



SOONER STAR NEWS

President's Message



Happy Holidays!

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!
-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

How quickly the calendar pages turn and this newsletter finds the Holiday Season upon us. With Thanksgiving just past, I trust each of you enjoyed your Thanksgiving celebration. Certainly, each of us has an abundance of blessings to be thankful for.

Now again, the calendar page turns to December and it is Christmastime, the most special time of the year. And, in the midst of all things Christmas, the 15th is our Central Oklahoma Section annual Christmas party meeting. If you have not made your reservation, good news, you still can. Alas, bad news is you only have until the 8th. Please contact Ed Hoag for your reservation and I look forward to seeing you there. As always, this meeting is our highlight of the year, so you do not want to miss it. And, for something new, we are hosting the party at our new venue, the historic Twin Hills Country Club.

Also, it is not too early to mark your calendar for our January Member Recognition meeting on January 19th. We will be recognizing our long-term members and present our Member of the Year Award, so please plan to attend as this is always a very special meeting.

So, on behalf of the officers and directors of your Section, I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Charles Woods.

PS: Logged onto our Facebook page recently? If not, you're missing a fun opportunity to see some great Mercedes-Benz photography I encourage you to not only go to the site regularly to see these great photos, but be sure to "Like" our page and photos.

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Time: Cash Bar at 6:30 – Dinner at 7:30
Location: Twin Hills Golf & Country Club
3401 North East 36th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73121
(NE corner of I-35 and NE 36th 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 8th, 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.



Welcome New Members
Robert Fuentes Moore, Oklahoma



Benz Lineup at Benz & Breakfast Saturday, November 7th, 2015



Moving on from a very early Saturday morning Coffee & Cars; a number of us inaugurated our Club's first Benz at Breakfast Mini-Car Show on November 7th.

We lined up our Mercedes at Edmond's Spring Creek shopping center for a breakfast opportunity at Panera Bread. At this first "mini" gathering we enjoyed eight cars, conversations with their owners and the chance to meet prospective new Members for Central Oklahoma Section.

Next Spring, we will plan more Benz at Breakfast shows at various locations around the Metro. New spots are always fun. Send in your suggestions.

Ed Hoag



Mercedes Spotting



123 Wagon spotted by Owen Grimes in Nichols Hills



300D Turbo Diesel spotted by the Editor in Edmond

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220S Ponton Restoration Part XII

By Charles Boyd

Once again progress has slowed but has not stopped completely. The front seat upholstery is installed and the door panels are being worked. A major roadblock is being experienced. That being the side windows which I had ready to install turned out to be for a coupe and would not fit the cabriolet. This means I have to obtain or make the windows and the chrome that protects the glass. I started by checking with my sources in the United States, about eight as I recall, but this was an exercise in futility as none of them had had any of these parts for years. Next I checked four sources in Europe but had the same results there. I have found a source in Duncan who says he can cut the glass and then send it off to be tempered so I feel the glass is under control. Next comes the chrome moulding which is not available from anywhere on this universe so I decided to check having them machined from raw stock and then chrome plated. After checking four local machine shops I concluded this was not a good idea since all of them told me they could not make them with the equipment they had. Finally a fifth shop told me they could make them but at a labor rate of \$125 per hour and an estimated time of 10 to 12 hours, I concluded machining was not an option. In desperation, with which I have had considerable experience, I once again turned to the internet to search for an alternate solution. I had searched the internet previously to no avail for about six hours of searching. After about three more hours of googling rectangular tubing, I found a company that advertised tubing that met every dimension that I needed. All I would have to do was cut it into two pieces longitudinally. I immediately called the company in Phoenix, fully expecting to be informed that they had discontinued this item. Much to my delight the lady I spoke to, told me they still had it in stock but that I would have to buy twenty feet. I told her I only needed fifty-four inches but I had no problem accepting twenty feet. She told me they would cut the twenty feet into four fifty four inch pieces and ship them all to me for a total price of \$60 plus \$30 freight. Needless to say I was overjoyed and told her to ship them. I have



received them and have cut one into two pieces, which turned out good. I did this on my table saw with a metal cutting disc and enough safety equipment that I could have been mistaken for an alien from outer space. The next step is to bend it into the proper configuration, which is no small task, but it is possible and I have excess material if I mess one up. If this turns out okay, then we will prepare them to send to chrome plating and the problem will be solved. I will let you know next time how this works out.

2016 Member Recognition Night

January 19, 2016

By Bill Nash

Please join the Central Oklahoma Section Board of Directors in recognizing our long-term members. At the end of 2015 our Section had forty-four members with 10 or more consecutive years of membership. The attached list includes those members and associate members. The section will present Certificates of Recognition to members reaching their 10th, 15th, and 20th anniversary. Special plaques will be presented to Dr. Paul & Mrs. Amalia Silverstein (30 years) and Tim Wilson (25 years) to commemorate their long-term membership. The following list denotes those members and associate members with 10 or more consecutive years of membership.

| Member/Associate Member | Member Since | City | Years |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Dr. Paul & Amalia Silverstein | September 1985 | OKC | (30) |
| Tim Wilson | May 1990 | Hill AFB, Utah | (25) |
| Bryant Riffe | November 1995 | Goodwell | (20) |
| Bud & Shari Norman | November 1995 | OKC | (20) |
| Joseph Phillips | May 2000 | OKC | (15) |
| JD Ogle | September 2000 | Choctaw | (15) |
| James Erikson | October 2000 | OKC | |
| Ken Wells & Carolyn Bullard | February 2005 | Edmond | (10) |
| Jeff & Lisa Leatherock | June 2005 | OKC | (10) |
| Teresa & Don Pope | July 2005 | Norman | (10) |
| Gary Wano | July 2005 | OKC | (10) |
| Tom & Melanie Davis | October 2005 | Edmond | (10) |
| Paul & Suzen Rodesney | November 2005 | OKC | (10) |



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Calendar of Events 2015-2016

December 5th; Coffee & Cars, OKC

December 15th; Christmas Party @ Twin Hills Golf & Country Club, 3401 NE 36th St. Oklahoma City.

January 2nd; Coffee & Cars, OKC

January 19th; Monthly Dinner Meeting @ Grand House Asian Bistro, OKC.

February 6th; Coffee & Cars, OKC

February 16th; Monthly Dinner Meeting, TBA

March 5th; Coffee & Cars, OKC

March 15th; Monthly Dinner meeting, TBA

March 26th; BSA car Show, Enid, OK

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MBCA Central OK Wichita Mountain Drive

By Tom Whiteley

Perfect day!

We met at Panera Bread and headed to the Wichita Mountains at 9:30. First stop was Meers for a great lunch at this historic site. Everyone enjoyed their meal and those who had a Meersburger had a real treat.

Next stop was the Holy City of the Wichitas. This landmark is known all over the world for its Easter Pageant. Every year thousands of people attend this performance. The Holy City is made of cobblestone, which is unique to this area. The Chapel has been the site of many weddings. In fact they were having one this afternoon.



After a brief stop at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge & Visitor Center we made our way to the top of Mt. Scott. We enjoyed the beautiful views and the unique landscape of the Wichita Mountains. The 59,020-acre refuge hosts a rare piece of the past - a remnant mixed grass prairie, an island where the natural grasslands escaped destruction because the rocks underfoot defeated the plow. The refuge provides habitat for large native grazing animals such as American bison, Rocky Mountain elk, and white-tailed deer. Texas longhorn cattle also share the refuge rangelands.

We tried to stop in Medicine Park but due to the crowds and traffic congestion, we bypassed it and headed home. It was a wonderful day shared with great friends and great automobiles.



Wichita Mountain Drive continued...



Project Fintail-Deux

By Masood Khan

Signing Ceremony: After some last minute drama, a check and few signatures later, the sale is completed. Then came the insurance, the angelic soul Nicole at Chubb got that done without any hassle. So it is official, she is ours, she still has no healthcare coverage, and I still hate Obamacare.

Christening: Fintail Doctor said, "do you know all girls have names", I said, "I guess", he said, "well these old Mercedes are girls too". "Okay," I said. Doctor said, "you gave her a home now give her a name too". "Really", he said, "yes really". Farah and I discussed and were "unanimous" it should be "Victoria", so Victoria she is.

Hands Dirty: Farah shouted, "OMG your hands are so dirty", (she is a good woman she believes in God, will she, once Victoria's medical bills start pouring in?) OMG your hands are dirty, "yes dear" I said looking at my hands. "Why did you not wear gloves", "I always do but she is one dirty Victoria, while scrubbing (her hubcaps and wheels) gloves get holes and by the time I realize it is too late". Ladies, please don't look at my hands for next few months. (Yes she is that dirty).

You are not insane: She has multiple medical needs, I contacted the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center and said, "in my insane moment I bought an orphaned 1966, 230S and now need some help". The fine gentleman Tom Hansen, whom every custodian of an old Mercedes knows well, said, "You are not insane". He said people do a lot of crazy and wild things; we car enthusiasts do nothing of that sort. It made me feel so good, thank you Tom.



She is running: Fintail Doctor called me and said, Masood I drove Victoria today and she ran at 40mph, (on those cracked old tires). OM_...

Thugs of Amazon.com: Victoria needed 4 new shock absorbers; found them at various vendors including Amazon. Thinking Amazon to be a more reliable source ordered the shock absorbers. They shipped 3 very promptly and were received via UPS ground; I was informed the 4th would be shipped by December 2nd. Every time I call the customer service, they connect me to someone in India who has no clue what is going on and that Kentucky is closer to Oklahoma than Michigan. (4th shock is coming from Kentucky warehouse). I am in "shock", will let you know next time if and when the 4th Amazon shock absorber came.



Editor's Note

"Choose to be optimistic, it feels better". Dalai Lama

Here we are at the end of 2015, the year has gone by so fast, as I look back it seems it was just yesterday we had the Christmas party and here we are getting ready for the next one which is just two weeks away.

Last year our Section Newsletter got third place in the Communications contest, this year our Section received the "Humanitarian Award", we are very optimistic next year too will bring more success and more progress. It feels better to look forward to another great year.

Masood Khan.

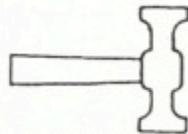


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Bernice's Homecoming!

By Masood Khan

It was a cool, windy and bright morning in October, when I first saw Bernice, not all of her, just her rear. There has been a lot of anticipation of her arrival for the last few weeks. Though she is not my girl but I still wanted to be there with Charles on her arrival in Edmond, Oklahoma.

As the driver opened the side door of the covered car carrier, there she was, on the 2nd floor berth right above a Porsche 911 and in front of a late model Mercedes C63 AMG and a Hemi Cuda.

Bernice, Charles Woods' newest acquisition a 1968 Mercedes 280SE, was home after a long ride from Pennsylvania. As her tires have not touched any road surface in the last few years; therefore she too is admitted to Fintail Doctor's clinic and is resting close to the Fintail.

Dr. Fintail did an initial checkup on her arrival and said; once he has cured the Fintail then will he start treating Bernice. Because she needs some cosmetic procedures too, Dr. H & D, the plastic surgeon also did a checkup later that day. So until Fintail Doctor cures her, she will be resting quietly, will keep you updated on her progress in the coming issues.

Doctor getting ready for Bernice's physical



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