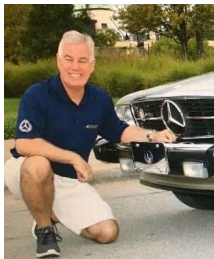




**EASTERN OKLAHOMA SECTION  
OF THE  
MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA**

**TULSA STAR NEWS  
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**John Kushnerick  
President**

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Ten years ago, my children purchased a MBCA membership for me as a Christmas gift. They thought I would enjoy it and it would be good for me to have a hobby when I retired. Well, they must have known me better than I thought; because three years ago I did retire and being President of the Eastern Oklahoma section has become a part-time job and hobby that I genuinely enjoy.

Over these years I have served as either President or Vice President for eight years and I have met some of the nicest people who share a common interest in all things automotive and not all of them were from Eastern Oklahoma. In joint events with the Central Ok and Ozark sections and in attending national events like Mercedes Freude I have made friends that have expanded my love of the cars I drive. My point is that the reason to join and the reason to keep your MBCA membership is to meet new friends and have fun. The cars are just one thing we have in common. If you know of people who you think might share your feelings, invite them to a gathering to get their feet wet. Attending a function is a way for new people to experience the club. The Star magazine, parts discounts, and technical forums are an added plus.

Nathan Armer our Vice President has stepped into the role as our Membership Chairman for 2023. Please support him as he helps us grow and sustain the section as one of the best in the country. --OK well I am just a little biased.

A 2023 proposed calendar is enclosed in this newsletter. I hope you can participate in many of the events we have planned. Gateway Classic Cars has recently opened a showroom on 71<sup>st</sup> Street and have agreed to make us the featured car club in their Caffeine & Chrome car show on Saturday March 25, 2023. Come on out to see members Mercedes Benz automobiles as well as other makes and models. Members who participate will get a "goodie bag", group picture, and other perks as well as the club receives a donation to the treasury.


I want to thank the Officers, Board members, sponsors, and all members for a great "post-covid 2022". Our section works best when we see participation rates at a much higher level than the larger sections in our region. If you have not attended a gathering, come on out and see what we are all about.

Happy New Year and let us all make 2023 the best ever in our lives, family, and country.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

EASTERN OKLAHOMA SEC TENTATIVE 2023 CALANDE		9-Dec-22	
			MONTHLY MEETING
			BOARD MEETING
			CAR SHOW OR EVENT
			REGIONAL OR JOINT EVENT
<b>JANUARY</b>			
19	MONTHLY GATHERING	SIEGI'S SAUSAGE FACTORY, TULSA	6:00PM
28	NEON LIGHT DRIVE ON ROUTE 66 DINNER AT	ARNOLDS OLD FASHIONED	5:30pm
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
4	BOARD MEETING	HARDESTY LIBRARY	10:00AM
16	MONTHLY GATHERING	SALTGRASS STEAKHOUSE, TULSA OK	6:00PM
22	TULSA AIR & SPACE ML LUNCH AT	WHITE RIVER FISH MARKET	9:30AM
25	CAFFIENE & CHROME	GATEWAY CLASSIC CARS, TULSA OK	9:00AM
<b>MARCH</b>			
tbd	JENKS PLANETARIUM	LUNCH HATCH RESTAURANT IN JENKS	TBD
16	MONTHLY GATHERING	TBD	6:00PM
25	CAFFIENE & CHROME	GATEWAY CLASSIC CARS, TULSA OK, MBCA FEATURED	9:00am
<b>APRIL</b>			
TBD	SPRING FOLIAGE DRIVE THROUGH EASTERN OK.	LUNCH AT SHANGRI LA RESORT	TBD
20	MONTHLY GATHERING	WATERFRONT GRILL, JENKS OK	6:00PM
29	CAFFIENE & CHROME	GATEWAY CLASSIC CARS, TULSA OK	9:00PM
<b>MAY</b>			
TBD	POKER RUN AND LUNCH, JOINT EVENT WITH OZARK SECTION		TBD
6	MBCA BOARD MEETING	Hardesty Regional Library	10:00AM
18	MONTHLY GATHERING	TBD	6:00PM
27	CAFFIENE & CHROME	GATEWAY CLASSIC CARS, TULSA OK	9:00am
<b>JUNE</b>			
10	JOINT PICNIC WITH CENTRAL OKLAHOMA	HAFER PARK, EDMOND OK	10:30AM
15	MONTHLY GATHERING	LOCATION TBD	6:00PM
20	CAFFEINE & GASOLINE	The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial	9:00am
24	ROUTE 66 ROADFEST E	TULSA FAIRGROUNDS	ALL DAY
<b>JULY</b>			
15	CAFFEINE & GASOLINE	The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial	9:00am
20	MONTHLY GATHERING	LOCATION TBD	6:00PM
<b>AUGUST</b>			
5	MBCA BOARD MEETING	Hardesty Regional Library	10:00AM
17	BENZ & BRATS	LOCATION TBD	6:00PM
19	CAFFEINE & GASOLINE	The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial	9:00am
26	ALL GERMAN CAR SHO	EUREKA SPRINGS AR	9:00AM
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
TBD	ALZHEIMER'S WALK FOR THE CURE/MEDALLION RALLY		
21	MONTHLY GATHERING	LOCATION TBD	6:00PM
16	CAFFEINE & GASOLINE	The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial	9:00am
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
19	MONTHLY GATHERING	LOCATION TBD	6:00PM
21	CAFFEINE & GASOLINE	The Vineyard on Memorial, 108'th & Memorial	9:00am
17-23	MBCA GRANDE	NATIONAL GATHE INDIANAPOLIS, IN	ALL DAY
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
4	MBCA BOARD MEETING	Hardesty Library	determine 2024 calendar
16	CHILI COOKOFF	LOCATION TBD	6:00PM
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
2	Mercedes Benz Toy Run	WITH PORSCHE C Jackie Cooper Mercedes Benz	11:00AM
TBD	CHRISTMAS PARTY	LOCATION TBD	6:00PM
TBD	CANNED FOOD DRIVE	BRING FOOD TO CHRISTMAS PARTY	6:00PM

## MBCA drives in Tulsa Veterans Day parade

Members Nathan Armer and John Kushnerick drove KTUL Channel 6 news anchor Brenna Rose and Meteorologist Jordan Evans in the Tulsa Veterans Day parade Friday November 11, 2022. The Tulsa parade is one of the largest in the country to honor veterans.



## Mercedes Benz and Porsche team up for kids

Fifty members of the Mercedes Benz Club, Porsche Club, and Jackie Cooper Imports teamed up for the Marine Corp Toys for Tots Chili luncheon on Saturday December 3, 2022.

This year there was no fun drive through Osage County. Everyone gathered at the big Christmas tree and in the service area of Jackie Cooper Porsche for a toy drop off and a delicious chili luncheon.

This annual event is such a great experience for club enthusiasts to open their hearts to children in the Tulsa area. We are proud to participate and happy to thank the Marines for their service, and Kristen Bebout and Nazir Khaled for their efforts to bring everyone together for a special day.





# The 2022 EQB

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## Eastern OK section visits Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum

Twenty-two members of the Eastern Oklahoma section ventured on a weekday drive to Pawnee Oklahoma.

The Pawnee Bill Ranch was once the showplace of the world-renowned Wild West Show entertainer Gordon W. "Pawnee Bill" Lillie. Members toured Pawnee Bill and his wife May's fourteen-room mansion, fully furnished with their original belongings. Their dream home, completed in 1910, is filled with Lillie family memorabilia, photographs, original artwork, and more. The ranch property also houses a museum with exhibits related to Pawnee Bill, Wild West Shows, and the Pawnee tribe. The 500-acre grounds include the original ranch blacksmith shop, a 1903 log cabin, a large barn built in 1926, and an Indian Flower Shrine.

A herd of bison, longhorn, and several draft horses call the Pawnee Bill Ranch home and were found grazing in the drive-through exhibit pasture. In fact, a baby Bison was born this week. The Pawnee Bill Ranch also proudly re-creates Pawnee Bill's Original Wild West Show each year.

Our tour guide was Historic Interpreter Anna Smith who has worked for the Oklahoma Historical Society for eighteen years. Anna provided the attendees so much more historical background information that would have been missed on a self-guided tour.

After the tour, the group lunched at a local landmark Click's Steakhouse.





John Kushnerick presented Senior Relationship Manager Dana Edwards of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Alzheimer Association a Medallion from the MBCA Medallion Rally.





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## Members Gather for Christmas party

On Thursday December 8, twenty-five members of the Eastern Oklahoma section gathered at Freddie's Steakhouse Event Center for the annual Christmas party.

The food this year was better than ever, and the table decorations made for a special night. The evening was kicked off with a prayer by Section Vice President Nathan Armer. Members dined on their choice of Chicken, Salmon, or Filet Mignon entrees. Ron and Jean Hardage donated the poinsettia centerpieces and winning members were able to take them home.

After dessert Section President John Kushnerick thanked the Officers, Board members, and event planners for their help in 2022. He recapped all the gatherings, special events, tours, and drives during the year and promised much more in 2023.

Members who had significant MBCA anniversaries were also recognized:

- Don East 45 years
- Rene Kessler 40 years
- Dave Hinnant 25 years
- Walt Miller 15 years
- Ron Hardage 15 years
- William Hill 15 years
- Ben Cunningham 15 years

The highlight of the presentation was the announcement of the Member of the Year Award for 2022. The award given by the officers and board members recognizes service, achievement, and contributions to the club. Kristen Bebout was shocked and surprised to learn that she had won. Kristen thanked everyone and told us that she has a "servant's heart" and seeks to serve others in her life and job everyday as a person behind the scenes who does not seek recognition but gets joy in helping others. Her employer Jackie Cooper Imports provided us with outstanding reviews of her status as a very valued employee.

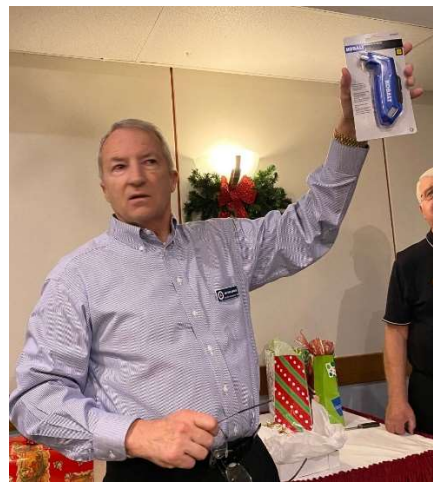
The pinnacle of the evening is always the "Dirty Santa" gift exchange. There was more nice than naughty this year as only the bottles of wine seemed to be stolen more than any other gift.

Members also donated canned goods and other dry goods for the needy at Bixby Outreach food pantry.

Finally, a calendar of upcoming first quarter 2023 events were communicated including a Route 66 Neon light drive and a trip to the Tulsa Air and Space Museum.







## MY FAMILY...



## MY BENZ...



## MY BIO...

I come from a Family full of Real Estate Professionals. This journey started for me only a few years ago when I decided to join the "Family Business" in real estate for myself.

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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## CHILI COOKOFF IN A GARAGE?

Twenty-seven members gathered in the garage of member Tom Delorbe for the annual Eastern Oklahoma section Chili cookoff. Tom provided a heated space among his car collection for members to socialize before the upcoming holiday season. The setting was perfect for an evening car club gathering among the covered Mercedes, Porsche's, and Jaguars.

Even though it was a chili evening, members enjoyed drinking hot cocoa and eating chili to warm their souls. Ron and Jean Hardage drove their 1923 Buick coupe to the event.

Six members brought competition chilis, and numerous side dishes, cakes, cookies, and pies to enjoy. Each member could taste the chili's with sample cups and decide via secret ballot. The winning chili was made by our host Tom Delorbe who won a Jim Beam 12-piece BBQ set.

Thanks, Tom, for opening up your home and magnificent car collection.





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**New Members**

**W. M. Fast**

**Expired Members**

**Ron St Clair**

**Renewed Members**

**Kristen Bebout  
William Hill  
Rene Koesler  
John Tanner**

**Thanks for Renewing**



Eastern Oklahoma Member Susan Hoog from Muskogee won first place in the Stock Imports category at the Sorghum festival car show in Wewoka Oklahoma on Saturday October 22, 2022





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(Signature)

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