

THE SOONER STAR NEWS

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President's Message

Season's Greetings!

*There is a Christmas song upon the air,
There is a joy innate within the heart;
An inner sense of peace, a holy light
Illumines life and sets these days apart.*
~ Edna Greene Hines

This newsletter finds the Holiday Season upon us and as the Andy Williams lyrics remind, it is the most wonderful time of the year. Thanksgiving provided us with the opportunity to acknowledge all for which we are thankful. Christmas is now upon us to celebrate the hope of peace on earth and goodwill toward men. The New Year soon follows to usher us into a time renewal.

As the remaining days of 2017 approach, a quick look back at the year reminds us our Section enjoyed a full year, including our monthly dinner meetings, a road trip to Enid visiting beautiful classic automobiles, our spring picnic sharing time with our Eastern Oklahoma Section friends, the fall car show at the Boathouse District and a fall road trip to Crystal Bridges.

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President's Message continued...

Just days away, on December 12, we celebrate our highlight event of the year, our annual Christmas Party. We again return to the beautiful Twin Hills Country Club to enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship and fun, including recognizing our Member of the Year and the ever-favorite Dirty Santa gift exchange. Reservations and prepayment are required; so don't delay in making yours, as the deadline is December 5. Please contact Bill Nash for your reservation and I look forward to seeing you there.

On behalf of the officers and directors of your Section, I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Logged onto our Facebook page recently, or at all? If not, you're missing a fun opportunity to see some great Mercedes-Benz photography. Each day, an interesting Mercedes-Benz automobile, ranging from the rare to the unusual, is featured on the site. Did you know we have people from around the world long onto our page daily to check out these photos? I encourage you to not only go to the site regularly to see these great photos. Be sure to "Like" our page and photos.

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MBCA National Election/New Officers

At MBCA Fall 2017 National Board meeting following new National Officers were elected:

Gene Jurick, National President
Steve Ross, National Vice President
Jim Roberts, National Secretary
Julie Bregner, National Treasurer

2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY @ TWIN HILLS COUNTRY & GOLF CLUB

2017 Christmas Dinner is back @ Twin Hills Golf & Country Club. Please mail in your checks with dinner choices and number of dinners, to Section Treasurer Bill Nash by December 5, 2017 at the following address.

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Crystal Bridges Road Trip

By Bill & Pat Nash



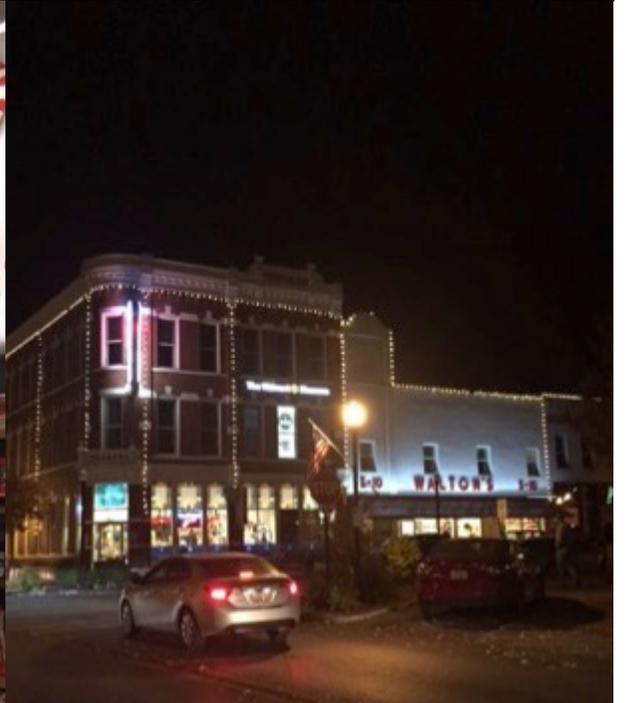
Road trip time! The beautiful fall weather encouraged us to take our Mercedes out for a little exercise (including a navigation-system direction to drive on a gravel road, which we knew was just wrong). The Central Oklahoma Section had planned this outing well in advance, and even so we found we didn't have enough time to take in all the sights. On Friday, Paul and Suzen Rodesney arrived in time to visit the Pea Ridge National Park, one of two Civil War battlefields in the area, and the Mildred Cooper Chapel. They then met Bill and Pat Nash at the Crystal Bridges Museum of Art to enjoy sunset in the Ozark woods for "Chihuly in the Forest," an amazing but temporary staging and lighting of Chihuly glass outdoors. On Saturday, we were joined by Eastern Section members Bruce Smith and Curtis Pankey for a return to the

amazing Crystal Bridges Museum which included a tour of Arkansas' only Frank Lloyd Wright house reconstructed on the Museum grounds in 2013. This 1954 Usonian home was moved stick-by-stick from New Jersey, where it had been threatened by repeated flooding. We then toured the Museum itself, enjoying classic and modern works of art obtained by Alice Walton, including two Calder mobiles and an immense chandelier by Dale Chihuly. Following lunch at Tavola Trattoria, we enjoyed modern art at Bentonville's 21C Museum and Hotel, and drinks at The Hive. We then walked to the town square for a Latin dinner at Table Mesa Bistro. Although it was a chilly evening, we continued walking on to



the Walton 5 & 10 store and Wal-Mart Museum (which was more interesting than you might think). The statue of a confederate soldier in the center of the square got our attention as well. Following breakfast on Sunday, we headed home by way of the Natural Falls State Park just over the border and walked to its "Dripping Springs," a wonderful waterfall tucked into the Oklahoma woods.

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2018 MERCEDES-BENZ CLS450 4Matic

By Masood Khan

Mercedes-Benz unveiled the third generation CLS on November 29 at LA Auto Show 2017. Though the car has multiple innovations and shares a lot of high tech gadgetry with the S Class but the most exciting is the brand new M256 48-volt inline 6 engine, for the US CLS 450 4Matic. This engine is already in use in the European S Class models but CLS is the first MB to have it in the USA.

The new M256 engine is systematically electrified in-line six-cylinder with EQ Boost (integrated starter/generator) and a 48 volt onboard electrical system. The engine produces 270 kW/367 hp and 500 Nm plus a further 250 Nm of torque and 16 kW/22 hp available through EQ Boost over short periods. The integrated electric motor called EQ Boost, assists the combustion engine. It not only helps in accelerating, it makes driving without the combustion engine possible ("sailing") but also powers the battery by means of "high-efficiency recuperation". This results in fuel efficiency that was only possible through high voltage hybrid technology. The new in-line six-cylinder engine delivers the performance of an eight-cylinder engine with significantly lower fuel consumption.

The list of standard equipment of the CLS is quite extensive including LED High Performance headlamps, particulate filter, 18-inch light-alloy wheels with mixed tires, Lane Keeping Assist, Speed Limit Assist, a 12.3-inch media display, ambience lighting including illuminated air vents, Mercedes me connect services and a communication module with LTE.

CLS 450 4 Matic hits the showrooms in March 2018.



New Members

Vena Fisher, Oklahoma/Illinois
Vicki Hietpas, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Terry Hobson, Purcell, Oklahoma

Newsletter Editor Wanted

Mercedes-Benz Club of Central Oklahoma is looking for a volunteer to take over the editorial responsibilities of the Section Newsletter the Sooner Star News. As the terms of current Section Officers and half of the Board Members are coming to an end in 2018, the Section leadership is actively looking for dedicated Members/Associate Members to fill in these positions including that of the

Newsletter Editor.

Proficiency with Microsoft Word and Adobe Acrobat is essential.

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Mercedes-Benz eTruck wins 1st prize in concept trucks

The Mercedes-Benz eTruck won first prize in the category "Concept Trucks": 25 t gross vehicle weight, a range of up to 200 km and super quiet operation on the road with zero emissions: The eTruck offers an impressive economical and environmentally friendly concept. The European Transport Prize for Sustainability is awarded every two years by Huss-Verlag, and is aimed at strengthening companies in the commercial vehicle sector in acting sustainably.



VANS & DRONES

Stuttgart/Zurich. In a global first, online orders were delivered in Zurich between 25 September and 13 October with the aid of Vans & Drones. In partnership with Matternet and siroop.ch, Mercedes-Benz carried out a unique pilot project to test on-demand delivery of e-commerce orders – and it was a resounding success, particularly as unlike comparable systems this trial of a van and drone solution was carried out over an urban area and over a period of three weeks. On 28 September, after the initial successful trials, a large group of journalists was invited to watch live as the first official drone landing on the specially equipped Mercedes-Benz Vito took place during a press presentation.

On ten days, a total of around 100 flights were made without incident over the city of Zurich. The project made use of two drones and two Mercedes-Benz Vito vans with integrated landing platforms. Technology installed in the vehicle roofs ensured that landings were accurate and safe.

The main objective for the project team was to test the processes and procedures required to operate a delivery system of this kind and to learn from practical experience. "We are extremely satisfied with the results of the pilot project in Switzerland. The aim was to test the technology and the concept in real-world conditions and find out where optimisation was required. We also wanted to know how people would react to this new form of transportation," said Stefan Maurer, Head of Future Transportation at Mercedes-Benz Vans. The results of the trials are currently being analysed in depth. "We are convinced that the project will evolve rapidly. We see great potential for our solution and intend to expand it to include further areas of application," Maurer added.

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Calendar of Events 2017/2018

- December 2nd; Coffee & Cars, OKC
- December 12th; Christmas Dinner @ Twin Hills Country & Golf Club, OKC.
- January 6th; Coffee & Cars, OKC
- January 16th; Monthly Dinner Meeting @ Grand House Asian Bistro, OKC
- February 3rd; Coffee & Cars, OKC
- February 20th; Monthly Dinner Meeting @ TBD
- March 3rd; Coffee & Cars, OKC
- March 9th -11th; OKC Auto Show, OKC
- March 22nd; Monthly Dinner Meeting @ Interurban Classic Grill, Edmond

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Happy Holidays & A Happy New Year