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President's Message

Spring has sprung! Time for me to dust off the 560SL, panic and rush around trying to do all the clean up and maintenance things I was going to do during the winter, but put off. That's OK; I can drive it around with a black seat from an 84 380SL for a month until I get the cover put on mine. No biggie. I know I'm the only person who does this kind a thing, but it's part of the burden of being the smartest man alive.

Let me brag on you for a moment. Our membership and attendance is running at an all time high. We are now averaging over 40 people at our monthly meetings! This is a testament to the hard work of Ed Hoag, J.D. Ogle, Bill Nash, Mary Williams, Bobbye Van Horn and so many others who are helping now, as well as those who have gone before us. My hopes are that A. I don't screw it up, and B. we can keep growing. Thank you for supporting us by being a member of this club and anything else that you do.

Be sure to check out the tech session at GW & Son the end of April. It is kind a technical, since it focuses on the chemistry and technology of auto paint. But, it's a chance to hang out in a body shop without having to pay to have your car fixed and that's always good!

Thank you.

Jeff Leatherock

2011 Events Calendar

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

April 19th **Red Lobster**
843-1843 4243 NW Expressway--OKC

April 29-30 **Star Tech 2011**

April 30th **Saturday Tech**
751-1337 GW & Son
Time: 10:00 a.m. 13417 N. Santa Fe
See box on this page for details.

May 17th **Lottinville**
341-2244 801 Signal Ridge Dr.
Large/main dining room Edmond

May 20-23 **HEIMATFEST**

June 21 **Interurban**
348-2792 1301 E. Danforth

July 19 **Portofino's**
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Contact Ed Hoag.

One each - Ladies XL in blue
 Ladies 2XL in black
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Thanks, Ed Hoag, 405-341-3578

DONATIONS OF AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED FOR CAR SHOW CHARITY FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, June 4th, your Club and the Jaguar Club are holding a 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, the main purpose of this annual Event is to benefit a local charity. This year the Clubs have selected the Coffee Creek Therapeutic Horsemanship Riding Center in Edmond to benefit from our show. Please visit its Website at www.coffeecreek.org to see why we are so excited about this year's Show.

Now is the time to Register (page 11) to show your favorite Mercedes-Benz, to plan to come Downtown for a free lunch in the Park, and/or best yet, to sign up for the Awards Dinner and Auction Saturday evening. Call Paul Rodesney at 405-720-6019 or Ed Hoag at 405-341-3578 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 better than a "garage sale item". If you have something nice to contribute, please call Paul or Ed by no later than Monday, May 30th. A pick up can be arranged at your convenience.

You can help our Club and the Riding Center out in one or all of four ways:

- Register and show your Mercedes-Benz.
- Come down to the Park for a "free" Lunch.
- Register for the Dinner & Auction.
- Contribute one or more items for the Silent Auction.

Please save the date and plan on joining your Club in participating in all four.

April's Saturday Tech Session @ G W & Son

It will cover the new water bourne, or water based, paint finishes for cars. The auto paint business is going to a water based system to reduce pollution. Currently, the base coat, or color, is the only part that is reduced with water, but the primers and clear coats are going to go that direction in the next few years.

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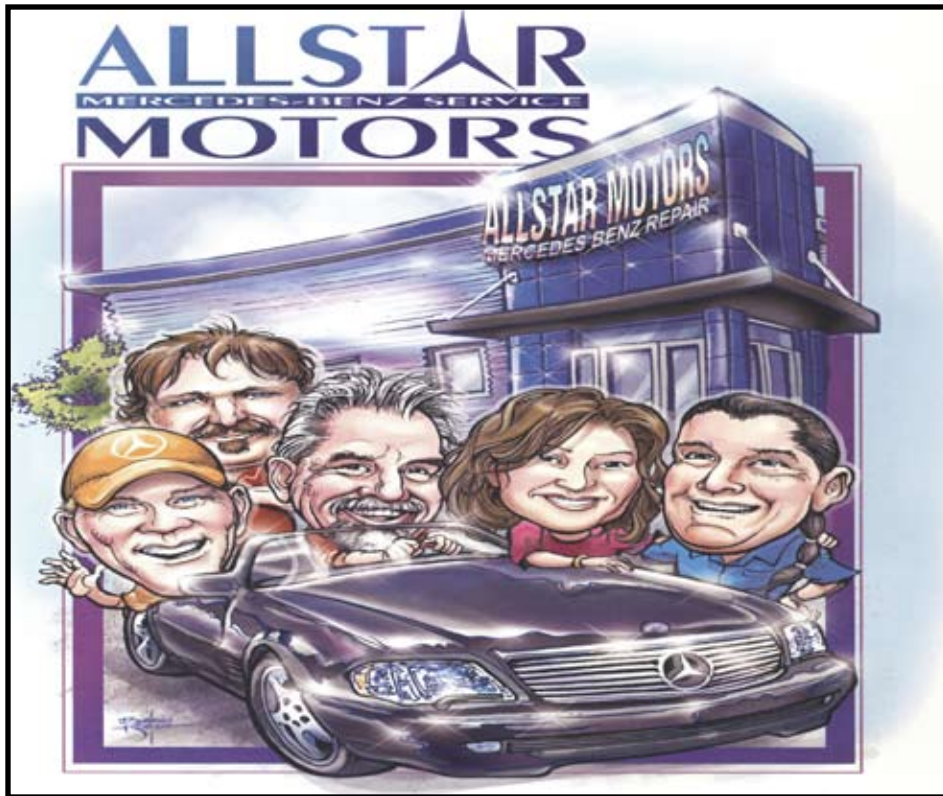


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Richard Kirk's 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Club Victoria



Thank you Richard for the wonderful article on page 8.
Mary Williams, Editor

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Dark blue on dark blue. Beautiful, great body and paint. No rust that I can find. Few upholstery problems. Wood faded some. Engine.....I don't know. Had jumped timing once. Good A/C and climate control. E-mail for more details and pictures. \$3,000 as is. The more I fix it, the more it'll cost. **Mary is getting tired of it blocking the drive! Make a serious and reasonable offer, and it's yours.**
Pete Williams, hwilliamsjr2@att.net

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AT THE NEXT MEETING!**

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(new email address for the editor.)

My Ford

By Richard Kirk

We own two Mercedes-Benz automobiles, a 2003 SL500 and a 2008 S550. I will probably never drive any other car as a daily driver again in my life time. However, when I was 23 years old, the Ford Motor Company introduced a new car that I immediately fell in love with, the 1957 Ford, Fairlane 500 Club Victoria. Most of them were two-tone colors like Red and White, Green and White, etc., (you get the idea) and I thought they were the most beautiful cars I had ever seen. I wanted one so badly. The only problem was, I had just bought a 1956 Chevrolet the year before and was still making payments on that car. By the time the Chevy was paid for, I was shipped to Germany for three years (I was in the US Air Force at the time). By the time I returned to the United States, I had forgotten about the Ford and wanted a brand new car. I subsequently bought a 1963 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport and never looked back. I loved the Chevy and lusting after the 1957 Ford faded from memory.

In 1985, I discovered a 1954 Pontiac in Harrison, Arkansas with 56K on the odometer and bought the car as something to play with. I took it to several local car shows and won trophies with the car. I soon lost interest and it sat in my garage for many years. The car was a four door sedan and although it was pretty to look at, no one wanted to buy the car. When Peggy and I married in 2000, I had to make a decision concerning the old Pontiac, since we had two cars and a pick-up truck, plus the old car. Our new house had a three car garage and we had four vehicles. I sold the Pontiac that year and vowed to buy another old car some day. I gave the pick-up to one of my sons and we enjoyed the extra garage space for several years.

In 2009, I began to get interested in buying another old car to play with and remembered how I had loved the 1957 Ford and went on a quest to locate one I could afford to buy. I searched the Internet for a little over a year and lo and behold, I located a car on the Internet that fit the dream I had for a 1957 Ford. It was a black 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Club Victoria, located in Salem, Oregon. Of course the guy who owned it, wanted much more money for the car than I was ready to pay. We negotiated for over a month via phone and E-Mail and finally reached an agreement on price. I had the car shipped to my house and immediately began updating the car to look as original as possible. The previous owner had installed mag wheels and large raised-letter tires on the car. I installed stock wheels, had them powder-coated Red and installed original type hubcaps and wide white wall tires. The steering needed an overhaul and the radiator leaked. I was amazed at how much parts for a 53 year old car cost at today's prices. I installed several trim items to make the car look original and have entered the car in four car shows since I have finished it and have won a Best in Class Trophy and a Sponsor's Favorite Trophy. The black paint is beautiful and I get comments at car shows like "My dad had one of these" or "I wanted one just like this, back then". I have found that 1957 Fords are fairly rare these days and the car gets more than it's share of attention wherever it goes. I originally planned to install a Continental Kit (the spare attached to the rear), but the car would not fit in my garage with that accessory so it will not get one. LOL.

Last summer, I lowered all the windows when Peggy and I drove the car to a local Sonic Drive-In and the car hop hung a tray on the driver's window and several people there that evening, took pictures of the car and wanted to know just what make and model it was. The college age kids had never seen a 1957 Ford before and did not know what it was. Needless to say, we had a ball explaining the car to them.

My dream of owning a 1957 Ford came true in 2010, only fifty-three years later and we love the car. I hope you enjoy the pictures and that it brings back memories for you.

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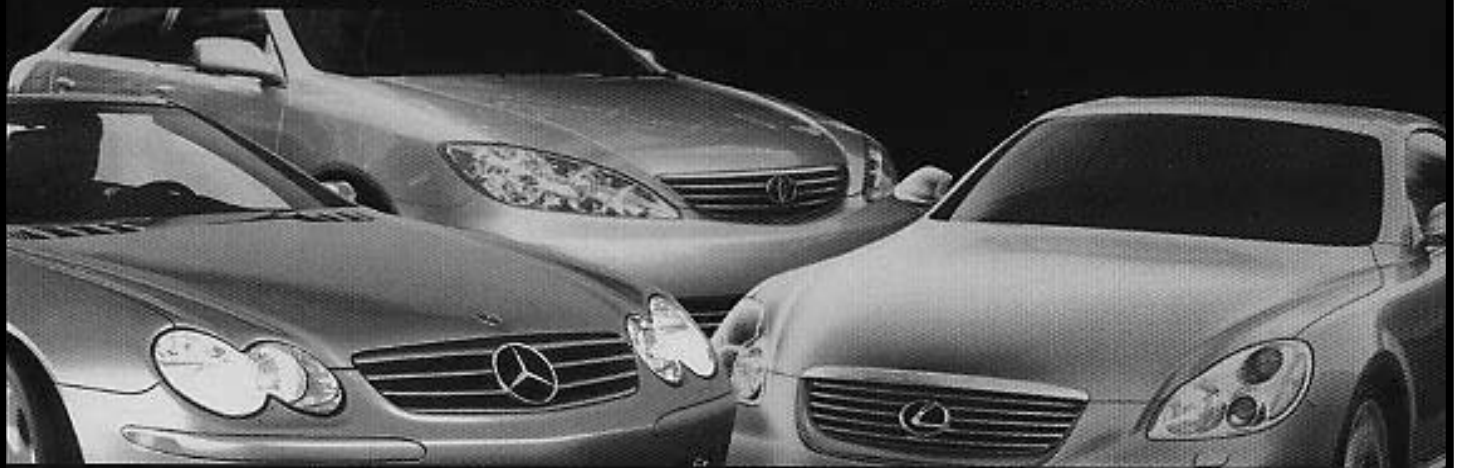
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**SHOW & DINNER PRE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND
ON-SITE REGISTRATION THE DAY OF THE SHOW**

Friday Night’s Hospitality Reception will be held at the Jaguar dealership and is included in your Registration. Hors d’oeuvres will be served during the Registration and Hospitality gathering.

Show Registration Fee of \$25.00 includes entry of ONE Jaguar or entry of ONE Mercedes-Benz vehicle to the Show, car show packet, souvenir photograph of registered vehicle, and eligibility for door prizes. Additional vehicles may be registered in the show for \$20.00 each. A Registration Form is enclosed on page 11 of this Newsletter and can be used for pre-registration.

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 dinner will be \$25.00 per person.** Dress is casual. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres will be served at 6:00 p.m. in the showroom prior to the Awards Dinner. The Buffet Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The Show Venue – Jaguar Park and Mercedes-Benz Park, Downtown, OKC

‘Jaguar Park and Mercedes-Benz Park’ are located on the original Automobile Alley of the Roaring 20’s in Downtown Oklahoma City and are directly across the street from the Jaguar and Mercedes-Benz dealerships at 1125-1225 North Broadway Avenue. We will show along the street in front of the Parks and have the tree-lined Park in which to play and relax. 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 be at the Jaguar dealership on Friday evening (5:30 to 8:00 p.m.) and at the “Show Site” on Saturday morning (9:00 to 10:00 a.m.).

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The ***Coffee Creek Therapeutic Horsemanship Riding Center in Edmond***. The Center provides free riding to children and adults with a wide range of disabilities, offering mental, physical, emotional and social benefits. Our goal is to raise funds for this worthy cause and it is our way of giving back to the community within which we live, work and enjoy our automobiles. Please help us meet our goal through your generous participation in all of these events.

Friday, June 3rd Show Set-up and Car Wash

Registration and Hospitality Reception - 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

1125 North Broadway Avenue - In the Jaguar Dealership showroom.

Saturday, June 4th JCNA Concours & Mercedes-Benz Car Show

1125-1225 North Broadway Avenue

Registration - 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Display and Show - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Jaguar Judging - 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Mercedes-Benz Judging - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Awards Dinner - Trophy Presentations - Door Prizes – Live and Silent Auctions - 6:00 – 9:30 p.m.
In the Mercedes-Benz Dealership showroom.**

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