



**EASTERN OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
OF THE
MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA**

**TULSA STAR NEWS
July - August 2024**

**MBCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
July - August 2024**

"... but wait, there's more....". You have heard that expression before, right? That's a good description of our club offerings. The Chapter of Eastern Oklahoma has more activities forthcoming. These are exciting upcoming events that I sincerely hope you will be able to participate in as a member of our club. See our calendar.

We have had a wonderful time as a club for the past few months of Spring and have been able to do some joint ventures with area car clubs that became a great mutual benefit.

The list of clubs we partnered with for mutual participation:

TULSA JAGUAR CLUB - MARCH (HEART OF RT. 66 CAR MUSEUM, SAPULPA)

**MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB - MAY (POKER RUN DRIVE & AMISH LUNCH)
OZARK CHAPTER**

**PORSCHE CLUB OF TULSA - JUNE (TOWN VILLAGE CTR. CARS, FOOD,
MUSIC)**

**MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB - JUNE (MERCEDES-BENZ OWNER'S PICNIC,
EDMOND) CENTRAL OK. CHAPTER**

These joint events were great times and great people to share the experience with. This issue of our newsletter contains some wonderful photos of events along with some recent car shows around the NE Oklahoma area. In fact, there were several events that our club could have participated in, but due to a saturated schedule, we had to move the events to other extended dates to accommodate.

You will also notice some enjoyable future activities planned for the Fall. We want you there! In addition, planning for the year 2025 is underway. Year 2025 will mark the 20th anniversary for our Chapter of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America! Can you, the reader and fellow MBCA member, suggest a drive or detailed activity for our club in 2025? If so, please notify a club board member*. If you are interested in joining our board, please contact me or any of the other officers or board members.

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Stay tuned! There is more to come. Thanks, and drive safe.

Sincerely, Nathan



**Nathan Armer
President**

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Eastern Oklahoma Section

Calendar of Events

July

Thursday, July 18	July Gathering, Uncle Julios Mexican Cantina 71'st street Tulsa	6:00 pm
Saturday, July 20	Caffeine & Gasoline The Vineyard on Memorial 108'th & Memorial	9:00am

August

Friday, August 2	Eastern OK Q3 Board meeting Hardesty Library, Oak Room	10:00am
Thursday, August 15	August Gathering Waterfront Grill Jenks OK	6:00pm
Saturday, August 17	Caffeine & Gasoline The Vineyard on Memorial 108'th & Memorial	9:00am

September

Saturday September 14	Luau at the Hill Residence Bristow, OK	3:00pm
Saturday, September 21	Caffeine & Gasoline The Vineyard on Memorial	9:00am

October

Saturday, October 12	Oktoberfest DeLorbe Residence, Bixby OK	TBD
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Perfect day for a spring poker run



On one of the most beautiful spring days of the season, twenty-three members and thirteen cars from the Eastern Oklahoma and Ozark Chapters participated in their fourth annual Poker run through western Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma. Organizers John and Dottie Miller and John and Harriet Kushnerick planned the route with five stops and prizes for this fun driving event.

Participants each paid a \$15 entry fee to play of which \$5 went to the winner, \$5 for their Chapter, and \$5 for the Alzheimer Association. The route had five designated stops. At each stop members would draw a playing card from the bucket. The winner with the highest point total was Dottie Miller of the Ozark Chapter. She then donated her winnings to the Ozark Chapter treasury.

Lunch was hosted by the Yoder family farm in Chouteau OK where hungry poker players ended their 217-mile journey with great Amish family style all you can eat lunch of Roast beef, baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, noodles, stuffing, and for dessert Toasted Coconut cream pie or Strawberry pie. Winners of the gift baskets were Cathe Kehe and Nathan Armer.

Special thanks to Kristen Bebout and Jackie Cooper Imports for providing water and snack bags for each participating car.







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Member Profile: Wendy Kise

When I was asked to do this piece for the newsletter so many ideas and subjects came to mind.

Now let me introduce myself. I am Wendy Kise. My husband is Ron Kise.

Ron is the Mercedes guy in our house . He's had five Mercedes in the 29 years I've known him and as of this publication now has three.



Me... I drive a (Blue) 2009 Honda Accord that I lovingly refer to as Lillie.



As for hobbies, I love to read. Folks who know me don't leave much lying around, they don't want me to read. LOL.

Ron and I garden, and we enjoy sharing. Our crops are the standard tomatoes, onions, beets and peppers. I learned to compost, and I get a tickle out of what grows in our front yard. I enjoy knitting and will never turn down an invite to lunch or coffee with a friend!

My passion is working with children with special needs. I am currently employed with the Little Light House (Tulsa). I joined them almost three years ago after a 27-year career with Tulsa Public Schools. You guessed it ... working with kids with special needs.

Ron and I have been the parents of 6 Great Danes... Can you believe it! I am a 43-year licensed Barber-Cosmetologist with a handful of clients. Several years ago, I spent enough time in the US Army that I am considered a veteran. I've been told by the "old" veterans that I need a hat announcing my status and service (not to mention, I should learn to play Dominos).



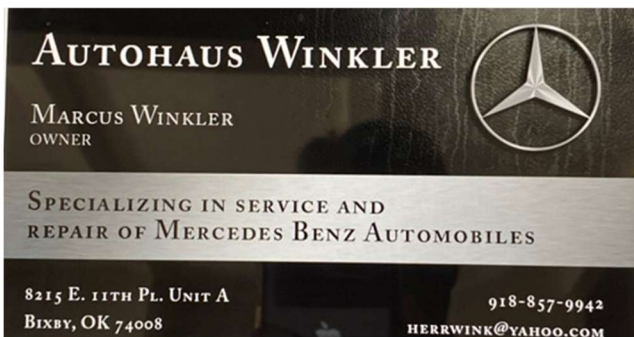
Speaking of vets, I am going to wrap this up with my fascination for cars which started as a child. I sat on our back porch eating many a popsicle and watching my dad work on a 1962 Corvette. My next fond memory is of my grandfather driving my dad's green late 70's Cobra Mustang with wood blocks on the pedals (my grandfather was short) and he didn't want the battery to die.

I have driven and loved many cars in my 64 years. from my '66 American Motors Ambassador to my Lillie. As for my bucket list... well I know all you MBCA members out there will be disappointed that it's not a small, fast Mercedes Benz..... But a 1967 Shelby GT500 also known as Eleanor.

Ladies of Mercedes Brunch



Ten members of the Eastern Oklahoma Chapter joined together on Sunday May 19 at the Waterfront Grill for their first Ladies of Mercedes brunch. The group enjoyed a great meal and discussed ideas for upcoming monthly activities.



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Members attend Germanfest

After concluding the Q2 Eastern Oklahoma Chapter board meeting, five members drove to the German-American Society on Friday May 3 to have lunch and attend the 20'th annual Germanfest.- a celebration of German food, music, and fun. Who can refuse a menu of Schnitzel, bratwurst, and strudel?



Oklahoma Mercedes Benz owners celebrate summer

Thirty-four members and guests from the Central and Eastern Oklahoma chapters gathered at Hafer Park in Edmond OK on Saturday June 8, 2024, for the annual Oklahoma Mercedes Benz owner picnic.

Members dined on a catered picnic lunch by the Food dude Kings Cuisine. A meal of Hamburgers, Brats, Hot Dogs, baked beans, potato salad, assorted fruit, chips, cookies, lemonade, and iced tea was served. It was great to hear about new cars, upcoming drives, and catch up with old acquaintances.





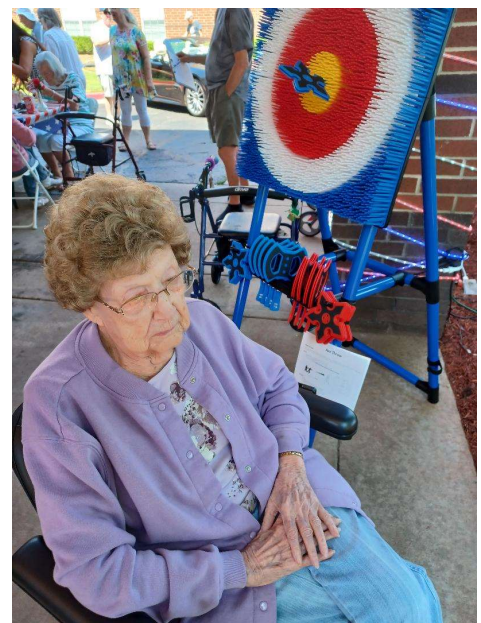
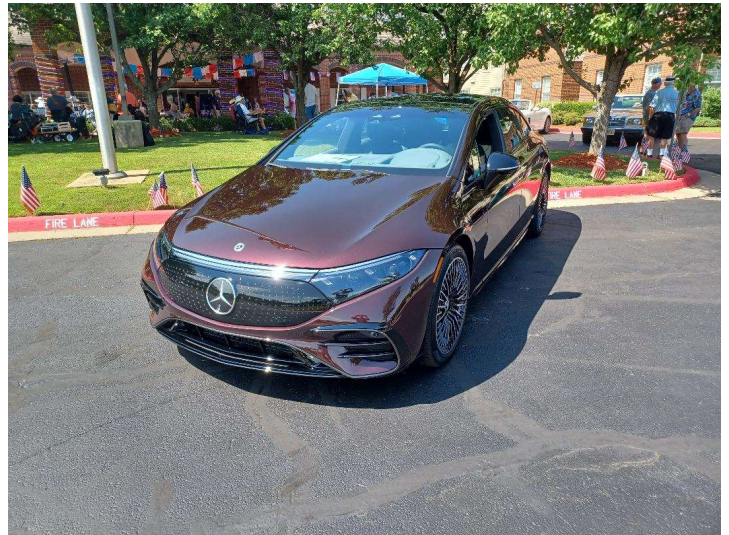
Joint Mercedes Benz & Porsche car show a big success

On Friday June 21, members of the Eastern Oklahoma Mercedes Benz Club of America and the Cimmaron section of Porsche Club of America joined forces to put on a joint car show for the residents of Town Village Independent Living center in Tulsa.

Twenty-two cars were on display (12 Mercedes Benz and 10 Porsche's). Jackie Cooper Imports provided two new 2024 models (2024 Mercedes Benz EQE and a 2024 Porsche 911). Special thanks to Nathan Armer, Kristen Bebout, Wendy Kise, Robin Thompson for all the planning and Dave Krueger and Danny Diaz from the dealership for their on-site product knowledge.

Music was provided by the band Rain Tree Country and Town Village catered the lunch of grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, corn, gourmet popsicles, and drinks.





June is car show month

June is always a busy month with graduations, weddings, and of course car shows. Members traveled to Muskogee, Sand Springs, and Tulsa to enter their cars in local shows that supported various charities and institutions.

Members Richard Holmes Jaguar Series III E type and John Kushnerick 560sl were class winners in the EuMoEx European car show.



MBCA at Mecum Tulsa

Six members attended Mecum Tulsa auto auction on Friday June 7 at the SageNet Event center. Members were able to meet Dave Morton, Mecum's Manager of Communications for a behind-the-scenes tour during the auction. Twenty-eight Mercedes Benz cars and SUV's crossed the block over the 2 day event.

While members were on stage Jeff Wilson was able to bid and win with ONE bid a 2003 SL65 AMG for an amazing price and experience.





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