



# SOONER STAR NEWS

## President's Message



*The harvest moon hangs round and high  
It dodges clouds high in the sky,  
The stars wink down their love and mirth  
The Autumn season is giving birth.  
Oh, it must be October...*  
~Pearl N. Sorrels

The autumn season is nigh upon us, which means 2015 will, all too soon, come to its close. But, before we say farewell to the departing year, your Section still has much for our

Members to partake.  
Oh, it must be October...

Mercedes-Benz Day at Coffee & Cars is Saturday, October 3. For those Members at last month's dinner meeting, John Terrill, the organizer of Coffee & Cars spoke about the huge success this monthly event has become. So, come join us as we will have a number of spaces held for our Members to gather - but you must be there early. Vehicles of all marques and vintages, classic and custom will be there. If you've not done Coffee & Cars before, you're in for a treat!

The Wichita Mountain road trip will be, Saturday, October 17.

What a great time of year to enjoy the fall color and cooler weather. Watch for details.

A special October dinner meeting is on tap for October 20. - A Member appreciation meeting at the Stonebridge Clubhouse (a private facility) with a catered meal provided to you by your Section. We look forward to seeing you there - but please email to Ed or Masood at [central.ok.mbca@gmail.com](mailto:central.ok.mbca@gmail.com) if you plan to attend

so we have an accurate meal count! Longtime automobile collector, racer and exotic car repair facility owner, John Harden will be our guest speaker.

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## MBCA - Central Oklahoma Section 2015 Christmas Party Event

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**Date:** Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
**Time:** Cash Bar at 6:30 - Dinner at 7:30  
**Location:** Twin Hills Golf & Country Club  
3401 North East 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73121  
(NE corner of I-35 and NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street)

#### Menu:

8oz Filet of Beef - \$39.00 (Cooked Medium unless you specify otherwise on your check)

Salmon - \$37.00

Chicken - \$32.00

A Vegetarian option - \$29.00

All Entrées come with Salad, a Starch, a Vegetable, Dinner Rolls, Desert and Coffee/Iced Tea.

#### Reservations and Prepay Required:

Please mail your check payable to MBCA with your Entrée selection(s) by no later than December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to:

Ed Hoag, Treasurer, MBCA Central Oklahoma Section  
P. O. Box 1518, Edmond, OK 73083-1518

#### After Dinner Fun:

Observing a Club tradition, we will be playing a seasonally appropriate version of "Dirty Santa". Please bring a wrapped gift (one per couple) valued \$25 to \$35.



*President's message continued...*

And, as we then usher in the Christmas season, our social highlight of the year, our annual Christmas party will be upon us. We are looking forward to our new venue, the historic Twin Hills Country Club. So, save the date for December 15 and plan to attend. Details will follow soon.

So, while we're in the autumn of the year, your Section still offers much in Mercedes-Benz activities to enjoy. So join in and we'll see you there!

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 – Central Oklahoma Section September 15, 2015 Members' Meeting, OKC Coffee & Cars

*By Bill & Pat Nash*

Coffee & Cars in Oklahoma City takes place the first Saturday of every month (no matter what) at Northpark Mall, 12100 North May, in Oklahoma City. It is sponsored by Synergy Advisors Group, a financial and estate planning firm. Our speaker was Synergy's John Terrill.



### **History:**

Synergy and some of their clients went to car shows together and realized they would like to display their cars in a less formal environment, without the work of detailing and without having to pay a fee. Four years ago, they set up their first meeting at Penn and Memorial. At that time they hoped 100 cars would participate, but they had 125. The number of cars continued to grow, and they had to move from the Penn and Memorial location to Northpark Mall. Since that time the number of cars showing has grown to 1,425, with 4000 people attending, and a current newsletter circulation of 3,000. They appear on YouTube and have had five appearances in the media. The rules of participation are simple: be courteous, take only one parking space, no burnouts and no speeding. Synergy covers insurance, event licensing, coffee and two off-duty police officers.

As attendance continues to grow, and location options are limited (Quail Springs Mall said no, Remington wanted to take over, the Fairgrounds is too expensive, and Bass Pro limited the number of cars to 475), suggestions are welcome. One option under consideration is to get additional space in the parking lot on the north side of 122<sup>nd</sup> Street.

"Cars & Coffee" is a nationwide organization and charges a franchise fee of \$10,000, so our own local "Coffee & Cars" was created. Oklahoma City has a surprisingly great number of quality cars (including Bugatti, Ferrari, and Lamborghini; it appears there are many more exotics in our area than expected. Almost all other types of cars are on display every month, ranging from rat rods, hot rods, and classics to daily drivers. At one event an airplane was on display, much to the dismay of local law enforcement.

**Charity:** On each anniversary event in September a charity is chosen. Synergy provides t-shirts to the charity and they offer them for sale. The price is a donation of the buyer's choice. The first year, \$7,500 was raised for Love OKC, and at the 2015 anniversary, \$17,000 was raised for this year's charity.

**Future:** Coffee & Cars is looking at expanding activities to include track days, drives, cruises, and remote events. If requested, Coffee & Cars can reserve a limited number of spaces for car clubs to display their cars.

**Other Locations:** There are other similar events in Midwest City ("Cruise in For Coffee") and in Tulsa ("Caffeine & Gasoline"). Houston also has a very large Coffee and Cars organization. None of those groups are affiliated with OKC Cars & Coffee.

**Hours:** Coffee & Cars is held on the first Saturday of every month from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. However, most Saturdays begin at 7:00 a.m. (If you really want a good space you need to show up at 6:30 a.m.). People seem to come in two groups, one around 7:00 a.m. and, as those people leave, others arrive around 9:30 a.m.

### **Saturday, October 3, Mercedes-Benz Day at Coffee & Cars**

**Spaces will be held for MBCA members on this date, and we were asked to let John know how many parking spaces will be needed. Members wishing to participate should be on-site by 7:00 a.m. If you have questions, contact Kenny Hoffman [khoffman29@cox.net](mailto:khoffman29@cox.net) or 405-427-2109)**

## Mercedes Spotting



Spotted in Edmond, by  
Masood Khan

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## 220S Ponton Restoration Part XI

By Charles Boyd

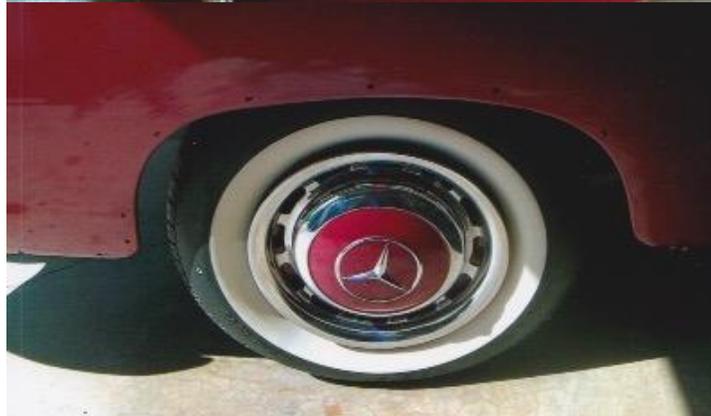
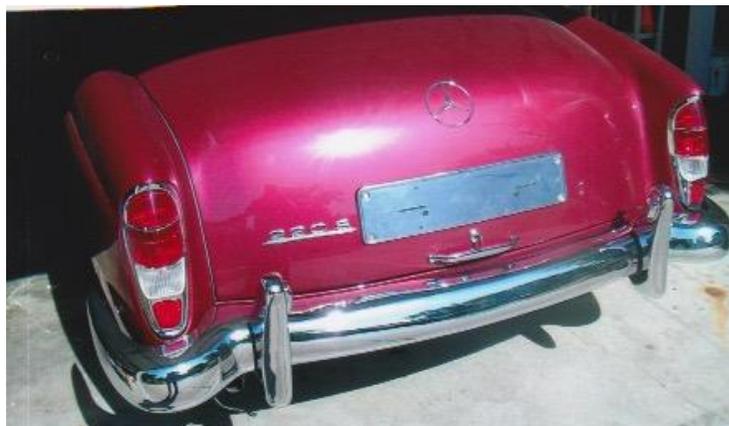
The 220S is now back in Duncan where it is being assembled. Starting at the front, the bumper, fog lights, grill and one headlight are all in place. The fender lights are partially installed but the wiring is not complete. The windshield is installed; no small task, and the wipers are in place.

The dash is installed with the wiper switch and cigarette lighter in place. Installing the cigarette lighter seemed like an exercise in futility

because it will never be used because there will be no smoking in this vehicle. The side window vents are assembled and installed. Door latches are installed and adjusted. At the rear, the back bumper is in place. The taillights, emblems and trunk handle are assembled and attached.

Presently the covers are being installed on the seats. Next will come the convertible top, carpets and upholstery. Sounds easy when written or spoken but I am certain a few more problems will arise. It is reassuring to have it thus far even though we had to stop for a while due to the high temperature and humidity. With the cooler weather we will be going full speed ahead.

I have had friends make the statement that, "That car project is what keeps you young." I can say it is not doing much to keep me young, as time marches on, but it is helping to keep me physically fit.



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## Daimler-Motoren-Gesellschaft supplied the world's first motorized taxi.



On 26 June 1896, the Stuttgart-based haulage operator Friedrich Greiner ordered a Daimler motor carriage from the Daimler-Motoren-Gesellschaft (DMG) in Cannstatt. Because the intention was to use it as a hire cab to carry passengers, Greiner also arranged for it to be fitted with a taximeter. Company founder Gottlieb Daimler in person was responsible for recommending his four-speed belt-driven model (known henceforth as the belt-driven car), which had an output of 8 HP, for

use as a taxi.

The first motorized taxi went into service eleven years after the invention of the automobile, in 1897. Friedrich Greiner was able to cover a distance of about 70 kilometers a day. Far more than any horse-drawn cab. In view of the immediate success of the Daimler motor carriage, the businessman soon renamed his company the “Daimler Motorized Cab Company”. By 1899 his fleet had grown to comprise seven Daimler taxis. The years that followed would see similar taxi

companies established in many other major European cities.

*The first Mercedes-Benz taxi arrived on the scene in 1927.*

Following the merger of the two companies to form Daimler-Benz AG, in June 1926, the first Mercedes-Benz taxi arrived on the market in 1927: the basis for it was provided by the 8/38 hp model. As in the case of the world’s very first motorized taxi, the taxi version of the 8/38 hp was also a landaulet, upon which the rear section of the roof could be folded back – an option



Fig. 1. Motor - Taxameter in Stuttgart.

## Calendar of Events 2015

- October 3<sup>rd</sup>; Coffee & Cars, OKC
- October 10<sup>th</sup>; Board of Directors Meeting.
- October 17<sup>th</sup>; Driving Event, Wichita Mountains.
- October 20<sup>th</sup>; Member's monthly dinner meeting  
@ Stonebridge Clubhouse, Edmond.
- November 7<sup>th</sup>; Coffee & Cars, OKC
- November 17<sup>th</sup>; Member's monthly dinner meeting  
@ El Chico's, Quail Springs.
- December 15<sup>th</sup>; Christmas Party @ Twin Hills Golf  
& Country Club, 3401 NE 36<sup>th</sup> St.  
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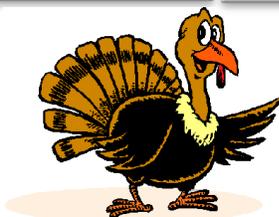
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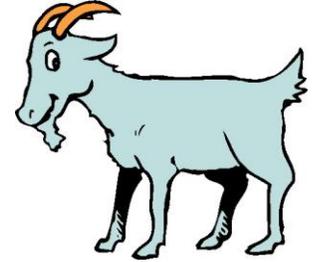
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## Project Fintail

By Masood Khan

### Part 1: Buy a goat?

In the Indian Subcontinent they say, “If you don’t have a heartache, buy a goat.” No, I am not buying a goat but a 1966 W111 Fintail, the one not even running but in deep meditation in the outdoors for half a decade. Though we have a three-year age difference, I still cannot figure out who is in a rougher shape, the Fintail or I.



The reason for buying her is part *sentimental*, part *logical* and part *moral*.

- **Sentimental:** Just like my daughter got her first Mercedes from her dad, I got mine from my dad. It was a red Fintail. Since I was only four at that time, mine was in 1:18 scale. I love Fintails because it was my first Mercedes. People drool on Gullwings; I don’t. There are too many Gullwings; you can even find one in Enid, Oklahoma.
- **Logical:** It is a local straight body car with no rust or big structural damage, but frankly speaking, what has logic to do anyway in buying a 50-year-old Mercedes?
- **Moral:** As a Mercedes-Benz enthusiast and MBCA Member, I feel obligated to rescue “abused Mercedes” whenever I can.

When I started looking for another classic, my better half said make sure it is an automatic and has air-conditioning. The Fintail has both. Good news: Farah is onboard with me and is eagerly awaiting her first drive.

**Goal:** Make it mechanically fit and safe to drive anywhere. I’m not interested in cosmetics at this time, as we don’t have extra garage space. Also she is supposed to be the car for running errands, including groceries. (Hopefully in the not so distant future, if you see a white Fintail parked at Sprouts or Uptown in Edmond, you will know it is our grocery day.)



**First Heartache:** Realized getting 13-inch whitewall tire is not as simple as I thought. After a lot of running around I was able to purchase four tires directly from the manufacturer at a reasonable price. Thanks to my friends Charles Woods and Jim Taheri for their assistance in the hunt for the tires.

**I own the tires:** The tires are here; the sale has yet to be finalized, once through that, Fintail will be at the mercy of Fintail doctor. As she has no healthcare insurance, I will be paying the bills. I hope Fintail doctor will be kind and will give some discount. Though I am an *unreligious* person but I feel a little bit of prayer by you friends will not hurt, so until next time, please keep praying for all three of us.



## Mike Horn, G Class & K2

By Masood Khan



This summer, Mike Horn the world-renowned adventurer made an attempt to climb world's second highest mountain K2 (28,251 feet). It was a three-tier adventure, driving from Switzerland to Pakistan (home of the K2), and then climbing one of the most difficult mountains on earth and later skiing and paragliding down the mountain.

In mid May, Mike along with Alpine climbers Fred Roux, Köbi Reichen and his two daughters Annika and Jessica started the journey from their home in Switzerland. In two Mercedes G Wagons, they drove through Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and China to reach Skardu, Pakistan.

Mike said about the drive; "Let's just say it's a challenging commute to work".

The G Wagons performed superbly during the

commute and after an adventurous drive, transported Mike and his team to the destination.



After scaling the mountain almost half way, on July 28<sup>th</sup>, Mike and his team had to call off the climb due to bad weather and threat of avalanche.

Mike summed up his sentiments very wisely, "Although climbing is considered a sport, we do not "play" climbing. We do not lose a match or a game; we lose our lives when competing against Mother Nature. A human must have the wisdom to make the right decision according to natural conditions.

*If you step over that line, it's not nature that kills you – it's your decision! We are always disappointed not reaching goals, but the mountain will always be there. If you stay alive as a climber, you can go back and try again".*

We hope Mike will be able to complete his ambitious goal of climbing K2 one day.

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Mike Horn with daughters before the start



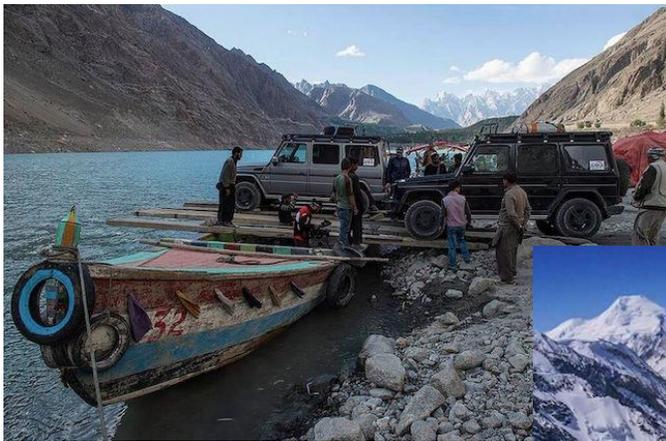
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In China



G Class can fly...



Going for a boat ride in Pakistan

Karakorum mountain range and Qogir Glacier in the background



Mike calls G Class "the motorized version of me".

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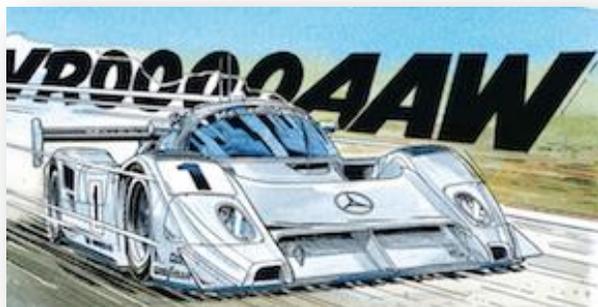
*"With the past, I have nothing to do; nor with the future. I live now."* Ralph Waldo Emerson

I had ignored my beautiful 450SL for some time, even her gleaming yellow color, shining chrome, beautiful lines and contours failed to draw my attention. While the poor SL sat for months ignored and un-driven in the garage, I spent hours on my computer, looking at the countless for sale Pagodas, 108s and Fintails.

Finally heartbroken and with "varnish in the heart" she refused to start. After days in the shop and considerable amount of money spent, she is fixed. The varnish is gone; gas flows uninterrupted through her veins and air flows through her lungs. She starts in a single crank and runs beautifully in the streets and on the highways.

With living in nostalgia of the cars that I had owned and drooling on the ones I wanted to have in the future, I had missed out on enjoying what I had. Glad this realization has set in, I want to enjoy everything I have, I want to drive my SL on the beautiful autumn mornings, afternoons and evenings. Who cares about the odometer, I want to live in the moment, want to live now.

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Food will be catered and your Club is picking up the tab for the attending

Members/ Associate Members, however it is important you

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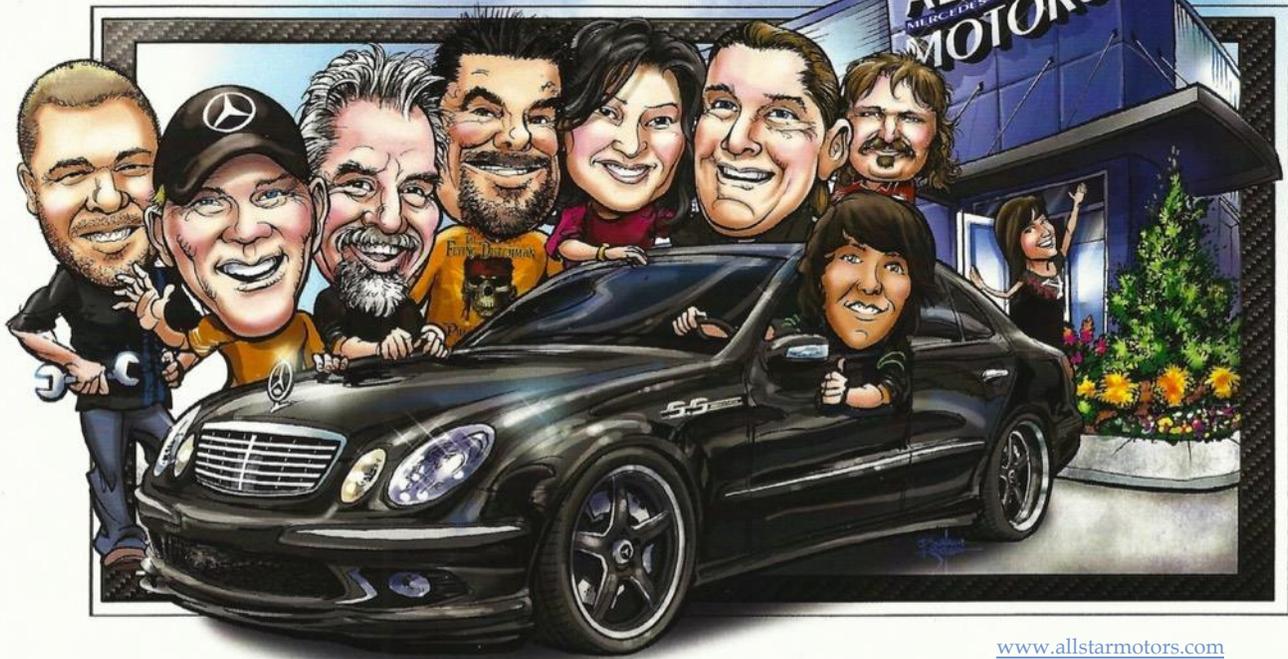
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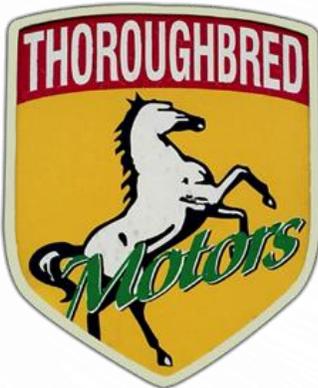
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## MBCA Central OK goes to Porsche Club Car Show



Our Club leadership is exploring the possibilities of holding an all German Car Show in partnership with the Porsche and BMW Clubs. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, Porsche Club organized a Car Show to benefit Sunbeam Family Services and we were invited to join them. Some of our Members participated in the show and brought some interesting cars, including Ken Wells Ferrari and Jim Taheri's 1972 Mercedes-Benz 280SE.

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