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Breakfast meetings,
tire kicking,
visit the Baker museum,
do our own SWFL car show,
have a picnic in the park,
enjoy Amelia Island Concours,
bring new members...
really new members,
as in
SWFL-MBCA gives birth!
Spring 2016 was busy!



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This beautiful new *Mercedes*
won't be kept in the garage.
Congrats Mario and Tuoi with
Baby Mercedes!

**"More Than a Car Club.
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Monthly Breakfast Meetings



Ft. Myers area... Mimi's Café
2nd Saturday of every month.

Next Meetings - May 14, June 11



Naples area... Perkins on Pine Ridge
4th Saturday of every month.

Next meetings - May 28, June 25

From the President



Greetings to all and welcome to our **10 new members, 43 multiple section members, and 10 renewed members** since 4-01-16. Our Section membership currently stands at **431 members** (as of 4-30-16). We welcome these new and transferred members to SWFL and look forward to seeing each of you at a future Section event. Please keep up the good work recruiting new members and **renew your individual effort to bring in at least one new member this year!** If you are happy with your Section, your Section's activities, and the benefits of MBCA membership, you will be our best spokesman for recruiting new Club members. We are still looking for members interested in volunteering to become Directors of SWFL to help us in the management of your Section.

I want to thank Glen Sholl and Ron Cordeau for stepping in for Anne and I while we are in the North Country for a family emergency. That is the advantage of a good leadership team. They can take over when needed. Thanks again from all of us for their support.

We are at the end of "season", traffic has calmed, and our activities have calmed also. Of course we will still have our monthly breakfast meetings in Naples and Fort Myers but many months we will not have a third weekend event. That being said we are planning a few additional events beyond our two breakfast meetings during the summer months.

In March a number of us attended The Amelia Island Concours de Elegance at Amelia Island. On Saturday at Cars and Coffee three SWFL Section members showed cars on the field, Ron Cordeau, Dan Olstynski, and Tom Harruff. Monica Cordeau and Anne Harruff assisted MBCA Director at Large and SWFL Section Member Josie Lesler recruiting new members at the MBCA recruiting tent. Our thanks to our Ladies for showing the SWFL flag at this event. There are some pictures from the event in this edition.

Last month was a good month for new memberships but also we lost some expiring members so our overall membership did not grow as much as we would have hoped. It is time for each of us to renew our efforts to continue our growth not only in membership but in providing the activities that you want from the Team. Please commit yourself to actively participate in at least one Section sponsored event in 2016 and more if possible. This is your Section and we want to provide you the activities that you desire. Onward and upward in 2016!

This fall we will again host the MBCA Fall Board Meeting here in Naples as we did in 2007. It will be a great opportunity for each of you to participate and to meet the National Leaders of your club. Save the Date: Nov 10-12, 2016.

Happy motoring!

Tom Harruff, President, SWFL Section MBCA

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES TO THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA SECTION, MBCA!

Since the last newsletter, Sandra Collins, Robert and Virginia Cornog, Bogey Cuna, Gary Gerling, John and Patti Mastin, James McCune, Anthony and Leslie Robert, Tim and Karen Schaefer, Miles Seter, Robert Stoico, Paula Studzinski and Brian Snowden, Jerry Vasquez, and Shriram Vijayaraghavan

We're so glad you've joined us!

And **Thank You** to all our **Renewed Members** for your continuing MBCA Membership!

Southwest Florida Section Ladies of Mercedes Event, March 5, 2016

Artis—Naples

The Baker Museum

YVES + SAINT LAURENT
HALSTON FASHIONING
THE 70s

SWFL Secretary Anne Harruff's exceptional organizational skills once again brought together the Ladies of Mercedes and some of their gents. This time it was for a pleasant viewing of **Yves Saint Laurent and Halston Fashions of the '70s**.

It's always a treat to visit the Baker Museum, and even more so with your friends.

Our group was guided by a knowledgeable Docent, who explained the origins and ideas of fashions we loved from the era.

And the Chihuly glass display is always fascinating and enjoyed by all!



**Southwest Florida Section
12th Annual Car Show
Funcours
April 9, 2016
In cooperation with
Mercedes-Benz of Ft. Myers**



A picture is worth a thousand words, so cast your peepers on 12,000 words worth!

This year's event saw 28 participants and plenty of visitors and inquisitors enjoying the show. The food supplied by M-B of Ft. Myers was delectable as usual, and the award-winners were beautiful!

We'll do it again next year, because the weather's always great, and it's just plain fun!





Ron is a game show contestant with TV star Wayne Carini.

Amelia Island Cars and Coffee, 3/11/2016



Amelia Island 2016



1939 MB 540K valued at \$3-4M.
At the Concours on Sunday morning.



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Dan Olstynski's
S600,

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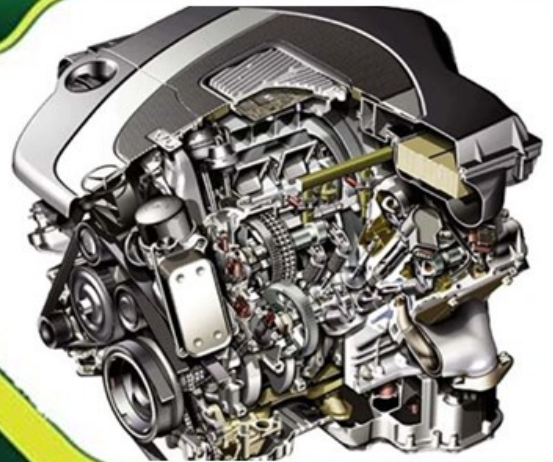
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Editorial Gas ...

Busy Springtime for the club, now we step back and take a breath. (...or not.)

Mercedes Puente is officially our youngest member! She apologizes for not making it to the car show, so her premier entrance was at the 3rd Annual Picnic. What a doll! Thanks Mario and Tuoi for sharing her!

Mercedes-Benz of Bonita Springs is rumored to open June 1st. From the looks of it, it should be quite the facility. I

expect a grand opening with free food.

The Car Show is always fun, and M-B FM provided some great food! Hmm, is food the main subject here?

We have 3 new members who have joined SWFL with their Airstream Touring Coaches. Is there any other major car club with such a variety of vehicles? Personally, I love the look of those!

This newsletter is created on MS Publisher (Office 10). It is simple and fun! I can get you started really easy! Think

about it, call me, ask questions... cows are optional in case you like cats. Or dogs. Or chickens.

Newsletter submissions are always welcome and wanted. Letters, email, photos, whatever, as we can all use the information. So long as it doesn't embarrass me.

Moovoooving along,

Jerry

Keep it simple; it'll become complex by itself.



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The Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) is the largest Mercedes-Benz enthusiast organization in the world. As a non-profit 501(c)(7) organization, the Club proudly serves close to 30,000 Members who belong to one of 85 MBCA Sections throughout North America. MBCA's mission is to provide Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts with unique access to casual and competitive car shows, cash savings on new Mercedes-Benz vehicles, 24/7 online technical advice, parts and accessory discounts at participating Mercedes-Benz Dealerships, performance driving events, safe driver training, plus world-class membership conventions not available elsewhere. A subscription to the Club's 100+ page magazine, *The Star*, is delivered to Members every other month and is included with annual membership dues of \$55/U.S.; \$65/Canada & International.

MBCA's national business office is headquartered in Colorado. For more information about membership and member benefits, please visit www.mbca.org or call 800.637.2360 weekdays 8am-4:30pm Mtn Time.

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National Event Hosted by Minuteman
Wed, August 3rd - Sat, August 6th, 2016
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2016 National Election

Mercedes-Benz Club of America will conduct a National Election this year to select four Directors at Large and six Regional Directors. The Directors at Large whose terms expire in 2016 are: Cliff Reyle, William Hopper, Josie Lesler and Frank Cozza. Regional Directors in the six even-numbered Regions will also be elected this year. Affected regions include: Mid-Atlantic Region (2), South Central Region (4), Southwest Region (6), Great Lakes Region (8), **Southeast Region (10)** and the Eastern Region (12).

Active members interested in running for office are encouraged to go online for information and petition forms: 1) Go to www.mbca.org; 2) click the 'Login' button at the top right corner of the home page and follow the log-in instructions; 3) click on the navigation tab titled "Community" then click on the

drop down titled "MBCA Resources." The printable petition forms are under the "Election" section. Completed nomination petitions are due at the NBO by May 16, 2016.

If you need assistance, please call the NBO at 800.637.2360, 8am-4:30pm MT (M-T) 8am-4pm MT (F). The deadline for submitting valid petitions is close of business Monday, May 16, 2016.

This year will be the first year for on-line voting. Please update your email address with the club! The new on-line voting will be streamlined and save the club funds if we do not need to send out a paper ballot. Please call or email us with your new or corrected email address.

Steve Ross
2016 Election Committee Chair



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SWFL MBCA 3rd Annual End of the Season Picnic

Sunday, April 10, 2016, 12:30 PM, Lakes Park



Mmm...cake... Mercedes cake!

A great group of friends gathered on a beautiful Florida day to share camaraderie and mass quantities of BBQ with all the fixin's and a ton of deserts...is there anything better? I saw no one leaving hungry (I sure didn't).

Just as last year, eating and conversation took precedence over a group photo, but we all know we were there. Let them eat cake!

Thank you **Joel and Sylvia** for making this happen, in a perfect facility, for 3 years running!



Mommy and Daddy with SWFL's youngest member (the one in the basket)



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May 14	SWFL Section Breakfast Meeting at Mimi's Café, Ft. Myers, 8:30 AM	239-591-8049
May 28	SWFL Section Breakfast Meeting at Perkins, Naples, 9:15 AM	239-591-8049
May 30	<i>As we remember, Land of the free, because of the brave. Thank you</i>	
June 11	SWFL Section Breakfast Meeting at Mimi's Café, Ft. Myers, 8:30 AM	239-591-8049
June 25	SWFL Section Breakfast Meeting at Perkins, Naples, 9:15 AM	239-591-8049
July 9	SWFL Section Breakfast Meeting at Mimi's Café, Ft. Myers, 8:30 AM	239-591-8049
July 23	SWFL Section Breakfast Meeting at Perkins, Naples, 9:15 AM	239-591-8049
August 13	SWFL Section Breakfast Meeting at Mimi's Café, Ft. Myers, 8:30 AM	239-591-8049
August 27	SWFL Section Breakfast Meeting at Perkins, Naples, 9:15 AM	239-591-8049
Sept 10	SWFL Section Breakfast Meeting at Mimi's Café, Ft. Myers, 8:30 AM	239-591-8049
Sept 24	SWFL Section Breakfast Meeting at Perkins, Naples, 9:15 AM	239-591-8049

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2008-2011 C300

2008-2011 C300 4Matic

2005 C320

2006-2011 C350

2009-2011 Mercedes-Benz C63 AMG

2010-2011 E350

2010-2011 E350 4Matic

2011 E350 Cabriolet

2010-2011 E550

2010-2011 E550 4Matic

2011 E550 Cabriolet

2010-2011 E63 AMG

2009-2010 GL320 BlueTec 4Matic

2011-2012 GL350 BlueTec 4Matic

2009-2012 GL450 4Matic

2009-2012 GL550 4Matic

2010-2012 GLK350

2010-2012 GLK350 4Matic

2009-2010 ML320 BlueTec 4Matic

2009-2011 ML350

2009-2011 ML350 4Matic

2010-2011 ML450 4Matic Hybrid

2009-2011 ML550 4Matic

2009-2011 ML63 AMG

2007-2008 SLK280

2007-2008 SLK350

2007-2008 SLK55 AMG

2011-2014 SLS AMG

2012 SLS AMG Cabriolet

2013-2014 SLS AMG GT

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2009-2012 R350 4Matic

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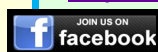
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