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## Happiest of Holidays!

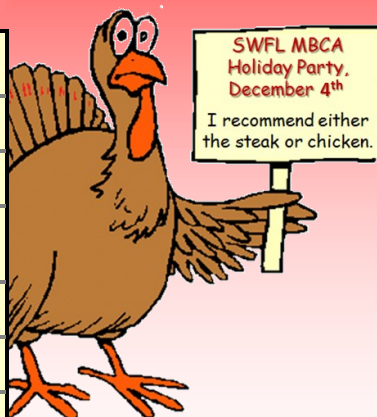


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we're not the only ones  
who see Stars**



*And a  
Happy New Year  
To All!*

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### Monthly Breakfast Meetings

**Ft. Myers area...**

2nd Saturday every month.

Next Meetings . . .

**Mimi's Café** Nov 12,

**M-B Bonita Springs** Dec 10



**Naples area... Perkins** on Pine Ridge

4th Saturday of every month.

**Next meetings** - Nov 26, Dec 24

## From the President



**G**reetings to all and welcome to our 10 new members, 40 dual section members, and 38 renewed members since 9-04-16. Our Section membership currently stands at **424** members (as of 11-01-16). We welcome these new and renewed 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. Our October Second Saturday Breakfast meeting was at the beautiful Mercedes-Benz of Bonita Springs. GM Ralph Mesa and his staff outdid themselves for their first breakfast meeting at their facility. We had over 50 Section members attending, enjoying breakfast, and then touring their new facility. All the comments I heard were positive. Thanks Ralph and we look forward to another great event in December.

Our thanks to Director Tom and Loretta Starrett for hosting our Annual German Car Show at Punta Gorda's Oktoberfest. Great cars, good food, German wine, and cold beer, what more could you ask for!

Then we followed on October 17<sup>th</sup> with our second annual Oktoberfest dinner at the Black Forest Mill German restaurant in Naples. 34 Section members attended and the accordion player provided lively music for the evening. The food was fantastic. Our thanks to Monika and Klaus for another great evening.

Next up is our December 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party at the Club at Olde Cypress. Check out the flyer in this newsletter and get your reservations to Marion Jervis soonest.

We are looking for events that you are interested in participating in this fall so if you have something of interest please contact one of your officers or Board members with your ideas.

Most of you are aware that Anne and I will be stepping down from our Section leadership position late this year. Ron and Monica Cordeau have agreed to step up to be our Section President and Secretary. Thank you all for the support and friendship that you have given Anne and I these past years, and I know you will give the same to Ron and Monica.

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, Mark Brady, Gary Crisci, Carl DePasquale, Martin Finan, Dana Jaffe, Nina and Paul Mehta, Jay Tull, Daniel and Jennifer Udd, Brian Wilson, and Dr. Loo Yap and Nelayda Foute  
**We're so glad you've joined us!**

And **Thank You** to our **38 Renewed Members** for your continuing MBCA Membership!



**Perfect weather** on October 1st, 2016, and the MBCA SWFL Section enjoys our 6th Annual Car Show at the **Punta Gorda Oktoberfest Celebration !**

We invited the BMW Club to join us in displaying a large variety of German vehicles, to the delight of fest-goers.

Plenty of German music, food vendors and maybe some German bier made for a great event and great time!

Members Judy and David Schall opted for dirndl and lederhosen,



with a few choice additions for the Chicken Dance!



Event coordinators Tom and Loretta Starrett aren't



sure about the origins of the "German" Chicken Dance, but said they would Google it next year!







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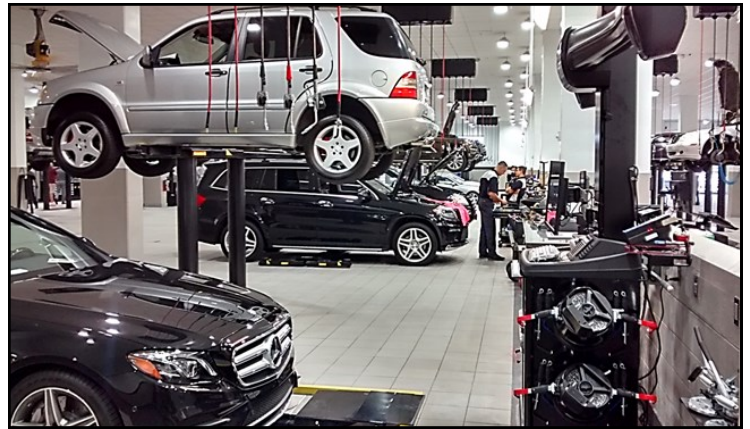
Our first Breakfast/Meeting at ...

Mercedes-Benz of Bonita Springs

**MBCA SWFL** held it's first Breakfast/Meeting in the beautiful new *Mercedes-Benz of Bonita Springs* facility, October 8th. Members were treated to a great breakfast as Company speakers told us about their services. After the meeting we formed groups and our gracious hosts took us on a detailed tour of everything they have to offer. And it is a lot! Many thanks to the staff for a most interesting and tasty morning!



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## Editorial Stuffing...

**Here come the Holidays** with all the season's fun! Our Holiday Dinner on December 4 will be as great as ever, guaranteed! I hope Santa likes me this year!

This issue marks 4 years, 24 issues of the Sunshine Star under my belt, and it's been interesting and fun. But it's really time for a change. I've hinted (softly) several times that the Newsletter Editor position is available for new thinking, new layout, new touch. But I hear in the

grapevine that folks think they can't do 'my' newsletter. Looky here, it's not MY newsletter, it's *our Section's*... I just happen to do it *my way*. A new Editor will do it *THEIR way*. I will be happy to work with anyone; startup, proof, etc. I use MS Publisher which is very similar to MS Word, maybe easier! You can do it! Email, call, attack me at a meeting!

Members out there with a camera or phone? Send me a photo. If it isn't embarrassing to me and I use it, you will get

photo credits, not a cow pie. All newsletter submissions are welcome and wanted. Letters, email, photos, whatever, as we can all use the information.

Here's wishing you and yours Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year!

Moooving along,

*Jerry*



Never turn your back on a charging turtle.

**Monday October 17th dinner at the Black Forest Mill Restaurant**, now a SWFL Section tradition. Our own accordion player kept a proper selection of German songs as a background to traditional foods of Bavarian beginnings. Great food and camaraderie! If you missed it this year, sign up next year for



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# 2016 Holiday Party

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**Sunday December 4, 2016, 6:00 PM at**

**The Club at Olde Cypress, 7165 Treeline Dr., Naples, FL 34119, 239-596-4797**  
Immokalee Rd, 1.25 miles east of I-75, to Olde Cypress Blvd. on North Side, then right on Treeline

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~ 6:00 PM, Reception, *Barcelona Bar*

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~ 7:00 PM, Dinner, *Madrid Ballroom*

## Salad

Field Greens with Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, and Citrus Vinaigrette  
Warm Rolls and Butter

## Entrée Choices

Grilled Sirloin Steak with a Maple Bourbon Gastrique  
Herb Yukon Mashed Potato with Julienne Vegetables and Asparagus

- or -

Balsamic Chicken  
Roasted Butternut Squash, Julienne Vegetables and Asparagus with White Balsamic Glaze  
and Port Wine Demi

## Dessert

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Seating limited to 128, **Reservation must be received no later than November 28<sup>th</sup>**, absolute cutoff date!

Since the entire dining room is reserved for us, there will be no refunds for cancellations received after November 28th.



Send this reservation and your check payable to MBCA / SWFL, to:  
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### 2016 Holiday Party Reservation

Single Member, Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00

Membership Couple: \_\_\_\_\_ \$60.00

Each Additional Guest, \$40. How many? \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

Check Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner orders, how many of each: **Steak** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chicken** \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_





## 2016 National Election

The following is the outcome from the Article IV: Governing Body bylaw change and the newly elected leaders. The elected board members will assume their roles at the National Board Meeting in November in Naples.

### BYLAW CHANGE

Article IV: Governing Body Bylaw Change as Approved By The National Board May 14, 2016: Approved

### REGIONAL DIRECTOR

South Central Regional Director: Gene Jurick

Southwest Regional Director: Bud Cloninger

Great Lakes Regional Director: John Briggs

**Southeast Regional Director:** Daniel Cabrera

Eastern Regional Director: James Roberts

### DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Director at Large: Cliff Reyle

Director at Large: Julie Bruggner

Director at Large: Scott Suits

Director at Large: Frank Cozza

For more information about the Article IV: Governing Body bylaw change or to see the elected board member's bio, visit [www.mbca.org/elections](http://www.mbca.org/elections).

## MBCA 2016 Meeting of the Members

The 2016 Meeting of the Members will be held November 10-12. The Budget Committee meeting will be held Thursday, November 10, National Board committee meetings will be held on Friday, November 11, and the Fall 2016 National Board Meeting will be held Saturday, November 12.

The meetings will be hosted by the MBCA | Southwest Florida Section and will be held at the Bellasera Hotel, 211 Ninth Street South, Naples, FL 34102.

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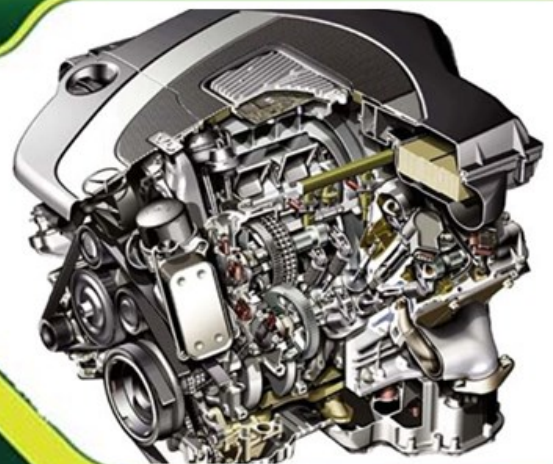
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Nov 10—12	MBCA Fall Board Meeting at the Bellasera Naples	239-591-8049
Nov 12	Breakfast Meeting, Mimi's Café, Ft. Myers, 9:00 AM	239-591-8049
Nov 26	Breakfast Meeting, Perkins, Naples, 9:00 AM	239-591-8049
Dec 4 Sun	SWFL Section Christmas Dinner, The Club at Olde Cypress, Naples Marion Jervis is in charge of reservations 	239-594-5291
Dec 10	Breakfast Meeting, <u>M-B Bonita Springs</u> , 9:00 AM - ★Let Tom know if you'll be attending	239-591-8049
Dec 24	Breakfast Meeting, Perkins, Naples, 9:00 AM	239-591-8049
Jan 14, 2017	Breakfast Meeting, Mimi's, Ft. Myers, 9:00 AM	239-591-8049
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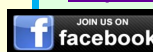
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