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President's Message October Fun

The end of summer is near and fall weather promises a great time to ride with the top down or windows open and fresh air. There are a plethora of fall events and activities that provide a place to drive, things to see and perhaps most of all a time to show off your favorite MB. In spite of all the great TV football games, take some time to get outside and enjoy the cooler weather, interact with fellow car enthusiasts and attend the events of your choice.

What's happening? Well, October 5 is the first Saturday therefore Cars & Coffee early, then Czech Day in Yukon with parade and lots of good food, multiple cars shows are popping up like weeds in my yard, and the Dutch will be arriving in Oklahoma City October 12. They are traveling in MBs, Jags, and assorted other antiques following Route 66 all the way to CA. October 17 is the big MBOKC debut of the new models and all Club members are invited to attend. This gala event will be in lieu of the regular October meeting. Details will follow on e-mail.

What else can we do? If you can come up with an idea let us know and maybe a few dozen MBs can make a trip to Gotebo or Mears or some other out of the way Oklahoma crossroads that

everyone should visit at least once. Ever been to Turner Falls? Its nice.

Jack Finks

From the Editor's Desk:

Pete & Mary thank all the Club members who submitted articles for the Sooner Star News. Our newsletter is more interesting when members submit articles and photos.

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2013-14 Events Calendar

All Club meetings start at 7:00 P.M.

- Sept 28-Oct 4 Lake Erie Tour
- October 5th, Sat. Coffee & Cars,
 Northpark Mall
- October 17th, Thurs. New Car Preview**
 MB Dealership, OKC
- Oct 25-27 Jaguar Club Fall Fling to Texas
- November 19th El Chico's Restaurant**
 Quail Springs Mall
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- Dec 10th **Petroleum Club**
Dec.17th Christmas Party
6:30pm Coctail Hour
- January 21st The Grand House**
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- February 18th Chelino's Restaurant**
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DRIVE TO THE SOD HOUSE MUSEUM

On Saturday, August 24th, six intrepid Members of Central Oklahoma Section joined the Central Oklahoma Jaguar Association's drive to Oklahoma's Sod House Museum, just south of Aline, OK. "Intrepid" because the Jag folks outnumbered us by five to one. They're a great group and we always have a good time together.

We met at the Cracker Barrel at NE 122nd & I-35 and headed north to Enid at 10:00am. After pit stops in Guthrie and Perry, the group of thirty-two gathered at Callahan's Pub and Grill in Enid for lunch. We have been there on previous Club drives to Enid and Callahan's food is always good.

After lunch we hit the road west for the half hour drive to the Sod House Museum. The Sod House was built by an 1893 land run family and is the only one remaining intact in Oklahoma. It was acquired by the State in 1963 and is "enclosed" in a modern air conditioned building to protect it from the elements. The Historical Society staffer gave us a personalized tour offering great insight into frontier living back in the period from 1890 to about 1910. As they were replaced by frame houses, the Sod houses were mostly used for storage or allowed to weather away. Upon completion of the tour, we all headed home through some especially green farm country.

Whenever our two Clubs get together for a drive we have twice as much fun.

Ed Hoag



L to R – Charles Woods, Debbie Smoak, Peggy Kirk, Martha Finks & Peggy Hoag

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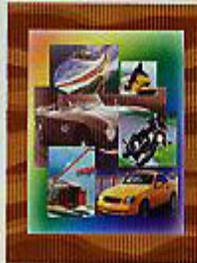
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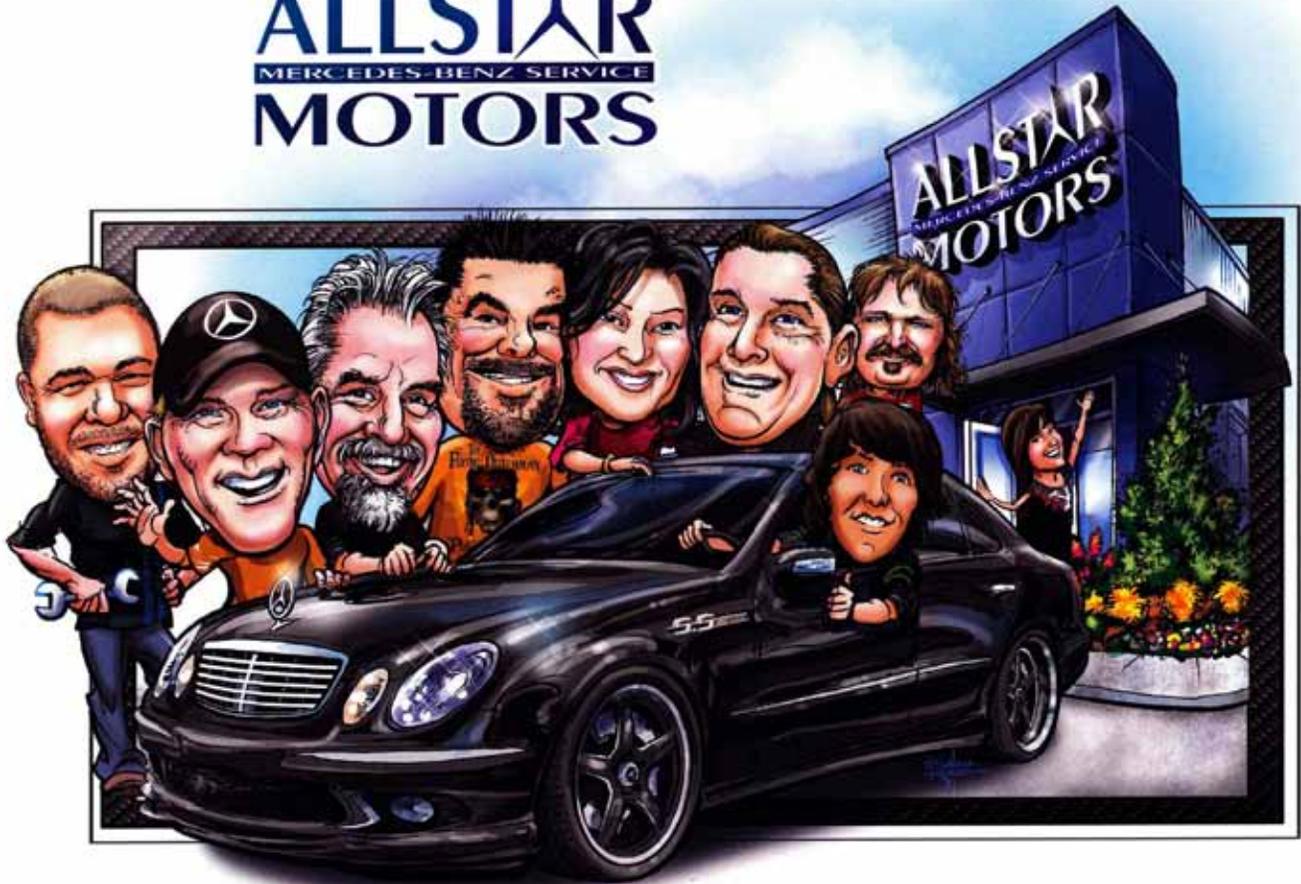
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FALL FLING 2013 with the Central Oklahoma Jaguar Club

Rescheduled from last April, our good friends with the Jaguar Club have invited us to join their October 25th, 26th & 27th drive down through southeastern Oklahoma to Tyler and on to Palestine Texas. The group will stay at the Best Western in Palestine for two nights to allow for a Saturday round trip steam train ride on the "Texas State Railroad" to Rusk, Texas. By not using the Interstates on the way down, drivers will enjoy their cars and see some colorful fall scenery. It's about 350 miles to Palestine.

The Hoag's and Pope's made this planned drive in April and had a great time. Shane York's choice of accommodations and restaurants for both Friday &

Saturday evenings were excellent.

For information on very necessary advanced reservations at the Best Western and for the train ride, contact Shane York at 405-262-0619 or yorsy@cox.net. It's less than a month away, so please let him know as soon as possible.

Ed Hoag

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MBCA National Enthusiast Committee Resources "For Enthusiasts"

The MBCA National Enthusiast Committee creates programs providing benefits and assistance for all Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts. These programs will be launched in 2013 and promoted throughout the year on the MBCA website, in *The Star* magazine, in section newsletters and social media for members and non-members alike.

This committee celebrates the legacy of generations of Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts whose knowledge and passion for the MBCA are its foundation. We have merged the experience of these members with the energy of newer members creating programs for everyone who eagerly supports the brand. The team are passionate club members with tremendous knowledge of the marque who provide accurate information, positive experiences and assistance to all Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts. We publish, support and maintain a variety of resources regarding MB collector car models and activities. Ready for a ride? Here we go!

The Ultimate Programs of Interest for You

- **Directory of Pre- and Post-War Mercedes-Benz Models on the MBCA Website**
Classic Pre- and vintage Post-War model groups provide expertise to enthusiasts on a one to one basis. These experts and restoration advisors are available for consultation; they will be listed on the MBCA website. The Pre-War group supports all models from Mercedes, Benz and Mercedes-Benz built from 1886-1945. This group is chaired by Michael Kunz, Manager of the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center in California. The Post-War group supports models from 1945-1991. Chaired by Peter Lesler, Past National President and MBCA National Concours Committee chair.
- **Calendar of Events for Automotive Enthusiasts**
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- **A Guide to Automobile Museums**
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- **Authors of Enthusiasm**
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- **Driving Activities for Enthusiasts**
Rallies, tours, caravans, performance driving and off road driving events will be published in *The Star*, and maintained on the MBCA website and its Events Calendar.
- **Historical and Anniversary Activities**
A list of celebrations focusing on anniversaries of Mercedes-Benz models as well as commemorating other events of historical significance for MBCA and the Mercedes-Benz marque.
- **Partnerships with other Clubs**
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- **MBCA Enthusiast Gazette**
This publication will be available for everyone on the MBCA website. All issues will contain information geared for the technical, restoration and social enthusiast.

**We hope you will enjoy all of these programs especially designed for you. Remember
Enthusiasm begins with you...**

Christmas Party, December 17th, 2013 at The Petroleum Club, Downtown OKC

Price: \$50.00 per person

Cocktails (cash bar) at 6:30p.m. Wine will be at the bar.
Dinner at 7:30p.m.

South West Salad With Roasted Poblano Ranch Dressing.

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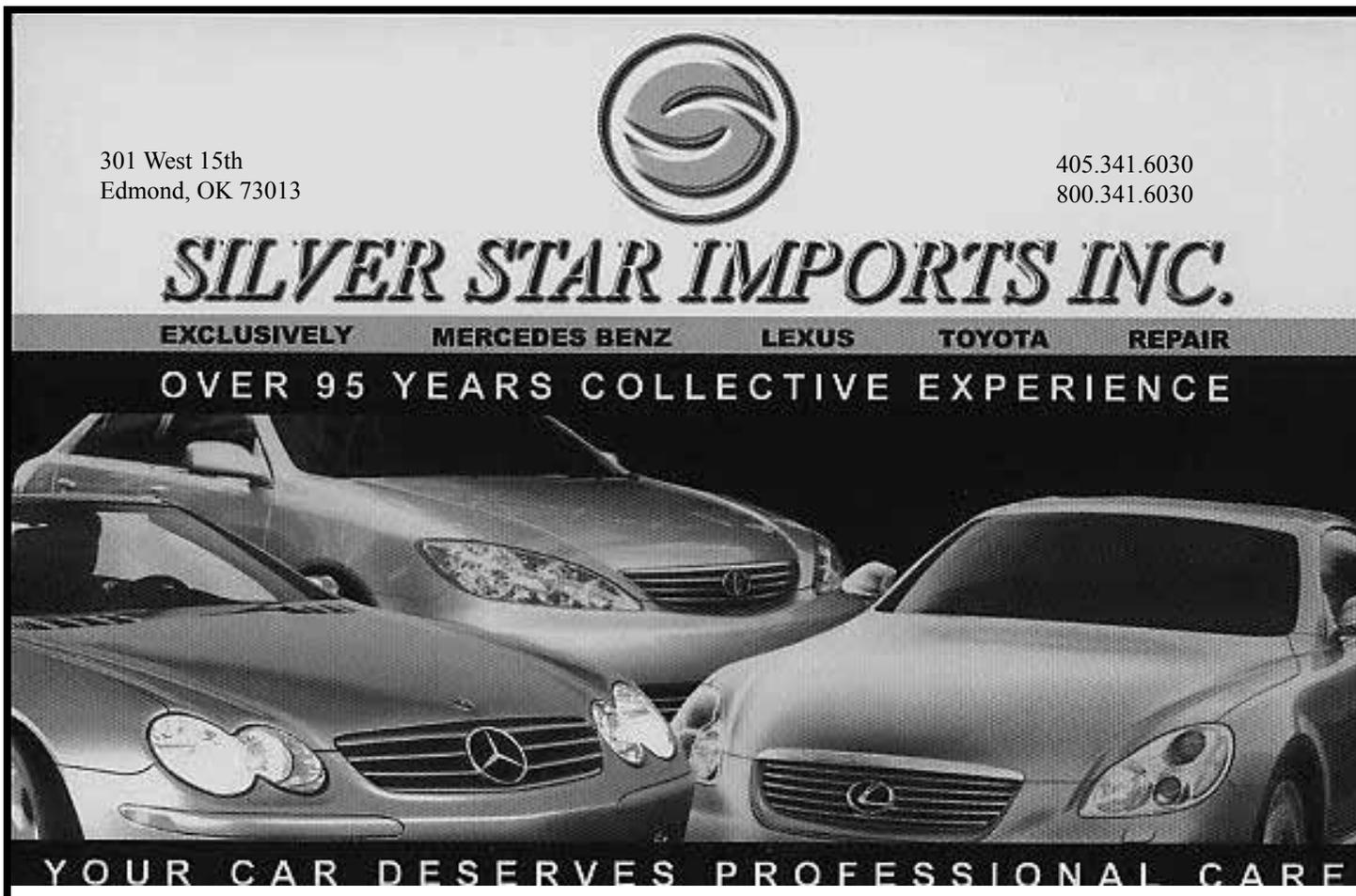
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Restoration 1959 – 220S Mercedes Cabriolet by Charles Boyd

The saga of the restoration of the 1959 220s began in February 2010 when my brother in Houston called and said he had heard of a lady in Houston who had fourteen older Mercedes that she wanted to sell. Her father had collected the cars and had passed away thus leaving her with the chore of disposing of them. Supposedly there was a 220 in the collection although no one knew whether it was a sedan, coupe or cabriolet. In any event, my interest was tweaked (it doesn't take much in regard to Mercedes to tweak my interest) so Fran and I set out for Houston. When we made contact with the lady, we went to her mother's home where parts of the cars were stored. Her father had removed the interiors, chrome and numerous other parts of all fourteen cars and had them stored in the garage in a heap. Very few of them were marked as to which car they belonged. This complicated my pursuit considerably but nevertheless we drove out to Waller Texas where the 220 was stored. When we first peeked into the two car garage, we were shocked to see five cars sandwiched in, along with the world's largest collection of garage sale items and junk. **(See photo #1)** The cars were so close together it was impossible to see the condition of any of them except one of the 230SL convertibles had the front wheels removed and was standing on a piece of stove wood at each front wheel. **(See photo #2)** I climbed over the other cars to get to the 220S but could not see much of the sides, but saw enough to conclude the car was too rusted out to be restored. I took as many pictures as I could and returned to Duncan. My intent was to show the pictures to my technicians (Dan and Don) to prove why I did not buy the car. After seeing the pictures, they convinced me that we had restored cars in worse condition and I should go back and take a second look. I still am not certain that we had restored worse but I did want a 220S so I wasn't too hard to convince. Fran did not share my feelings but still accompanied me to Houston where I struck a bargain with the lady contingent to my being able to dig out all of the parts from the stack in her mother's garage. Fortunately, I have a 220SE coupe of the same vintage so I could recognize the parts for the cabriolet. However it did take another trip to Houston to locate a few that I had overlooked. I paid the lady and proceeded to devise a plan for getting the car out of the garage. I was lucky enough to get in

touch with a tow service operator in Waller who knew his business and accepted the challenge. **(See photo #3)** He got the car out of the center of the garage by removing the 230SL less engine and pulling the 220S at an angle. We got the 220S loaded on the U-Haul trailer after we were told Waller did not have a U-Haul dealer but there was one some 25 miles away. We drove to that location and were told the nearest dealer was in Waller which was about two miles from the garage. Such is the luck when you take information from the first person you meet. We then headed to Duncan and all went well until the U-Haul trailer blew a tire about thirty miles from Duncan. **(See photo #4)** After contacting U-Haul (in Phoenix who called Oklahoma City, who called Ardmore, who sent a tire service to us) we finally got the tire replaced in only four hours. Meanwhile we were waiting and could see a tire service about three blocks away. Such is the efficiency of today's world. We arrived in Duncan shortly thereafter with my treasure. Fran still was not convinced whether I could restore it or would have to part it out but I was convinced either way would prove to be economically successful. Next, taking it apart.

Photos by Charles Boyd



Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3



Photo #4

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