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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*"Another fresh new year is here . . .
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!"
- William Arthur Ward*

Happy 2017 to all!

The New Year is upon us and, in fact, January is mostly behind us already. As with each New Year, your officers and board begin preparing the year's calendar of events and 2017 is no

exception. Our traditional events of our monthly dinner meetings, the annual picnic, car show and Christmas party will all return this year. Additionally, a variety of social, driving and technical events are upcoming and we have a couple of new things in store for 2017 as well. Of course, we always seek member input and encourage your thoughts and ideas on what interests you - after all, it is your Section. So, please feel free to reach out as we want to hear from you. Otherwise, stay tuned. You will hear more at our upcoming dinner meetings, the newsletter and online announcements.

Looking back briefly, the 2016 Christmas Party at Twin Hills was great fun. The club offers us privacy in a beautiful setting as well as great food. Over 50 members and guests joined in a spirited dirty Santa gift exchange which was great fun. We look forward to returning to Twin Hills again for 2017.

With each newsletter I remind our Members to log onto our Facebook page and I am encouraging you to do so. Not only are interesting and unusual photos of beautiful Mercedes-Benz automobiles posted daily, our aim is to utilize the Facebook page as our online communication vehicle to our members. I solicit your thoughts and input as to how we can enhance our Facebook communications to you. Please, let us hear from you.

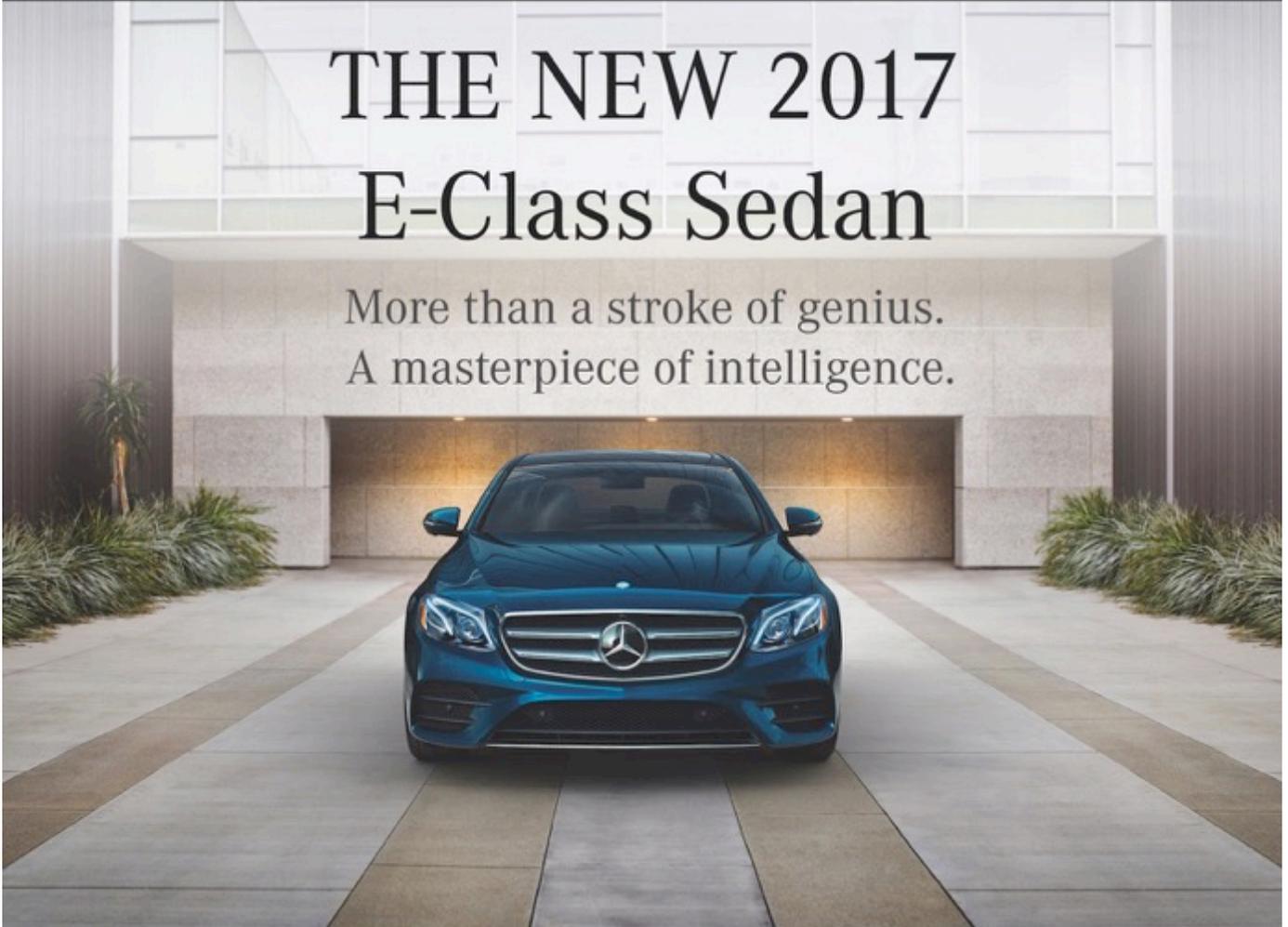


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2016 Christmas Party

By Bill & Pat Nash



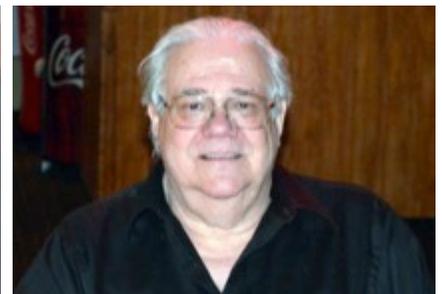
Although the weather was brisk, and a few members were forced to cancel, the 45 members in attendance had a great time during our annual Christmas party at the Twin Hills Golf and Country Club. Special thanks go to members John and Katherine Curry for sponsoring this event.

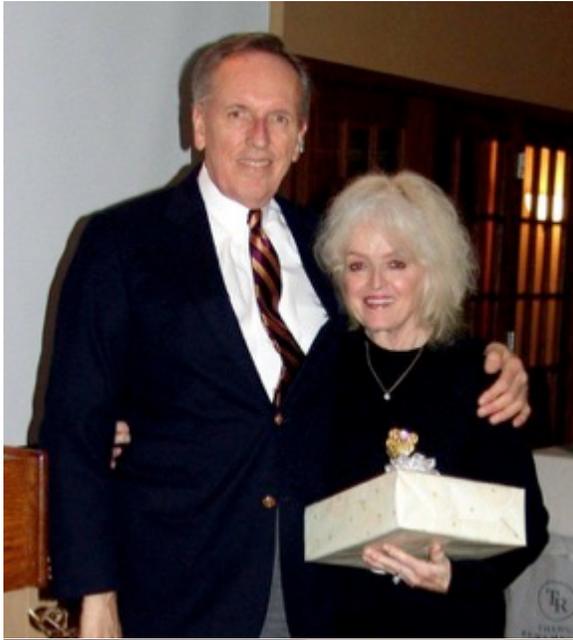
We were really looking forward to another visit by our national president, Terry Kiwala, but he had to cancel due to snow in Chicago. Terry promised to return to Oklahoma City in 2017.

The menu was very good with a choice of filet cooked-to-order, salmon or chicken. All entrées came with tossed salad, roasted potatoes, fresh green beans, dinner rolls, cheesecake and coffee or iced tea.

Gifts of appreciation were presented to Bobbye and Brooke Van Horn and to Ed and Peggy Hoag for their many years of service to the Club. All have served as members of the Board of Directors. Ed and Bobbye also served as President and Treasurer. Under their leadership, our Section has prospered.

The highlight of the evening was our traditional Dirty Santa gift exchange under the direction of Ken Wells. Members drew numbers, and as each beautifully wrapped gift was opened, it became available to be stolen by the next member. Several members went through numerous gifts before the game ended. All in all, everyone went home happy. We look forward to returning to Twin Hills in 2017.





Member Recognition

By Bill Nash



Each year in January the Section recognizes our long-term members with a Certificate of Appreciation or a special award.

This year the following members were recognized: Steve Murrell, Tena & Lance Highfill, John & Susan Bowers, Donald Rogers, and Darward George received certificates recognizing their 10 years of membership. Dirk & Sandi Shaw were recognized for their 15 years of membership, and Kathryn Newport Dew was recognized for her 20 years of

membership.

Mack & Sandy Roark and Jim & Kathy Walker received a clock in the shape of the State of Oklahoma in recognition of their 25 years of membership.

The Section has 143 members with over 10 years of membership.

The Member of the Year Award was presented to Kenny Hoffman and Mike Dippel. Kenny and Mike are very active Section Members and participate in all Section activities and special events. Both are great photographers and they volunteer to take pictures at Section meetings and special events such as our annual Christmas dinner, car shows, Mercedes-Benz Day at Coffee & Cars, etc. Their pictures help us document Section activities and are featured in our newsletter and Section event reports posted in our website. Kenny also took the lead in organizing a special visit to Don Boulton's Brass Era car collection. They provide a great team effort in supporting our Section.







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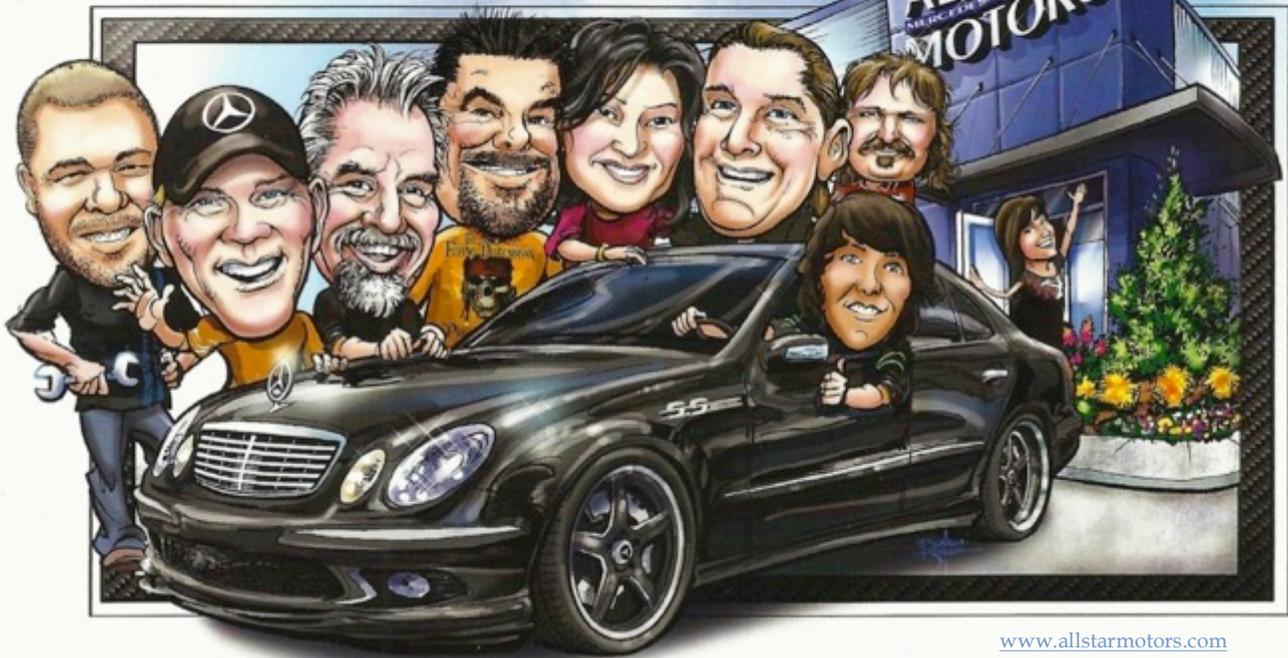
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Ponton Restoration Part XVI

By Charles Boyd

The light at the end of the restoration tunnel is now a faint glimmer but it gets brighter as time goes by. All of the electrical wiring is now straightened out and the horn blows, the headlights, fog lights, the directional signals and tail lights all work properly. The console lights up, the heater fans and the wipers work. The good part of this is that each item does its thing at the proper time. The horn doesn't honk when the lights are turned on nor does anything else work out of order. This has been quite an ordeal.



The convertible top is installed. The top has a full headliner, padding between it and the outer material. With all this, we wondered if we would have trouble getting it to fold down into the stowage hatch. When all was done it goes into the hatch as it should. Even a blind hog finds an acorn now and then.

The interior carpet is being finished after which the seats will be installed. The side windows are ready for the chrome trim which is yet to be fabricated. Upon completion of the fabrication, they will be chromed and installed on the windows and the door panels will be installed. After this, the only thing to be done is to finally fit the lower chrome, send it to be re-chromed and installed. The final task will be to completely detail it inside and out, top side and bottom. This will be a pleasurable job to which I am looking forward.

Mercedes-Benz starts new E Coupe' Production

By Daimler Media



Series production of the new E-Class Coupé has started at the Mercedes-Benz plant in Bremen. "The production start of the E-Class Coupé is part of the ongoing rejuvenation of our model range and continues our growth path", commented Markus Schäfer, Member of the Divisional Board of Mercedes-Benz Cars, Production and Supply Chain Management. "The new Coupé offers our customers the most intelligent technology, together with a

range of high-quality features. We implement this variability into our production flexibly, efficiently and in top quality. During the start-up phase, we were able to benefit from the excellent collaboration between the plants in Sindelfingen and Bremen."

Technical Session @ Silver Star Imports

Saturday, February 11th, 2017 @ 10:00 AM
Silver Star Imports, 301 W. 15th Street,
Edmond.

*A presentation on vintage and classic Mercedes maintenance
by Mr. Michael Rush and a tour of the shop.*



The New Engines from Mercedes-Benz

By Masood Khan

Mercedes-Benz has invested around 3 billion Euros in the development of new internal combustion engines, both gasoline and diesel. The new engines set new standards in terms of power output, refinement, emissions and efficiency. The new engines are:

- 6-cylinder in-line gasoline engine M 256
- 4-cylinder in-line gasoline engine M 264
- V8 gasoline engine M 176
- 6-cylinder in-line diesel engine OM 656



Some of the key features of the new modular design gasoline and diesel engines:

- Standard cylinder spacing of 90 mm and identical interfaces to the vehicle, which makes for modern, flexible production, among other things.
- New 48-volt on-board power supply instead of 12-volt.
- Electric auxiliary compressor eZV
- Integrated Starter-Alternator ISG
- Belt-driven starter-alternator BSA
- 48 V electrical system
- Cylinder shutoff
- Particulate filters for petrol engines
- Near-engine exhaust system
- 2500 bar diesel injection
- CAMTRONIC in diesel engine (OM 656), V8 biturbo gasoline engine (M 176) and four-cylinder gasoline engine (M 264)

Six-cylinder in-line diesel engine OM 656 was launched in the new E class in 2016, the new gasoline engines will be launched this year starting with the new S-Class.

Calendar of Events 2016-2017

- February 4th; Coffee & Cars OKC
- February 11th; Tech Session @ Silver Star, Edmond
- February 21st; Monthly Dinner Meeting @ Bravo
Cucina Italiana, OKC
- March 4th; Coffee & Cars OKC
- March 10th; OKC Auto Show @ State Fair Grounds
- March 23rd; Monthly Dinner Meeting @
Interurban, Edmond
- March 25th; BSA Car Show, Enid
- April 8th; Board of Directors Meeting
- April 8th; Tech. Session @ MBOKC
- April 18th; Monthly Dinner Meeting @ Bellini's
Ristorante, OKC

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