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SOONER STAR NEWS  
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## President's Message

The weather has finally turned toward spring and March Madness comes to mind. My version of March Madness doesn't involve basketball, although I have several teams to watch. The madness I refer to is more involved into getting machinery ready for the onslaught of lawn care, and older cars emerging from winter cover and attending shows and cruising the highways and byways. If any of your mechanical marvels have been sitting idle in the garage or shop it is time to get them out, wash off the dust, and perform maintenance duties as required. The auto parts store employees are always happy to see me in the spring buying multiple types of filters, oils and the miscellaneous parts to keep the fleet running.

One big alert – if you keep your car under a cover for periods of time remove the cover with care as any dirt or dust that has gotten under the cover can scratch the paint if it is dragged off in a careless manner. Check the tire pressure!! Low tire pressure is common after winter storage or low usage and can cause overheating, premature tire failure, bad handling and a dent in the wallet. The first drive in a while may feel like your car has square wheels but this "flat spotting" is not unusual and will go away in a short period, assuming proper inflation and no other problems. Proper inflation information is located on the driver's side door frame with a manufacturer's sticker – use these recommendations not what is on the tire itself.

When you have completed all maintenance and checks you are ready to select events to participate in during spring and summer. The club will have our Car Show in May and several tours/drives to enjoy throughout this time. Events will be in the club newsletter, sent via e-mail and discussed at meetings so don't miss out. If you have no equipment to work on and your car

is ready to go stop by the house in old clothes and I will train you on lawn mower, ATV, and old Ford maintenance. If you are a German mechanic we might even try to unravel the mysteries of Mercedes-Benz engineering.

See you on the road and at events.

Jack Finks

### From the Editor's Desk:

Pete & Mary thank all the Club members who submitted articles for the Sooner Star News. Our newsletter is more interesting when members submit articles and photos.

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# 2014 Events Calendar

All Club meetings start at 7:00 P.M.

**April 5th** Driving Event--Chickasaw Cultural Center (Preceded by Coffee & Cars)

**April 15th** Santa Fe Cattle Company  
732-0200 7101 SE 29th St., MWC

May 3rd Coffee & Cars  
May 3rd McPherson College Car Show  
**May 10th** Jaguar/Mercedes Car Show  
(includes monthly dinner meeting)

**June 17th** Moni's Pasta & Pizza  
285-5991 17200 N. May Ave, Edmond

**July 15th** Ingrid's Kitchen  
946-8444 3701 North Youngs

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## DONATIONS OF AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED FOR CAR SHOW CHARITY FUND-RAISER

On Saturday, May 10th, 2014, your Club and the Jaguar Club are holding the annual Spring Concours/Car Show at the Parks across the street from the two Dealerships in Downtown Oklahoma City.

Though it always a fun opportunity to show off our cars, another purpose of this annual Event is to benefit a local charity. This year the Clubs have selected **Life Change Academy** ([www.lifechangeballroom.com](http://www.lifechangeballroom.com)).

Now is the time to register (page 11) to show your favorite Mercedes-Benz and (1) to plan to come Downtown for dinner at Toby Keith's and a canal boat ride on Friday evening, (2) to show your car on Saturday morning and (3) best yet, to sign up for the Awards Dinner and Auction Saturday evening. Call Paul Rodesney at 405-720-6019 or Jack Finks at 405-324-6125 and they will reserve a place for you.

Quality donations for the "Silent Auction" are needed. The most popular items are "car oriented" and should be much better than a "garage sale item". If you have something nice to contribute, please call Paul or Jack by no later than Monday, May 5th. A pick up can be arranged at your convenience.

Most of the corporate donors have been "less helpful" in past years, so please give some serious thought to providing a good quality auction item.

Of course, you can also help out our Club and in one or all of these three ways:

Register and show your Mercedes-Benz.  
Attend the Awards Dinner & Auction.  
Contribute one or more items for the Silent Auction.

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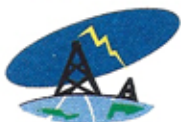
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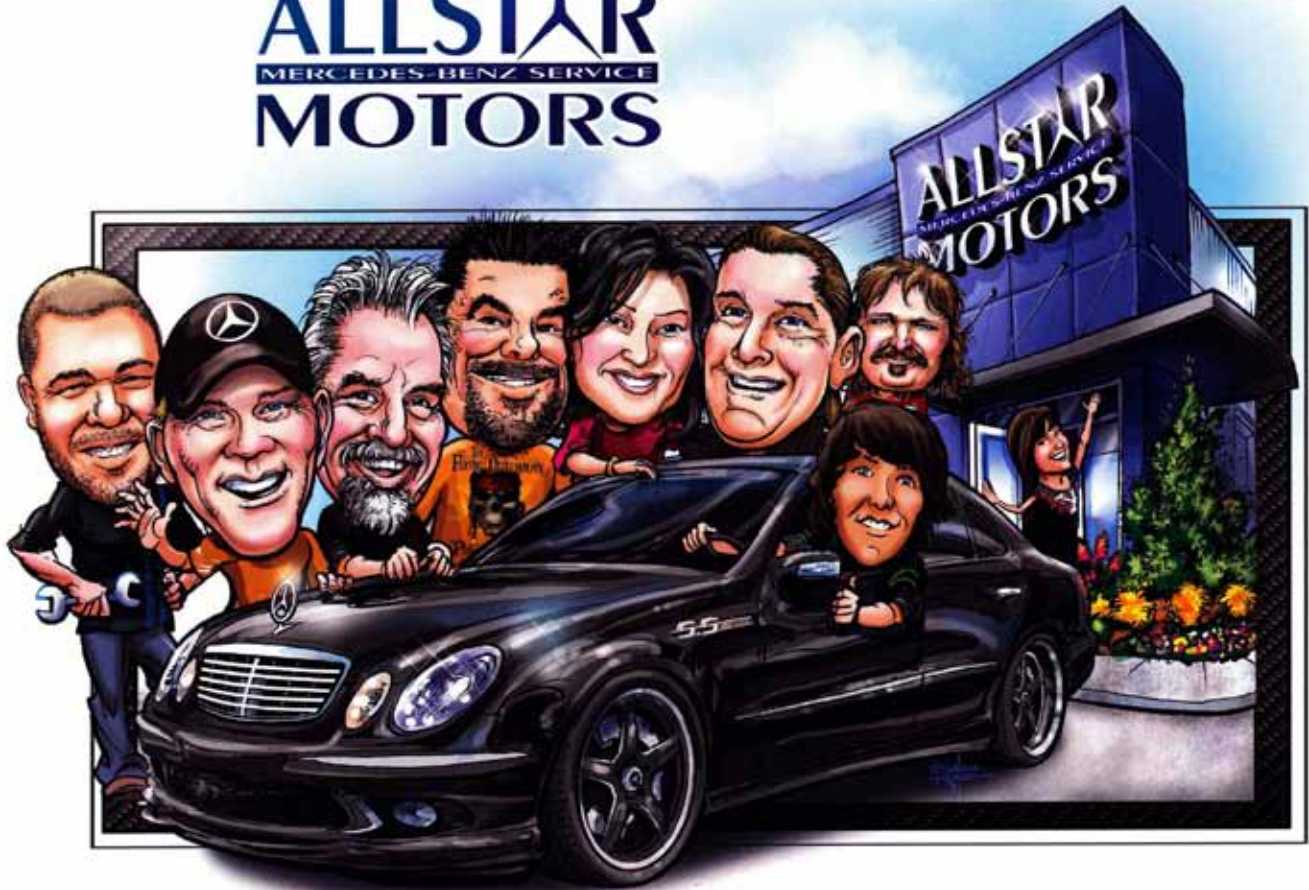
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## McPherson College Auto Show

On Saturday May 3, 2014, the McPherson College Auto Restoration students will be sponsoring the 15th Annual C.A.R.S. (College Auto Restoration Students) Club Car Show on the grounds of McPherson College.

Located 50 miles north of Wichita, McPherson, Kansas is not in a densely populated part of the country. That makes it enjoyable to drive up to the school, attend the Car Show and return to Central Oklahoma, all in one day

I invite our Members and friends to attend and help our Section of MBCA make another good showing at this annual event. Details of the May 3th drive and more information on the Show will be covered at our April 15th Dinner Meeting or by contacting me at 405-341-3578 or edhoag@cox.net. Or, for more information on McPherson and the Auto Restoration Program, go to [www.mcpherson.edu](http://www.mcpherson.edu).

Ed Hoag

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## 2014 Spring “Concours In The Park”



Life Change Academy, founded in 2006, is a mentoring program using the medium of ballroom dance for students in at-risk schools across Oklahoma City’s metro area. The dance instructors and volunteers are instilling essential social and coping skills to many of their students which may be missing as they grow into adolescence. While learning dance steps, the students also learn etiquette, mutual respect, confidence, goal setting, teamwork and the value of hard work. The mission statement the students repeat every time they are together resonates the desire “To do more, be more and have more, so they can give more.” The students who participate in the program have improved their grades, attendance, test scores, attitudes, and self-confidence. Principals and teachers have noticed that bullying has dramatically decreased as a result of this program. Also, ALL 5th graders (not just the competitors, but ALL 5th graders from the top 3 schools in their competition are given new tennis shoes, so the benefits just keep on growing. In April of this year, over 183 new pairs of shoes will be delivered to Britton, Millwood Arts Academy, and Wiley Post schools.

For more information about this charity, please log on to:  
[www.lifechangeballroom.com](http://www.lifechangeballroom.com).



Thank you Charles Boyd for your article and photos on stage four of your restoration. They will appear in the next issue of the Sooner Star News.



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**2014 – “Concours In The Park”**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Friday Night’s Hospitality Reception (May 9th) will be held at the new Aloft Bricktown Hotel. Host hospitality suites will be provided for registration and casual conversations for participants. Suite locations will be posted in the Hotel and will be open from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. and from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. The evening break is to accommodate a participant dinner at Toby Keith’s Restaurant and the Bricktown Water Taxi cruise for those wishing to attend. The Water Taxi Ride reservations need to be received early to assure that we have adequate attendance to reserve a canal boat. See the Registration Form for information on the prepaid boat reservation requirement.

Show Registration Fee of \$30.00 includes entry of ONE Mercedes-Benz vehicle to the show, and a souvenir photograph of your registered vehicle. Additional vehicles may be registered in the show for \$25.00 each. The Registration Form can be found on page 11 of this Newsletter.

Saturday Night’s Awards Dinner will be held at the Mercedes-Benz dealership, across the street from the Show Site in Downtown Oklahoma City. Cost for the Johnny Carino’s catered dinner will be \$35.00 per person. Dress is casual. A Cash Bar will be available at 6:00 pm in the showroom prior to the Awards Dinner. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The Show Venue – Jaguar Park and Mercedes-Benz Park, Downtown, OKC on Saturday May 10th.

‘Jaguar Park and Mercedes-Benz Park’ are located in the original Automobile Alley of the Roaring 20’s in Downtown Oklahoma City and sit directly across the street from the Jaguar and Mercedes-Benz dealerships at 1125-1225 N. Broadway Avenue. We will show along the street or in the parks as directed by Club Marshals. This location also affords the opportunity to drive the new cars at the dealerships throughout the day. Like previous years, we will combine the Jaguar and Mercedes-Benz Clubs for the show.

All day Friday and Saturday morning, the dealership has arranged for a great wash and detail area in the lot just behind the service area. Registration will also be available at the “Show Site” on Saturday morning (9:00 to 10:00 a.m.).

While in Bricktown, don’t miss the opportunity to visit the Bass Pro shop, the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, or the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum.



**Central Oklahoma Section  
MERCEDS-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA  
SPRING CAR SHOW**

May 10, 2014  
Pre-Registration cut-off date is May 2, 2014.

Please return your completed Registration Form and payment (payable to MBCA) to:

**Mercedes-Benz Club of America**

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**Friday Night May 9th Bricktown Water Taxi: \$9.50 x \_\_\_\_\_ People = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please note that we need a minimum of 20 Water Taxi registrations by Friday, April 25th, two weeks before May 9th to confirm the reservations for the boat. Each boat will hold 40 persons.

**Dinner Friday evening May 9th at Toby Keith's: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_**

Awards by Class, Vehicle Age and for "Judge's Choice"

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