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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

We started 2023 with a bang for our section! Our January Dinner Meeting was a great success this year with forty-seven attendees enjoying the delicious cuisine of Grand House as we presented long-term member certificates to our milestone members of 10+ years of section membership. In February we had a little over 30 attendees at Johnny Carino's.



Jeff Leatherock, President

Our March Dinner Meeting is going to be at Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler on Britton Road (which always gets a big number); and March is topped off with our annual Enid excursion to attend the Boy Scouts Car Show. This year we will be doing our customary routine in Enid with an added treat of touring the Groendyke Auto Museum! Please register for this event (see [page 6](#) for all the details). Add in the trip to the Stafford Air & Space Museum we are planning for early May, and we are making up for lost time.

January and early February has become "Big Time Car Auction Month" in America, with Barrett-Jackson being the biggest and most well known. This year included the last of the Bob Howard Collection. Corvette, Pagoda, 107 and Maybach were some of the models he sold off. Prices were strong for the market.

F.A.S.T. (Free Ad Supported Television, via streaming on the internet) has us squarely in the Golden Age of Television.

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Membership dues are increasing
see page 2 for details on how to take advantage of a savings promo expiring June 30th

Upcoming Events

Mar 21	7pm	Monthly Dinner Meeting Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler 2652 W Britton Rd, OKC
Mar 25	8am	Enid Trip (see page 6 for details) Cimarron Council Boy Scouts Car Show
Apr 8	10am	Board of Directors Meeting Mercedes-Benz of OKC 14240 Broadway Extension, Edmond
Apr 18	7pm	Monthly Dinner Meeting Pelican's Restaurant 291 N Air Depot Blvd, MWC
May 6	8am	Weatherford Trip (more info coming soon) Stafford Air & Space Museum
May 16	7pm	Monthly Dinner Meeting Bande's Barbecue 13230 Pawnee Dr, OKC
Jun 10	11am	Annual Picnic Hafer Park 1034 S Bryant Ave, Edmond

for Coffee & Cars events & locations, see [page 11](#)

At the National Annual Meeting in November, the Board of Directors approved a \$10 dues increase that will begin July 1, 2023.

To incentivize members to renew before the increase, MBCA is offering one additional month of membership with a two-year membership; and two additional months with a three-year membership, at the current rates.

To take advantage of the immediate savings, login to your MBCA profile at mbca.org, call the office at 800-637-2360, or click [here](#) to fill out the Promo Renewal Form and return it by mail, fax or email.

Event Report

January Dinner Meeting Long-Term Membership Recognition Night



On January 17th our January Dinner Meeting was held in the spacious meeting dining room at Grand House Asian Bistro. A post-COVID meeting attendance record of **forty-seven** members and guests. Keeping up with tradition, Grand House's food and service was spectacular.



David "Smiley" Botchway, from Mathis Home was in attendance and introduced himself to our group. Smiley is a multi-million dollar salesperson. He's from Ghana in west Africa. He immigrated to the United States in 2001 via Ireland. He graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond in 2008, and began working for Mathis Brothers Furniture in 2010 consistently generating a million dollars a year in the beginning, and in recent years has exceeded \$3M a year! Smiley and his wife, became new parents in November 2022.



Mathis Home's David Smiley Botchway



Keven McConnell, Jim Jordan



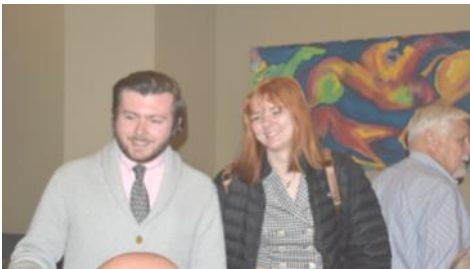
John & Jane Crain



Vickie Nowlin, Cecelia Norman



Bill & Pat Nash



Blake Keesee & Katie Nance



Tony Marruchella, Kitty Crusier



Victoria & Tim Higgins

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Our January Dinner Meeting is the time we take annually to recognize our Section's long-term members. We acknowledge members with ten consecutive years of membership, and again every five years after that. We had 11 members that reached one of these milestones by the end of 2022. Three of the recognized members attended the meeting and were presented with a certificate acknowledging their milestone. Certificates for members that were unable to attend were mailed or delivered by club friends.

The meeting closed with our door prize drawings. The winners were (Scott and) Ann Johnson, Steve Murrell, Bruce Rodesney, and Tom Whiteley.

Thank you to all that attended this meeting and made it such an enjoyable evening.



Cecelia & John Norman, Mel Brazell



Tena & Lance Highfill



Suzen & Paul Rodesney, Ed & Kris Sawyer



Patsy & J R Homsey



Smiley Botchway, Debbie Smith & Tom Paul

2022 Long-Term Members

35 years

Ralph & Catherine Lacava, Edmond

25 years

Rodney Hester, Edmond

Bill & Pat Nash, Edmond

20 years

Mike Dunn, Nichols Hills

15 years

Brad & Claire Katzung, Edmond

Charles Cook, Shawnee

Ron & Patricia Heller, Oklahoma City

John Norman, Oklahoma City

Jack & Ozella Hinton, Yukon

10 years

Curtis Towery, Oklahoma City

Sean & Keri Corbin, Piedmont



Rodney Hester



John Norman



Bill & Pat Nash



Ron Heller

Thank You All for your membership and support!



Jeff Leatherrock, Bruce Rodesney



Steve Murrell



Tom Whiteley



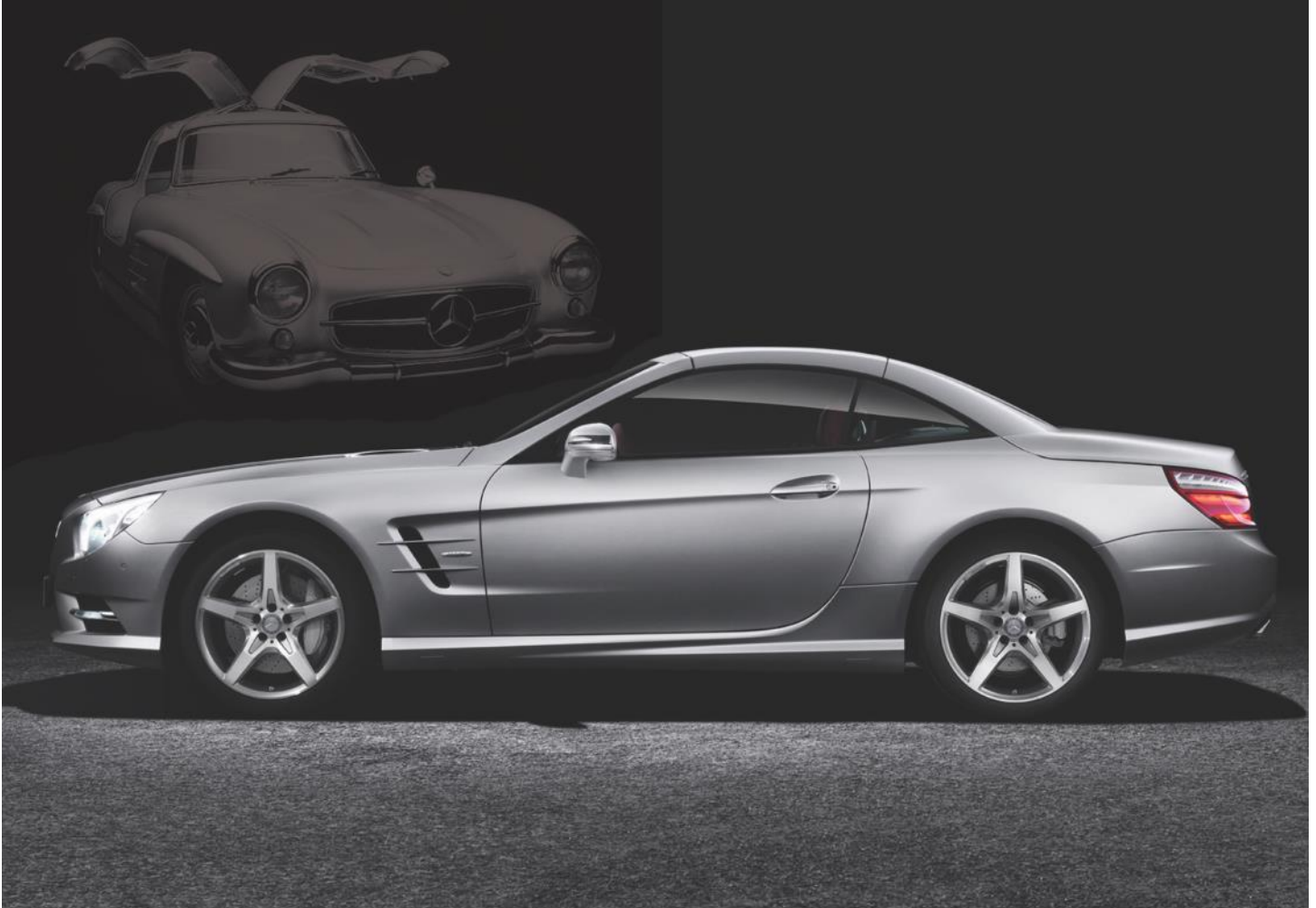
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March 25, 2023 Enid Trip Information

Our Annual Road Trip to Enid for the Cimarron Council Boy Scouts of America Car Show is on Saturday, March 25.

We will meet at 8:00am* at Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q to drive to Enid as a group. We plan to leave Rudy's around 8:30am for our drive to Enid arriving at the Garfield County Fairgrounds at approximately 10am.

See links below for information about the car show, including an entry form and a schedule of events.

At 11:00am we will make the short drive over to the Groendyke Auto Museum for about an hour-long tour, and then lunch at Callahan's Pub & Grille. After lunch, we will make the quick trip over to Bowers Garage in the alley between Maine and Cherokee to view John Bowers' collection.

We would like to have a headcount. If you plan to attend, please register* with Jeff Leatherock via email leatherock@aol.com or leave a voice message at 405-943-5657 or [click here](#) for a registration link.

8:00-8:30 Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q, 3437 W Memorial Rd, OKC
10:00 Car Show at Garfield County Fairgrounds, 111 W Purdue Ave, Enid
11:00 Groendyke Auto Museum Tour, Rock Island Blvd, Enid
12:00 Callahan's Pub & Grille, 220 N Independence St, Enid
1:00 John Bowers Auto Collection Tour

Please consider a Car Show entry or donation to the Scouts, and/or patronize the snack bar at the Car Show.

[click here for Boy Scouts Car Show Entry Form](#)
[click here for Boy Scouts Car Show Schedule](#)

**For members that wish to enter their vehicles in the Boy Scouts Car Show, plan to meet at Rudy's between 7:30am-7:45am and depart by 8am, please mention this when registering.*

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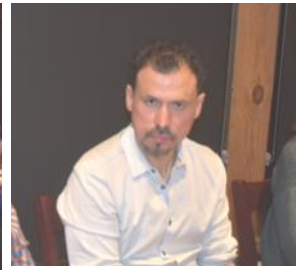
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Event Report

February Dinner Meeting



Bruce Rodesney



Juan Franco



Tena & Lance Highfill



Paul & Suzen Rodesney



Mike Dippel & Kenny Hoffman



Vickie & Norris Nowlin



Charles Woods, Andrew Thomas, Steve Murrell



Lisa & Jeff Leatherrock

We tried a new venue for our February 21st Dinner Meeting, Johnny Carino's in Northwest Oklahoma City on West Memorial Road. Everyone seem to enjoy themselves in the private room that was reserved for our group. The bar drinks and food were good, as well as, the service. We are looking forward to going back in the

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Articles, photos, and event reports for Sooner Star News are welcomed and appreciated. Please submit to leatherock@datt.net

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future.

We did not have a meeting speaker this month, we simply enjoyed the time of catching up and visiting with fellow members and friends.

Our door prize drawings winners were Carolyn Bullard; Tom Paul; Ed and Kris Sawyer; and Dickk Woolbright.



Jeff Leatherocck, Dickk Woolbright



Carolyn Bullard



Tom Paul



Ed & Kris Sawyer

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THE WILD AND WACKY WORLD OF EXOTIC CARS

by Ken Wells

Here we are in the middle of Spring Break which means it's cold, windy and rainy, just like it was for every Spring Break I had when I was in college. It's bad enough I had to work every Spring Break, but at least the weather could have given us a break. Oh Well, let's talk about our favorite subject, cars.

First up this month is the Corvette Z06. The Corvette guys are all excited that Chevy has produced their dream Corvette that can hang with the hyper-cars for half or less the money. The order books are full, and the cars are going for big blue sky. While only a few have been delivered, Chevy has already announced the new, faster E-Ray Hybrid coming in late 2023. It is a mid-engine, front motor, all-wheel drive 655HP hybrid terror. The drivetrain consists of the C8, 6.2L, 495HP V8 combined with a front mounted 160 HP electric motor giving us the 655HP total. With an estimated 0-60 time of 2.5 seconds, it's faster than anything we have talked about. The Z06 will still be the better handling track car as the E-Ray with its battery pack weighs in at svelte 4,000 plus pounds. I am just wondering what the point of this car is. I wonder who asked for a 4-wheel drive, hybrid Corvette? The base price is around \$110k.

McLaren has also introduced a new hybrid. The new car is the Artura. Its drivetrain consists of a 577HP, twin turbocharged, 3L, V6 with a 94HP electric motor for a combined output of 671HP. Unlike the Corvette, it's still 2-wheel drive. It has road tested at 0-60 in 2.6 seconds, the quarter mile coming in at 10.83 seconds and 180 mph at 19 seconds. It's not quite as fast as the 720S or 765LT but is meant to be a more comfortable exotic GT super car. It even has a 12 speaker Bowers & Wilkins stereo which is useless at full throttle due to the 88db interior sound level. The Artura is available now with a starting base price of \$240k with options you can easily push over \$300k.

Aston Martin has freshened the existing 2023 Vantage with the F1 Edition. The car has received minor tweaks to the engine, transmission and rearend, along with some racy stickers and a rear wing. The debut of this car coincides with the start of the new F1 season and Aston's renewed attempt at relevance in F1. Fernando Alonso, one of the new drivers for Aston in F1, did bring his car in for third place in the first race. So, kudos to him! Aston has also announced a refreshed interior and infotainment system for the 2024 cars.

Exotic car manufacturers have to keep upping the horsepower and performance envelopes of their vehicles because of the constant onslaught of the lesser performance vehicles encroaching on their territory. I bring this up because in a recent road test between the new Ford F-150 Raptor R and Ram 1500 TRX both vehicles had 0-60 times of less than 4 seconds. With the Ram running a 3.9 and the Ford running a 3.7 0-60. Keep in mind, both vehicles weigh over 6,000 lbs! They are not cheap at over \$100k each but they can smoke a number of performance cars in a stoplight Grand Prix.

We will have more auction coverage next month but suffice to say, prices are still up. Some examples: 2020 Ford GT - \$1,490,000; 1973 Ferrari Daytona - \$2,205,000; 2007 MB SLR - \$808,000; 1971 Pontiac Trans Am - \$171,000; and 1995 Ferrari F50 - \$5.4M.

Did you know you can add an associate member to your MBCA membership at no charge?

*Adding an associate member gives them the opportunity to vote,
as well as, run for a Board Director and/or Section Officer.*

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Just about anything that has been on TV during the last 70 years is showing somewhere as we speak. 50 years of *The Price Is Right*; *Johnny Carson*; *My Mother The Car*; *Midnight Special*; and on and on. One particular program I have always loved is *Automobiles*, which was on The History Channel. The History Channel parent company, A&E Networks, has done a good job of placing their catalog of old programs on both streaming and over the air channels. I see *Automobiles* pop up occasionally on Torque TV, which is on the ROKU Channel. And Story, which is over the air KOCO TV 5 sub-channel 5.6. Although the series is over 20 years old, the profiles of the classic (and modern) brands are excellent for their era.

I'm getting an early start on promoting our trip to the Stafford Air & Space Museum in Weatherford. Saturday, May 6th is the date. Mark your calendars and watch for further information.

I'm having a great time being section president. Thank you for supporting me, and please know that I think you guys are the greatest. It is still an honor.



Welcome New Members!

Socrates Lazaridis, Oklahoma City
Andrew Thomas, Edmond

Thank you Membership Renewals!

John & Susan Bowers, 2006
David Brauckmann, 2018
Lawrence & Helen Cammuso, 1994
Kenneth Doake, 2020
Page Dobson, 2019
Jonathan Fisher, 2022
Sharon Haldane, 2021
Marlys Heitkamp & Robert Foale, 2019
Christian Henry, 2008
J R & Patsy Homsey, 2022
Karleen Krywucki Baird, 2019
Kathryn Newport Dew, 1996
John Norman, 2007
Roger & Melissa Padgham, 1999
Bryant Riffe, 1995
Dirk & Sandi Shaw, 2001
Darrell L Smith, 2015
Matt Thomas, 2022
Jim Walker, 1991
Thomas Whiteley, 2011



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