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Peel Museum & Gardens Tour Bentonville, AR On June 24, 2023



Bentonville's Historic Peel Museum and Gardens: The Peel Museum, built by Samuel West Peel in 1875 is considered a remarkable example of the Italianate style that was popular in Arkansas from the 1840s to 1890s. It totaled 14 rooms and had two stories plus a basement and tower. The house had eight coal fireplaces. Each one had a distinctive mantelpiece.

Legend says that during their courtship Samuel West Peel promised his wife Mary that he would build her a house like the ones she remembered from her childhood in Alabama. This house is the fulfillment of that promise. The family had two sons and four daughters that lived in the home.

Join us for tour of the beautiful Peel Mansion and beautiful gardens. Afterwards We will drive a short distance to a very popular Chinese Restaurant with a buffet with over 40 selections at Lin's Gardens, also in Bentonville.

- Location:** **Peel Mansion**
400 S. Walton Blvd.
Bentonville, AR 72712
We will meet at the Museum Store in the rear of the Mansion.
- Lunch:** **Lin's Garden Chinese Restaurant**
2100 S.E. Walton Blvd.
Bentonville, AR 72712
- Date/Time:** Saturday June 24, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
- R.S.V.P.:** Dennis Anderson by June 7, 2023
479-295-8008 or dt.anderson@cox.net

**Ozark Section MBCA
Annual Membership Picnic
Saturday July 15, 2023
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**



Photo from 2020 Orchards Park Pavilion

Please join us for our Annual Membership & Recognition Picnic at Orchards Park Pavilion in Bentonville, Arkansas. It is always such a rewarding time to see so many members celebrate their club anniversaries, including milestones this year of 25, 20, 15, 10 and 5 years. Enjoy a free boxed lunch from Early Bird Catering in Fayetteville on us.

We will also take the time to recognize the current Section Leadership for their great support of our Section as volunteers: Dennis Anderson-President, Kathy Menold-Past President, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, Barbara Lowinger-Vice President and Event Coordinator, Paul-Springmann-Treasurer, Bob Poulseen-Secretary, John Miller-Historian and Director, Joel Menold-Advertising and Director, and Teresa Poulseen-Membership and Director. They spend many extra hours of their time on your behalf.

Hosts: Teresa Poulseen and Dennis Anderson
Location: Orchards Park Pavilion, 1100 N.E. John DeShields Blvd. Bentonville, AR
Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Milestone Anniversaries:
5 years - Milton DeJesus, Catherine Nickels, Nathan Smith, Dan Myers
10 years - Keith Rutkowski
20 years - Dee Eberhardt, Michael Maraziti, Kent Thomas
25 years – Dane Paulsen

Early Bird Catering Boxed Lunch Assortments:
Your menu selection and water or iced tea will be provided at no charge. **The selection for lunch will be as follows, and you need to let Teresa Poulseen know your choice no later than July 8th.**

- Club Croissant or Chicken Salad Croissant including Veggie Pasta Salad, Mixed Fruit, Chocolate Peanut Butter Brownie
- Boxed Salad: Fresh Greens, Chicken, Bacon, Rotini Pasta, Fresh Corn, Tomatoes, Jalapeno Corn Muffins, Balsamic Dressing

RSVP: How many will attend with you and their preferred menu choices to Teresa Poulseen by July 8th, email: teresapoulseen@gmail.com or 316-706-3388



Ozark Section’s Message from Our President, Dennis Anderson

Club Members,

I have enjoyed getting out on the road the last couple of months for events that have reached across our region to members around the state. For me It was really a special event seeing our members at the Little Rock dealership and taking an in-depth look at Mercedes offerings, especially with electric vehicles explained by several very knowledgeable experts. The more you learn the more

you can see why our Mercedes-Benz brand has been ranked again as a top 10 leader in building this next generation of autos. For many of us as we grew up with all the thrills of driving autos with gasoline or diesel engines, it not easy to convert to electric until you begin personally driving an electric vehicle. I have not purchased one yet, but they are growing on me as they continue to evolve.

I am looking forward to our upcoming July 15th Annual Membership and Recognition Event where we have multiple loyal members in each milestone anniversary from 25 to 5 years. It would be great to have you join us at this upcoming picnic. Food will be provided by our Section.

We would also love to have you join us as we continue to venture around the Ozarks learning more about our vehicles and enjoying the beautiful countryside scenery. Check out the summaries in our newsletter for more details, and get your Benz ready.

Have fun driving your Mercedes-Benz vehicle, and don’t forget to take advantage of our club discounts and vendors to keep your Benz in top shape.

Dennis Anderson, President
MBCA Ozark Section



Thank You to Our Renewing Members and Their Loyalty

Robert Hiler – Bella Vista, Arkansas
Amelia McGee – Bella Vista, Arkansas

We would like to remind you to add your associate member on your membership at no charge. This gives the associate member the opportunity to vote and run for an office. Contact the National Office if you haven’t done so already! 800-637-2360

**Little Rock, Arkansas Dealership
April 22, 2023
Submitted by Dennis Anderson
Photos by Dottie Miller**



On Saturday, April 22, 2023, several Mercedes-Benz Ozark Section members from the Northwest area drove across the state to meet with other members, especially from the Little Rock area, at the Little Rock Mercedes-Benz Dealership. There were presented a great overview of how the dealership is providing special services to their customers and an in-depth education on our Mercedes-Benz brand's electric vehicles. Both Steve Roscoe, the General Manager, and Jamie Jones, a recent graduate from the Mercedes EQ School in Birmingham, Alabama, really demonstrated the advantages of moving to electric vehicles. It was very impressive to see the pride and enthusiasm that they have with being a part of this dealership. Towards the end of our visit, members were offered an EQS SUV and a couple of EQE Sedans to drive and ride in for a couple of miles around the dealership. As they performed, we noticed these EQE and EQS vehicles have great design features including acceleration, comfort and very quiet running.



After leaving the dealership, we had a delicious lunch at BJs Restaurant and Brewhouse. During lunch, Kirsten Dickinson, the Executive Vice President of the Arkansas Alzheimer's Association shared what the 65,000+ Arkansans with Alzheimer's have as symptoms and ways to support them, which most often includes their family caregivers. We came away with multiple approaches and levels of engagement that our membership can use to provide support throughout the year locally and also with the MBCA National Medallion event. Kirsten was presented a medallion to put on display in the association's office to showcase our support.



Thanks to Terry Lowinger for making all of the arrangements for this very special event and Dottie Miller and Bob Poulsen for their photos.



**Casino Poker Run in Oklahoma with the
Ozark and Eastern Oklahoma Sections
May 13, 2023**

**Submitted by John Miller and Dennis Anderson
Photos by Dottie Miller and Dennis Anderson**



Another wonderful poker run has come and gone, and it seems to be, as were past events, a success. Participants from the Eastern Oklahoma Section and the Ozark Section met at 9:00 a.m. in the parking facility of the Cherokee Casino in West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma, on May 13th to begin this annual bi-state section event. Maps with instructions were handed out to all attendees along with a helpful gift of water and snacks, donated by Jackie Cooper Mercedes of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Phone number of the lead car was noted in case of any issues that may occur, which was a wise move; within the first thirty minutes on the road, we made a highway pit stop to fix a flat tire. We had begun the day with light rain, but soon the sun popped through, making a fun drive down Oklahoma Highway 59 to Highway 62, where we made our second stop at the Cherokee Casino in Tahlequah. There we picked a playing card, registered it, and took in some gaming.



Our next stop was the Cherokee Casino at Fort Gibson. There, because of a little time issue, we decided to skip the third stop and picked an extra card. We continued to our final destination at Hooker's Bar and Grill in Pryor, Oklahoma, where the totals were tallied. Dennis Anderson was declared the winner with a high of 52 points. Members' names were put in a small bucket to draw for gifts. Jerry Herron of the Eastern Oklahoma Section won a Mercedes Benz picnic basket, donated by Diane and Dane Paulsen of the Ozark Section; Kathy Retzlaff of the Ozark Section won a basket full of goodies, donated by Dottie and John Miller of the Ozark Section. Harriet Kushnerick with the Eastern Oklahoma Section supplied five gifts to represent all five stops.



Thank you all for your help and attendance. We had 26 participants, 16 from Eastern Oklahoma and 10 from Ozark, enjoying 15 beautiful Benzes. Entry fees and cash donations amounted to \$265 to Arkansas Alzheimer's Association and \$50 to both of the Sections' club funds. We had a fun time trying our luck on a deck of cards as well as on slot machines at multiple casinos, eating some great food, and enjoying beautiful scenery and great camaraderie. No one left with more riches other than friendship, the fun of exercising our cars together, and creating a lasting memory.

Special thanks go to John and Dottie Miller and John and Harriet Kushnerick for planning and organizing this fantastic event.

**2023 CARS Club Motoring Festival
Submitted and Photos by
Bob Poulseen**

The 2023 CARS Club Motoring Festival occurred on the first weekend of May. Teresa and Bob Poulseen and Barb and Terry Lowinger attended, representing the Ozark Section. Also in attendance was Kathryn Carruth, Executive Director of MBCA.

Friday night is always a great time to catch up with friends and enjoy some awesome cars.



An American-LeFrance fire truck.



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The Ferrari F40. Complete with fitted luggage.

Saturday, there were 474 cars on display on the McPherson College campus. The Corvette Club was there to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the brand. MBCA members from Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri and Colorado were in attendance. Some of the keynote cars were a Ferrari 275 GTB, a Talbot-Lago, a Duesenberg, The Ghia "Gilda", and a V-16 Cadillac. Owners from across the United States send these automobiles to McPherson to highlight the quality of the Automobile Restoration program offered by the college.

The General Motors Heritage Center sent three cars from their collection as well as a 2024 Blazer EV prototype. The interior of the Blazer was produced by a graduate of McPherson College, a GM employee who works with the designers and engineers who are working on the vehicles we will see on our roads in the future.

Other cars of interest included a Bugatti EB110, the F40 and 959 and the fire trucks that were on Main Street Friday night plus many brass era and classic automobiles.

The CARS Club Motoring Festival is a chance to see automobiles that have won awards at events like Amelia Island and Pebble Beach, student projects that might be completed by the time they graduate and the cars that supporters of the program display for the enjoyment of all.



To see more images of the cars from Friday night and Saturday, check out the Ozark Section Facebook page. For some stories about the weekend, talk to the Poulseens and Lowingers about their adventure.



Mark Your Calendar!!!
2023 Upcoming Ozark Section MBCA Events

June 10	Quarterly Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon	Bentonville Dealership	Dennis Anderson
June 24	Peel Mansion Tour Lunch at Lin's Chinese Buffet	Bentonville, AR	Dennis Anderson
July 15	Membership Recognition Luncheon w/ Silent Auction for Alzheimer's Association	Orchard Park Pavilion Bentonville, AR	Dennis Anderson Teresa Paulseen
August 26	Annual Ozark Euro Rally German Car Show Lunch TBD	Eureka Springs, AR	Dennis Anderson Joel Menold
September 2	Quarterly Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon	Bentonville Dealership	Dennis Anderson
September TBD	Poker Run	TBD	John Miller
October 22	F-1 Afternoon Watch Party Gran Prix in Austin, TX	Bentonville, AR	Paul Springmann
November 18	NWAR Mercedes-Benz Dealership	Bentonville, AR	Dennis Anderson Bob Poulseen
December 2	Quarterly Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon	Bentonville Dealership	Dennis Anderson
December TBD	Annual Christmas Party/Brunch – Auction and Raffle – Alzheimer's Fund Raiser		Board Committee



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Kathy Menold	Jul 10
Gary Reusswig	Jul 20
Becky Vendel	Jul 21
Reid Fairchild	Aug 05
Martin Anderson	Aug 06
Joel Menold	Aug 16
Robin Retzlaff	Aug 21

*Happy Birthday!!!***Ozark Section Anniversaries**

Gary & Linn Reusswig	Jul 06
Dane & Diane Paulsen	Jul 16
John & Dottie Miller	Jul 29
Congratulations!!	

Happy Anniversary!!!

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the newsletter, please contact

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