



# SOONER STAR NEWS

Central Oklahoma Section of The Mercedes-Benz Club of America

## President's Message



Spring, summer and warm weather are here and there are many great activities planned for Club Members to enjoy. Pay close attention to the Activities Calendar and note several new restaurant locations for our meetings. We encourage you to attend as many meetings as your schedule will allow. Member participation helps guide the Board

of Directors to make the Club operate effectively and efficiently and provide the type of activities Members are interested in attending. Whether it is technical sessions, social events or driving venues we need to hear your ideas and suggestions to make the Club an enjoyable experience for all.

The annual Mercedes/Jaguar Car Show was a great success and attendees were "blown away" by the dancing talents of the kids of our selected charity, Life Change Academy. A standing ovation by the dinner guests was a tribute to the skills and talents of the fine young people and both Clubs felt great pride in the accomplishments of this group. The money raised by car show participants for this charity will go to provide more opportunities for additional deserving youth.

Special thanks, to our South Central Regional Director, Gene Jurick and to Members of the Eastern Oklahoma Section in Tulsa. Your cars added greatly to the show and your assistance was most appreciated!

Jack Finks

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## 2014 Central Oklahoma Section Spring Road Trip

By Bill & Pat Nash

On Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, our trip started in Oklahoma City and continued south to Norman to join the remainder of the group. We had 20 members and guests willing to face a chilly, gray day to take the back roads to the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. Our original plans were to go through Purcell and Lexington, but the road was closed due to bridge construction. We had to take a slight detour down Interstate 35 and then returned to Highway 77 through Wayne, Paoli, Pauls Valley, Wynnewood and then Route 7 through Davis and on to Sulphur and the Cultural Center. At the entrance we were met by our personal tour guide, who gave us a brief overview of the stunning state-of-the-art campus featuring architectural elements such as native stone, wood and copper, a place that records Chickasaw history. We had lunch in the Aaimpa' Café, overlooking the Kochcha' Aabinili' Amphitheater and then toured the exhibits. The guide explained the history of the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations, and escorted us through the Council House, the Spirit Forest and on to the Anoli' Theater. It was very interesting to learn about two of our state's active Native American cultures and more of the details about their relocation to Oklahoma's Indian Territory. Chickasaws were evicted from their land in the southeastern United States beginning in 1837. The removal experience portrays their "Trail of Tears"—the painful journey from the Tupelo, Mississippi area to the south-central plains of Oklahoma.



After touring the main exhibits, we were treated to Chickasaw Stomp Dance, and the visitors were invited to join in the singing and dancing. We also had a chance to visit the Chikasha Inchokka' Traditional Village. After we left the Cultural Center, some of the group toured the historic Artesian Hotel and Casino in downtown Sulphur. Established in 1906, it is a one-of-a-kind hotel, which was a hotspot for celebrities, politicians and trendsetters alike until it was destroyed in a fire in 1962. The new Artesian restores one of the region's most beloved hotels to its former glory.

Our final, and much anticipated, stop was the Bedré Fine Chocolate factory in Davis, Oklahoma; it was purchased by the Chickasaw Nation in 2000 and has become a popular tourist stop just off I-35. We also visited the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center, which is located next to the Bedré Fine Chocolate factory.

The day's drive was an interesting and educational adventure.

The Section wishes to extend our thanks to Charles Woods and Ed Hoag for planning the event and doing the pre-drive, and to Paul Rodesney and David Cook for taking photographs.



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**JUNE SATURDAY EVENT**

MBCA Members are invited to a glass blowing demonstration and tour at Blue Sage Studios in Oklahoma City. We'll meet there at 10:00am on Saturday, June 21st. Blue Sage is located at 1218-C North Western Avenue (between W Park Place & NW 11<sup>th</sup> on the east side of the street).

As we need to let the Studio know how many will be there, please Email or phone: Ed Hoag at [edhoag@cox.net](mailto:edhoag@cox.net) or 405-341-3578 to let him know you plan to attend.

Afterwards, for lunch we'll take a very short drive downtown to Joey's Pizzeria, 700 W Sheridan (at the SW corner of Sheridan & Lee).



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## Concours in the Park

By Paul Rodesney

The 2014 Joint Mercedes-Benz / Jaguar Concours has concluded and it was another successful show for our Mercedes Club. The festivities started Friday night with a nice dinner at Toby Keith's Restaurant then an hour-long boat ride on the downtown canal. During the boat ride, we went from one end of the canal to the other end while received lots of interesting information about downtown landmarks from our boat captain, Captain Morgan. Very relaxing.

Saturday morning started very early, close to 7:15AM for some of us, getting the tents and banners set up and making sure our cars were clean before it was time to have our pictures taken standing beside them. Even though we weren't able to park on the grassy area as in the past years, the street seemed to work just fine. With the boundless help of Charles Woods working the phones and e-mail, we were able to ensure a full slate of a wide variety of cars from old ones to new ones and even had more cars than the Jaguar club had.



Along with the amazing Mercedes and Jaguar cars, there were a handful of Brass era cars and Ken Wells arranged to have some exotic cars show up to the tune of a his Ford GT, a McLaren, Viper, Ferrari 458, Lamborghini and his Aston Martin, definite crowd pleasers.

Much of this year's success can also be directed at the steady stream of volunteers that were able to step up to take several leadership positions needed to ensure this year's success. Our regular "car parkers" Matthew Haire and David McClendon left Norman very early to make sure they were in position when the first cars started to arrive. With lots of volunteers in tow, Fred Reinhardt managed the set up responsibilities and Greg Morgan handled the teardowns.

The awards dinner is only a small part of what happens at the dealership in the evening. This year's Charity is the Life Change Academy and they teach underprivileged kids ballroom dancing, and

also how to mature and enter adulthood ready to take on the world. One of the main objectives at the awards dinner is to raise money for this year's charity and boy did we. To start the festivities, there were four young couples performing for us and demonstrating various types of dance. Then the auction bidding started and when all was done, we had raised \$14,600.00. It was a great success.

I want to thank all the Members that brought a car to the show this year and to all the Members that volunteered their busy time to help lend a hand and make the show the success it is. Looking forward to seeing you all next year.



## Concours in the Park Charity Auction Donors

On behalf of the MBCA Central Oklahoma Section and the Central Oklahoma Jaguar Club we would like to express our sincere thanks the following individuals and companies that provided donations for our charity auction. Because of their generosity we raised over \$14,500 for Oklahoma City's Life Change Academy.

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Here in our Section's newsletter we too are going through change. First of all our Editors Mary and Pete Williams have decided to call it quits after a long dedicated service to our Section. We thank them for all their years of hard work.



The other change is that in the near future we will be moving towards electronic version of Sooner Star News. Members can choose to get their newsletter through USPS mail or e-mail. (You will soon get correspondence in this regard from the Section leadership.)

While we find a new Editor and editorial team, an interim team will bring the newsletter to you. Please be patient through this transitional period, we promise you will not be disappointed.

Masood Khan

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## 220 Ponton Cabriolet Restoration-Part IV

By Charles Boyd

When invoking on a project as complex as this 220S restoration, both the personnel and the budget of time and money must remain flexible. At this point a rubber band cannot hold a candle to the flexibility of my budget and me. At our last issue, we ended with making plans to install the engine. When this got under way and since the engine had been in two different shops (one of which had moved three times), neither shop personnel would fess up to misplacing a number of the parts. First, when we checked the head before sending it to Florida to have it reworked, we found the cam followers were missing. After searching for a number of weeks, I gave up and was lucky enough to find a head on E-bay that contained the missing parts. So much for the budget, I ordered it, received it and this problem was solved.



Next came the engine block, pistons, rings and rods. Luckily all of these parts were ready to install. All of the lower engine internal parts were installed. The only things that were missing were the crankshaft pulley, water pump pulley, and a few special nuts and bolts. Thank God for E-bay. I am slowly finding what I need and depleting my budget further.



Presently the crankshaft, rods and pistons are installed in the block and I must admit it looks like a work of art. (Photo #1) The convertible frame is temporarily installed and raises and lowers smoothly. (Photo #2) Ninety percent of the chrome has been refurbished. The interior carpets, seat covers, leather for the side panels and the convertible top and headliner have all been ordered and have arrived safely. The remainder of the chrome must be hand fitted to the body before it can be re-plated. This cannot be done until after all the filling, blocking and sanding is finished on the body.

The seat frames and miscellaneous pieces have been refurbished and are ready to be put together with the padding and covers. (And by golly I know where they are). I was questioning whether I wanted my wood done professionally or do it myself. I elected to send the dash to a professional and since have got it back which answered my question. The rest of the wood will be sent to the same company because it is drop dead gorgeous. So much for the budget. Well time marches on and certainly has since I bought the car on March 10, 2010. We will soon reach the four-year anniversary but I hope to be driving it to a show prior to the fifth anniversary.

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#### 2014 Calendar of Events

June Dinner Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> at Moni's Pizza-OKC    Blue Sage Studios Event June 21<sup>st</sup>

Coffee & Cars July 5<sup>th</sup>    Board of Director's Meeting July 12<sup>th</sup>

July Dinner Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> at Ingrid's Kitchen-OKC    Coffee & Cars August 2<sup>nd</sup>

August Dinner Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> at Ricky's Café-Moore

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