



Tampa Bay Star

June 2023



Picnic at Veterans Memorial Park April 22, 2023

Left to Right

Gary & Connie Dolin, Jimmie & Elaine Lee, Mike Davis (behind Jimmie) & Carol Sweet, Lynn Hutchinson, Sue & Rick Garland, Dan & Debbie Cabrera, Paul Cooper, Chris Contronei

Coming Events

June 11, 2023
Tampa Bay Auto Museum

July 9, 2023
Lunch at Dockside Grill

August 20, 2023
Dauer Museum of Classic Cars

Important Dates

Note: The night for the monthly business meeting is the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month (except for September and sometimes July & January when it moves up 1 week) and is open to ALL members. Attending members go to a nearby restaurant for dinner after the meeting. Please join us and help us with your input. All meetings are held at **Crown Eurocars, 8302 US Hwy 19 N, Pinellas Park, FL**

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Meeting Dates

July 3 Monday 6:30PM
Business Meeting &
Dinner

August 7 Monday 6:30PM
Business Meeting &
Dinner

Sept 11 Monday 6:30PM
Business Meeting &
Dinner

Oct 2 Monday 6:30PM
Business Meeting &
Dinner

Event Dates

June 11 Tampa Bay Auto
Museum, this Sunday

July 9 Lunch at Riveria Dunes
Dockside
102 Riveria Dunes Way
Palmetto, FL, details in
this issue

August 20
Dauer Museum
10801 NW 50th Street
Sunrise, FL
Details in this issue

About the Newsletter

The Tampa Bay Section, Mercedes-Benz Club of America Inc., publishes this bi-monthly newsletter in even numbered months. Opinions expressed are those of the authors. Express permission is hereby granted to other Sections of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America to reprint articles contained herein without exception. Articles of general interest are solicited for inclusion in the newsletter and should be mailed to the Editor or e-mailed to pwatson511wedge@gmail.com. Copy deadline is the first day of the month.

An Overview of the Club

Established in 1956, MBCA has more than 20,500 members in over 84 sections across the nation. Those local sections organize hundreds of events each year, ranging from social gatherings to specialized technical sessions. This is a not-for-profit organization.

Join the Club

Enroll as a member of MBCA for

One Year	\$55
Two Years	\$107
Three Years	\$157

Call 800-637-2360

Local Activities

Your dues include membership in the section of your choice. Each section publishes a newsletter with news of its activities and its year-round calendar of events, including rallies, defensive driving courses, car shows, technical sessions, and dinner meetings. Many sections host special events. Any MBCA member may attend any section, regional, or national event.

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President's Message

Greetings All.

I hope this message finds all of you happy and healthy. As you will see later in this issue of the newsletter, we have some excellent events planned for this summer. I give credit to my fellow board members for coming up with events that the membership will enjoy. We are always looking for more ideas from you.

We hope that you are enjoying this electronic newsletter. I know that some of you miss the printed ones. The MBCA National leadership used to send us some money to cover the printing and mailing of our newsletters, but it has now cut those funds. In fact, we get nothing from National. This has caused some consternation among our board members.

Please consider getting more involved in the club. An obvious way is to attend more events, but you should think about attending our monthly board meetings. The meetings are short, and we go out for dinner afterwards.

Best Regards

Gary Dolin



Gary Dolin, President

Mercedes Benz Trivia

- 1) The origins of Mercedes-Benz can be traced to what year?
Answer: 1896
- 2) What is the Mercedes-Benz logo?
Answer: 3 Pointed Star, dominion over Land, Air and Sea
- 3) Which Mercedes-Benz concept car featured a joystick instead of a steering wheel?
Answer: F200
- 4) Who test drove the company's first automobile?
Answer: Karl Benz's wife
- 5) Who was the first Mercedes named after?
Answer: Emil Jellinek's daughter
- 6) What model did Mercedes-Benz produce throughout the 1930s?
Answer: 770
- 7) How much horsepower did the original Benz Patent-Motorwagen have?
Answer: 0.9HP
- 8) Which model had gullwing doors?
Answer: 300 SL

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Lunch at Riveria Dunes Dockside



Important Info

When: July 9, 2023
Where: Riveria Dunes Dockside
 102 Riveria Dunes Way
 Palmetto, FL
Call: Pat or Greg Watson
 Home 941-776-7194
Text: Cell 941-539-8700
Email: pwatson511wedge@gmail.com
Time: 12:30PM
Reserve By: July 3rd

Details: Join your fellow club members at the Riveria Dunes Dockside Restaurant in Palmetto, Florida. Riviera Dunes Dockside is Palmetto & Bradenton’s foremost waterfront restaurant, located at Riviera Dunes Marina. The menu will be for brunch, so if you are looking at the menu on-line, please view the Sunday brunch, which includes individual selections of either breakfast or lunch items.

Directions: Put the address into your navigation system, smart phone, GPS, google maps or Mapquest for specific directions from your location or call Greg Watson at 941-539-8700. Typically the restaurant can be reached by Haben Blvd, but the street was recently closed due to roadwork, so make sure you use 1st Street East. This street can be accessed via S. Tamiami Trail, also known as South 41, or a.k.a. 301. The restaurant is close to the Marina and the parking lot is before it. Do not go through any gates, as the restaurant is not behind any.

Lunch at Riveria Dunes Dockside
July 9, 2023

Name(s) _____ Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____ Address _____ # _____ Coming \$2.50 Per Person enclosed \$ _____	Make Checks payable to: Tampa Bay Section MBCA Must be received by July 3, 2023 Mail to: Pat & Greg Watson 1801 6 th St E Palmetto, FL 34221 # _____ for Lunch
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Dauer Museum of Classic Cars



Important Info

When: Sunday, August 20, 2023
Where: Dauer Museum of Classic Cars
 10801 NW 50th St.
 Sunrise, FL 33351
Lunch: TBD
Cost: \$30.00/person
Call: Greg or Pat Watson
 Home 941-776-7194
 Cell 941-539-8700
 gwatson511@verizon.net
Time: 12:00PM
Reserve By: Checks must be received by **July 14**
 as the museum requires payment
 a month in advance.
*Hotel and restaurant info will be included in the
 July newsletter*

Details: Join the club August 20th, for a private tour of the Dauer Museum. Located in Sunrise, Fl, the museum, is the brainchild of Eddie and Joanne Dauer. The Dauer Museum is marked by their passion for and appreciation of our nation’s rich history. What started as a hobby long ago has transformed into an incredible homage to the past. In fact, the couple’s love of antique cars has been a driving force in their lives for nearly 50 years! Officially opening their doors in 2001, Dauer has become a beacon of nostalgia, enjoyed by South Florida residents and vacationers alike. The beauty and wonderment that fills the walls of the museum is echoed by its visitors. As you stroll through the exhibits, you will inevitably lose yourself in the thrill of it all. From the flawless vehicles to the remarkable memorabilia, there is something special for everyone.

Directions: Put the address into your navigation system, smart phone, GPS, google maps or Mapquest for specific directions from your location or call Greg Watson 941-539-8700.

Dauer Museum of Classic Cars August 20, 2023

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 Pat & Greg Watson
 1801 6th St E
 Palmetto, FL 34221

_____ Coming \$30.00 Per Person enclosed \$ _____ # _____ for Lunch

Veterans Memorial Park Picnic

Safety Harbor, FL
April 22, 2023
By Dave Hutchinson

On Sunday, April 22nd, 17 members attended a picnic at Veterans Memorial Park in Safety Harbor. Photos from the MB Picnic at Veterans Memorial Park in Safety Harbor are below. It was a beautiful day for a picnic and a great day for bonding with our Mercedes Benz Club friends.



Above, Mike Davis and Carol Sweet

Left, Eleanor Vassel Sweet



Above, Fred White & Maria Bologna

Right, Elaine & Jimmie Lee



Babcock Ranch Eco Tour

Punta Gorda, FL

May 21, 2023

By Dave Hutchinson

Our Tampa Bay Section members and guests visited Babcock Ranch on Sunday, May 21 for a private Ecotour. Lynn and I had done the tour before. We knew that this would be a big hit with our adventure loving club members and friends. 17 of us took the 90 minute tour into unspoiled old Florida. Our guide, Helen really made the tour. She was so knowledgeable and helpful in our understanding of this unique ranch and the critters that make their homes at Babcock Ranch. During our tour we saw alligators, wild hogs, long horn cattle and birds. There was even an old wooden railroad bridge. This continues to be a working cattle ranch. The tour through four ecosystems was done in an open school bus. Though it was warm we were not uncomfortable. There were restrooms at the entrance as well as a gift shop and a small restaurant. This is definitely old Florida and it is great to see these folks preserving it. The location is definitely off of the beaten path. We had a great lunch afterward at the Lake House Kitchen and Bar in the nearby citified community of Babcock Ranch.



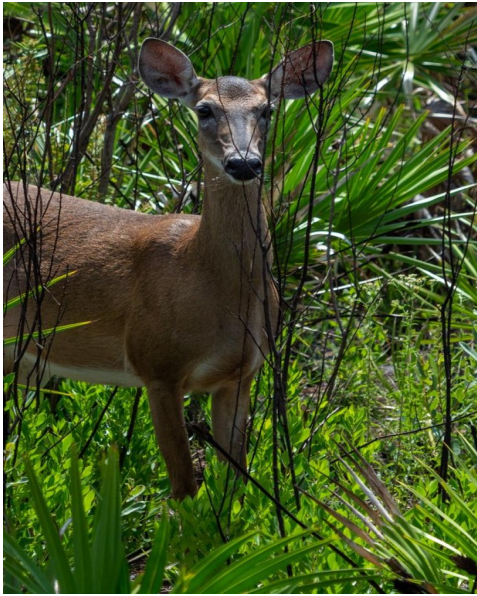
Helen our Tour Guide

Front Row – Left: George & Terry Penz,
Lynn Hutchinson, Elaine & Jimmie Lee
Second Row Left: Jose & Joan Uranga,
Debbie Cabrera, Chuck & Diane Cooper,
David Barcza, Dennis Dwyer, Larry
Gilley ,Linda Cooper, Dan Cabrera

Right: Local resident



Babcock Ranch Eco Tour cont.



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Wooden Railroad Bridge



Lunch?



Another tour group...