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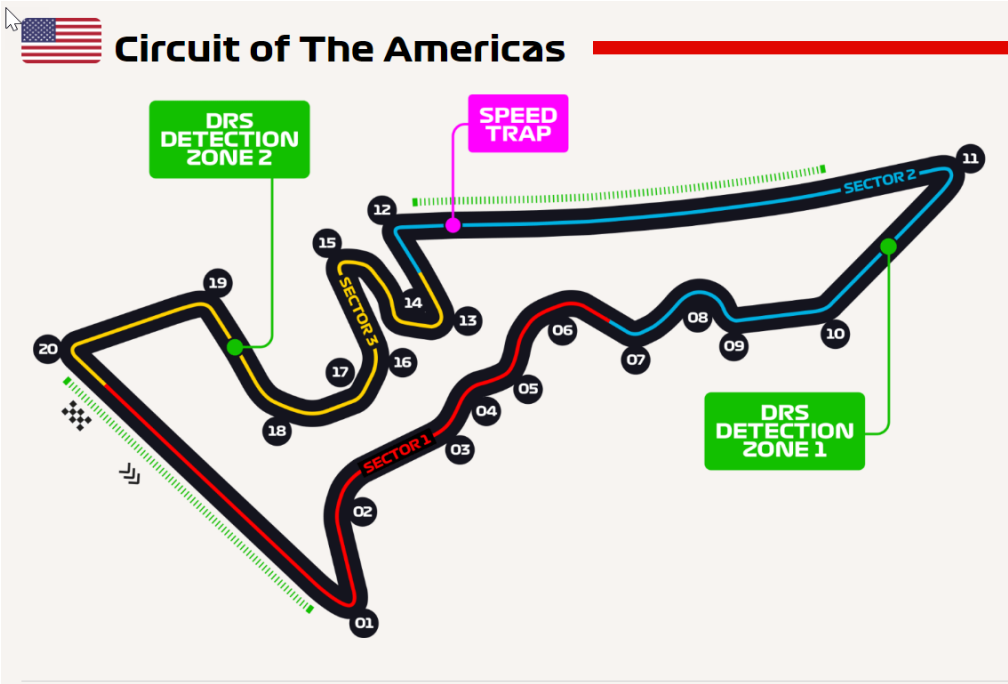
MBCA Ozark Section
FORMULA 1 LENOVO UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX 2023
Watch Party

Please join fellow club members to watch the Formula 1 Race on October 22, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. We will gather in the dining room at the Bella Vista Country Club. The dining area is a casual atmosphere where we can order meals, snacks or drinks. The Bella Vista Country club was designed by architect E. Fay Jones and overlooks the golf course.

When: October 22, 2023 - 2:00 P.M.

Where: Bella Vista Country Club
 98 Clubhouse Drive, Bella Vista, AR 72715

RSVP: Paul Springmann; 407-721-7184 or paul.springmann@outlook.com by October 20th.



**FOCUS ON THE DETAILS w/AUTO DETAIL EXPERTS
Jason's Pro Detail Shop
November 16, 2023**



Join us to learn from experts at our club event November 16th when we will be touring Arkansas's best detail shop, **Jason's Pro Detail**. They can do amazing things including detailing, protection films and ceramic coatings to make your car look like new, always with custom quotes to manage your budget. Their prices are very competitive across Arkansas, especially for the quality of their work and their references. Interior/Exterior Detail packages start at \$200.

Check out on our club Facebook page the 1988 Porsche 911 belonging to our club's friend, Patrick Ossenkop; it sparkles like new even though it hadn't been detailed in over 3 years.

Bring your friends and vehicles even if your friends don't have a Mercedes. I am planning to bring my Porsche Cayman to the event to see how they can correct a few things and then my Benz afterward. Bring your favorite car.

Afterward we will have lunch at **Saltgrass Steak House**, known for sizzling steaks and home-made from scratch sides.

Location/Time:

Jason's Pro Detail 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

411 N. Goad Springs, Suite 106
Lowell, Arkansas

Lunch:

Saltgrass Steak House 1 p.m.

4044 S. JB Hunt Drive
Rogers, Arkansas

Event Sponsors: Dennis Anderson and Bob Poulsen

R.S.V.P.:

Dennis Anderson no later than November 11, 2023 dt.anderson@cox.net or 479-295-8008



*Come Join the MBCA Ozark
Section
for a Christmas Luncheon
December 9, 2023 from 1:30
p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

*Tavola Trattoria - 108 S.E. A Street, Bentonville, AR 72712
Price - \$35.00 per person for a buffet with cash bar*

*Support the Salvation Army Toys for Tots by bringing
an unwrapped gift for donation*

*Tickets available for a Gift Basket Raffle created
by our talented member Dottie Miller*

Gift exchange game with ornaments (valued under \$15.00)

*Don't be afraid to wear your ugly sweater and your
lovely holiday spirit*

*Payment in Advance before November 30th
Please send RSVP and make check payable to the
MBCA Ozark Section to Barb Lowinger
26 Lavendon Circle, Bella Vista 72714,
Cell: 910-987-5876 and
Email: bebvl1234@gmail.com*

**Merry
Christmas**



Club Members,

I have enjoyed seeing the Skaifes and Conleys as new members along with long-term members join us at club events this summer. It is always fun to get out across our state trying new approaches to attract members to participate. Please let Barbara Lowinger know bebvl1234@gmail.com any events that you would like to see added for 2024. We always prefer to hear what interests you the most.

I hope that you enjoy seeing in this newsletter updates on our Board of Directors election, community giving and, of course, event recaps along with upcoming events. Special thanks go to Kathy Menold, our newsletter and web page editor, for doing such an awesome job providing us this bi-monthly newsletter and web pages. You will also find additional photos of our events and members on our Facebook page: [Mercedes-Benz Club of America: Ozark Section](#).

I would love to have you join us at our events as we continue to venture around the Ozarks learning more about our vehicles and enjoying the beautiful scenery.

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

**Kelly Conley – Perryville, Arkansas
Kevin Dang – Fort Smith, Arkansas**

Thank You to Our Renewing Members and Their Loyalty

**Dennis Anderson – Rogers, Arkansas
Gregory Hopkins – Little Rock, Arkansas
Conner Kleck – Springdale, Arkansas
Becky Vendel – 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

ALL GERMAN CAR SHOW

2023 Ozark Euro Rally

Saturday August 26, 2023

Submitted and Photos by Dennis Anderson



We all had a fun time with great club friends from our Section, along with John and Harriet Kushnerick from Tulsa's Eastern Oklahoma Section, at the **9th Annual Ozark Euro Rally** Saturday, August 26, 2023.

400+ members from the Mercedes, Audi, Porsche, BMW, and Volkswagen clubs participated with stock autos, custom autos, and special paint and body treatments to even fuel-injected vehicles at the Great Passion Play grounds. This event first started in Eureka Springs as a VW event and has evolved into an all-German extravaganza of brands and types. The event ended with a huge parade of several hundred Volkswagens across Eureka Springs streets. What a treat it was to see VW 1970 hippie buses, as well as custom and souped-up VWs!





Even though it was a very hot day, the clouds and breeze made our day pleasant. We enjoyed at our lunch stop some of the very best food in Eureka Springs at the **Rockin Pig Saloon**. You just must try out the master chef's Wagyu steak burger, homemade potato chips and ice-cold brews.

Check out our club's Facebook page to see photos of members prepping their cars for judging and enjoying the day (including my son Eric and grandchildren) along with some of the many great vehicles participating in this event.

Event Sponsors: Joel Menold and Dennis Anderson

The Scenic 7 Poker Run to Hot Springs, Arkansas
September 16, 2023
Submitted by Kathy Menold
Photos by Dottie Miller



Summer or early Fall is always a good time to travel the back roads in Arkansas. Once again John and Dottie Miller planned a great Poker Run for our Ozark Section. Fourteen members and two guests of Dane and Diane Paulsen, Bill and Lona Noonan from Holiday Island, were able to join us along with new member Kelly Conley, from Perryville, Arkansas. Several members spent Friday evening in Russellville, Arkansas, before the rest of the members met them Saturday morning at the Clarion Inn. John Miller gave each car a detailed map of the route to take on Hwy. 7 showing where we would make the next stops. Joel and Kathy Menold gave each person a snack bag with water and goodies to eat on the road.

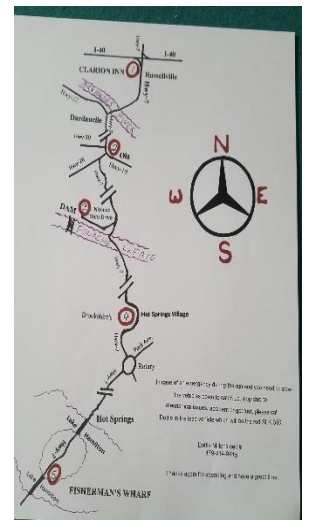


The group started at the Clarion Inn in Russellville and made four stops to draw cards in the Poker Run. The most scenic stop was at the Nimrod Dam and Lake in western Perry County. Nimrod Dam is the oldest project of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the state of Arkansas, created to control flooding along the Fourche La Fave River. A very sweet elderly couple, who have lived at the Dam for 8 years, greeted our caravan of 8 Mercedes-Benzes as we entered the park, and they were each given a snack bag.



We arrived in the Hot Springs downtown area in the heat of pedestrians and traffic. Once through downtown, we finally arrived at the Fisherman's Wharf Restaurant on Lake Hamilton for our final poker card draw and awarding of prizes. At each stop one person's name was drawn for a small gift donated by John and Dottie Miller. Winners were Kelly Conley, Kathy Menold, Terry Lowinger, Robin Retzlaff and Diane Paulsen. Kathy Retzlaff won the beautiful Italian pottery bowl filled with pasta, wine and many more wonderful items donated by John and Dottie. The poker cards were tallied, and, lo-and-behold, John Miller was the grand champion along with Kelly Conley at the lowest.

Each person donated \$15.00 towards the Poker Run. A portion of the entry fee proceeds was dedicated to our annual charity, the Arkansas Alzheimer's Association; another portion went to our Ozark Section, and the remainder was the poker prize for John Miller, who generously gave it back to the Ozark Section.



Much to our surprise, Jim and Becky Deitz, along with their daughter Katrina and brother-in-law, were staying on Lake Hamilton and eating lunch at the Fisherman's Wharf. They saw our Mercedes in the parking lot and chased us down!! Great time seeing them!!

As the afternoon ended several members remained in Hot Springs and spent the night at the Embassy Suites. Fun time by all!!!!

It was another FUN POKER RUN by the Millers. It takes time and effort to make these events happen. Thanks again to John and Dottie for this great event. For those that weren't available to join the trip, we would love to see you at another great event.



Community Giving Update

For 2023 our Section has pledged support to two very deserving Community Giving initiatives: the **Arkansas Alzheimer's Association** for the entire year and in December the **Salvation Army's Annual Toys for Tots Campaign**.

As we learned more about Alzheimer's disease, we discovered how it has impacted some of our members' families and friends, with no cure available so far and limited medicines available to delay the impact. This disease also requires families to provide their loved ones 24-hour support as it progresses. So far this year, our members have supported Alzheimer's through fund raising drives, including raffles, attending education sessions about Alzheimer's held at a local level and contributing to research with DNA swabs along with blood samples. We will present our fund-raising efforts and our Alzheimer's impact for 2023 early next year to the Arkansas Alzheimer's Association leadership.

We have one more charity event planned for our December 9th Christmas party to be held at Tavola Trattoria Italian Restaurant. We will ask for donations, hold raffles for a gift basket and auctions to finish off our Alzheimer's fund-raising efforts. At this event we will also donate toys for the Annual Salvation Army Toys for Tots campaign.

We appreciate our members for their generosity and commitment to support our charities this year.

**McPherson College at Pebble Beach Concours de Elegance
August 20, 2023
Submitted by Bob Poulseen**



McPherson College's 7-year "Road to Pebble" quest to select, purchase, and restore an automobile that would be invited to the Pebble Beach Concours de Elegance came to fruition this year when their 1953 Mercedes 300S was awarded Second in Class in the Post-War Luxury competition.

August 20th began at 5:00 am as we all hopped aboard various rental vehicles for the drive to Pebble Beach and Dawn Patrol. It's always a thrill to witness the automobiles drive onto the field. There was a big cheer when the 300S passed by to take its place beside the other cars in its class.

When the judging began, the 300S was the last in its class to be judged. The judges walked around the car, checking panel fit, stitching in the leather, paint

quality, etc. and asking questions of the students presenting the car. As the judges were inspecting the car, they realized there were a lot of people wearing McPherson College Automobile Restoration lapel pins watching them.

After the judging of the car was finished, the judges graciously offered to pose for photos with the students, McPherson College President Michael Schneider and Director of Special Projects Brian Martin. After that, those responsible for the car stayed to answer questions from the public, continue dusting and polishing, and wait for the call informing them whether they would receive an award or not.

There is a long-standing tradition that there will be a group photo of all McPherson College students, alumni, instructors, staff and supporters attending Pebble Beach. This year, everyone gathered at the 300S for the photo. There was 100+ who were able to gather for the photo this year.

After the winners of the various classes and best of show were announced, those from the McPherson contingent who were able gathered at a pizza restaurant to celebrate and wait for those who needed to drive the Mercedes back to its trailer and prepare it for the trip home. When the crew arrived, they received a standing ovation, a gracious speech from President Schneider and a chance to relax briefly.

Now that everyone has returned to campus for the start of another school year, there will be many interviews, news stories, etc. about McPherson College, their Automobile Restoration department and anticipation of where the 300S will be displayed next. It was a very long Road to Pebble, but the College has definitely arrived.

For more information about McPherson College, ways to contribute to the school, etc., visit McPherson.edu.

**Mercedes-Benz at Pebble Beach
Concours de Elegance
August 20, 2023
Submitted by Bob Poulsen**

Mercedes-Benz was well represented at the 2023 Pebble Beach Concours. Entries came from all over the world. There were two classes, Mercedes-Benz S and Mercedes-Benz SS & SSK, as well as representatives of the marque in other classes such as Post-War Luxury, Vanderbilt Cup Era, European Classic Touring, etc. In some cases, the Vanderbilt Cup cars pre-date Jellinek's adoption of his daughter's name for the automobiles he sold to be raced as Daimlers and Benzes.



The S, SS and SSK cars were displayed along the fairway so that they were framed by the Pacific as we viewed them. The cars were bodied by the top coachbuilders of the time and sometimes rebodied by subsequent owners.

The 1937 540K entered in the European Classic Touring class and owned by Jim Patterson/The Patterson Collection won Best in Show.



Ozark Section Club Election Update

At our September 13th Board Meeting, the Board of Directors of the Ozark Section received into nomination a slate of Directors for the 2024-2026 term. The slate was unanimously approved by our members at our September 16th Poker Run event.

Effective November 1, 2023

- **Joel Menold** will serve as Director with responsibility for Section Advertising.
- **Teresa Poulsen** will serve as Director with responsibility for Section Membership.
- **John Miller** will serve as Director with responsibility as Club Historian.

I want to congratulate these three leaders on their unanimous nomination and subsequent election by members. I also want to thank our entire Board leadership for their support of our Section and generous volunteering of their time to ensure that this Section continues to thrive after our 25+ years. Thanks also to the many members who have volunteered to support our membership at club events.

Mark Your Calendar!!!

2023 Upcoming Ozark Section MBCA Events

October 22	Formula-1 Lenovo U.S. Grand Prix 2023 Watch Party-Bella Vista Country Club	Bella Vista, AR	Paul Springmann
November 16	Auto Detail Experts Jason's Pro Details	Lowell, 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

John Miller	Nov 08
Case Vendel	Nov 21
Lisa Knapp	Nov 26
Tanny Jones	Dec 06
David Jones	Dec 18
Dennis Anderson	Dec 31
Kathy Retzlaff	Dec 31

**Happy
Birthday**

Ozark Section Anniversaries

Robin & Kathy Retzlaff	Nov 12
Bob & Teresa Poulsen	Nov 20
Joel & Joyce Bunch	Dec 09
Congratulations!!	

**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

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

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