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Mercedes-Benz Club of America - North Texas Section

Event Report

NTX Christmas Party

Saturday, December 17, 2022 * McKinney, TX

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The North Texas Section of the Mercedes Benz Club of America held its annual Christmas party on December 17, at the Heritage Ranch Golf and Country Club. The Section has enjoyed having our Christmas Party previously at this venue, and again it was a great evening. 64 folks signed up for the festive event, the decorations, the food, and the setting were great for our party. Sam the Magician once again was fun, the White Elephant gift exchange was a hoot and music and dancing rounded out the evening. Jerry Chenault was recognized as Member of the Year for the NTX Section and Ron Seifert was recognized as South Central Officer of the Year. A Mercedes-Benz electric bicycle was donated by Mercedes-Benz of Plano for a raffle and Jerry Chenault was the winner. Planning is already underway for 2023 and the section members are looking forward to a great year.



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President's Message



I am pleased to be writing my first President's Message for the newsletter. For those that may not know me, I joined the Club in '94 after buying my current Mercedes, a '86 560 SL. It has close to 200K miles and will likely hit that mark going to or coming from Mercedes Grande in September. I have owned four sedans and a SUV as well as a '21 GLA that is my daily driver.

Previous to transferring to the North Section in about 2016, I was a member of the Greater Washington Section for 12 years. The exposure to shows and road course events, supporting and participating in the events has been brought to NTX where I last was Vice President – Events. Last year, we added additional shows and a detailing seminar. 2023 will see more events where you can show off your car(s) or learn to take care of them.

In order for these events to be successful, the club needs your ideas and participation. I would ask that you send an email to me at jerry3111@msn.com suggesting things that

you would like the club add to our events calendar. Examples are the March 18th Cars and Coffee and a road course driving event later this year, each suggested by a new member and coordinated by them under our new VP - Events, Tom Strohm.

Our monthly member lunches, day-tour drives and Do It Yourself repairs at service centers Loudon, MB Plano, and Park Place continue.

Your continued support of the Club is very important. Anything we can do to help you enjoy your Mercedes is our goal.

I hope to see you soon at one of our events. You are always welcome as a participant or observer until you find your niche.

Safe driving!

Jerry Chenault

President

North Texas Section

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Welcome!

The North Texas Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) is dedicated to enhancing the ownership experience of the finest automobiles in the world. We engage in a variety of activities throughout the year that hopefully appeal to a broad section of our membership.

Currently our membership totals almost 1000 members who are committed to furthering their experience and enjoyment of their cars. Whether you're a gear head, performance driver, rally enthusiast, cultural maven or social mingler, the MBCA North Texas Section had an upcoming event for you. Check out the Events section to see what's coming up during the year, and for details on events that are just over the horizon.

Upcoming Events

NTX Cars & Coffee

Saturday, March 18, 2023 * Paradise Bakery & Cafe, Addison, TX



We are kicking off a new club event, MBCA Cars and Coffee, to get club owners together and talking and seeing each other's prized possessions. Stop by in your Mercedes, grab a cup of coffee, and chat cars with your fellow club members. Cars and Coffee is a great place to meet other club members and see a wide variety of Mercedes models.

This event will be held in the parking lot of Paradise Cafe in Dallas. The cafe has great coffee and breakfast for sale to enjoy while chatting with your fellow club members.

There is no charge or registration for this event. Grab a coffee and refreshments at the cafe and chat with other members.

March Membership Lunch

Saturday, March 25, 2023 * Spring Creek BBQ, Richardson, TX



Join us for our March Membership Lunch. We will be returning to Spring Creek BBQ in Richardson. These lunches are a great opportunity to eat great food, fellowship with other Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts and to check out the Club in a low pressure easy environment.

This time we will have a great speaker. Aric Brougher, owner of 1st Call Automotive Appearance, will be joining us to tell us about his shop and how market changes have affected the detail business and its relationships with customers. And on the value of maintaining a good finish and overall condition of your car from a personal perspective and a value perspective. This can help preserve your Mercedes-Benz and make it look beautiful year around. <https://1stcalldfw.com/>
I hope to see everyone This time at Spring Creek BBQ.

DIY Tech Session

Saturday, April 15, 2023 * Mercedes-Benz of Plano, Plano, TX



We are pleased to announce that the North Texas Section will have our 2nd DIY Technical Session of 2023 at Mercedes-Benz of Plano Saturday, April 15. We look forward to these combination work sessions / social outings as an opportunity to inspect and perform light maintenance on these beautiful well-engineered cars using your own tools on lifts with "over the shoulder technical guidance" at a dealership or local independent shop.

The DIY tech sessions are your chance to inspect your vehicle and perform tasks that are within your knowledge and capacity, using your own tools. It is important to plan your tasks in advance to ensure your complete your work in the time allotted. Meet in the parking lot before 7:30 for introductions, briefing and orientation. Arrive late, miss the briefing, No Lift for you. We have ~20 lifts available, so you will have the entire time to perform your work.

Event Report

White Dog 140 Day Drive

Saturday, February 18, 2023 * Iron Root Distillery, Dennison, TX



32 members and 19 cars gathered for the first drive of '23. A special thank you to Mel and Eve Kym for planning and leading the drive, setting up a tour of the Ironroot distillery and the great lunch at MG's in Sherman, Texas where we had great burgers and a fun display of early neon signs and car models. The tour of the distillery gave a history of the process from grain to barrel to bottling with samples for the group. We had a cool but sunny day for the drive to Lake Texoma for pictures of members and their cars. It was a great drive with a great turnout, and it was also good to see so many new members to our section.



DIY Tech Session

Park Place Motorcars * Dallas, TX



On January 21st the North Texas Section had their first DIY Tech Session for 2023. The event was held at Park Place Motor Cars in Dallas, Texas. Park Place has been hosting the DIY Sessions for many years and they were the first in MBCA to let our members use their service area to work on their cars. Park Place makes the service bay area lefts available to members and the parts department is open for parts at discounts. They also schedule service techs to be available to give advice and consult on the work that folks are performing. During the year we also have DIY Sessions at Mercedes-Benz of Plano and Loudon Motorcar Services. We are lucky to have our dealer partners support our section with this great opportunity for our DIY members to work on their cars.



PARK CITIES CAR SHOW



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**Saturday. April 29, 2023
10am-2pm**

**Burleson Park
3000 University Blvd.
Dallas, TX**

The North Texas MBCA section has been invited to the 6th annual 2023 Park Cities Car Show. Attendance is usually 250+ cars of many makes and years. It is a great setting at a park at SMU and all parking is on hard surfacing.

We will assemble our Classic Mercedes cars at the show starting @ 8:30 am. We will park as a group. Show officially starts @ 10am and goes until 2pm. Cost is \$25 and the registration form deadline is April 22nd. The registration includes lunch, raffle tickets, T shirt and many giveaways. 100% of each entry fee goes to support the Preservation Park Cities Scholarship Program.

To register and for full information [CLICK HERE](#). **Please mark on the form that you are from NTX MBCA.**

We are so excited you have decided to participate in this year's Park Cities Car show! If you have questions, you can email us at carshow@preservationparkcities.org

Online Registration ends, Sat, April 29th, 2023 at 10am.

Event Report

Farmers Branch Classic Car Show

November 19, 2022 * Farmers Branch, TX



The North Texas Section participated in The Second Annual Farmers Branch Classic Car Show. The weather for the day was cooler than normal but the event was well-attended. The show was held at the Farmers Branch Historic Park and there were over 100 cars registered but due to the weather roughly 60 showed for the event. The North Texas Section had 13 cars in the show and four of the cars were winners in the following categories.

Best Original Vintage Car – 1972 Mercedes 350 SL -- Kevin Brand
 Most Beautiful Roadster – 1960 Mercedes 190 SL – Lee Rogers
 Most Beautiful Coupe -- 1968 Mercedes SEC – Wally Wheeler
 Best Convertible – 1969 Mercedes 280 SL – Bill Koch
 It was a good day for our group even with the cool weather. Congratulations to the winners.



64th Annual Autumn Trails Parade & Drive

Saturday, October 22, 2022 * Winnsboro, TX



This year was the 64th annual Autumn Trails month long event that ends on the final day with an Antique Car Parade thru downtown Winnsboro. Our club has participated in this event for several years, and this year 13 cars and 23 members attended the parade. It was a beautiful day in Texas for a parade and the fun is having the tops down and throwing candy to the kids that line the two-mile parade route. The Model A club of Dallas helped to start the parade tradition for the first parade 64 years ago and the North Texas Section has been the second largest car group participating. While there were dozens of great cars in the parade the folks like the Mercedes group because we throw the “best candy” to the kids. It was a fun parade and after the parade the group gathered at the Hope Grill and Café for lunch and social time with friends.



Special Report

Silver Star Preservation



Most car show aficionados know that all concours are now recognizing original untouched and non-restored cars for special awards. For example, Pebble Beach, the granddaddy of all Concours has a special classification known as the "Preservation Class" and presents awards to Pre-War and Post-War cars. Many other Concours have followed their lead. Today the preservation class is one of the most popular classifications at major and even regional and local shows around the world.

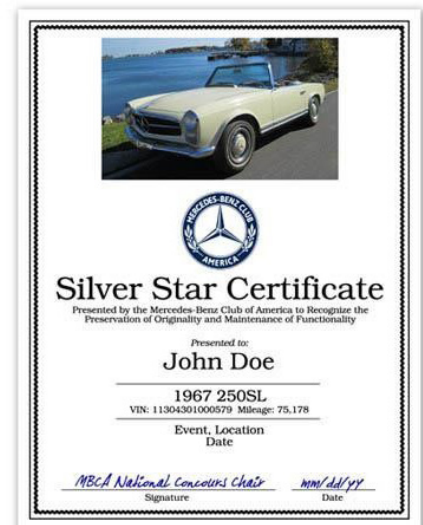
This class is for cars, 25 years old or older that are largely original and have been unrestored since new. It is intended for driver-quality cars that have withstood the ravages of time, climate and daily driving.

This classification is designed to formally recognize original cars that meet the defined set of standards by presenting the owner with a certificate commemorating the event and displaying a photo and pertinent data, suitable for framing. It can also add to the provenance of your car whenever one intends to sell or insure it.

How It Works

Your eligible Mercedes-Benz must be entered in a MBCA sanctioned sectional, regional or national concours. To be eligible, the vehicle must be at least 25 years old and it should be in good working order, driven under its own power to the event and be largely original. Your eligible car should have an original engine and drivetrain. There can be partial refurbishments of various components, but no complete restorations can be accepted.

To self-judge your car prior to having it reviewed and processed by the judge at the show event, go to <https://www.mbca.org/enthusiasts/resources> and print the form and complete it. Bring to the show. The judge will review the document, confirm your car and take a picture of you and your car for submission to the Chief Judge.



Welcome 40 New Members between 11/1 – 2/28!

Benjamin Andrew
Marianne Barakat
Darrell Basgall
Susan Bisanz
Carr Campbell
Abhay Chaturvedi
Sarinder Chhabra
Giro Constantine
Cesar Contreras
Kimberly Drost

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Linda Pruitt
Charles Reynolds
Karen Riley
Daniel Robicheaux

Christopher Sdun
Sendra Seigler
Debra Shtofman
Ryan Siemer
Michael Simmons
Ramakrishna Thannir
Sambasiva Vallabhaneni
Danny Waffer
Dana Whaley
Freddy Whitfield

Thanks to Our 144 Renewing Members between 11/1 – 2/28!

Imtiaz Ahmed
Imad Anabtawi
Brent Anderson
Anthony Androsky
Anil Asher
Jordan Ashford
Don Auerbach
Antoinette Baransi
Michael Barba
Randy Beason
Carmen Bell
Arthur Bollon
Sharon Braddy
Jeff Brockette
Jeffrey Broeker
Fred Brown
Robert Bucker
Glenda Camp
James Cassidy
Ruby Chambers
Janet Chan
Jonathan Chatagnier
John Checki
Cameron Clay
Peter Clendenon
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Natalie Collins
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Scot Kennedy
Brendan Kennelly
Rajeeb Khatua
Bill Kimball
Wendel Kirton
William Kortemeier
Jack Krielen
Scott Kutichins
W.B. (Nick) LaNicca III
Apurva Lapsiwala
Harald Mallwitz
Jerard Martin
Khaled Maude
April McCreary
Janet Medlin
Christopher Miller
Lee Morgan
James Muenker
Edward Nahas

Jimmy Negem
Jopin Niazi
Debra Ogwo
Richard O'Hagan
Gabriel Ojeda
Shelley Osborne
Patrick Osweiler
Carl Ott
Bharat Patel
Rakesh Patel
Abhilash Paul
Jesse Payten
Ann Pletta
Brandon Pope
Richard Ragnell
Quintin Ragsdale
Joe Reker
Joshua Rock
Kenney Rodriguez
Stephen Sarmiento
Travis Sartain
Keyur Sathe
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Help!

Calling All Members...

We are always looking for new folks who are interested in participating in Club activities. Whether through events, driving, etc. Please contact Tom Strohm at t-strohm@ti.com to learn more.

New Ideas Wanted

We're always looking for new ideas for events, get-togethers, drives, overnight tours, etc. If there's a particular type of event you would like us to host, let us know. Contact Jerry Chenault at jerry311@msn.com.

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Planned Upcoming Events in 2023

March	Cars & Coffee
March	Membership Lunch
April	DIY Tech Session
April	Park Cities Car Show
May	Membership Lunch
June	Granbury Drive
June	Membership Lunch
September	Mercedes Grande
	More Events Being Planned

More to Come!

Event dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please check out our website at <http://ntx.mbca.org> for the most updated information.