooking a pond on the side of the turn-pike. Once on I-35 everyone grouped back up to enjoy a leisurely drive



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lied within. The area was so expansive that there was never a thought of claustrophobia. Once through the history of the earth we entered the mining gallery which displayed many of the



ditions, blasting practices, salt deposits, ceiling collapses and floor heaves and even the trash of the



mine workers. In those days it was more expensive to remove the discards than to keep them in

minute tour explained air flow, mine hazards, nuclear waste storage and present day mining operations. The



equipment and tools used to excavate the vast site. All members were treated to the

the mine; and being that the salt creates a perfect environment for preservation, many articles dating back to the 40's and 50's can be seen laying in the heaps. Most notably on the



Salt Mine Express; a brief train ride that took us



through the mining area and allowed us to step back in time viewing the work con-

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guides were very knowledgeable about the salt, mine operations, conditions and history and were a joy to learn from. While the museum area of Strataca boasts access to 300,000 square feet of the mined area the total size of the salt mine is an incredible 980 acres... that's 42,688,800 square feet! The other areas of the mine are used as storage facilities for items ranging



Those who elected to do the safari shuttle then boarded a golf cart tram to explore further shafts of the mine. The 30



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from film and media documents and reels, medical records and x-rays, data collection and government documents.



Each of us perused the mine at our own pace and once we had soaked up the salt marvels we headed home at our own convenience. The tour was truly a delight and we encourage any who were unable to attend to take the short drive

yourself and enjoy the Strataca Salt Mine. Strataca also hosts several other event such as a 5K through the mine; a ghost tour, and Murder in the Mine mystery events. For further information or to check out upcoming events visit underkanssas.org.



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Construction Begins @ Jackie Cooper



On Monday, June 25th, Jackie Cooper Porsche will temporarily operate from the current Jackie Cooper Mercedes-Benz dealership in order to clear the way for the demolition and construction of the new Jackie Cooper Mercedes-Benz. The main building at 9393 S. Memorial Drive that used to house Porsche, Infiniti, Maserati and Pre-owned will be reconstructed into a stand-alone Mercedes-Benz Autohaus. This construction is estimated to take approximately 7 months. The pre-owned department will remain at the north end of the main building for the first phase of the construction. The future MBZ store will have an open format with the service drive attached behind the showrooms.

The future Porsche dealership (current Mercedes-Benz stand-alone store) will undergo demolition and construction immediately following the completion of the new Mercedes building. Both Porsche and Mercedes staff will continue to operate together, but in the new Mercedes building at that time. The Porsche construction is estimated to take approximately 5 months.

Total time of construction is estimated to be one year, with the desire to open the New Porsche store on June 25, 2019.

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Activity 1

Insights



Why should you be a MBCA Member?

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497 Vehicles Sold @ Leake Auto Auction & Car Show



Eight members of the Eastern Oklahoma section helped the Leake Auction Company sell almost 500 cars in four days at the Tulsa River Spirit Expo. Beginning June 7th members gathered at 9am each morning for directions from the auction organizer and overseer Will White. Several members of our team served as drivers of the beautiful, rare, historic and sometimes inventive automobiles. "This is a great opportunity for me to get behind the wheel of some cars that I would normally never have the chance to!" commented Tim Vander Kooi. Other members floated between several areas including spotter, key jockey, greeter and golf cart

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rentals. Kitzie Vander Kooi was all smiles on Thursday and Friday as she pattered around in a golf cart leading vehicles to their specified lots and staging areas. Shuttling drivers, owners and anyone else who needed a ride Kitzie "had such a great time and I've met some really nice people; a

couple of semi-famous ones even!" she mused.

Not only the cars attracted fans this year at the Leake Auction in Tulsa but also the Fast and Loud man himself Richard Rawlings and his famous-in-his-own-right best friend Dennis Collins, owner of Collins Bros. Jeep. The film crew was seen rushing around to set up shots and highlight the sale of



two of Gas Monkey Garage's vehicles; a 1963 Dodge 330 {sold \$24,500} and a 1969 Plymouth Road Runner {sold \$32,000}. Richard was also in a buying mood picking up a couple of engines and bidding on several other vehicles. In addition, Pete Krell, owner of Pete's Classic Cars and best friend and occasional seller to Thomas Weeks on the show Misfit Garage, brought a beautiful 1948



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Lincoln Continental {high bid \$21,000} and a 1951 Mercury Custom Sports

Coupe {sold \$31,000}.

Of course the highlights of the auction were still the stunning vehicles. Feature cars included a 1979 Au-



burn which, with a high bid of \$117,500, did not quite hit the reserve to sell and several Ford GT's; one of which sold for a whopping \$275,000. The Shelby's were out in force with a 1968 GT350 Hertz

finding a new owner for a mere \$81,000. The oldest car in attendance was a 1916 Abbott-Detroit Model 6



-44 which received a high bid of \$7,500; and a 1923 Ford Model T sold for only \$5,500! The cars

ranged from classics to rat- rods, customs to mods and eve- rything in between; includ- ing a 1986 custom re- verse trike that had eve- ryone amused watching Ben Cunningham steering it as a golf cart towed it to its designated lot. Of course our beloved Mercedes-Benz showed up for the event with 21 vehicles in total fea-

was not enough to meet reserve. On a related note Kitzie will be starting a go- fund me site for anyone who would like to donate to her cause of owning that magnificent automobile! {Joking!} It wasn't all pret- ty pennies at the auction this year as there were several deals to be had; including a 2007 Mercedes SL550 which went for an unbelievable \$13,500; a



2008 MB CL550 Coupe went for \$10,000 which blue booked at \$19,000; a 2001 BMW 330i sold for

only \$2,800; and an F-350 Crew Cab WITH a 2018 36' gooseneck trailer for a jaw dropping \$11,500.



turing one enthusiast's car of her dreams; a 1960 190SL that reached a high bid of \$77,500 which, alas,

only \$2,800; and an F-350 Crew Cab WITH a 2018 36' gooseneck trailer for a jaw dropping \$11,500.



Truly there were too many splendid vehicles and too much excitement to sum up in this brief article. We encourage you to participate next year for a front row seat; or, if unable to serve, come

out and join us for a day to marvel {and drool in some instances} over the cars of our past, present, and for some the joy of their future.

Members participating included: Ben Cunningham (team leader), Kitzie & Tim Vander Kooi, John & Harriet Kushnerick, Ron Hardage, Richard Jagel, and John Ferrante. Kitzie and Tim had the pleasure of working all four days; and intend to make it an annual tradition.

This event serves as a fund raiser for the section since we are paid by the Leake Company. This year we



raised \$2,002.50! All proceeds go to our treasury to fund activities and door prizes.

Thanks again to all the workers especially Tim and Kitzie Vander Kooi who logged a combined 74 hours during all four days.







Questions call section President at 918-527-8121 or the National Business office at 1-800-637-2360 M-F 8am - 5pm

Upcoming Events

Annual Ice Cream Social July 21st @ 6:30pm...

Join us at the home of Marlethea Burcham 9123 N 100th East Avenue, Owasso, OK. Feel free to bring a light dessert if you are not a fan of ice cream

Please RSVP by end of the day Tuesday July 17, 2018 to this email or to Harriet Kushnerick at (918) 740-7624

Make plans to attend to hear more about up and coming MBCA events:

- Bartlesville drive to Price tower and Phillips Petroleum museum
- Pioneer Woman Merc trip in September



MBCA Board Meeting August 10th @ 10am... Board

members please join us in the Jackie Cooper Training room to discuss upcoming activities and budget items.

August 16th, 6:30pm Monthly Meeting @

Charleston's on Yale... Join us as we finalize plans for the Bartlesville drive and discuss upcoming plans for September and October. Don't miss out on the delicious food and lighthearted banter.



Bartlesville trip to Price Tower and Phillips

House... Join us on August 25th for our day trip to Frank Lloyd Wright's famous Price Tower and then over to the Phillips House and Museum to learn about the historic Oil Baron.



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2018 Schedule of Events

January

- 18th - MONTHLY MEETING, EL GUAPO, 81ST & HARVARD, 6:30PM
- 20th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, LOCATION TBD, 9AM-NOON

February

- 3rd - MBCA BOARD MEETING, JACKIE COOPER TRAINING ROOM
- 6th - BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR OF JACKIE COOPER MERCEDES
- 15th - MONTHLY MEETING, TI AMO, 61ST & SHERIDAN, 6:30PM
- 17th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON
- 23rd - 24th - LEAKE AUTO AUCTION, OKC FAIRGROUNDS

March

- 15th - MONTHLY MEETING, FLYING TEE, JENKS, 6:30PM
- 17th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON
- 24th - ENID OK, BSA CAR SHOW, TOUR PRIVATE COLLECTION - TBD

April

- 13th - 15th - TULSA AUTO SHOW, TULSA OK
- 19th - MONTHLY MEETING, SEIGIS SAUSAGE FACTORY, 6:30PM
- 21st - MERCEDES MIXER E. OK, C. OK, OZARK SECTIONS, STOKLEY E.C.
- 21st - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON
- 28th - MBCA BOARD MEETING, JACKIE COOPER TRAINING ROOM

May

- 5th - HUTCHINSON KANSAS TOUR/SALT MINES/AMISH FOOD
- 14th - 21st - MBCA STARFEST, BIRMINGHAM AL
- 17th - MONTHLY MEETING, MICHAEL V'S, BIXBY OK, 6:30PM
- 19th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON

June

- 8th - 10th - LEAKE AUCTION TULSA, VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED!
- 16th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON
- 16th - JOINT PICNIC W/ CENTRAL OK, HAFER PARK
- 21st - MONTHLY MEETING, SEIGI'S SAUSAGE FACTORY, 6:30PM

July

- 21st - MONTHLY MEETING, ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT MARLETHEA'S, 6:30PM
- 21st - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON

August

- 4th - MBCA BOARD MEETING, JACKIE COOPER TRAINING ROOM
- 16th - MONTHLY MEETING, CHARLESTON'S 68TH & YALE, 6:30PM
- 19th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON
- 25th - BARTILSVILLE DRIVE, PRICE TOWER RESTAURANT AND PHILLIPS HOUSE

September

- 15th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON
- 16th - SOUTH TULSA BAPTIST CAR SHOW, 1:30PM MEET & GREET, 3PM-5PM SHOW
- 20th - MONTHLY MEETING, LOCATION TBD, 6:30PM
- 22nd - PIONEER WOMAN MERCANTILE AND LUNCH

October

- 18th - MONTHLY MEETING, LOCATION TBD, 6:30PM
- 20th - CAFFEINE AND GASOLENE, THE VINEYARD, 106TH & MEMORIAL 9AM-NOON
- 31st - TRUNK OR TREAT, LOCATION TBD

November

- 3rd - MBCA BOARD MEETING, JACKIE COOPER TRAINING ROOM
- 15th - MONTHLY MEETING, SIEGIES SAUSAGE FACTORY, 6:30PM

December

- TBD - MERCEDES-BENZ TOY RUN
- 20th - CHRISTMAS PARTY, LOCATION TBD, 6:30PM
- 20th - CANNED FOOD DRIVE



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