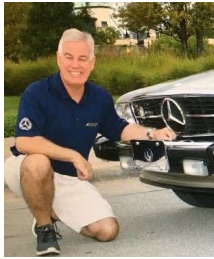




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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



**John Kushnerick
President**

On Friday August 4, 2023, during its third quarter meeting, the Board of Directors of the Eastern Oklahoma section received into nomination a slate of officers for the 2024-2025 term. This slate was unanimously approved by the membership on Thursday August 17 at our Benz & Brats gathering.

Effective October 1, 2023, Nathan Armer will serve as Eastern Oklahoma section President, John Kushnerick as Vice President, Jerry Herron as Treasurer, and Kristen Bebout as Secretary. Please support Nathan and his team as they move forward as a strong performing MBCA section.

That means this is my last President’s message. I want to thank all the members who have made my terms as President both rewarding and fun. Over the past 8 years (on and off) as President of the Eastern Oklahoma section I have met many great people. Some are still active and some no longer have the ability to participate as actively as they once did. I know that if I start naming names, I will forget someone, and I do not want to leave anyone out. Trust me when I say members of the Eastern Oklahoma, Central Oklahoma, and Ozark section acted as mentors who I used as role models for how to lead an effective section and how to make far reaching friends who I never would have met without my association with the MBCA. Thank you for being friends as well as dedicating your time to event planning, keeping us financially healthy, and finding new sponsors who support our club.

Going forward, Nathan will do an outstanding job and I am excited to turn to keys over to someone who is an enthusiastic Mercedes Benz owner and a man of great leadership talents.

I want to thank member Tom DeLorbe for hosting another great Brenz & Brats event. We had 35 members attend and all would agree that events in member homes are always the best. The backyard setting was perfect for members to engage each other without having to negotiate a long table restaurant setting. I hope members took the opportunity to meet others not in their regular circle of friends. For those of you who did not attend, you missed a great opportunity to see one of the benefits of your membership in the MBCA-technical knowledge. We have many members who share their knowledge of cars, common service issues, and other advice.

We have booked out monthly gathering locations and a few drives and activities for the balance of the year. Check out the calendar on page 2 for more information. 2024 event planning is underway with some new ideas and venues which Nathan will report going forward.

Thanks again for your years of support. I’m not planning on going away—just stepping to the side to allow others to put their mark on this club.

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EASTERN OKLAHOMA SECTION UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21 6:00 PM

SEPTEMBER GATHERING

TOYOSU ASIAN BUFFET, 1118 N ASPEN AVENUE, BROKEN ARROW OK

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16 9:00 AM

Caffeine & Gasoline, The Vineyard on Memorial SC 108'th & Memorial

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28 9:45 AM

ROUTE 66 DRIVE FOR LUNCH AT THE ROCK CAFÉ IN STROUD

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6 10:00AM

Q4 EASTERN OK SECTION BOARD MEETING

HARDESTY LIBRARY, ASH MEETING ROOM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 19 6:00PM

OCTOBERFEST GATHERING

SEIGI'S SAUSAGE FACTORY, 8104 SOUTH SHERIDAN ROAD, TULSA OK

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11 10:00am

TRACTOR DRIVING AT KEHE RESIDENCE

AMISH LUNCH AT YODER FAMILY FARM IN CHOTEAU OK

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2, 2023 11:00AM

MARINE CORP TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE AND CHILI LUNCHEON

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Members beat the heat at Night of Horsepower

Seven members braved the heat and attended the club night at Fair Meadows racetrack to see thoroughbred horse racing on Wednesday July 12, 2023.

With a couple of shady tables and cool drinks, members were able to stay cool as they watched from a couple of tables near the post. Most members were able to break even with betting on up to 10 races.

The thoroughbred racing season in Tulsa is only 8 weeks. Next year we plan to hold this event in June when the weather is a bit cooler.



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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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Benz & Brats Summer Gathering

Thirty-five Eastern Oklahoma section members and guests gathered in Bixby OK at the home of Tom DeLorbe to celebrate our second annual Benz & Brats potluck dinner and desserts. Tom was gracious to host this event in his backyard with an expansive patio and pool area. Even though it was another 95-degree day, members were shaded and enjoyed their favorite ice-cold beverages, three selections of brats from Seigi's Sausage factory, and a big assortment of side dishes and desserts.

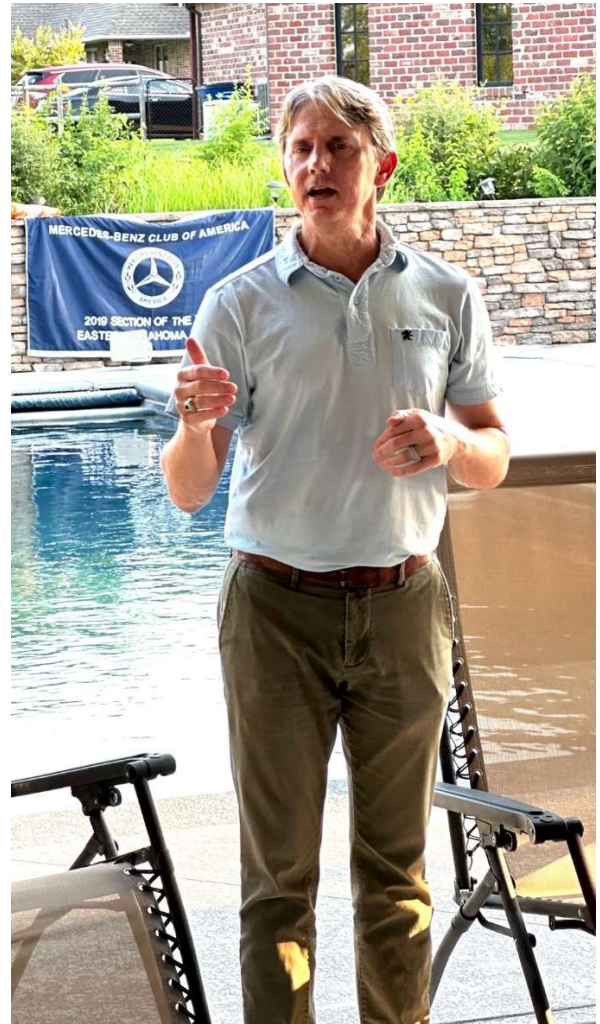
Matt Shyers served as a special guest speaker to inform the group of his role as the Corporate Chaplain for the Jackie Cooper Import dealerships. It is rare to have an official Chaplain at a dealership and his role is to help counsel and serve to the emotional needs of the 350 employees.

It was great to see members Ben and Sharon Cunningham make the journey from Edmund Ok as well as an excellent turnout from the greater Tulsa area. In years past this event was called the Ice Cream Social, but we decided that since we were eating more than just ice cream that a new name should be chosen.

New officers and board of directors for the 2024-25 term were approved by the membership and will serve starting October 1, 2023.

Thanks again to Tom DeLorbe for sharing his home with the membership. All had a great experience.







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MBCA ROCKS THE OZARKS

Thirteen MBCA members and guests participated in the eighth annual Ozark Euro Rally in Eureka Springs AR Saturday August 26, 2023. This All-German event started as an overflow show for the Eureka Springs VW show which is held in town during the same weekend. The town was rocking with more Beatles, buses, and Combi pick-ups than I have ever seen in my life---and the 70's hippies to go with them. Members from the Audi, Porsche, BMWCCA, and MBCA participated. The temperatures were hot but cloudy skies early allowed the participants some relief from the scorching sun.

Ozark section President Dennis Anderson organized the event with members gathering at the entrance to the grounds of the Great Passion Play at 8:30am. Once organized, the cars drove in and parked together. Lunch was a drive to the Rockin'Pig Saloon where folks enjoyed their famous Wagyu Steak burgers, home-made potato chips and ice cold brews.

The day ended at 3:00pm with a 200 plus Volkswagen car parade through the historic town known as Little Switzerland. This is a nice event with a great city known for its hotels, restaurants, and shopping.





6 storage tips to optimize your garage space

Kyle Smith

15 December 2022



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Garages are multipurpose spaces, even if you don't use yours primarily for DIY projects. There are things to store, some of which will be in storage forever and others that need to be readily accessed. Large swaths of floorspace must be clear or, at least, able to be made so on short notice. And we haven't even gotten to the vehicles themselves.

Whether you run a full restoration shop or simply park your vintage ride inside day-to-day, these six storage tips will make your life easier.

Bin it

Garages are dirty places. Their large doors regularly admit dust and dirt, and these conspire to make everything inside a little more gross than the last time you touched it. Car parts are also vulnerable to sun and ozone exposure. Rubber ages much quicker when kept a room that has sun beaming in through a window plus a fridge, freezer, or compressor running in the corner. Ozone causes dry rot in tires and can harden spare rubber seals or gaskets to the point that they are unusable.

Keep degradation at bay by utilizing storage bins or containers to close things off from the sun and minimize ozone exposure.

Now actually bin it

You've decided to put everything in careful storage. Now it's time to cull the parts stash and keep only the things that you need, recycling or selling everything else. Yours truly needs to hear this one, too: I have at least three pairs of "spare" cylinder heads for my Corvair, despite the fact I have no plans to rebuild that engine, and the heads that are in the car will be good for a long time. I should sell those. As you do inventory, make sure your spares are actually worth keeping. At least once, I've dug into my stash only to find that what I thought was a solid spare was actually junk. That afternoon quickly turned frustrating, as I left the garage to go inside and start scrolling eBay.

Keep it together

The easiest way to store a complicated arrangement of small parts is when those parts are assembled.

A friend of mine took a flathead V-8 Ford apart a few years ago as a winter project. For one reason or another, he got derailed. Before long, Ford engine bits became dirty, lost, or, at best, disorganized and scattered across his garage.

Once he decided to back-burner that rebuild, it would have been best to loosely re-assemble the V-8. That way, he could relocate it easily and store it as one large chunk of components. I've used this approach with a few transmissions and engines. Another upside? When you store the temporarily assembled project, you can write a tag recording what it needs and what you found when you began to tear it down.

Label, label, label

Speaking of tagging, have I hammered home the point that you should be labeling *everything*? Labeling things removes the index from your brain and frees up mental space for things that actually matter.

Wheels ... all the wheels

Have a heavy thing? Put it on wheels. Awkward-sized thing? Wheels. Tool chest? Wheels. Workbench? Most of the time, believe it or not, wheels.

It's hard to overstate how nice it is to be able to rearrange your shop on a moment's notice without breaking a sweat. Even better is the ability to "bury" things behind other things. For instance, in my shop I have few engines sitting under a shelf. I might pilfer one of the engines for a part once or twice a year. Usually, those engines are tucked into the corner, blocked by my drill press and a toolbox. Luckily, both the press and the toolbox are on wheels, so each is easily rolled away whenever I need to access the engines.

Combine functions if you can

One of my favorite things in my personal shop is my 6-foot rolling toolbox. Sure, it has drawers aplenty, but most importantly, it has a worktop. This makes it the best of all workstations. Not all dual-purpose tools work as nicely. Often, you'll have to compromise. For example, the workbench on top of this tool chest is too thin for me to mount a vise to it. If this were my only workbench, that would be quite the challenge. The best advice is to think through all the pros and cons before putting big money into multipurpose shop equipment.



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