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Triangle Section

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- May 28 and 29 - Historic car racing at Virginia International Raceway
- June 4th and 5th high speed driving event at NCCAR in Garysburg, NC
- June 14 - Dinner Meeting at the Blackfinn Ameripub restaurant in Morrisville
- June 25 – Rock Barn European Auto Classic in Conover, NC
- August 26-27 – Mercedes at Shelton Vineyards.
- September 18 – Classics on the Green in New Kent, VA
- October 22 – Euro Auto Festival in Greenville, SC

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President's Message

Hello Triangle Section Members,

Carl & Nancy Heide hosted the WAM (Wilmington Area Members) to a cookout and get-together at their house on April 16th. They had a great turn-out and everyone had a good time meeting each other and discussing possible new MBCA events in the Wilmington area. Bill Faison, Ted Sampson, a new MBCA member and I met with the management at Bob King Mercedes in Wilmington. Because of Ted's relationship with Bob King Mercedes, they will help support some future events in the Wilmington area. So, we need to keep the momentum going and plan an event for the second half of 2016. We are working on some suggestions that came up during the WAM meeting, but if anyone has an idea for an event, please contact Bill Faison.

The Pinehurst Concours on April 29th & 30th was an excellent event! We had 34 cars in the Mercedes Fairway Club, representing 7 out of 8 of the Sections in the Eastern Region. A special thanks to Josie Lesler, Enthusiast Chair, from MBCA who made sure we had everything in the MBCA tent that we needed to draw spectators into our area and sign up new members as well. We signed up three new members; two in the Triangle Section and one from Blackstone, MA. Also, we had two people win MBCA memberships in the Triangle Section. I would also like to thank the many volunteers who worked in the tent, plus helped set up the "Open House" on Friday. All of you worked to make it a success! Pete Lesler, National Concours Chair, gave out an MBCA Excellence award to a Pinehurst Concours participant and Terry Kiwala, MBCA President, was on hand to meet the members participating in the Fairway Club & Concours, while checking out the total event to help determine MBCA's participation in the future.

Our first "Evening with Art and the Stars" at the NC Museum of Art saw a very good member turn out, even though the weather had threatened rain most of the day. We had 12 Mercedes around the courtyard. Jack Vanstavern's 1938 170V Roadster, "Roscoe", was the center piece of the event. It was good to see Jack having a nice time talking to people about his car and enjoying the evening. I want to thank the members that showed their cars at the event and all the members that braved the night and came out. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and we hope to make this an annual event.

In my 1st Quarter message, I asked for a member to manage our Triangle Section's website and I am happy to report that Fred Hayes has stepped up and taken over that position. Thank you Fred!

Our next business meeting is at the Blackfinn Restaurant in Morrisville on June 14th. We will be firming up dates and activities for the second half of 2016 and I encourage everyone to come and participate. More information on this meeting will be emailed soon.

The Rock Barn Euro Classic is on June 25th in Conover, NC. Last year was a lot of fun. It is a great venue and you need to plan on attending this year.

As always, remember to bring a friend and fellow Mercedes enthusiast to the next event and sign them up as a member!

Steve

Upcoming Events

May 28 and 29 are the dates for the HSR Historic Races at Virginia International Raceway (VIR) in Alton, VA. As a “time machine” of sights and sounds, HSR provides a venue for competitors and spectators alike to share in the wonderful history and excitement created by the cars that competed at race tracks around the world. <http://virnow.com/events/historic-sportscar-racing/>

June 4th and 5th the Virginia Section and Apex Track Events will host a High Speed Driving Event on North Carolina’s Center for Automotive Research’s road course. This road course is ideally situated in Garysburg, NC and features a 40 feet wide bi-directional freshly paved road course with a ½ mile straightaway, 11 constant radius turns and large grassy run-off areas. There is no competition for times or trophies but a lot of fun to be had. Virtually any car is fully capable of handling this type of event. More information and registration are at this site.

<http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/summerfest-2016-nccar-mbca-virginia-298744#.V0G8Q-T-Ug8>

June 14 6:00 Dinner and business meeting at the Blackfinn Ameripub restaurant at 3201 Village Market Pl, Morrisville, NC

June 25 is the second annual European Auto Classic at the Rock Barn country club in Conover, NC. Last year’s event attracted 83 cars of various marques to an event that took place on the rolling grounds of the golf course at the country club. You can register for the event at Motorsports.com using this address:

<http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/2016-rock-barn-euro-classic-golf-spa-mbca-tarheel-087387#.Vzrm2uT-Ug8>

You can also reserve a place at dinner the night before in the Rock Barn restaurant at the same time as car registration to be with other friends who have come early.

August 27 is the annual meet at Shelton Vineyards from 10:00 to 6:00. <http://www.sheltonvineyards.com/news-and-events/mercedes-auto-show/>

September 18 is Classics on the Green at the New Kent Winery in New Kent, VA from 11:00 to 4:00. Registration and event information is at this site:

<http://www.classicsonthegreen.com/>

October 22 is this year’s Euro Auto Festival at The Preserve at Verdae in Greenville, SC. Here is a link for more information and tickets:

<http://www.euroautofestival.com/2015-show/>

Spring Cook-out in the Eastern Part of Our Section

The Triangle Section of the MBCA tends to be centered in the Raleigh/Durham area but actually extends over a fairly wide geographic area in eastern North Carolina toward Fayetteville and Wilmington.



In order to enable more club activities in the coastal part of the section’s area, Nancy and Carl Heide hosted a cook-out for members at their home in Hampstead, NC. Hampstead is on

the ocean just a few miles north of Wilmington. Carl has been in the Mercedes club for more than 40 years but just recently moved to North Carolina from New Jersey. It was a perfect spring day on April 16th for about 12 cars and 25 members to participate in the event.

The Heide’s home is conveniently located on a cul-de-sac where there was plenty of room to park the cars in attendance. Carl had set up tables in a very clean garage in order to be prepared for either sprinkles or sunshine.



There was a hamburger and hot dog lunch with numerous salads and desserts to go with the main course.



Not only did this event offer the opportunity to meet new members, but also cars that had not been to previous club events. There are not many drivers of 450 SL's that have the original license plate for their car, particularly one that was

sold new in Beverly Hills, but Ben St. John is one of them. Ben has already replaced a number of items on his car to bring it toward new condition again and is still working on others (end).



Confessions of a Carniac's Wife

Saga (sah-guh - any very long story with dramatic events or parts (such as car parts!))

The saga begins in high school in Jacksonville, Florida. My first car was a '38 Chevy (with running boards, bug eye lights and 3 speed manual shift transmission) that my brother and I shared. It was given to us by a neighbor who wasn't able to drive it anymore and we had helped clean up his yard after a hurricane. My future husband (unbeknownst to me at that time!) noticed me exiting the car very unfeminine fashion in the parking lot. We only wore skirts or dresses to school at that time! We were introduced when we were seniors and dated in his '58 Chevy Impala. He was already into the love of

tweaking cars and had installed shag carpeting in it! I took my Weejuns off, ran my toes through that carpet, and "almost" fell in love!

THE SAGA CONTINUES.....

Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance Mercedes-Benz Fairway Club

The Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance was started 4 years ago as a venue for the display and competition of some of the America's most exclusive classic automobiles. The world famous Pinehurst Golf Resort in Pinehurst, NC, has been the location of many great golf tournaments, but on Saturday, April 30th, fine automobiles were on the fairways instead of golfers.



The 2016 event instituted a format change to the Fairway Club held in conjunction with the Concours, which allowed much greater participation by members of area car clubs. For the

price of two Concours tickets and a contribution to the USO, MBCA members (and members of other European car clubs) could place their cars on the same show field as the judged Concours entrants.

This year's attendance was estimated at 12,500 with part of the proceeds going to support the USO.



The two fairways in front of the clubhouse at the Golf Resort provide plenty of room for both the Concours and Fairway Club participants. Triangle Section leadership Steve Redwine, Bill Faison and Tom Reedy had worked with the Concours organizers to set up an information tent for our club as well as space for 34 club member's cars representing 7 of the 8 MBCA Sections in the Eastern Region.



The tent was a great gathering location to provide information on the club to potential new members and on-the-spot consulting for Mercedes owners with technical questions.



The event was supported and enhanced by the attendance of Regional Director Jim Roberts, National President Terry Kiwala, Concurs Chair Pete Lesler and Enthusiast Chair Josie Lesler.



In addition to the showing of great automobiles, there was afternoon entertainment by a very dynamic singing group from the 82nd Airborne Division stationed at nearby Fort Bragg.



There was evening entertainment by *The Commodores* with MBCA members having a prime viewing area along with dinner in the Donald Ross room at the resort clubhouse. The day started a little cool and the parachute drop was cancelled because of low clouds, but it was still a wonderful day of automotive excellence along with conversations with old and new friends.



A featured vehicle in the Fairway Club was “Roscoe” a two-toned 1938 Mercedes-Benz 170V roadster with a rumble seat owned by Jack Vanstavern of Raleigh.

There were multiple classes for Mercedes vehicles in the Concours.



Mercedes-Benz claimed three of the nine named Concours awards including the Ross Award for the 1957 300 SL Roadster of Todd and Holly-Faye Jenkins of Chesterfield,

Virginia and the Mercedes-Benz Award for the 1955 300 SL of Pat Cline of South Lake, Texas. Karl Kleiderer of Charlotte, North Carolina received the FIVA Award for his 1955 300 SL Gullwing.



In class awards, a Pinehurst Award went to Jeff Jacobs of West Palm Beach for his 1956 190 SL Roadster, and to John Byrne of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina (Triangle Section member) for his 1970 280 SL Roadster. (end)

Evening with Art and Mercedes at the North Carolina Art Museum

Numerous art museums, including the North Carolina Museum of Art, have discovered the art of the automobile through special exhibits. The third Friday of May explored automotive art represented by a dozen cars manufactured by Mercedes-Benz. Third Friday at the museum is a regular event with food and music available along with the opportunity to view the museum collections.



The paved courtyard between the new and old wings of the museum provided a great location to exhibit distinctive cars from the local Triangle area. The weather was threatening both before and after our event but stayed reasonably pleasant for the time we were there.

Other people attending Third Friday had the opportunity to look over our group's cars as they entered the museum. It is not often that a show this approachable has the range of the cars that were there from Gullwings to pre-war.





Our cars were outside but there was also art, food and music inside. Music was from the Sidecar Social Club playing speak-easy jazz and vintage R&B.



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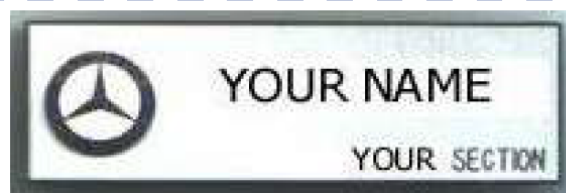
You have seen members wearing them at MBCA events around the country. If you have not ordered your own, this is a great time to do so. Wear your name badge to events, so everyone will know your name, and when they wear theirs, you will know their name.

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New Members

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Larry DeLong
Owen Hughes
Terrace Miller
Sue Vespa

Holden Beach
Raleigh
Wake Forest
Clinton
Pinehurst

Newsletter Article Submission

There are a lot of things that make interesting articles for the TriStar News. It is helpful to other members to see write-ups and pictures for events that have significant Mercedes participation. Those articles allow them to decide whether they might want to participate in that event in the future. A full write-up or a few pictures and a little description are all it takes to get your article in the newsletter. Pictures and a history of your particular Mercedes can also make an interesting article. You can submit any of these topics to Rob VanDewoestine at rvandewoestine@nc.rr.com for publication.

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