



## MBCA Ozark Section Newsletter

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May/June 2008

## The Star of the Ozarks

### 2008 MBCA SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EVENT

Hosted by the Eastern Oklahoma and Ozark Sections  
Grand Lake O' the Cherokees, Monkey Island, Afton, Oklahoma  
Friday, May 16 – Sunday, May 18

#### Activities:

**Friday, May 16, 6:00 pm** – Reception and casual dinner provided by the host Sections.

**Saturday, May 17,** - Continental Breakfast provided by the host Sections.

Morning excursion to Daryl Starbird National Hot Rod & Custom Car Museum.

OR – morning excursion to Har-Ber Antique Village.

Lunch at Rheingarten Restaurant, Grove, OK.

PM – Road Rally

OR – Lake excursion aboard Cherokee Queen.

Evening Banquet and Rally awards at the Roadhouse Restaurant.

**Sunday, May 18, 11 am** – Brunch at the Afton Station and Packard Museum on Route 66 in Afton, OK.

### OZARK SECTION JUNE EVENT

#### Excursion to Little Rock

#### Saturday, June 14:

4:00 – 6:30

Wine & Cheese at the Newbern's (beer, soft drinks too)

10 Ozark Point, Hillcrest

Optional: Walk into adjacent Knoop Park to the Ozark Point Plaza and Overlook,  
for a fantastic view of the Arkansas River and Downtown Little Rock.

7:00 - ?

Dinner at Brave New Restaurant, 2300 Cottdale Lane, Riverdale District  
Private dining room, overlooking the Arkansas River.

Brave New Restaurant consistently wins awards for its food and service.

Menu: House salad

Choice of 3 entrees plus vegetables

Fish of the night; pork tenderloin; or beef tenderloin;

Vegetarian menu by request

Dessert

\$40.00 per person, plus beverages, tax, gratuity

#### Sunday, June 15:

10 a.m.

Walking tour in the MacArthur Park Historic District, following the  
Museum, Art and Heritage Trail Map; led by Carolyn Newbern

Begin at Curran Hall, 615 East Capitol Avenue (across the street from the hotel). This restored 1843 Greek Revival house serves as the Visitor Information Center for Little Rock. Pulaski County Master Gardeners maintain the extensive Historic Arkansas Gardens. The tour winds from Curran Hall to MacArthur park, through historic residential neighborhoods, to Riverfront Park and the "Little Rock" and back to the hotel.  
Duration: 1 – 1 ½ hours. Wear comfortable shoes.

**Recommended accommodations & more info on page 4.**

# The Star of the Ozarks

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## Welcome New Members

Tanny Jones, Bella Vista, AR  
Bob & Lois Zimmerman, Fayetteville, AR  
Ron & Judy Wearing, Fayetteville, AR  
Luke Haak, Gentry, AR

### Charter member of Ozark Section Weds.

On April 19 Vern Sutter, Newsletter Editor and Oleatha Gaston, MBCA member, (former high school sweethearts) were married in California. They honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico. They will be at home in Bella Vista, AR.

### Special Note:

The pages 4, 5 & 6 in the newsletter are courtesy of Robin Retzlaff. *Ed.*

## For Sale

1991 350 SDL with 235,000 miles. This car has new Michelin tires, sheepskin seat covers over excellent leather seats, overhauled engine and transmission at 173,000 miles, a complete set of records from 132K miles and partial records before that, everything works, it has no leaks and it has always been garaged. Silver with grey interior. \$10,500. Call 479-248-1442 for Robin Retzlaff or e-mail [rkretzlaff@cox.net](mailto:rkretzlaff@cox.net)



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## 2008 Calendar of Events

### Ozark Section MBCA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
May 16, 17 & 18, 2008	Regional Event	Grove, OK	Bruce or Terry	918-296-3732
June 14-15	Excursion to Little Rock	Little Rock, AR	Monika McCurdy	479-925-2130
July	TBD			
August 9	Cookout	Rogers, AR	Monika McCurdy	479-925-2170
September 27	Weiderkehr Winery	Altus, AR	Joel Menold	479-756-6798

### Regional (South Central)

May 16, 17 & 18, 2008	Regional Event	Grove, OK	Bruce or Terry	918-296-3732
June 6-8	Auto Auction	Tulsa, OK	Porfirio Gutierrez	479-876-1645

### National

Sep. 26-Oct. 1, 2008	StarFest 2008	San Francisco, CA	Richard Simonds	650-592-7613
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## Tips for Better Detailing

### 1. Rechargeable Scrubbers:

A good paste wax is best to do the main polishing of the car. Use Mother's paste wax and apply with a rechargeable dish scrubber (Black & Decker). Place the scrubber tip on a soft polish applicator and do the whole car with one charge.

### 2. Polish residue removal:

To remove the white paste polish residue from rubber trim, use a synthetic product from Turtle Wax called ICE. This synthetic polymer liquid together with a soft tooth brush will remove the white residue from tight places on your car finish.

### 3. Tire & Bumper Shine:

Sometimes tires turn brown after using some tire dressings. Try Stoner MORE SHINE tire coating spray. It gives a nice black finish and will not turn tires brown.

*Comments from Porfirio Gutierrez*

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### Ozark Membership Chairman is a real “Go-Getter”!

Porfirio Gutierrez is your Ozark Membership Chairman and is breathing new life into our club. In the past month, Porfirio has initiated two different membership drives. The first one was held at the Clarion Hotel in Bentonville during the Northwest Arkansas Business Expo. We rented booth space and set up an attractive display including using the banner from The National Business Office. During the two day seminar, we visited with many people who were not aware that there was a Mercedes Benz Club in Arkansas. Although



we did not sign up anyone at our booth, we are hoping that we created enough interest in the ones who stopped to get them to become new members. Time will tell if we were successful in that area. We know that we were successful in getting the word out to many people. The second membership drive was held during Springfest 2008 in the Walton Arts Center parking lot. The club rented booth space in the parking lot and we set up a tent along with another attractive display. The day was perfect and there were many people who stopped by to

inquire about the club. Once again, we found that the public is generally not aware of our club. We must keep on working to get the word out. We had great success that day as a mother who was working in a booth next to us signed up her son. Tanny Jones, Porfirio's wife, made a generous contribution to the club of a one year membership. We advertised to win a free membership through a ticket drawing and had many people sign up, most all of them owning a Mercedes Benz! Thank you Tanny for bringing on another new member who will enjoy our club as much as we do! Our newest members are: Ron and Judy Wearing from Fayetteville and Luke Haak from Gentry. We look forward to getting to know you and hope to see you at our next event!



#### **MORE INFO FOR LITTLE ROCK EXCURSION**

Hotel: Holiday Inn Presidential Center  
 600 I-30 (on Ferry Street at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street exit of I-30)  
 \$99.00 per room for this group.  
 Underground and surface parking  
 Restaurant (for breakfast)  
 1-501-375-2100 Mention the MBCA event when making reservations.

Maps for everything are available on request, including maps to the Newbern House.

Call Monika McCurdy at 479-925-2130 or email [monikamccurdy@yahoo.com](mailto:monikamccurdy@yahoo.com) for more details.

#### **Additional opportunities for touring on your own:**

For additional information, contact Carolyn Newbern [cnewbern@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cnewbern@sbcglobal.net) or 501-663-1222

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### The Ozark Section Judged!



Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> found retired Arkansas Supreme Court Judge, David Newbern, on a side of the bench he might not have been used to. He was being judged by his own members of the Ozark Section. The verdict was unanimous, “Guilty”! He was found guilty on three counts:

1. Guilty of being multitalented in his ability to play musical instruments and sing, doing them both extremely well;
2. Guilty of using these talents to provide wonderful folk music to his fellow members and others who are so fortunate to attend one of his concerts, and
3. Guilty of being a fine gentleman and a true friend of the club.

The Ozark Section also found his wife, Carolyn, guilty of being his accomplice and for making a superb dish of cheese grits.

Thus, the sentence was handed down and read:

1. By order of the Ozark Section “Parole Board”, MBCA, Judge David Newbern is sentenced to continue entertaining wherever he goes and whenever he feels the call.
2. He must report to the Ozark “Parole Board” each 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday or whenever the board gets together to have some fun.
3. He must also bring his accomplice, Carolyn Newbern.

Thank you David for a very entertaining evening. It was enjoyed by all!!!

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### Ozark “Buckaroos” at the Stampede!

April 12<sup>th</sup>, we rounded up our ponies, Mercedes ponies, and rode the trail to Branson, MO for a visit to Dolly Parton’s Dixie Stampede Dinner Show. We met George Williams and Jan at Harps Food Store and headed out. It was a great day to let our ponies run as traffic was light and the winding trail kept our attention.

Attendance was light at this event due to some last minute cancellations but we didn’t let that spoil the fun.

We met up with Dane and Diane Paulsen at their guests, Fred and Sandy Nelson. Fred he owned a beautiful 280 SL in the 70’s that still had! The pre show was a comedian who did it all from tennis rackets, to spinning time to to juggling fire batons! He was very that room, we were ushered into the main around 1100 people. A show like this of actors, talented riders and performers, staff to make it all happen. Next you add the 1100 people! We were not disappointed with or the food. We were served an entire game



the show with indicated that he wished he juggling act 13 dishes at a good. From arena that held requires a lot animals and staff to feed either the show hen and a slice



of pork with a baked potato, cup of soup, corn on the cob and an apple turnover for dessert. All this was consumed with our fingers as no one was supplied with eating utensils! The soup was drinkable from the cup if you were wondering. The arena was divided into the South and a immediately All through the were contests actors from the actors from the



performing different feats on their horses and having including a buck board race pulled by a two horse team. always something going on including several games that adults and kids participating in. We also had prizes for the best dressed cowboy and cowgirl. We asked our waitress to be the judge and believe me, we did not bribe her! Kathy and I took home the prizes which were a men’s and a lady’s Mercedes key chain. Branson is a great place to have fun as there is something for everyone. We hope to do this again soon!

North and the rivalry was established. show there between the South and the North different races There was had audience

#### FOR SALE

2006 CLS500 Designo Version. Options: Xenon headlights, Harmon Kardon sound system, Matte finish oak wood, wood/leather shifter and steering wheel, 6 CD changer, cornering fog lamps, heated and air conditioned front seats. Indium grey with cashmere nappa leather. Excellent condition, 40,000 miles (10,000 factory warranty) Priced in the mid 50’s negotiable. Call Charles Boyd 580-255-4040.

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### StarFest 2008 Coming to the San Francisco Bay Area

by Richard Simonds, General Chairman

**StarFest** (stär' fest') n. refers to the three-pointed star symbol of the Mercedes-Benz brand of vehicles; an assembly of people having a common activity. It is a made-up word created by the Mercedes-Benz Club of America for its biennial National Driving Event that includes:

- Concours d'Elegance—a “car show” of Mercedes-Benz vehicles in “original” or very clean condition. Classic or contemporary Mercedes-Benz vehicles will be on display or judged for trophies.
- Rally-Drive—a scenic drive on beautiful roads from San Francisco to Willows with questions and a delightful lunch along the way. You can compete in the rally or just take the drive.
- Leadership and Membership Development Workshops for Section Leaders held in Willows.
- Track Events that include:
  - Defensive Driving School—Learn how to control your car for maximum safety on the road
  - Autocross—Learn about and practice vehicle control and how your Mercedes-Benz responds
  - Accelerations Runs—Practice how to get the most straight-line performance from your vehicle
  - Time Trials—Practice vehicle driving techniques with an instructor. When you are ready, drive your Mercedes-Benz on the track to improve your driving skills on the road. This is NOT racing!

NOTE: Autocross, Acceleration Runs, and Time Trials allow drivers to earn points toward trophies.

Quite a few club members have said that the Defensive Driving School and Track Events saved their lives because they learned how to control their Mercedes-Benz when conditions were unsafe.

This is *your* opportunity to show your beautiful Mercedes-Benz in the Concours d'Elegance, to improve your driving skills in the schools and track events, and build friendships with other enthusiasts.

This leads to the journalists' key questions so that we can get **StarFest 2008** into our calendars!

**What:** StarFest is the MBCA biennial National Driving Event, held in even-numbered years

**When:** Friday, September 26 – Wednesday, October 1, 2008

**Where:** **The Great Lawn on Treasure Island** in the San Francisco Bay for the Concours d'Elegance  
**The Golden Gate Bridge, North Bay, Wine Country,** and the **Central Valley** on the Rally-Drive

**Thunderhill Raceway Park,** Willows, for the track events, workshops, etc.

**Who:** All MBCA members from around the world who want to have a great time with others who share their enthusiasm for the Mercedes-Benz brand

**Why:** To share our Concours-quality Mercedes-Benz vehicles with others who appreciate them  
To have some great experiences learning more about how to safely enjoy our Mercedes-Benzenes  
To learn more about leadership development and membership development in workshops  
To enjoy sight-seeing in one of the most beautiful and exciting parts of the United States

**How:** Sign-up: registration is now open at [www.mbca.org/StarFest2008](http://www.mbca.org/StarFest2008) or you may contact our StarFest Registrar, Sue Morrison, at 330-673-7885 (Eastern Time Zone) or [SIm2teach@aol.com](mailto:SIm2teach@aol.com) for a Registration Packet.

**StarFest 2008** is being hosted by the San Francisco Bay Area Section with support from the Sacramento Section.

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## Change of Address?

Contact:  
Mercedes-Benz Club of America  
800.637.2360

### MBCA Membership Application

\_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Associate Member (spouse or dependent)

Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Business Phone

Mercedes-Benz vehicle(s) now owned (model and year)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Interests

Driving Events  Car Shows  Social Events

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U.S. and possessions

One year - \$45  Two years - \$87  Three years \$127

Make check payable to MBCA; U.S. funds only please.

VISA  Mastercard

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Account Number Exp. date

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Signature Date

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Active member's signature & member number if sponsored

Membership dues include six issues of The Star magazine yearly.

**Or use our toll-free number to enroll by phone:  
1.800.637.2360**

For office use only: Date Processed

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