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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

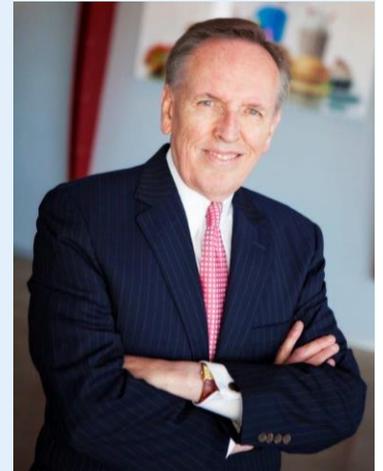
*When summer gathers up her robes of glory,
And, like a dream, glides away.*

~ Sarah Helen Whitman

With each newsletter, I take pause to reflect upon the changing calendar and to appreciate the cycle of our seasons. This newsletter finds us now observing most of our summer in our rearview mirrors. The year's first half has provided many activities for our Members to participate from the Boy Scouts Car Show in Enid, Benz at Breakfast in Nichols Hills Plaza, the McPherson College CARS Show and road trip, the Boulton Brass Age car tour and our very recent Members Annual Picnic. Your Board of Directors give much effort to identify and plan a variety of activities for our Members to participate and enjoy and more is on tap for the remainder of our year.

Soon our annual car show will be upon us. I encourage each member to consider participating. Our venue in the Boathouse District has become one of OKC's jewels and if you have not discovered the Boathouse District, what better time than the car show. The car show is not only a great time to display and enjoy our Mercedes-Benz automobiles, but also is our keynote event sponsoring our supported charitable organization, Sunbeam Family Services. All proceeds from the car show will benefit Sunbeam. However, our support is not limited to the car show. I encourage each Member to consider including Sunbeam as part of your annual personal charitable giving. Beginning with the August meeting, information will be available on contribution opportunities for you to consider. Your gifts will be a light to children, families and seniors in our community.

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President's message continued...

I am making my gift to Sunbeam and I encourage each Member to join me. Want to know more about Sunbeam? Your Section will be holding its next Benz at Breakfast on September 24th at Sunbeam's headquarters where we will be given a tour of their residential services facility. Plan on joining your fellow Members for breakfast and the tour.

July 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

Central Oklahoma Section Secretary

Central Oklahoma Section had its Board of Directors meeting on July 9th 2016, at MBOKC. This was the last Board meeting of the current Board of Directors whose term expire on September 30th.

Apart from conducting routine business, the Board approved the formation of a Nominating Committee for the upcoming Board election with Ed Hoag as the Chair. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board approved amendment in the Section by-laws to streamline the dates of the election process with the publication of the Newsletter. This will not only help a smoother election process but will help notify the Membership of all the election process promptly. The amendment will be approved by two third Members at the next dinner meeting and will be submitted to Mr. Gene Jurick, Regional Director South Central Region who will forward it to the National Business Office of the Mercedes-Benz Club.

Board Members Bobbye Van Horn and Ed Hoag announced their retirement from the Board at the meeting. They will not be running for a re-election.

Board also approved holding of an awards dinner at the Colcord Hotel on October 22nd after the Car Show, a Benz & Breakfast at Sunbeam Family Services facilities on September 24th and few other events. Next Board of Directors meeting will be held on October 1st 2016. Along with the routine business, election of Officers for the next two-year term will also be held at the meeting.

At July 19th Monthly Dinner Meeting at Grand House, OKC, the amendment in the by-laws was approved by the present Membership. The President forwarded it to the Regional Director South Central Region who forwarded it to the National Business Office of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America.



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June Picnic at Hafer Park

By Bill & Pat Nash



The “guest of honor” for our June picnic meeting was a Plymouth, Miss Firth’s 1939 deluxe rumble seat coupe. Members of the Central Section had learned her history at our May Meeting and were anxious to meet her in person. She was escorted by her third owner, Robert Murray, and parked in the center of the circle for all to admire.

Our Saturday, June 18th get-together was also made special by the thirteen Members of the Eastern Oklahoma Section who joined the twenty-eight Members of our Section. Our President, Charles Woods,

and Eastern Oklahoma Section Vice President, John Kushnerick, each said a few words of welcome to the attendees, with appreciation to the Tulsa drivers who made the effort to find Hafer Park in Edmond. In spite of the warm summer weather, the pavilion in Hafer Park is shady with a light, constant breeze. The venue also is perfect for checking out each others’ fine automobiles, parked in a circle around the pavilion. A large part of our comfort was due to the efforts of Masood and Farah Kahn, who arrived earlier that morning to spray the area to keep away mosquitoes and flies. The Executive Committee cleaned tables and set up standing fans. We also want to thank Kenny Hoffman and Mike Diple for these great photos. All we had to do was reacquaint ourselves with fellow Mercedes lovers and make a few new friends. It didn’t hurt to have a nice catered spread of barbecue, beans and salads, followed by ice cream cups. The goal of what has become a summer tradition is a relaxed opportunity to share our love of cars and make new friends. We look forward to more of the same in 2017.





PICNIC



2017 Mercedes-Benz C 300 Coupe First Impression

By Masood Khan



How could you say no when the General Manager of the Mercedes-Benz dealership offers you a test drive on one of the newest models. Recently when I was at Mercedes-Benz of Oklahoma City to pick up my ML after A service, Todd asked me if I would like to test-drive the all-new 2017 C Coupe, yes was the only logical reply.

First impression is the last impression; and good it is. There is no doubt the Coupe is prettier than

the Sedan. The car looks more stunning in person than it looks in the pictures. It is identical to the S Coupe, but smaller. Fit and finish both inside and outside is superb, it is extremely refined compared to the outgoing model.

Interior: Four-passenger cockpit with four individual seats, Topstitched upper dash trim, two high resolution screens, seat belt presenters and LED ambient lighting, is anything but ordinary.

Ride: I was very impressed with the ride quality, though firm and sporty but not harsh at all. 4-wheel multilink independent suspension does an amazing job of absorbing the bumps while harnessing unnecessary body roll in the corners.

Powertrain: A 241-hp, 2.0L turbo inline-4 engine, mated with a 7G-Tronic transmission provides 273 lb-ft of torque. The car moves pretty fast without any turbo lag.

Brakes: Braking is excellent, thanks to torque vectoring technology. Torque vectoring works with the ESP, sensing an understeer during cornering, brakes are applied to the inside rear wheel to shift the torque distribution between the inside and outside rear wheels. This keeps the vehicle on a line of travel.



Vital Statistics:

Overall length	184.5 in
Overall height	55.3 in
Overall width	71.3 in (without mirrors)
Wheelbase	111.8 in
Curb weight	3,638 lbs.
Trunk capacity	10.5 cu ft.
Transmission type	7G-TRONIC 7-speed automatic
Engine	2.0L turbo inline-4
Power	241 hp @ 5,500 rpm
Acceleration, 0-60 mph	5.9 sec
City fuel economy	23 mpg
Highway fuel economy	30 mpg

Pricing: Though the base price is \$42,650.00, the car I drove was 4Matic and with multiple extras that contributed to a price tag of almost \$53,000.00. But there is no doubt it would be a lot of fun to have one in your garage.



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220S Ponton Restoration Part XIV

By Charles Boyd

In all reality this is the thirteenth article on the subject of the restoration of the 220S but in view of all the troubles I have had during the process of restoring this vehicle, there is no way that I will flirt with the supposed unluckiness of thirteen. Once again we are making headway in the process. We now have the upholstery well under way. All four seats are finished (photo #1) and the upholstery is installed in the rear.

The door panels are finished and awaiting installation as soon as the side windows are installed which may be quite some time. We are presently working on the dash upholstery and then will install the radio and the dash knobs. We have the carpet padding and insulation but are awaiting putting it in place since we will be tracking on it. The water borne paint has become a disappointment since it does not do well over filled areas. If the filling shrinks at all, the paint shows it worse than other types of paint. At the present time we have adopted the slogan, "Whatever happens, we will address it and overcome". Wish us good luck in the future.



Candidates for the Board of Directors 2016-2018

Every two years our Section elects nine Board Members and the new Board then elects four Officers who run the day-to-day affairs. This year the Board approved the nomination of two candidates, and Section Secretary did not receive any nominations from the general Membership. We have a unique situation where we have nine candidates for nine open positions on the Board. The Section leadership has decided not to conduct election via a mail-in ballot. All the nine candidates will be presented to the Members present at the August 16th Dinner Meeting for the approval as a whole. Please make sure to attend the meeting.

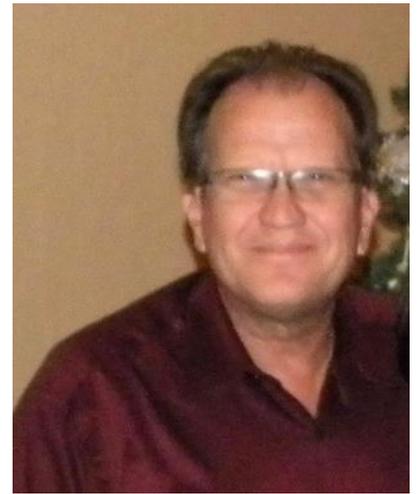
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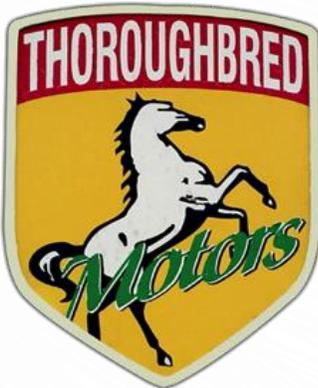
CLS Coupé and CLS Shooting Brake Final Edition

By Daimler Media

Mercedes-Benz is offering the four-door CLS Coupé as well as the five-door CLS Shooting Brake as special Final Edition models. Both the CLS Coupé and the CLS Shooting Brake have long been established among customers as style icons. According to Ola Källenius, Member of the Board of Management of Daimler AG and responsible for Mercedes-Benz Cars Sales: "We've produced iconic designs on wheels in the shape of the CLS Coupé and the CLS Shooting Brake. The exciting lines of the most recent versions once again set the pulse racing. With high-tech ingredients such as the innovative MULTIBEAM LED headlamps, the nine-speed automatic transmission or the modern multimedia system, they appeal to both head and heart in equal measure."



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Editor's Note

Last two months have gone by very quickly, the August/September issue is ready. I hope like me, you too are looking forward to *Autumn*, to get some respite from this heat.

You have read the Board election notification on page 10, please try your best to make it to the August Dinner Meeting to put your seal of approval on the new Board. In the mean time, please stay cool and be nice.

Masood Khan

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Both by Masood Khan.

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Calendar of Events 2016

- August 6th; Coffee & Cars @ 122nd & May, OKC
- August 16th; Monthly Dinner Meeting @ Bellini's, Waterford, OKC
- September 3rd; Coffee & Cars @ 122nd & May, OKC
- September 20th; Monthly Dinner Meeting @ Stonebridge Club House, Edmond
- September 24th; Benz & Breakfast @ Sunbeam Family Services, OKC
- October 1st; Board of Directors Meeting @ MBOCK
- October 22nd; Classics on the River @ Devon Boat House

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