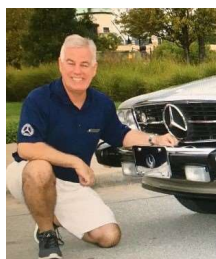


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**John Kushnerick
President**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The best part of being President of the Eastern Oklahoma section is meeting new people here in Oklahoma and in other MBCA sections across the country. In May and June, we have opportunities to participate in fun drives and to meet new people.

On May 13 we have our third annual Poker run with the Ozark section. If you have never been on a Poker Run, come out and try this drive. I'm sure you will enjoy the fun aspects of the game as well as meet some great folks from Arkansas. Participation is \$15 per person. There are stop prizes, a large gift basket prize, and a jackpot winner. The sections will donate \$5 of each entry fee to the Alzheimer's Association.

On Saturday June 10, the Central Oklahoma MBCA section will host its annual Oklahoma Mercedes Benz owner picnic at Hafer Park in Edmond OK. Our section will meet at Jackie Cooper Mercedes Benz and make the drive to Edmond via the turnpike. Come on out and meet other Oklahoma owners who share their love of Mercedes Benz automobiles. The catered picnic lunch cost is \$25 per person. Lunch includes Burgers, hot dogs, brats, sides of baked beans, potato salad, chips, cookies, assorted fruits, lemonade and iced tea. This is one of the few times both sections get together to show their cars and meet new friends.

Your section leadership has a board meeting Friday May 5, to finalize the plans for the second half of the year. I will communicate those events as soon as we finalize details.

Thanks for being a member of this organization. I hope you will take advantage of these upcoming events to meet new friends who share your interests and passions.

We are always looking for new members. Feel free to reach out to friends and neighbors. Remember our annual dues increase to \$65 in July. Please renew your membership to stay under the current annual rate of \$55.

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EASTERN OKLAHOMA SECTION UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY MAY 5

EASTERN OKLAHOMA SECTION Q2 BOARD MEETING

HARDESTY LIBRARY OAK ROOM 10:00-NOON ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

SATURDAY MAY 13

THIRD ANNUAL JOINT POKER RUN WITH OZARK SECTION

MEET AT JACKIE COOPER MERCEDES 7:30-3:30

THURSDAY MAY 18

MAY GATHERING

CHUY'S MEXICAN CANTINA, 71'ST STREET, TULSA, OK 6:00PM

SATURDAY MAY 20

CAFFEINE & GASOLINE THE VINEYARD ON MEMORIAL, 9:00-NOON

SATURDAY MAY 27

CAFFEIN & CHROME, GATEWAY CLASSIC CARS, 71'ST STREET, TULSA 9:00-NOON

THURSDAY JUNE 8-SATURDAY JUNE 10

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SATURDAY JUNE 10

**OKLAHOMA MERCEDES BENZ OWNER PICNIC, HAFER PARK IN EDMOND OK
MEET AT JACKIE COOPER MERCEDES BENZ AT 8:30 AND DRIVE TOGETHER \$25/person
catered lunch**

THURSDAY JUNE 16

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Gateway Classic Cars features Mercedes Benz Club of Eastern Oklahoma

Twenty Three members showcased 18 Mercedes Benz automobiles at the Caffeine & Chrome event Saturday March 25, 2023. Members met at Jackie Cooper Mercedes Benz parking lot and departed as a group over to the classic car showroom.

Each car received a goody bag with a t shirt, koozie, stickers, and other assorted goodies as well as helped themselves to a morning shot of coffee and donuts. The section received a \$200 check for our treasury and a group photo.

Thanks to Kristen Bebout and David Young of Jackie Cooper Mercedes Benz for bringing a new all-electric EQS sedan for display and test drives.

After the event, members headed to Seigi's Sausage Factory for lunch.





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I originally started a career in the service side of the Oil and Gas industry and was there for over 16 years. In that time, I have provided detail care and guidance to many customers and have worked hand in hand with the engineering team to provide excellent customer service for those who put their trust in me.

I have transitioned those skills into a successful career in Real Estate. My goal is to help each client that I work with by identifying their individual needs through the process of selling, buying, or investing in a home. By doing so I am able to make this intricate process stress free.

My goal is for each client experience to be a ten! With the support of my team and the value of the company I choose to work with, that goal is achieved in each family or business I help.

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Beautiful day for a spring drive

Twenty-three club members and guests in twelve cars participated in the annual spring drive through Eastern Oklahoma on Saturday April 15, 2023. Members met in the parking lot of Jackie Cooper Mercedes Benz at 9:00 and took an adventurous 260-mile drive through the backroads and hills of Cherokee Indian territory.

A lunch stop was planned at Doc's Grill at the Shangri La resort on Grand Lake. Although the food was good, the delay in serving the group made the drive home longer than anticipated.

Special thanks to Ron and Jean Hardage for planning and organizing the trip. The route was timed to take advantage of the spring blooms of the redbud and dogwood trees.

Welcome to Bruce Binion, and Randy and Jan Scott who participated as non-member Mercedes Benz owners and Julia Yang who participated as a new member.







BEAT THE DUES INCREASE!

MBCA club dues will increase by \$10 beginning July 1, 2023. Until that time, you may renew at the current rates of \$55 for 1 year, \$107 for 2 years, and \$157 for 3 years. Effective July 1, the rates will be \$65, \$117 and \$167, respectively. Renew now to beat this price increase. As an additional incentive, you will receive one free month of membership if you renew for two years, and two free months if you renew for three years. You would need to renew at the current rates, or before July 1, to get these incentives. You lose nothing if you renew early. To take advantage of the immediate savings, login to your MBCA profile at www.mbca.org, call the office at 800-637-2360, or click for the renewal form and return it by mail, fax or email.



Member shows his love of Star Trek

On the spring drive a few weeks ago, members asked Mark Fraker about the meaning of his license plate LWAXANA.

So here goes on the explanation of LWAXANA;

It is a reference to a character in the second Star Trek series "Star Trek the Next Generation". More than that it is a tribute to the actress who played the character, Majel Barrett Roddenberry. She is the wife of Gene Roddenberry, the creator of Star Trek. Her history in Trek goes back to the original series and in fact the very first pilot episode ever filmed. She played "No. 1", the second in command of the Enterprise for the pilot episode. When the studio saw the pilot they liked the concept but would not stand for having a woman as second in command (remember this was 1965). So Gene relegated her to play "nurse Chapel" in sick bay with Dr. McCoy (bones) and was in most of the episodes in the first series. She was also the voice of the computer although it was disguised, but you can still tell it is her. Fast forward 20 years and the next series "Star Trek the Next Generation" begins filming. Gene is still alive and very much involved. Majel played the mother of the ships counselor, Deanna Troi. Her name was LWAXANA! Although she was only in 6 episodes over the 7 years that the series ran she is one of the most memorable. She also was the voice of the computer, this time quite recognizable. As more series were filmed she was always the voice of the computer. She appeared as LWAXANA in the "Deep Space 9" series 3 times. She had cameo parts in all of the movies and of course was the voice of the computer. So, as actors came and went she was the most long lived of them all. Being Gene's wife didn't hurt! My license plate is my tribute to the indisputable queen of the Star Trek Universe, Majel Barrett Roddenberry. I have encountered only one person who understood the reference. As a bit of interesting trivia for any "I Love Lucy" fans, Lucille Ball was the pivotal signature in approving the original series and without it, and the use of her Desilu Studios, Star Trek would never have become what it is today. Trek has inspired more Science, Technology, Engineering and Math students (STEM as it's now referred) than any other single thing. Being an engineer, Trek is a universal language in any country that has television. When our languages weren't the same Star Trek was always common ground. It inspired me as an 11 year old and ever since. Every episode of the first series delivered a social commentary that would have never made it past the 'censors' if it weren't delivered in a mythical future.

Here's to everyone in the club, may they 'Live Long and Prosper', it is only logical.

7 numbers you should know about your car

Kyle Smith

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Cars are utility objects first. They serve to allow us easier movement over great distances. The inherent mechanical intricacy and unique experience of driving caused users to morph into enthusiasts. Those folks dedicated to the joy of driving and maintaining these automobiles can obsess over so many small parts and details of their machines. Even the casual enthusiast knows a few little details of their car that they enjoy conversing about.

Those details can be quite banal, or very much intriguing. It really depends on how deep your knowledge of the automobile and its history is. To cover the basics:

Minimum octane rating

Engines are surprisingly durable, but also require particular care and feeding. The minimum octane rating refers to the proper fuel that the engine is tuned to run on. Most fuel stations have options for 87, 89, 91, or 93 octane, with each number referring to the fuel blends resistance to detonation as it is compressed in the combustion chamber of an engine. The higher the better right?

Wrong. Engines are tuned for certain octane ratings and putting high octane in something that does not need it will not give you more power or a cleaner engine. In fact, it's possible the engine will run worse, and it will certainly cost you more at the pump. There is a balance though. If you put lower octane fuel than required it will certainly yield less power and can even lead to damage as the fuel can ignite before the spark plug fires, which can damage the piston, connecting rod, or cylinder head as the still-rising piston attempts to compress the expanding fuel and air mixture. Not good. We go through the effort to use the proper oil for the engine, so make sure you are using the proper fuel too.

Fuel range (ballpark)

On a long enough timeline everything fails, including your gas gauge or sending unit. When the needle stays at full or just drops like a stone to zero, do you know you can make it home? Knowing the ballpark range your car can travel on a full tank of gas is a good thing to know if you drive your vintage car regularly. Having non-working gauges is embarrassing, but running out of gas is even more so.

Start by doing a quick miles-per-gallon calculation by filling your fuel tank, driving for a weekend, then topping off and dividing the miles you covered by the number of gallons required to re-fill the tank. That can be the basis of calculating range using the fuel tank size and ballpark MPG. Be sure to leave some wiggle room in the final fuel range for conditions to change.

Horsepower

Opening the hood of a car is often like rubbing a genie lamp: Someone will always appear, but instead of giving you wishes they will pepper you with questions. The most popular one you should expect to hear? "How much power does this thing make?"

It can be both an easy and a hard question to answer. You could go by the original rating from promotional materials, or look for similar builds that have been tested on a dynamometer, or if your engine is unique enough it would probably be fun to [strap it down on the rollers](#) and find out the exact power, along with just how well tuned the package is.

Ballpark value

We know you aren't planning on selling your car. Money talks sometimes though, and your author has experienced at least one situation where a person approached while out and about and made an offer to buy the motorcycle that got me there. It was a real offer and if I hadn't known what the bike was actually worth I probably would have taken it. Values change over time and can sometimes move quite quickly. Be sure to know what you are driving and treat it appropriately. You might have bought it for \$1500, but that was 1988 and things are different now. Luckily, [finding your car's value](#) has never been easier.

Vehicle identification number

It sounds funny, but having the main identifying information for your car is important. Not only in case of theft, but also in case you need to find information about the history of your baby. This one doesn't need to live in your head, but keep an old insurance ID card in a file at home even if you sell the car. People go looking for *the car* from their past all the time and with the VIN you stand a chance, without that bit of information it can be close to impossible to find a car from 20 years ago.

Generation years of your model

The total production run is a fun fact that is easy to pepper into a conversation about a car that can often elevate someone's perception of you nearly instantly. People will often walk up and make a guess as to the year of a car and in our experience, it can sometimes be a little rough. "Is that a '64?" "No, it's a 1960, but the body is the same so it's tough to tell" is a lot nicer way to tell someone they are wrong and start a conversation on the right foot than just saying "no." Total production is a fun one to add to this conversation if you happen to have a steel trap memory and can keep track of something like that.

Normal oil pressure

Just like people, every engine is unique and that includes how much oil pressure it makes while running. Oil is the lifeblood of an engine and knowing that there is the [proper amount circulating](#) is peace of mind worth having. We admit most cars don't have an oil pressure gauge with hard and fast numbers, but installing one is never a bad idea as it can alert you to something being wrong in your engine before it turns into catastrophe. Keep an eye on those gauges and shut the engine down quickly if something looks wrong. Better safe than sorry.



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