



## SOONER STAR NEWS

THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA SECTION  
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### EUFAULA/BRISTOW DRIVING EVENT

TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS MET AT THE CRACKER BARREL IN SHAWNEE FOR CENTRAL OKLAHOMA SECTION'S SUMMER DRIVE TO EASTERN OKLAHOMA. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL BUT VERY WARM ALL DAY SATURDAY EVENT.

OUR FIRST STOP WAS THE SEMINOLE NATION MUSEUM IN WEWOKA. LEWIS JOHNSON, A MEMBER OF THE SEMINOLE TRIBE, LED US ON A VERY INTERESTING TOUR OF THE MUSEUM.



FROM THERE WE DROVE EAST TO EUFAULA WHERE WE ENJOYED A GREAT LUNCH AT GATOR'S RESTAURANT'S

DECK OVERLOOKING THE LAKE.

AFTER LUNCH WE TRAVELED A FEW MILES NORTH TO JIM LAWSON'S "SHOP" TO LOOK AT HIS COLLECTION OF VINTAGE FORD CARS. THAT'S RIGHT, FORDS. JIM IS AN AREA SALES MANAGER FOR MEGUIAR'S CAR CARE PRODUCTS AND HIS CARS INCLUDE A COUPLE OF MODEL A'S THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN HIS FAMILY. THERE ARE ALSO SOME UNIQUE MUSTANGS ALONG WITH AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF CAR MEMORABILIA.

OUR NEXT STOP WAS STONE BLUFF WINERY NEAR HASKELL. AFTER BREAKING OFF INTO TWO GROUPS, WE WERE GIVEN A PRIVATE TOUR OF THE FACILITIES PRIOR TO THE WINE TASTING OPPORTUNITY. IT IS A VERY NICE WINERY AND THOSE OF US DRIVING ROADSTERS ESPECIALLY ENJOYED THE PAVED ROAD LEADING TO IT!

ON LEAVING STONE BLUFF

WE TRAVELED TO THE HOME OF LINDA AND WILLIAM HILL, JUST NORTH OF BRISTOW. WILLIAM IS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EASTERN OKLAHOMA SECTION AND HE INVITED OUR SECTION TO JOIN WITH THEIR MEMBERS FOR A CATFISH FRY IN HIS LARGE BACKYARD. THE HILL'S HOME IS ON ACREAGE JUST NORTH OF BRISTOW AND BY THE TIME WE ARRIVED, THE DAY HAD COOLED OFF A LITTLE BIT. THE EOK MEMBERS ALL BROUGHT FOOD AND OUR OWN PAUL RODESNEY HELPED WITH FRYING THE FISH. ALL THE FOOD WAS GREAT AND WE ALWAYS ENJOY THE CHANCE TO VISIT WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE TULSA GROUP.

AFTER DRIVING ABOUT 270 MILES OF THE DAY ON TWO LANE HIGHWAYS, OUR GROUP APPRECIATED THE CLOSE BY ACCESS TO THE TURNER TURNPIKE FOR A QUICK ONE HOUR DRIVE BACK TO THE OKLAHOMA CITY AREA. PEGGY HOAG  
PHOTOS ON PAGE 5, 10 & 11.

## 2010-11 Events Calendar

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

**Oct. 19th** Old Germany Restaurant, Choctaw  
390-8647 15920 SE 29TH St.

**October 29th Halloween Party**

Friday 7:00 1125 Broadway Place  
Behind the Volvo building

Prepay Bobbye Van Horn by October 22, \$12.50 per person to cover food & beverages.

**Nov. 16th Shorty Smalls**  
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**Dec. 14th Christmas @ Petroleum Club**  
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See page 6

**Jan 18th The Grand House**  
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Group costume photo...L to R The Hoags, Pete Williams, Pat & Bill Nash, Mary Williams, Steve Murriel, Fran & Charles Boyd, from the 2009 Halloween party.



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Suzen Rodesney at Stone Bluff Winery...like a kid in a candy store.



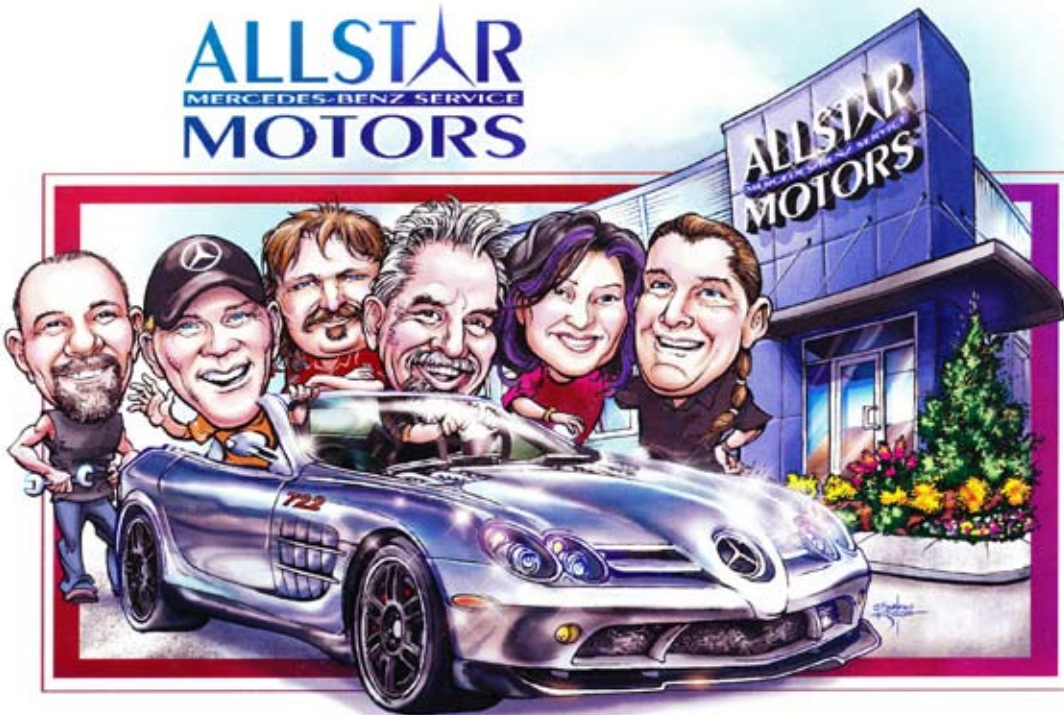
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PIANO IN THE ROOM

**RSVP TO BOBBYE VAN HORN BY DECEMBER 7TH.**

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**Pete Williams, [hwilliamsjr2@att.net](mailto:hwilliamsjr2@att.net)**

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This months feature member is one of your editor's, Pete Williams



Pete and Mary Williams

### MY FIRST MERCEDES

I got my first Mercedes in the mid 1980's from our neighbor to our east. Our old, ugly Chevy had just quit and I had always admired their Mercedes. It was a white 1971, 250/8 with a red interior. I thought it was way cool and loved driving it to work and impressing my co-workers.

After helping a police officer apprehend a drunk, the Daily Oklahoman printed my address in their newspaper account. About two days after this gentleman got out of jail, gasoline was mysteriously poured on my car and it was set on fire. Man, what a coincidence! It had no mechanical damage, but a lot of the rubber seals were bad and some of the paint was crispy and not so white anymore. I decided to paint it myself, in my garage. I turned the radio up in the evenings and had a great time. It was my first attempt at body work and I had surprisingly good results. Using sheet plastic, I made a paint booth out of part of my garage. My first paint job too. I borrowed a compressor, rented a paint gun, and bought the best filtered respirator I could find and charged ahead. Again, I had surprisingly good results.

While I was doing the paint and body, I decided to refresh the engine. That engine was a pleasure to work on after only doing American cars before. Oh yeah, there was the MG a few years before, but that's another story. There was surprisingly little wear for its miles and I really wouldn't have needed to get into it.

I was having a lot of distributor problems and didn't know where to get one that old. I replaced the old capacitor discharge ignition with a standard coil and a Pertronics unit to replace the points. That fixed that.

The carburetors needed work and I didn't know where to get kits. I made an intake manifold out of sheet aluminum and put a 600CFM holly carburetor on it. It was way too much for the six cylinder engine so I got a 350CFM holly. That worked great, except for condensation and turbulence inside the plenum I had made. I used plastic tubing as cores for the runners, filled the plenum up with fuel resistant epoxy and pulled the tubing out. That worked great. Looking back on it now, it would have been cheaper, and easier, to put a couple of down draft Webber's on the existing manifold. It would have looked way cooler too.

I had some rust issues I didn't want to deal with. I had always wanted a Jaguar XKE convertible, but didn't want to deal with the Lucas electrical system. I had learned my lesson with the MG mentioned earlier. The transmission showed signs of needing some work too. By another coincidence, another neighbor to the west of me told me his dad had a 450 SL he needed to get rid of for more shop space. It didn't run at the time, so it looked like just the car for me, and it was a convertible. It wasn't long I had it running and sold the 250/8.

That's when I joined MBCA and learned there was a much easier way to fix and maintain these great cars. I put a lot of work into that car but it was a labor of love. It's engineering, even for its age, sold me on Mercedes, rather than Jaguar. It also taught me not to be afraid of limited ability. You'd be surprised what you can learn by just reading up on anything.

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Meeting at Cracker Barrel--Phaedra & Brice, Pat Nash, Jane & Charles Wood and Ed Hoag.



Suzen & Paul Rodesney and Brad Katzung



Claren & Carl Denning, Pete Williams at Gator's. Nap time for Carl.



Carolyn Bullard and Ken Wells on Gator's deck



Paul & Suzen Rodesney at Gator's



Steve Murriel at Gator's



Bill & Pat Nash at Gator's

**More photos from Driving Event**



A Enoch Kelly Haney "for runner" to the "Guardian" (atop the Capitol) from the Seminole Nation Museum.



Lewis Johnson playing the flute at the Seminole Nation Museum



Charles Wood and Jack Fink at Jim Lawson's shop.



Jim Lawson discussing his collector cars.



L to R - William Hill & Russell Griffith preparing the catfish.



Catfish fry at the home of Bill & Linda Hill, Eastern Oklahoma Section. Bill is the section's president.



Mercedes lineup at fish fry...lookin for shade.



Oops...they hid the corvet!

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