



Sooner Star News

the official Central Oklahoma section club newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

I hope the new year is serving you well.

The Christmas Party attendees had a good time at the Section Party at Junior's of OKC. We're already in the preparation stages for next year's Christmas Party, hoping that Twin Hills Golf & Country Club renovations will be completed. Twin Hills seems to be the majority favorite venue for our party.



Jeff Leatherock, President

I missed the Christmas Party, got Covid, had knee surgery, had a good Christmas.

Planning is in the works to visit the Stafford Air & Space Museum in Weatherford again this spring. The Museum's 20,000 square foot addition that was under construction when we toured the Museum in September of 2019 is now complete. We'll keep you posted.

Another event in discussion for later in the spring or possibly early summer is a Poker Run. As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions for events or dinner meeting locations, please feel free to contact any Section Board Member or myself (see page 12 for contact information).

We have new leadership at the national level. Our new National President is Doug Geganto, who is from the Peachtree Section, and has most recently served as Vice President. Vice President is Drew Webb from the Northern New England Star Section, he is Regional Director for the Northeast Region. Continuing as Treasurer is our very own (and most qualified ever, IMO) Charles Woods.

Be sure to renew before June 30th to take advantage of free additional months (see page 11 for details).

We're trying a new Dinner Meeting venue in February, Johnny Carino's on Memorial Road. Boy Scouts Car Show in Enid is coming up on Saturday, March 25, be sure to mark your calendars and check out all of our upcoming events on page 3.

I love this club.

Thank you for your membership and allowing me to be section president. It is still an honor.

Membership dues are increasing
see [page 11](#) for details on how to take advantage of a savings promo expiring June 30th

Event Report

November Dinner Meeting



Keven McConnell, Jim Jordan



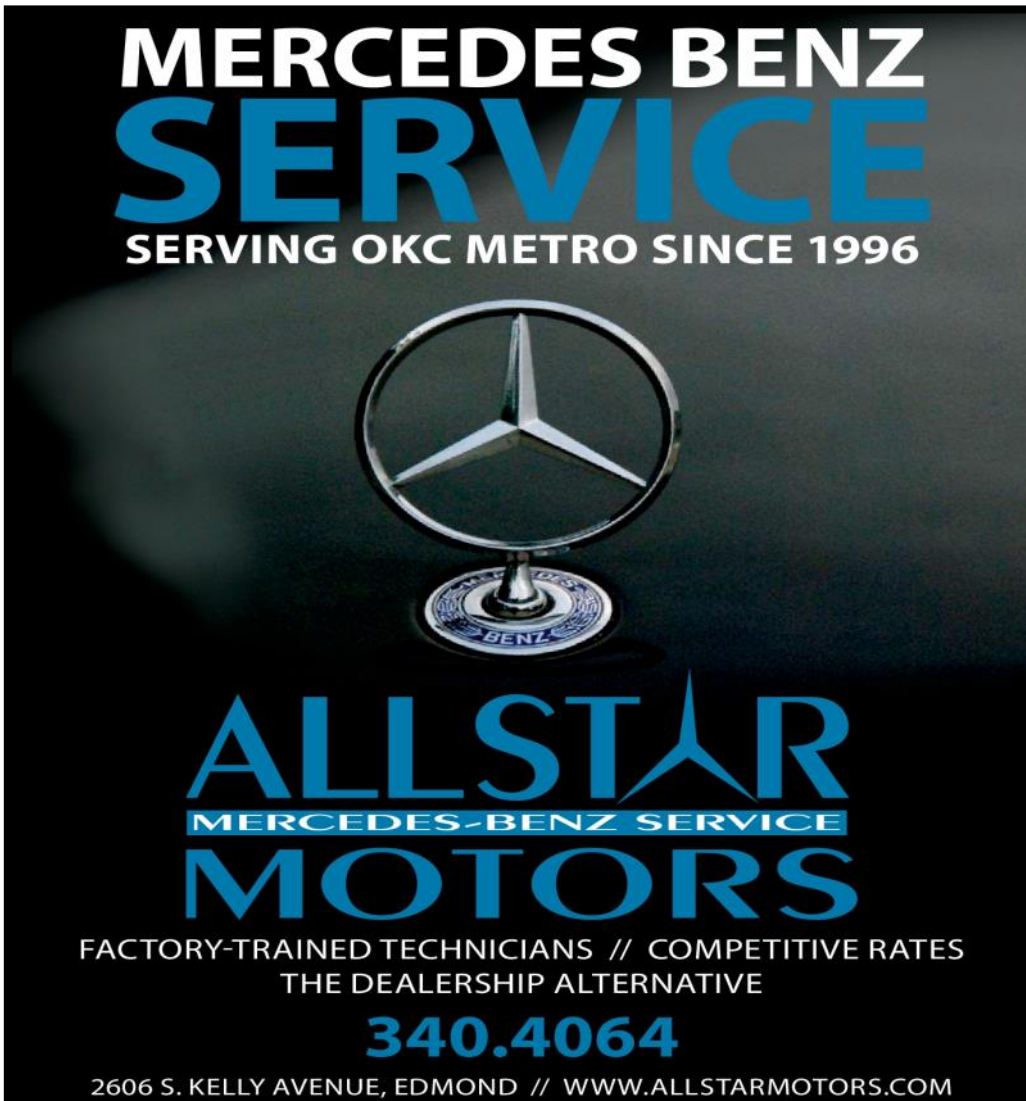
Chris & Jenny Vann, Carolyn Bullard & Ken Wells




Steve Murrell, Greg Mattoon

Twenty-three members and guests attended our November Dinner Meeting on the evening of the 15th at Banded's Barbecue located in Chisholm Creek.

New *Sooner Star News* advertiser, Chris Vann of Mobile Tire OKC, spoke briefly about the services he provides. Mobile Tire OKC makes tire and wheel replacement easy and convenient by coming to you at your home or work place.



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At the end of the meeting our door prize drawings were held and the winners were Carol Fisher, Jim Jordan, Tom Whiteley, & Dickk Woolbright.



Tom Whiteley



Lance Highfill



Charles Woods

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Upcoming Events

Jan 14	10am	Board of Directors Meeting Mercedes-Benz of OKC 14240 Broadway Ext, Edmond
Jan 17	7pm	Monthly Dinner Meeting Long-Term Member Recognition Night Grand House Asian Bistro 2701 N Classen Blvd, OKC
Feb 21	7pm	Monthly Dinner Meeting Johnny Carino's 2905 W Memorial Rd, OKC
Mar 21	7pm	Monthly Dinner Meeting Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler 2652 W Britton Rd, OKC
Mar 25	8am	Boy Scouts Car Show Garfield County Fairgrounds 111 W Purdue, Enid
Apr 8	10am	Board of Directors Meeting Mercedes-Benz of OKC 14240 Broadway Ext, Edmond
Apr 18	7pm	Monthly Dinner Meeting Pelican's Restaurant 291 N Air Depot Blvd, MWC
May 16	7pm	Monthly Dinner Meeting Bande'e's Barbecue 13230 Pawnee Dr, OKC
Jun 10	11am	Annual Picnic Hafer Park 1034 S Bryant Ave, Edmond

for Coffee & Cars events & locations, see [page 9](#)



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Ken Wells

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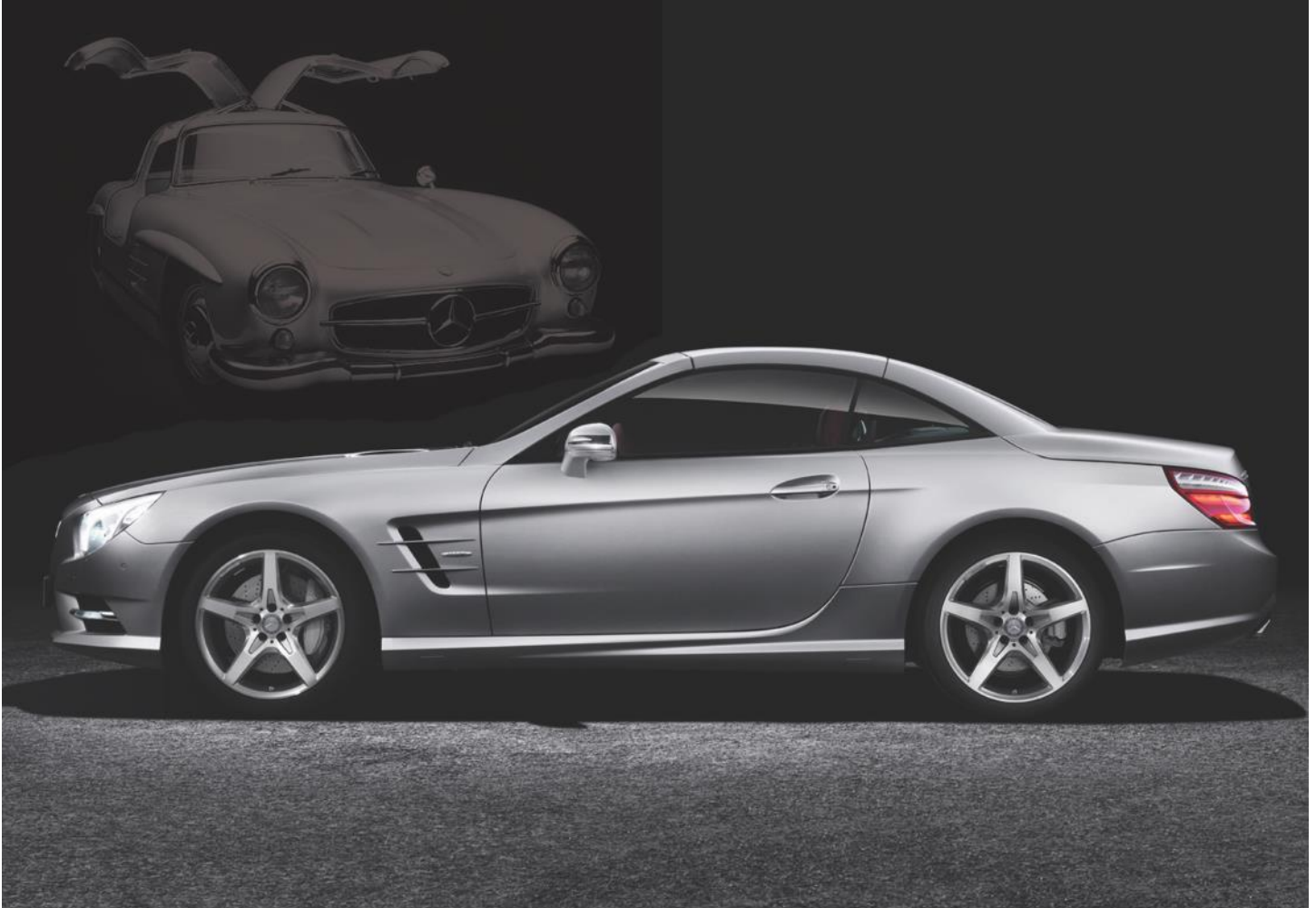


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Event Report

Christmas Party



Our Section 2022 Christmas Party was on Thursday evening, December 8th. Thirty-three members and guests attended and relished the delicious food and drink and nostalgia of Junior's of Oklahoma City located in the west Oil Center building on Northwest Expressway.

Our 2022 Section Member of the Year, Ken Wells, was congratulated by the club and presented with a plaque by Lance Highfill, Section Treasurer.



Junior's of OKC owner, Jim Shumsky, popped in for a brief moment to say hello and introduce himself to those that have never met him.

Our annual gift exchange "Dirty Santa" style emceed by Ken Wells was enjoyed by all.



J R Homsey with Junior's owner, Jim Shumsky



Lance Highfill with Section Member of the Year, Ken Wells



Tony Marruchella



John Carson, Tim Higgins



Ray Cornelison, Mel Brazell

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THE WILD AND WACKY WORLD OF EXOTIC CARS

by Ken Wells

This is no weather for exotics, at least in the traditional sense, so we will talk about some exotic SUVs. Whatever you're driving, remember to check your air pressures. This isn't just a summer thing. The cold weather sucks those oxygen molecules right out of your tires. So pay attention.

First up is the new Ferrari Purosangue, which translates to Purebred in English. While Ferrari is building hybrids and will have some full electric cars by 2030 the Purosangue is not one of them. It has the fire breathing 715 horsepower V12 with an 8,250 rpm redline under the hood.

It's more of a four-door four-passenger crossover sports car, than an SUV. And starting at about \$450,000, it should be. By the way, the V12 not only stands for 12 cylinders but the in town gas mileage as well! Ferrari plans on building up to 1,500 a year. So now is the time to get in line for the second year of production as the first year is already sold out.

Not to be outdone, Lamborghini has introduced the Urus Performante. While it only has fifteen more horsepower than the standard Urus (657 to 642) it has a whole host of suspension, steering, hardware and chassis software upgrades that turn it into a forty-seven hundred pound canyon carver. Its 0-60 time is the same as the Ferrari at 3.3 seconds to 60 but that's not the point of the car. Lamborghini wanted to build the

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best driver's car in the super SUV segment. It looks like they have succeeded. If you are interested there are new reviews out there. Pricing is about \$300,000.

Switching gears, what if you want something that costs a lot less, gets better gas mileage and has the same kind of 0-60 performance that the Ferrari and Lamborghini have? Well you're in luck. You can now buy a midsize SUV that has a 0-60 time of 3.2 seconds, gets great gas mileage because it's electric and costs less than \$65,000 fully loaded. What is it? The KIA EV6 GT. That's right. You can now buy a KIA electric SUV that's faster in a stoplight grand prix than a Porsche 911 GT 3. In the reviews its one downside is the battery pack is only good for around 210 miles. But it has an 800 volt system that recharges the battery rapidly on a DC fast-charger. Check one out if you feel the need for some cheap speed.

In the auction world things are still hopping. Mecum Kissimmee just set a record of \$3,135,000 for a 1992 Ferrari F40. A broker friend of mine passed on that car a few years ago for around \$1,000,000. On the Mercedes end a 1955 300SL Gullwing sold for \$1,650,000.

Cars are still bringing good money on BaT with a 1967 Datsun roadster selling for \$44,000. It was a very nice car and I almost bid on it as I had one in college. An interesting Mercedes no sale was a 2014 G63 AMG 6x6 Brabus B63S-700. It only bid to \$685,000! Last but not least a 1994 Toyota Supra Turbo was a no sale at \$150,000. The right cars are still bringing big money!

(Christmas Party photos continued from page 5)



Paul Rodesney, Pat Nash, Suzen Rodesney



J R & Patsy Homsey



Kitty Cruser & Ray Cornelison



Roland & Kelsey Walters



Chris & Sarah Henry



Debbie Smith & Tom Paul



Lance & Tena Highfill



Carol Fisher



Charles Woods, Bruce Rodesney

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Carolyn Bullard, Suzen Rodesney, Tena Highfill



Kitty Crusier & Ray Cornelison, Mel Brazell



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John Carson, Tim & Victoria Higgins



Bill & Pat Nash



Scott Johnson, Ken Wells

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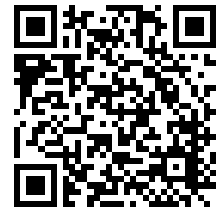
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Chris Henry



Pat Nash



Charles Woods



Tena Highfill

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Sharon Haldane, Carol Fisher



Chris Henry



Steve Murrell, Bruce Rodesney

Welcome New Members!

John Hembera, Norman
Scott Thomas, Oklahoma City

Thank you Membership Renewals!

Marci Byrd, 2021
Charles Cook, 2007
Richard Martin & Bobbi Rue, 2009
Steve Murrell, 2006
Grant Nichols, 2019
Bill Thomas, 2014



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Please contact any Section Officer or Director (see [page 12](#))
for more information or to place your ad.

At the National Annual Meeting in November, the Board of Directors approved a \$10 dues increase that will begin July 1, 2023.

To incentivize members to renew before the increase, MBCA is offering one additional month of membership with a two-year membership; and two additional months with a three-year membership, at the current rates.

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