



Q3 2016 TriStar Newsletter

Triangle Section - MBCA

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- September 17 – “Shine ‘n Show” at Bob King Autohaus in Wilmington
- September 18 – Classics on the Green in New Kent, VA
- September 24 – Hagerty Show and Shine Event at Virginia International Raceway in Alton, VA
- October 15 – *Swade and Satin* music at the Aviator Smokehouse in Fuquay-Varina 5:30-9:00
- October 22 – Euro Auto Festival in Greenville, SC
- November 5 – Joint meet with the Studebaker Club
- November 19 – Business meeting at Mercedes of Cary
- December 3 – Holiday lunch and officer election

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President’s Message

Hello Triangle Section Members,

I hope everyone had a great summer and are looking forward to some cooler driving weather.

There are several events coming up, but before I mention them, I would like say what a great time we all had at **Shelton Vineyards** on August 26-27th. It was the 11th year of this event and if you have never gone or if it has been a while since you did, you need to make plans to go next year. I think it would be fun to plan an extra day to do some driving on the “cool” Blue Ridge Parkway like John Byrne did this year.

Check out the **Calendar of Events** in this newsletter and make plans to attend some of the events this Fall. We have several events that are new and one event that may only happen just once! I am talking about the **Studebaker-Packard-Mercedes** event on 11/5. Did you know that **Studebaker-Packard** was the first automobile manufacturer to sell Mercedes-Benz in the United States? Well, you need to come to the event and hear the rest of the story!

The other new event is on 10/15, with MBCA member Swade Sanders and his band, **Swade & Satin**, playing some great music for us as we have drinks & dinner at Aviator Brewery in Fuquay-Varina. The 9/17 event in Wilmington will start at Bob King Autohaus, lunch at Felix and a drive to the USS North Carolina. I encourage all the Wilmington Area Members (WAM) to attend, plus join the members coming from Raleigh on Friday night for dinner. If you are coming to the dinner, please RSVP me at steve_redwine@yahoo.com so we will have a headcount.

We now have two Dealer Relations Managers, Ted Sampson in the Wilmington area and Chris Olliff in the Triangle area. Chris will be responsible for all of the Dealer Relations Managers (DRM) going forward. This brings me to my next point. We still need two DRMs, one for M-B of Cary & one for M-B of Durham. If you have a relationship with either dealer, or you would like to spend a couple of hours a month helping MBCA develop a better relationship, please contact Chris Olliff at caolliff@ncsu.edu We need your help!

I would like to thank Triangle members, Richard Talach, Chris Olliff, Tom Reedy, Josh Schwartzman and Bill Faison who volunteered for the **Pinehurst Committee** to help put the presentation together for a “**Special National Event**” during the Pinehurst weekend for 2017. Because of their ideas and effort, we will have an even better Pinehurst 2017 event. We have sent a proposal to the Budget Committee for review and Bill Faison and I will make a presentation in November at the National Board meeting in Naples, FL.

Our membership has increased almost 10% since Pinehurst and we now have 225 members. Unfortunately, we have lost some members due to moving away from the area, selling their Mercedes, or just lack of involvement. I would like to get a better handle on our current members, so I am forming a **Membership Committee** and I need a few volunteers to assist me in this effort. It will not take a lot of your time and it would help me out tremendously! So, please think about volunteering and contact me at steve_redwine@yahoo.com As the Triangle Section continues to grow and offer more exciting events to its members, we need more members to volunteer to help so that everything is not done by just a hand full of members.

As always, bring some friends to these events and sign them up as a new members!

Steve

Upcoming Events

September 18th 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/>

September 24th is the Hagerty Show and Shine event at Virginia International Raceway. Bring your car and enjoy vintage car racing.

<http://virnow.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/VIR-Car-SHOW-blast1.pdf>

October 22nd 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/>

November 5, Joint meeting with the Studebaker Club on the grounds of Oak View County Park, 4028 Carya Drive, Raleigh, just off Poole Road at I440. The official start time is 1:00pm, but we expect some of our members to start arriving by 12:30.

Rock Barn Euro Classic Car Show



There is a very good reason that automotive Concours events use prestigious golf courses for their shows. Golf courses provide a scenic background for classic automobiles, they have plenty of room for display and good support facilities for the participants. The Tarheel Section of the MBCA utilized the 18th fairway of the Jones course at the Rock Barn Golf Club and Spa in Conover, NC to good effect for the second annual Euro Auto Fest on June 25th. Organization of the event was done by Gary Swinkey and Bill Parrish along with others from the Tarheel Section. The show field was laid out in two rows with vehicles of the same make parked together. Judging was done in 12 classes by entrants in the event. This was the second year of the event put on for the enjoyment of fine automobiles and to benefit Rotary Club's Catawba Chapter's CART fund for Alzheimer's research.

Access to the show field was by a very shallow ramp installed from a parking lot next to the clubhouse, down a paved cart path and then onto the fairway. There was very ample parking for those who brought vehicles in trailers. Sixty-two cars participated this year with 21 being built by Mercedes.



Entrants who arrived on Friday evening (and I would recommend that) could enjoy an excellent prime rib dinner with friends at the clubhouse restaurant. The event day on Saturday was warm, but there was a breeze and seating in the shade under trees lining the fairway. The organizers had also arranged with the country club to have lunch and the awards ceremony in a banquet room where there was air conditioning.

Jimmy and Christine Skotidas attended with their 1960 190 SL



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Barry Huff brought his 1969 280 SL.



Other Mercedes filling out the show field



The event was sponsored by Mercedes of Northlake, Flow BMW of Winston, Shine Shop Automotive of Greensboro, Cosmo Motors of Hickory, Hagerty Insurance, Black Top Studios of Morganton, and Master Tech Auto Mechanics of Hickory.
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300Detailing

Car detailing has made large inroads in the car wash business over the last 10 years. Even there, new variations to the business are bringing the service to the customer rather than having to take a vehicle into a fixed location. So it is not unusual to have a detailer come to your home or place of business. What is unusual is to have that person arrive in an immaculate 1984 Mercedes-Benz 300D.

That, however, is just what happens when Josh Schwartzman, founder of 300Detailing arrives to detail your vehicle. Josh started at a rather young age by just keeping his own vehicle clean. Then he moved on to cleaning his parent's cars, then friend's cars and the business grew from there. He is a student in Business Operations at UNCW but is back in the Raleigh-Durham area during the summer and for scheduled work at other times. Several members of the Triangle Section have found that Josh does very good work for a reasonable price on either show or street cars.

Josh can be reached at 919-830-3651



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Confessions of a Carniac's Wife (continued)

In spite of all the negatives and naysayers we are engaged! The obsession with cars has to be delayed because of college! Imagine that! However, we get married and move in with my in-laws! I don't recommend it! My father-in-law is a carniac so we live within the realm of old cars. After graduation our first move is to Louisville, Ky. We bought a '65 Austin Healy Sprite!! Small!!! Then we move to Indianapolis, In, and I am working for a local bank. Surprise! I am pregnant! Soon I am unable to drive the car for obvious reasons so I sold the car to one of my customers at the bank.. It was a fun car but we needed a larger car!!! We moved again to Columbus, Ohio, and bought a '72 Cadillac Eldorado and proudly brought home from the hospital our first daughter! The saga continues.....



Mercedes-Benz Show at Shelton Vineyards

Once again, the Mercedes-Benz Sections were blessed with great weather for the annual show at Shelton Vineyards.



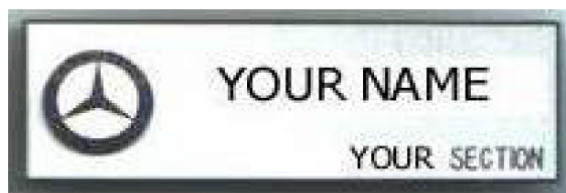
Shelton Vineyards (continued)

Pictures by Glenn Pierce



MBCA Name Badges

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.



Name Badges are easy to order from the National Business Office in Colorado Springs. They are often shipped out the same week as ordered. Choose from Blue, Gold, or Silver; Magnetic, Safety Pin, or Tie Tack Clasp. You can put one, two or three lines of text, your name, your section, car model, etc.

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New Members

Henry Vess	Pinehurst
Ronald and Velma Blackmon	Elizabeth City
William McLaurin	Raleigh
Raymond Crosby	New Bern

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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.