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Calendar of Events

- Sept 25 Scottish Rite Tour & Election Dinner
- Oct 3 State Fair of Texas
- Oct 16 North Texas Clean Car Show
- Dec 4 Christmas Party





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As you can see, this is a definite improvement from the old yellow and black version! We as a section, and also on a national level are going through some rebranding that has been long

overdue. The newsletter is one of them. At the local level, we are doing somewhat of a restructuring if you will, and are trying to improve the quality of the newsletter, the website, and e-mail blasts that go out to you. We are focusing the emphasis on how a Mercedes-Benz has that certain look, feel, and prestige that no other car can obtain.

We are excited about this and I'm sure and hopefully you will also be pleased with the progress that we will be making. In the past, we have based our section more on the technical aspect of our cars as a group. Even though this is a good thing, and is a huge money saver for our technical members, we are currently working on activities that will also be more versatile for members that want to enjoy their Mercedes in other ways. This will take some time to do, but any and all input by you, the members, will be greatly appreciated! Let us know what you would like to do and we will try and put something together.

Also, here in the near future, there will be a changing of hands of the gavel and we will soon have a new Executive Committee and a few new board members. This will also result in change and I am really excited on what the future holds for our section!

Don't forget about our annual election, a tour of the Scottish Rite Hospital, our Clean Car Show in October that will be benefitting The Scottish Rite Hospital. We also have some really fun activities that Maurice, our Rally Master has put together and our Christmas Party that will be held at Milestone Culinary Arts Center. This year, we are going to be more casual about it, have some really good food, have a raffle for some really great prizes, and at a fraction of the price! How bout that? We would love to hear your comments on what you think about the new newsletter, activities you would like to do in the future, or any suggestions you may have. Please send us an email at mbcantx@gmail.com

Message from the President

By John Spawr

Wow! if you could not make the Park Place, Mid-Cities Car Show on June 5th; you missed a great car show, free food, drinks, fashion show and a close up and personal look at the new E-Class convertible. The new E Class is a sweet looking car. This event was a great start to a great summer. Now do not worry, as the North Texas Section will be having our car show in October and look for more information coming to you on this event via email and on our website. Hope you are keeping cool this summer and I will see you at our next event!

Message from the Vice President

By Lee Ewing



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Park Place Show & Shine 2010 A Start to the Summer Show Season

By Doug Wofford

Summer may have officially began on June 21st, but here in North Texas, we kicked it off early with the 2010 Show & Shine at Park Place Mid-Cities. The hot, humid weather didn't stop several hundred people from attending the unveiling of the new 2011 E Class Cabriolet. At the unveiling, there was also a Mercedes-Benz Club of America sponsored car show including cars from both the North Texas Section and the Fort Worth Section.

In all, we had 12 cars ranging from roadsters, coupes, convertibles, sedans and even a G Wagon Cabriolet. The Best of Show and People's choice awards went to Mr. John Goren and his 1962, 190 SL, second place was awarded to Mr. Wallace Wheeler with his classic 1968, 280 SE and third place went to Vicki & Richard King with their 2000, G 500 cabriolet.

Other offerings were food, beer and scotch sampling from several of the metro areas finest establishments, including Grapevine B &B, Luigis Vineyard Steakhouse and Raur Brewery. Malouf's Fine Clothing showcased summer fashions for men and women.



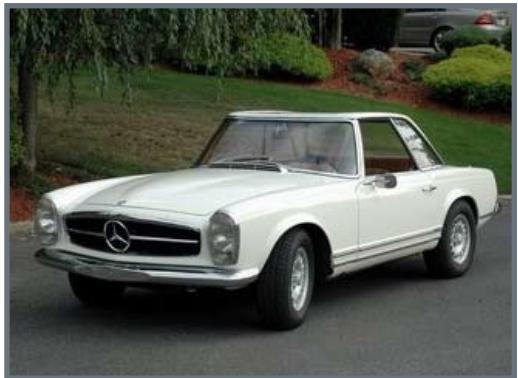
Both the North Texas and Fort Worth Mercedes-Benz Club of America sections would like to thank Park Place Mid-Cities and Indulge Magazine for sponsoring the show and letting the club be part of the fun. The MBCA club raised donations of \$1,700.00 and donated several cases of food. We would also like to thank all the participants and certainly The Tarrant County Food Bank. We look forward to partnering again with these organizations next year, quite possibly at Park Place Mercedes' new location in Grapevine.



Do-It-Yourself Tech Session

By Christopher Bero, Contributed By Hyatt Cheek Jr.

Our every popular Do it Yourself Tech Session will happen again on September 18th at Ewing Autohaus. Our annual tech session will begin at 8:00a.m. and will finish at Noon sharp! Bring your tools and parts and let's get ready to work on our MBs! Cost will be \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. If you would like to attend the tech session, please contact Hyatt Cheek, our Technical Director at 214-327-6890. These tech sessions not only allow us as Mercedes-Benz owners to get under the hood, but also to save money. So, next time we have a tech session, come on out. And who knows, with all that money you save you might be able to someday get that Gullwing SLS you have your eye on!





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Fredericksburg Fun Run A Drive with Lots of Sun and Fun

By Maurice Nahas

The Mercedes-Benz Club of America, North Texas Section, gathered on Saturday, June 26th at Starbucks in Dallas. Each car received a standard trip kit containing the itinerary, routes, caravanning protocol and a note sheet.

We proceeded south from Dallas at around 9:30am, where the weather was beautiful and the scenery was awesome. We arrived in Hamilton, TX a little after noon and decided to have lunch at the Red River Barbeque, moving on south on Hwy 67, arriving at the Hanger Hotel in Fredericksburg. Some section members relaxed while others went to town and enjoyed shopping, eating and drinking real Deutch's Lager.



That night, a few of us took dancing lessons at the Hanger Dance Hall. An hour later the dance hall was packed. We danced the night away to the music of The Bill Smallwood Band. At the end of the evening, some of us couldn't get enough and went into town. Other members went back to enjoy their comfortable beds.

On Sunday, we gathered at the Hanger Hotel Diner for an early breakfast. We headed south east to Luckenbach, population only 3, where we visited the town, taking some nice pictures and getting some souvenirs. From Luckenbach, we headed north east to Stonewall and visited the Historic LBJ Park. En route we had to allow a five-foot snake to cross the road. Also we saw several deer sprinting in the fields next to us.



The park features the President's 'Texas White House' and working ranch which we toured. The President's house, sits on beautiful landscape with huge red oaks and a river passing in front of it. The inside of the house looks like the LBJ family still lives there today. Of course, we viewed his car collection, where there are pictures on display of the President and Lady Bird in all of the vehicles. From LBJ Historical Park, we headed east to Driftwood, visited the Mandola Winery then headed north, where we enjoyed a Barbeque feast at the Salt Lick, concluding our wonderful drive. From the Salt Lick, we all went home in different directions riding into the sunset. We truly had a great time and lots of fun.



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North Texas MBCA Thanks Park Place

By Christopher Bero

Throughout the years, there has been an unofficial supporter of our club, which has allowed us to become one of the largest U.S. Mercedes-Benz clubs in the world. Park Place dealerships have gone above and beyond, and we would like to thank them for all their support over the years. Each month they allow us to hold our board meeting on the second floor at the Park Place Dallas location. Yearly they open up the service center to welcome MBCA members during our tech sessions. And of course they are always ready to help with any questions we may have. Please visit them at www.parkplacetexas.com or join us at our next board meeting September 16th.



MBCA Rebrands Itself Once Again

By Christopher Bero

As you may have noticed, we have a new North Texas newsletter format. As the Mercedes-Benz auto line-up refreshes its design to attract the younger buyer of the future, MBCA too is following suit. We here at your local section, believe in pushing innovation, without losing site of our past heritage. In the next few months we will be following MBCA National rebranding movement by continuing to redesign the newsletter you are currently reading. This is your newsletter, so our goal is to deliver it to you in such a manner that informs and adds value. Next, we plan to redesign our website to reflect our new style and to be more user friendly. Accompanying our website will be online e-newsletters emailed to you regarding upcoming events. Our plan is to carry the new branding over to our events. Each event will have its own theme, but will reflex the North Texas MBCA look and feel. This is an exciting time for our chapter as we lead the club into the future. How do you feel about the new newsletter? Have any suggestions? Drop us an email at mbcantx@gmail.com or check us out on our Facebook page.



MB to Share Nissan leaf EV Technology

By Todd Iassa/Paul Horrell, *Source: Automobile July 2010*

Mercedes' next-generation A- and B-Class models will share electric-vehicle technology with Nissan, which is about to launch its Leaf. The new Benz small cars will be built on a flexible shared platform that allows double floors, like the current A-Class, for ultimate package efficiency, as well as the ability to build sporty and specialty models, including a sporty hatchback to compete with the Mini, and a small two-seat roadster.

The small Mercs also will be available with a new family of Renault three-cylinder engines and upgraded turbo four-cylinder gas and diesel engines. We do know the B-Class will be coming to the States, however no confirmation if the A-Class will see our dealers. What do you think about these coming new Baby Benz?





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New MB People Movers

By Georg Kacher, *Source: Automobile July 2010*

Mercedes-Benz is preparing a new long-roof hatchback models to battle Audi's Sportbacks and BMW's Gran Turismos. As the sleek MB CLS is to regular four-door sedans, so is the recently unveiled Shooting Break concept related to traditional "shooting brake" station wagons. Never mind the concept label: this low-slung, high-style wagon will be a companion model to the redesigned CLS four-door coupe that debuts this fall. The production version of the Shooting Break should appear one year later, but U.S. sales are unlikely.



With rivals Audi and BMW spreading hatchback models throughout their lineups, Mercedes is also adding another people mover, this one based on the forthcoming new C-Class that is due in 2014. Allegedly inspired by the Honda Skydeck concept, the new entry is supposed to combine the roominess and flexibility of a minivan with the driver appeal of a wagon. True, that was also the brief of the R-Class, but it's hoped that the smaller, prettier new entry, which may be badged CLR, will do better. The design features an elevated roofline (midway between a C-Class wagon and an R-Class), an extended rear overhang and wraparound tailgate (more upright than those from Audi and BMW), and power-operated rear sliding doors. The CLR will be a five-seater, with staggered rear-seat configuration that accommodates three adults without shoulder contact. 4Matic all-wheel drive and a height-adjustable suspension will also be part of the program. The engine range will be topped by a twin-turbo V-6 good for 400 hp in AMG trim; a hybrid module that adds 20 hp may be standard equipment, and a plug-in hybrid might be an option.

Special offer for MBCA Members from AMG Driving Academy!

Mercedes-AMG is very pleased to offer Mercedes-Benz Club of America members special pricing to attend AMG Driving Academy, AMG's high performance driving school! AMG Driving Academy offers the opportunity to develop performance driving skills under the guidance of professional racers and instructors and takes place at two of the most legendary US circuits, Road Atlanta and Laguna Seca Raceway. AMG Driving Academy offers three distinct programs, each of which will push drivers to the limit in select AMG vehicles, including the most-advanced AMG vehicle ever built, the 2011 SLS AMG. Basic (one-day course): MBCA Preferential Price: \$1,495 (Normally: \$1,795), which is an Intense, one-day track program focuses on performance driving dynamics. Advanced (two-day course): MBCA Preferential Price: \$2,695 (Normally: \$3,295), Is a Two-day program picks up where Basic leaves off, providing advanced training and technical on-track instruction. Pro (three-day course): MBCA Preferential Price: \$1,900 (Normally: \$3,995). The pinnacle of AMG Driving Academy, PRO offers three-days of focused instruction and applied analytics to refine and perfect driving capabilities. For scheduling, registration and additional information please visit www.AMGacademy.com or call 1-800-217-6916. Please mention the code ADAMBCA to receive the pricing above.





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Scottish Rite Tour & Election Dinner September 25

Contributed by Lee Ewing

Please join us for an event to remember! In October, as you know, we will be hosting our North Texas Clean Car Show. Our Clean Car Show and all of the proceeds from it will be benefiting The Scottish Rite Hospital for Children at Oak Lawn and Maple Street in Dallas.



We wanted to give you an opportunity to see what and who we are sponsoring this year. This is the perfect opportunity to go to the hospital and tour the facility and ask questions. We will meet at the Hospital at 5:00p.m. and go as a group around the hospital with volunteers. After the tour concludes, we will then go to Mattitos on Routh and Cedar Springs in Dallas for some Tex Mex that will be sponsored by the North Texas Section around 6:15p.m. A cash bar will be available for your enjoyment as well.

Once everyone arrives, we will have dinner in our own facility and then will conduct our annual Election of Officers for the North Texas Section. This year, the gavel will change hands and we will have a new President, Vice President, and Secretary. If you plan on going, we ask that you attend both events because we need an exact number for both and these are such important events! If you plan on attending, e-mail your reservation to mbcantx@gmail.com and we will reply with a confirmation.

Part Swap Meet October 9

By Doug Wofford

Hello, fellow do-it-yourselfers. If you're like a lot of us and have owned one or more Mercedes over the years, you have accumulated a bunch of extra parts. Here's your chance to get rid of some or accumulate more! We are having a parts swap meet from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Saturday October 9th. The location will be at: DFW Auto Parts 6071 W. Davis, Dallas 75211. They have graciously allowed us to use and access their facility.

You might be able to locate that odd, no longer available part you have been searching to find. They have several years, makes, and models of Mercedes and can help you locate other slightly used parts they don't have. So load up your parts, bring your list of needed parts, or just come by and hang out with some Mercedes Benz gear heads. There will be food and drinks available, so please R.S.V.P. so we know how many people to expect. You can also direct any questions to this email address. There is a \$5.00 entrance fee if you are bringing parts to sell, otherwise it will only cost you your purchase prices. mbcantx@gmail.com



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North Texas Clean Car Show October 16

Contributed by Lee Ewing

This is going to be an awesome event! The car show this year will be benefitting the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children! We will have a Peoples Choice Award for three different categories of cars, each \$1 per vote Classic, 70's 80's, and Modern era. Prizes will be awarded for the first place winners of each category. We will have Coulters Barbecue out here again this year to dish out some killer barbecue for lunch, and their prices aren't bad either.

The North Texas Clean Car Show will be held at the North Texas Automotive Museum in Richardson on October 16th and will be held from 9:00a.m. till 3:00p.m. Registration will be \$15.00 for Mercedes-Benz Club Members and \$60.00 for non members. The non- member registration fee will include a years membership to The Mercedes-Benz Club of America's North Texas Section. We will begin registration at 8:30a.m.

Last year we had 16 cars....I know we can do better than that! Let's all come out and show our support for the kids! We have over 700 parking spaces, let's fill em all! We will need volunteers for this event. This will be a highly marketed event. If you would like to volunteer your time and services, please let us know by emailing us at mbcantx@gmail.com



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