



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

## TULSA STAR NEWS JULY-AUGUST 2025

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Nathan Armer  
President

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This message finds us in the middle of summer here in Oklahoma. This is the season for baseball, swimming, family reunions and other outdoor activities that mix with the Oklahoma heat. In addition, I want to assure you that the Mercedes-Benz Club of America - Eastern Oklahoma Chapter is active with ongoing events for members.

Rest assured that although our drives are limited during the hottest summer days, our board is actively planning and executing Club opportunities for all of our members that will enhance the Club camaraderie and Mercedes-Benz experience that we enjoy. Please refer to our calendar of events in this issue. Would you aspire to assist with our Club's newsletter production or help with event planning - like our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration or Christmas party? There are also opportunities for service to our Club in the way of becoming a board member. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Eastern Oklahoma Chapter board or if you have questions, please call my phone number listed in this issue,

Our condolences go out to the Bruce Smith family on the loss of Bruce earlier this year in May. Bruce was a 22-year-old member of the MBCA and an instrumental founding member of our Eastern Oklahoma Chapter. It was a pleasure to know Bruce and I was continually astounded at his Mercedes-Benz knowledge when I spoke with him.

In August we will conduct Board and Officer elections. Our public board meeting is on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Additionally, the Eastern Oklahoma Chapter is the "featured car club" at Gateway Classic Cars in Tulsa for the month of August. Come and show your Mercedes-Benz vehicle on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there.

Opportunities abound! Please call me for further Club involvement you feel led to pursue. We want you! My phone number is indicated at the bottom of each page of this newsletter.

Thanks to everyone and drive safely.

Nathan





## Eastern Oklahoma Chapter

### Calendar of Events

#### JULY

Thursday, July 17      July Gathering      6:00pm  
Waterfront Grill, Aquarium Drive, Jenks OK

#### AUGUST

Friday, August 1      Q3 MBCA Board meeting      10:00am  
Ash Room, Hardesty Library

Thursday, August 21      August Gathering      6:00pm  
Uncle Julio's Mexican Cantina      71st street, Tulsa OK

Saturday, August 30      Mercedes Benz Car display/SPCA adoption day      9:00am  
Gateway Classic Cars      71st Street, Tulsa OK

#### SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 5      10:00-3:00pm  
Drive to Pawhuska, OK      Lunch at the Pioneer Woman Mercantile  
Meet at JCI and take the scenic route through Osage County

Thursday, September 18      September Gathering      6:00pm  
Siegi's Sausage Factory, 81st & Sheridan Road

Saturday, September 20      Alzheimer Walk for the Cure      8:00am  
Dream Catchers Park Tulsa OK



**Mercedes Benz showcase at Gateway Classic Cars**

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### **Beautiful day for a drive to explore native culture**

At the First Americans Museum, visitors experience the collective histories of 39 distinctive First American Nations in Oklahoma today. The 175,000 square foot museum, located in Oklahoma City's new Horizons District, showcases state-of-the-art exhibitions in First American history, community events and educational programs, a café offering unique Indigenous-inspired cuisine, a multi-purpose theater and a museum store featuring exclusive items created by premiere First American artists.

Three Mercedes-Benz with 6 members drove to the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City on Saturday May 3, 2025. The gorgeous spring day was a change from the inches of rain that had fallen a few days before. After touring one of the largest museums dedicated to native American Culture, members were able to dine at Toby Keith's "I love this Bar" for lunch.

Robin and Nathan Armer took Route 66 on the way home after noticing the beautiful display of wildflowers called "Indian Paintbrush" on the way down to OKC.





**Native artifacts**



**Lunch was only 5 minutes away in Bricktown at Toby's Place**



**Indian Paintbrush wildflowers on a beautiful spring day**

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### **Oklahoma Mercedes-Benz owners celebrate summer.**

Early morning rain and showers threatened the annual Oklahoma Mercedes-Benz picnic, but the skies cleared and the faithful showed up.

Thirty-eight members and guests from the Central and Eastern Oklahoma chapters gathered at Hafer Park in Edmond, OK on Saturday June 7, 2025, for the annual event. 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. Ninety four-year old Charles Boyd from Duncan attended with a display board of all the Mercedes-Benz automobiles he has restored and owned in his lifetime.



**The park was filled with all types of Benz**



**The Food Dude King was back**



**More than enough to eat**



**Time to see old friends and view the history of Charles Boyd's many Mercedes-Benz restorations**



**Lots of options from wagons to sedans and some we don't see every day**



**Thanks to the organizing committee for a great job**



**Great food and company**

## June is Car Show month

Five members of the Eastern Oklahoma chapter attended the 27th annual Cruis'n Angels car and motorcycle show at the indoor Hatbox Event center in Muskogee, OK on Saturday May 31, 2025. The show featured 141 cars primarily featuring American Muscle. John Kushnerick took first place in the Imports category with his 1986 Mercedes-Benz 560sl.



**Tricked out Camaro**



**40 different classes of original and modified car judging**



**Quite a few rats in the house**



**Not your average farm truck**



**Imports award winner**

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## **"NOW AND THEN" (A Short Story)**

In 1962 at the age of 16, a drivers license meant parking the Schwinn and driving my first car, a \$25.00, 1936 Dodge Brothers Sedan. Small town Iowa meant meeting friends at the local Phillips 66 station; a typical small town filling station with a cooler of hot pop and a dog with an infected ear. A main topic of conversation at the station would be about girls. Somebody would ask, "Where's the girls?" Someone else would say, "They're both out of town." (My home town was and remains very small)

It's one mile, city limit sign to city limit sign and the signs are a quarter mile in each direction outside of any population. It was easy to put 300 miles on the old Dodge on a Saturday night and Sunday afternoon cruising back and forth on Main Street while burning \$.11c a gallon gas. Cruising in those years was as American as apple pie. The local gas station allowed running a tab which came in really handy when funds were running short, which was most of the time.

Cruising today in our 1985 Mercedes 300SD is very much reminiscent of cruising back in the 60's. The love of old iron remains intact and most satisfying in spite of minimal modern technology.



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**THEN**

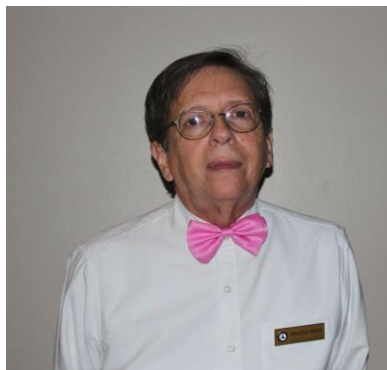
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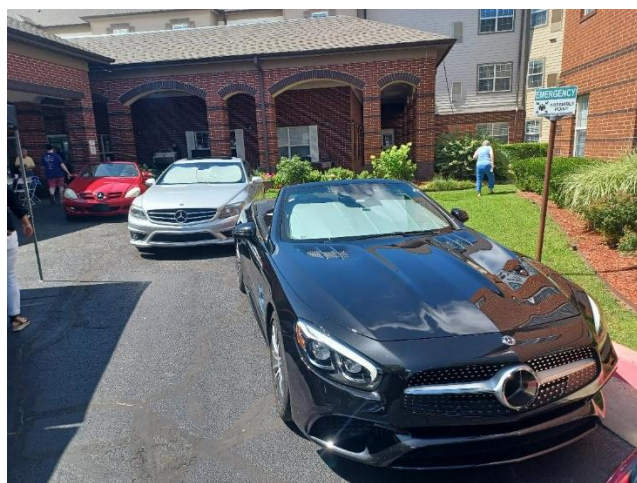
It is with great sadness that we report the passing of long-time member Bruce Smaith on Saturday May 10, 2025. Bruce was one of the founding members of the Eastern Oklahoma Chapter. Bruce and 5 other MBCA members from the Tulsa area would drive monthly to Oklahoma City to attend the Oklahoma section meetings. The group decided 20 years ago to petition MBCA for their own club in the Tulsa area. We were approved in October 2005 and became the Eastern Oklahoma section.

We will miss Bruce's passion for all things Mercedes-Benz, Mopar, and his wry sense of humor. Bruce's magnificent 500E was always a winner in local and regional car shows.



### Joint Mercedes-Benz & Porsche car show always a fun event

On Friday June 20, members of the Eastern Oklahoma Mercedes-Benz Club of America and the Cimarron 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. Thirteen cars were on display (8 Mercedes-Benz and 5 Porsche's). Jackie Cooper Imports provided a new 2025 Mercedes-Benz AMG GT 43 hybrid for display. Special thanks to Nathan Armer, Kristen Bebout, Wendy Kise, Robin Thompson for all the planning and Dave Krueger from the dealership for on-site product knowledge. Music was provided by the band Rain Tree Country and Town Village catered a lunch of grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, corn, gourmet popsicles, and drinks.





**Sunny weather and some great cars for senior residents to admire**



**Teamwork and planning always makes for a good event**



## Birthday wishes to Kristen



The board of directors of the Eastern Oklahoma chapter celebrated the birthday of Chapter Secretary Kristen Bebout before its Q2 board meeting on Friday May 9, 2025. Kristen has been a member of the club for the past 7 years.



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Barry Hoffman

Thanks for Renewing

***We were saddened to hear of Brian Wilson's passing two weeks ago. In addition to helping define the music of an era, he and the Beach Boys brought '60s car culture to life and spread it far and wide.***



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