



# SOONER STAR NEWS

## President's Message



Happy New Year to All!

Our Section begins the New Year by celebrating the milestone event of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our section was chartered December 11, 1984 as the Oklahoma Section. The Section's small nucleus of charter members not only grew but thrived. Later the Section divided itself into two Sections – the

Central Oklahoma Section becoming the Central Oklahoma Section and a newly chartered Eastern Oklahoma Section. So, a handful of original members have become a membership of 250 including our Section's 150 members and the Eastern Oklahoma Section's 100 members. So, congratulations to each of you. Your dedication to your MBCA membership is what has made this achievement possible.

At our January meeting, our celebration continued as we had the privilege to recognize individual member achievements. Our most longstanding members, Dr. Roland and Kelsey Walters attended and received a plaque in recognition of 30 years of membership. In fact, the Walters joined MBCA prior to our Section's charter. A complete list of our members recognized at the meeting for their years of membership is inside the newsletter. Next time you see or speak to these folks, please congratulate them for their member service.

Have you 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. I encourage you to not only go to the site regularly to see this great photos (and be sure to "Like" them) but other Section news is posted there.

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## Member Recognition Meeting

*By Bill Nash*

But first, a bit of history. On December 11, 1984, the Mercedes-Benz Club of America awarded a charter to the Central Oklahoma Section. During our Membership Recognition Meeting on January 20, 2015, we celebrated our 30-year anniversary by recognizing our long-term members. We were pleased to have Dr. Roland and Kelsey Walters join us for this special evening. Dr. Walters joined the Club in September of 1984 before the Section was chartered. Another long-term member, Don East of Tulsa, joined MBCA in April of 1977. Don is still an active member of the Eastern Oklahoma Section. The Central Oklahoma Section now has 40 members with 10 or more years of continuous membership.

Certificates of Recognition were issued to 10-year members Steve Biggers, John Dyer and Fred Morgan. Fifteen-year certificates were issued to Robert Checorski, Barney Kelly, Roger and Melissa Padgham, and Pete and Mary Williams. Twenty-year certificates were issued to Lawrence and Helen Cammuso and Bobbye and Brooke Van Horn. A commemorative plaque was presented to Dr. Roland and Kelsey Walters. Dr. Walters shared his memories of the early days of our Section. It was a small group which grew to approximately 250 members; of that number, approximately 100 members now belong to the Eastern Oklahoma Section. Our Section has maintained an average of 150 members for the last 10 years. Although the boundaries of our Section are great, we have an average of 40 loyal members and guests who attend our monthly dinner meetings.

We were fortunate to have our two newest members (Lori and Rick Pipkin and Darrell and Kimberly Smith) join us for what has become our annual Membership Recognition Meeting.

We also recognized the Section's Member of the Year, Don Daniels. Don received the MBCA Member of the Year plaque. He and his wife Judith have been active participants in Section activities for the last five years.

Ed Hoag, our Treasurer, was recognized as the Section's Officer of the Year. Ed has also served as President, Vice President, and Secretary, and has been a board member since October of 2002. Ed and his wife Peggy have actively supported the Section since joining MBCA in 1998.

Our Section's newsletter, the Sooner Star News, won third-place in the MBCA National Communications Contest in the Emailed newsletter category. A commemorative plaque was presented to our Newsletter Editor Masood Khan. This is a significant accomplishment as our Section recently transitioned from print to Email with the June/July 2014 issue.

We're looking forward to another active year, beginning with a road trip in April to southwest Oklahoma, our annual car show held in conjunction with the Jaguar Club in May, membership recruitment events, and our annual Christmas dinner in December.

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Member Recognition Meeting Photos



Dr. & Kelsey Walters with President Charles Woods and  
VP and Membership Chair Bill Nash



Brooke & Bobbye Van Horn with President Charles Woods  
and VP and Membership Chair Bill Nash



Don Daniels, Member of the year with immediate past President  
Jack Finks and President Charles Woods

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## **2015 Mercedes-Benz / Jaguar Joint Concours d' Elegance and Car Show** **Friday evening May 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (Submitted by Ed Hoag)**

This year our Car Show will relocate to the Boathouse District on the Oklahoma River. Our cars will be displayed on the lawn next to the Chesapeake Boathouse - the area for Olympic athletic time trials and rowing events on the River.

New for this year, our activities will kick off on Friday evening with a 1½ hour Devon boat ride along the Oklahoma River with liquid refreshments and “heavy” hors-d'oeuvres. Seating is limited and will fill up very fast, so plan to respond as soon as you receive your Registration Packet information.

Saturday there will be an 8:00 to 9:00am photography opportunity for you and your car. The framed picture will be available at the evening Banquet, with the cost for it included in the Registration fee.

Mercedes-Benz Club of America President Terry Kiwala and Regional Director Gene Jurick will be here to participate and greet everyone.

Our supported organization for 2015 is the American Red Cross. There will be an emergency response vehicle onsite for people to view and learn about the Red Cross' mission and outreach in our Oklahoma communities. A variety of food trucks for lunch and treats will be located at the Show site.

For “out-of-Towner's” and those wanting to stay close to the action, the Marriott Courtyard in Bricktown has tentatively been selected as our host hotel. The Marriott provides covered parking. More information will follow in the Registration Packet.

After the Concours, the Annual Awards Banquet and Charity Auction will be held at the Mercedes-Benz Dealership that evening. The Banquet features a “live” and “silent” auction to benefit the Red Cross. Mark your calendars for this big weekend and look for full details in the upcoming Registration Packet.

## **Ponton Restoration-Part VIII**

*By Charles Boyd*



What with Christmas, New Years and multiple funerals for old friends, very little has been accomplished with the 220S project. Then about the time the holidays were over, the frigid weather from the north came in. Unfortunately our shop is not totally temperature controlled and it is not possible to satisfactorily paint when the metal and the ambient are too cold, so this too has slowed progress. We have finally finished the fitting of the chrome on the lower section of one side and the upper section of both sides. Also, the underside of the hood and trunk lid are painted and ready to install once all the jamming is completed. Hopefully, I will have more progress to report at the next issue.

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## Central Oklahoma Section 2014 Christmas Party

*By Bill Nash*

On December 16th, the Central Oklahoma Section held its annual Christmas party. Fifty Members and guests arrived at the Petroleum Club on the 35th floor of the Chase Building in downtown Oklahoma City. The views of the lights of our City were incredible. We had a delightful dinner and played a mean game of "Dirty Santa" with Ken Wells as our M. C. In addition, each Member received a beautiful Mercedes Benz pen as a gift from the Section.

Tom Davis, General Manager of Mercedes Benz of Oklahoma City, and his wife Melanie joined us in the festivities. Our President, Charles Woods, expressed the Section's appreciation for the support Tom has provided for many years. Tom is leaving the dealership and moving on to new opportunities.

Everyone had a great time, and we look forward to the New Year.



To see more Christmas Party Pictures please visit our Website:

<http://centralok.mbca.org> or the Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mercedes-Benz-Club-of-America-Central-Oklahoma-Section/116487505215294?fref=ts>

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## Committee Appointments

**The following appointments were confirmed during the January 10, 2015 meeting of the Board of Directors.**

**Activities Committee** – Develops and maintains a running twelve-month calendar of activities/events, in four categories: Social, Driving, Educational and Technical. The Committee Chairs seek input from the membership for activities/events and seek interested members to assist in conducting the activities/events. The committee will seek assistance when necessary and stay in touch with the vice-president.

**Social Activities** (monthly dinner meetings, Halloween party, Christmas party, etc.)

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**Hospitality & Door Prizes** (Awarded at monthly dinner meetings and special events)

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**Program Committee** (Assists the President in identifying guest speakers and in developing the program for dinner meetings and special events)

Members of the Board of Directors serve as members of the Program Committee

**Driving and Educational Events** (Plans and conducts the Annual car show, and driving and educational events)

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**Technical Committee** (Suggests varied technical sessions each year to the Activities Chair. Coordinates technical sessions with the Advertising Chair based on responses of advertisers who have indicated an interest in hosting a technical session. Serves as the Section resource to respond to technical questions.)

Jeff Leatherock (Chair) - Phone: 405-306-9795, E-mail: [leatherock@aol.com](mailto:leatherock@aol.com)

Charles Boyd (Member) – Phone: 580-255-4040, E-mail: [cl.boyd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cl.boyd@sbcglobal.net)

**Communications Committee** – Develops the Section's communications plan and coordinates publication of the Section Newsletter, Website and Facebook postings.

Masood Khan (Chair) – Phone: 405-326-2531, E-mail: [masood-k@cox.net](mailto:masood-k@cox.net)

**Newsletter Editor** - Coordinates write-ups of events/activities and other articles from those responsible. Reviews and edits all material for publication. Prioritizes information to be published in the newsletter. Publishes and distributes the newsletter. Sends files to the Webmaster for posting on the section website.

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**Membership Committee** – Obtains Membership records from the National Business Office, and reports Membership statistics to the Board. Sends welcome letters to new members and renewal reminders to Members with expiring or expired Memberships. Develops the Section's Membership Recruitment Program.

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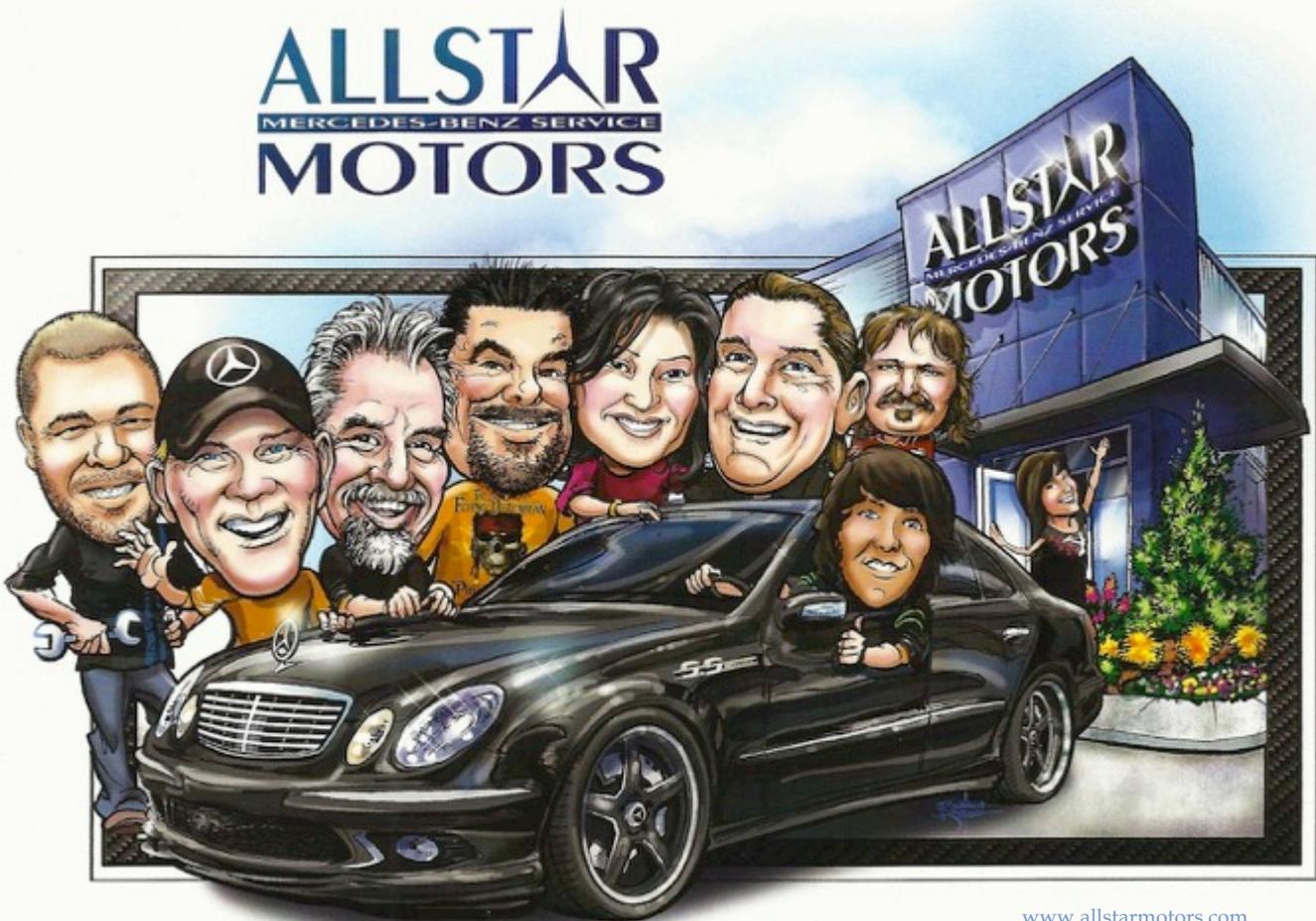
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**Historian** – The Section Secretary develops and maintains historical records of the section.

Masood Khan (Secretary) – Phone: 405-326-2531, E-mail: [masood-k@cox.net](mailto:masood-k@cox.net)

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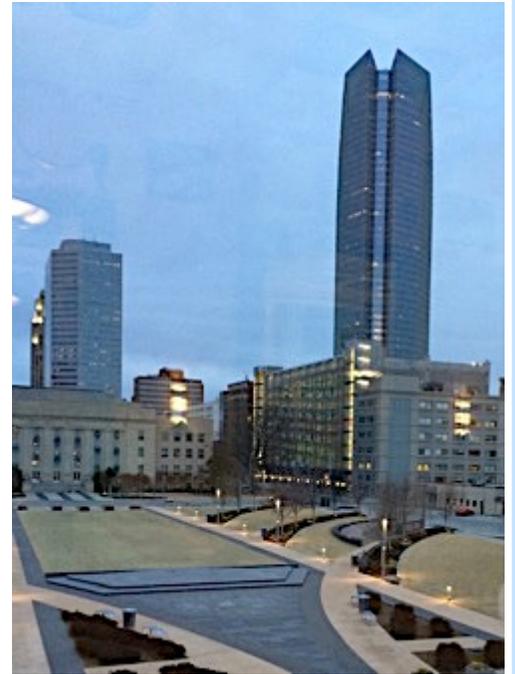
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## Editor's Note

**"The golden age is before us, not behind us".**

*William Shakespeare*

On December 11, 2014 our Section turned 30, this means our youth years are over and we have entered the age of maturity. As "Yoda" would say; "and matured we are becoming", last year our E Newsletter got 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a contest held by MBCA, this year our Section is asked by the NBO to apply for "Section of the year" and "Public Service Award" respectively. Our Annual Car Show has moved out to a new venue on the Oklahoma River away from the protective shade of MBOKC. Section management is better organized we have fresh minds on the Board and Committees, new activities and meeting venues in the planning and new advertisers joining us. We are moving ahead at a steady speed towards the golden age.



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- Feb 7<sup>th</sup>; Coffee & Cars
- Feb 17<sup>th</sup>; Monthly Dinner Meeting @  
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Edmond. (405) 607-1300.
- Feb 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>; Leake Auction, State Fair Grounds
- Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>; Oklahoma City Auto Show
- Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>; Coffee & Cars
- Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>; Monthly Dinner Meeting @ Red  
Lobster, 4243 Northwest Expressway, OKC.  
(405) 842-1453.
- March 28<sup>th</sup>; Enid BSA Car Show
- April 4<sup>th</sup>; Coffee & Cars

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