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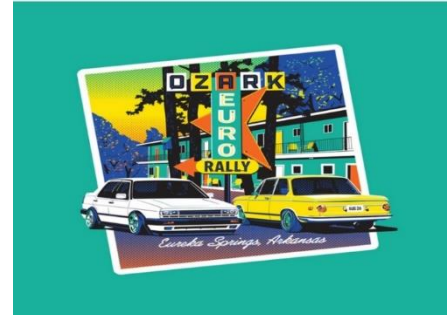
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**9th Annual Euro Rally**

**Our Ozark Section will be participating at the 9th Annual Ozark Euro Rally for all German cars on Saturday, August 26, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Passion Playgrounds in Eureka Springs.**

This is a show for hundreds of German auto enthusiasts who love to show off their vehicles, regardless of how they look, and the camaraderie that owning a German car brings! There will be trophies given out this year, and participants will be picking out the winners! Last year we won several prestigious awards. The event will have a food truck on-site. Bring your lawn chairs to spend time with club members.

I have been in touch with Elizabeth Wintercom, who is leading the Ozark Euro Rally, and she is excited to again have the Ozark Mercedes Section participating this year. Let's have a great turnout and show off our beautiful Mercedes vehicles!!

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Registration
- 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Raffles
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Raffles and trophies

**Hotel Info: Call hotels directly to book your room to get event discounts.**

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**Location:**

The Great Passion Play  
935 Passion Play Road, Eureka Springs, AR

**Lunch:**

Rockin' Pig Saloon  
2039 E Van Buren, Eureka Springs, AR

**Date and Time:**

August 26, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**We will meet at 8:45 a.m. at the front entrance by the restroom parking lot on the grounds and then drive in together to get our spot.**

**Registration:** Website for registration: [ozarkeuro rally.com](http://ozarkeuro rally.com) \$30.00 Per Vehicle. There is no charge for spectators, but they will park in a separate lot.

**Contact:** If you have questions about the event, you may contact Elizabeth Wintercom at [ozarkeuro rally@gmail.com](mailto:ozarkeuro rally@gmail.com)

**RSVP:** Contact Dennis Anderson no later than August 21, if you are joining us at the Euro Rally [dt.anderson@cox.net](mailto:dt.anderson@cox.net)



### The Scenic 7 Poker Run to Hot Springs, Arkansas September 16, 2023

Dig out those felt tip pens, and mark your calendars for our Ozark Mercedes-Benz Section event on September 16, 2023. It will be a centrally located fun day we are calling, "The Scenic 7 Poker Run." We would like to especially encourage our members who live in and around our Central Arkansas counties to please join us for this event. It will start in Russellville and end at the Fisherman's Wharf in Hot Springs. In Russellville, we plan to meet at the Clarion Inn & Suites on Hwy. 7 just off I-40 at 10:00 a.m. Dottie and John Miller have booked reservations and will be there the night before. This run will also be a fund raiser for the Alzheimer's Association, which will be included in the entry fee of \$15.00. The cost to play will be \$10.00, and the extra \$5.00 will go to the fund raiser as we did at the May event with the Eastern Oklahoma Section.

After all instructions have been given and entry fees collected, we will pick the first of five playing cards, start our engines and turn right out of the Clarion parking lot to head south on Hwy. 7. There will be three stops enroute to Hot Springs, where we will enjoy lunch at the restaurant located on the banks of Lake Hamilton. Here we will pick the last playing card, total the amount to determine a winner and enjoy the company of our members and guests.

As we get closer to this fun event, further information will be sent out, so please sign up by notifying John or Dottie Miller at either our email address: [jm9415@cox.net](mailto:jm9415@cox.net) or by calling 479-414-9415. If you want to stay at the Clarion Inn & Suites, the room rate I was given is \$ 89.99 per night. Their phone number is 479-968-4300.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Hope to see you there.

**Date and Time:** September 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
**Starting Location:** Clarion Inn Russellville, AR  
 2407 North Arkansas off I-40  
**Ending Location:** Fisherman's Wharf-Lake Hamilton  
 5101 Central Avenue  
 Hot Springs, AR 71913  
**R.S.V.P.** John or Dottie Miller no later than September 11, 2023  
 479-414-9415 or email [jm9415@cox.net](mailto:jm9415@cox.net)



### **Ozark Section's Message by Our President, Dennis Anderson**

Club Members,

It is that time of year where we begin the nominations for open Board positions. Please take a minute to preview the nomination form in this newsletter. By August 15<sup>th</sup> we will be sending out an on-line nomination form to all and a paper form for any member requesting it. If you would like to be nominated or have any questions about any of the three positions, please feel free to reach out to any members on our board.

We are off to a great start with our Community Involvement campaign supporting the Arkansas Alzheimer's Association by raising over \$300 at events so far. We will be holding several more fund raisers later along with sharing more information about the annual 5k walkathons with the Association or as a support group for the walks. If you would like to be more involved locally, there are also lots of information sessions on Alzheimer's in many locations near you.

I 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

### **Welcome to Our New Members**

**Clayton Dehn – Bentonville, Arkansas**

**Cody Peek – Ashdown, Arkansas**

**Timothy Skaife – Springdale, Arkansas**

**Landon Taylor – Bentonville, Arkansas**

**Mark Wilson – Benton, Arkansas**

### **Thank You to Our Renewing Members and Their Loyalty**

**Stephen Grimm – Cabot, Arkansas**

**Gary Reusswig – Joplin, Missouri**

**Paul Springmann – Bentonville, 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**

**Peel Museum and Garden Tour**

Submitted by Dennis Anderson

Photo by Dottie Miller



Our membership always likes to learn from our history of automobiles and communities that we live in. This club event on June 24 helped us learn about Samuel West Peel, one of the first prominent families settling in Bentonville, Arkansas, in 1875. Samuel and his wife Rose raised seven children on 180 acres with apple orchards, farmland, lush gardens, and the mansion. Helen Walton convinced her husband Sam to save this home and grounds from imminent demolition by investing and restoring the mansion and grounds beginning in 1991, allowing us to marvel at this beautiful time capsule from that period. Many members of the Peel family went on to play a key role across Northwest Arkansas in apples, banking and government leadership. We all learned so much from this free 45-minute guided tour of the Peel House Mansion and Botanical Gardens. This was a great opportunity to gain a perspective and visual of what customs and family life were really like back then.



We closed the afternoon at Lin's Garden Chinese Restaurant, a local favorite with an all-you-can-eat buffet lunch in Bentonville. This is a restaurant to keep on your short list of restaurants for the food quality, service, and value.

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July/August 2023



Thanks go to our hosts, Barbara Lowinger and Dennis Anderson.

**Annual Membership Recognition Picnic  
Orchard Park Pavilion, Bentonville, Arkansas  
July 15, 2023**



Our club depends on loyal members who continue to renew and get involved in their own ways. Some members enjoy the Star magazine for helping them to increase their awareness of what is happening in this premium brand and the dealership and vendor discounts available. Many also love to participate and volunteer in our activities recommended by members. It is always such a rewarding time to see so many members celebrate their club anniversaries, including milestones this year of 25, 20, 10 and 5 years.

**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



**Kent Thomas – 20 years**



**Dane & Diane Paulsen – 25 years**

Our current and past leaders were also recognized for all that they do by contributing their leadership and time so generously to make this such a special Section to be a part of. We introduced two of our newest members, Tim and Rose Skaife from Texas, and now Springdale, and shared his pride and fun owning their classic 1971 280 SL. Members attended from Springfield, Missouri, Greenwood AR, Holiday Island, Arkansas, and Northwest Arkansas. It is always a great time to be with so many special friends enjoying a meal and time together, especially on such a beautiful Saturday.



**Tim & Rose Skaife**



**Skaife's 1971 280 SL**

Thanks to our hosts: Teresa Poulsen for planning and leading this special Membership and Recognition event, Kathy and Joel Menold for finding such delicious box lunches from Early Bird Catering and Dottie Miller for capturing so many great photos from today.

## The Great Race Joplin, Missouri Submitted by Bob Poulseen

The Lowingers and Poulseens traveled to Joplin, Missouri, on June 28 to watch the 2023 Great Race participants arrive at the end of a day that began in Russellville, Arkansas. With Joplin being an overnight stop, several blocks in the downtown were designated “The Pits” where the racers were parked, and everyone had an opportunity to look at the cars while they cooled down. This was an opportunity to talk to the driver/navigator teams as they were planning for any maintenance or repair items that needed to be performed. For this event, 1974 cars are the newest that can be entered, and there is a sliding scale of points for the time and distance competition, the older cars earning more “extra credit” based on their age.

Bob and Teresa Poulseen were able to meet with and introduce the Lowingers to a friend from Maine, Philip Reinhardt, who was the navigator of a 1931 REO “ELCO Royale,” an open Indianapolis 500-style racer. When asked at the end of the day what the drive had been like, Philip described it as brutal. Philip is a graduate of the Automobile Restoration program at McPherson College and owns a business called Mechanical Arts in Tenants Harbor, Maine; the REO is one of his customer’s cars.

There are several classes for the competitors based on experience and success in the race plus a special X-Class for high school and college students. There were three competitors in the Motorcycle class. Racers come from all over the world to participate. Competitors from Finland racing an American LaFrance car had a large support/pit crew all wearing matching uniforms, styling themselves as the Wandering Troubadours of Finland (The true meaning of WTF!).

By the time the racers arrived in Joplin, they had experienced some challenging roads, heavy rain and the heat of summer. And mechanical breakdowns. 120+ had started in Florida, and most were still running. One team had purchased a car on the road when their original car failed to proceed. They could say they finished the race in spite of the obstacles they faced.

For the complete story of the 2023 Great Race go to [greatrace.com](http://greatrace.com) to read the blog detailing each day’s drive with lots of images of the competitors.





## 2023 Nomination Form

### This is a Sample Ballot of the Nomination Form

Our Board of Directors needs your support to help us select leaders for the next terms beginning November 1, 2023. We have been very fortunate to have great leaders who have volunteered their time and effort to help the club thrive and provide a great Mercedes-Benz Section to be a part of.

From August 15 to September 15, we will begin the **nomination phase** to gather nominees including those eligible below, adding others or yourself as a nominee. We will be sending out an automated ballot or a paper ballot. If you prefer to receive a paper ballot, please request it no later than September 1.

On October 1 we will begin the **election phase** and will be sending out an automated ballot or a paper ballot for those who requested paper ballots by September 1. The election will close on October 10; Teresa Poulseen, our Nominating Chair, will share the results with the Board for final approval. We will announce the results on October 24, and the terms will begin November 1, 2023.

#### Nomination Form

For each position below we would like you to reply to the automated form or paper ballot by September 15 with your nominations for each of the positions.

#### Open Positions

Open Positions	Current	Eligibility	Term	Nominee
Director Marketing	Joel Menold	Eligible	3 years	
Director Historian	John Miller	Eligible	3 years	
Director Membership	Teresa Poulseen	Eligible	3 years	

#### Nominee

If you would like to be nominated and want to review the position descriptions, they are available on-line on the MBCA.org website or let us know if you need additional information.

Our Board of Directors looks forward to your input.



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

August 26	Annual Ozark Euro Rally German Car Show Lunch – Rockin' Pig Saloon	Eureka Springs, AR	Dennis Anderson Joel Menold
September 2	Quarterly Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. to noon	Bentonville Dealership	Dennis Anderson
September 15	Poker Run Starting in Russellville, AR	Hot Springs, AR	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 9	Annual Christmas Party/Brunch Tavola Trattoria Italian Restaurant Auction and Fund Raiser	Bentonville, AR	Barb Lowinger Teresa Poulseen Kathy Menold



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## Ozark Section Birthdays

Ruth Shafer	Sep 05
Bob Poulseen	Sep 28
EuGene Smith	Sep 29
Lori Lee	Sep 30

*Happy  
Birthday*

## Ozark Section Anniversaries

Joel & Kathy Menold	Sep 24
Paul & Penny Springmann	Oct 26
<b>Congratulations!!</b>	

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

**If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the newsletter, please contact Kathy Menold at 479-756-6798 or [menold1@cox.net](mailto:menold1@cox.net)**

**If you are interested in joining the MBCA Ozark Section or have questions, please contact one of the Board Members.**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

If referred by a current MBCA member, please include their name and section:

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**\$107.00 for two years**

**\$157.00 for three years**

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