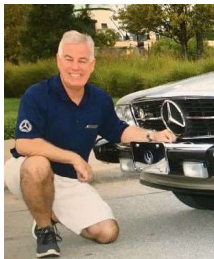




**EASTERN OKLAHOMA SECTION
OF THE
MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA**

**TULSA STAR NEWS
Mar - Apr 2023**



**John Kushnerick
President**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As we approach March 1, I can hardly wait for warmer days and dry weather. Other than a December freeze and a February ice event, we have avoided a really harsh winter. Let's hope that this winter is about over and we can get the cars out for a spring drive.. I always look at Spring Break as the event that moves us into the warmer weather season of top down driving, spring cookouts, and longer daylight.

I want to thank all of you who participated in the Route 66 Neon light cruise and the Tulsa Air and Space Museum tour. Due to Covid over the past few years we did not have many group activities to get together as a group during the first quarter of the year. As we move forward, I have a few upcoming events that I'd like to promote and hope you will participate.

- **Saturday March 25, 2023, the Mercedes Benz Club will be the featured car club at the Gateway Classic Cars Caffeine & Chrome event** from 9:00-noon at the showroom at 10010 E 71'st Street and the Home Depot parking lot in Tulsa. We are looking for a good showing of members cars at this event. Members who bring a car will get preferred group parking, coffee and donuts, a goody bag of stuff, and a group photo. Gateway is new to town and has showrooms nation-wide. Our club will receive a monetary donation to the treasury for our support. If you can't bring a Benz, feel free to bring something else that is display worthy from your garage.
- Secondly, we are preparing for a **Spring drive through Eastern Oklahoma** on Saturday April 15. The drive will time well with the blooming of the Dogwood trees and other spring foliage and flowers. We are planning a lunch stop at Doc's Restaurant at the Shangri La resort.

As always, we meet at various locations on the third Thursday of the month. Members are encouraged to bring guests and meet the fine folks of the MBCA.

Feel free to contact me at jkushnerick@cox.net or 918 527 8121 if you have questions or suggestions.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Thursday March 16, 2023 March Gathering 6:00-8:00pm

Café' Grande, 3302 West Kenosha (71'st Street) Broken Arrow, OK



Saturday March 25, 2023 Gateway Classic Cars Caffeine & Chrome 9:00-noon

10010 E 71'st Street, Tulsa OK HOME DEPOT PARKING LOT

Mercedes Benz Club will be featured car club

Special gift bags for MBCA participants, Group photo, coffee & donuts

Group parking section for club. Come and display your BENZ



Saturday, April 15, 2023 Spring foliage drive through Eastern Oklahoma 9:00-3:00pm

DEPART FROM Jackie Cooper Mercedes Benz PROMPTLY AT 9:00AM

Lunch at Doc's Restaurant, Shangri La Resort, Monkey Island



Friday April 14 - Sunday April 16 THE TULSA AUTO SHOW

SageNet Event Center Tulsa Fairgrounds, Tulsa OK



Thursday, April 20, 2023 April Gathering 6:00-8:00pm

Waterfront Grill, Jenks OK

Saturday, April 25, 2023 Caffeine & Chrome 9:00-noon

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NEON LIGHT CRUISE ON ROUTE 66 TAKES YOU BACK IN TIME

26 MBCA members and guests from Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma participated in the Neon Light cruise on Route 66 in Tulsa OK on Saturday January 28, 2023.

Participants were provided with detailed driving directions and the history and location of 20 key neon signs on the Mother Road in Tulsa.

The weather was perfect for an evening drive with clear skies and temps in the low 50's. 13 cars gathered in the parking lot of the Renew store in East Tulsa and drove the approximate 15 miles across town on Route 66 covering about 20 neon signs that have been updated or created with grant money from the Tulsa Route 66 commission. The 100th anniversary of Route 66 is in 2026 and work has begun to refresh sections of the "Mother Road" for the expected flurry of tourists from the USA and other countries.

Highlights of the trip included the large 2 sided 30 foot by 30 foot Meadow Gold ice cream sign, Desert Hills Motel sign, and Buck Atoms Cosmic curios 21 foot tall muffler man.

Dinner at the end of the cruise was at Arnold's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers restaurant. There participants feasted on classic drive-in food like burgers, fries, onion rings, shakes and malts.

It was great to have interest from both MBCA members and other non-member Mercedes Benz owners who had heard about the cruise and wanted to participate.

The rules of the road for this cruise were, drive slow, imagine life the way it used to be, and enjoy the drive with your favorite sweetheart.







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Dear Mr Hardage & The Mercedes Clubs ,
 Thank you so much for your continued support of the Bixby Outreach Center. Your donations have allowed us to provide so much to those most in need.
 May the blessings of the season be upon you and your families
 Sincerely,
 Merry Brown

MY FAMILY...

Serving Tulsa, OK. and the surrounding area



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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CLUB VISITS TULSA AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

On Wednesday February 22, 2023, fifteen members took a small drive to the Tulsa Air & Space Museum located on the grounds of the Tulsa International airport.

With a mission of “honoring the past, inspiring the future”, the Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium has carved out a unique niche in the Oklahoma museum community. TASM has been exposing students and visitors to the real-world applications of STEM since 1994.

Club members were educated in a stimulating environment that included inspirational stories of aerospace pioneers and events, unique and priceless aircraft, computer flight simulators, cockpit trainers, demonstrations, and simulated space voyage experiences by our skilled docent Larry Brugger.

After the tour, members headed to the White River Fish Market for a great seafood luncheon.





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Do you want to feature your car club at one of our 2023 Caffeine and Chrome Events? Our high-profile events are from 9am-12pm. This event is family friendly, open to the public, and a great way to promote your club to classic car enthusiasts in your local area.

UPCOMING 2023 DATES

January 28th February 25th March 25th April 29th May 27th June 24th
July 29th August 26th September 30th October 28th December 2nd

Looking for a great place to have your club meetings? We can help! Our indoor showrooms are the perfect place to meet. There is no charge to host your meeting at one of our showrooms.

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Mercedes-Benz Club of America Membership Application

Please call the National Office at 800-637-2360 to join by phone or go to www.mbca.org/ to join online.

Full Name: _____

Associate Member's Name (no extra charge): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____ Business: () _____

Email Address: _____

Mercedes-Benz Cars Currently Owned (list year(s), model(s) and VIN#):

I hereby apply for membership in the Mercedes-Benz Club of America.

Date
(Signature)

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

New U.S. Membership Rates (subject to change)

- \$55.00 for one year**
- \$107.00 for two years**
- \$157.00 for three years**

Annual dues include six issues of "The Star" magazine per year, plus your local section's newsletter.

Check one: ___ Visa ___ Mastercard ___ Discover ___ AMEX

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Membership Information

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NONE

Expired Members

Jim Sehl
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Renewed Members

Richard Holmes
Van Nowlin
Jeffrey Goodloe
Morgan Swafer
Curtis Farrar

Thanks for Renewing



ROUTE 66 ROADFEST TO RETURN TO TULSA

The Route 66 Roadfest will return to the Tulsa fairgrounds SageNet Event center June 24-25, 2023. This event has a 3 day car show, a display of Route 66 through the decades, live music from local bands, kids area and so much more.

Tickets are \$15 (\$12 for seniors). However, if you use the promotional code BOGORT66 you can get your tickets at buy on get one free (\$15 for 2 adults, \$12 for 2 seniors 55 and older). Tickets must be purchased on the www.Route66roadfest.com website by March 15, 2023 for the BOGO discount.

This is year two for this event presented by the state of Oklahoma and the Route 66 Tulsa Commission



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