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Eureka Springs Fall Leaf Trip



Do you know that just 130 miles from Dallas is a beautiful mountain drive that runs along the Oklahoma/Arkansas border? The scenic overlook along the Talimena Parkway



grounds of walking trails and flowers is some of the best in the world. After the tour and lunch in the museum restaurant, we will return to Eureka Springs. For those folks who will stay for another great day in the Ozarks, we will go to the new Top of the Rock Museum of Natural History that is a part of the Big Cedar Resort. The drive will be through beautiful back roads to the new museum and its beautiful grounds and a building that surrounds a state of the art golf facility that was the site of the Seniors Legends of Golf on April 24 and 26. You will not believe this building. After lunch in Arnie's Barn, we will tour Big Cedar Lodge on the way to Dogwood Canyon. Dogwood Canyon has wonderful bridges, waterfalls and ponds that are full of trout for fly fishing classes. Your cameras will be busy here. You can hike, rent bicycles or take tram tours of this beautiful 20,000 acre nature park. The tram tours take you through an area with exotic livestock and there are many fun guides. After a great day at Top of the Rock, Big Cedar Resort and Dogwood Canyon, we will be heading to Eureka Springs for an evening on your own to share time with friends, visit downtown Eureka Springs, have a great dinner at one of the manycontinued on Page 4

are wonderful photo opportunities. We have planned a great three or four day trip to take advantage of the wonderful mountain drives thru twisting and turning roads, some with a tunnel of trees along Highway 23 that really lets us drive our German engineered cars the way they were meant to be driven. A contest for those who want to be a part of a planned rally with questions about landmarks along the way will qualify for prizes at our dinner on Saturday night. We are even going to have a picnic lunch at the beginning of the Talimena Parkway. The leaves along the way at this time of year should be at peak. Our destination of Eureka Springs is a great place to see the past reborn. Lots of restaurants, shops and historic sites dating back to the days of the curative springs in the area. We will have a wonderful day of driving on Friday and on Saturday a great morning at Crystal bridges the beautiful Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Arkansas. You will see paintings from pre-revolutionary times to the 20th century. You will see originals from some of the great artists in American history. The architecture of the museum with its

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President's Message



I am happy to say the hot Texas summer seems to be fading into Fall and the non 100 degree temps are certainly welcome. We have had a really great year so far with events for every taste. The picnic last month was our biggest event ever and was a huge success. See the report later in this

newsletter.

Our membership continues to grow. Driven by the vibrant economy and friendly environment in Texas. We see folks flocking to our state from all over the country. Our members also renew at a fantastic pace due to the variety of events we have, the fo-cus on these great cars and open communication we have with our membership through our weekly email alerts, our website and

this newsletter.

Please join our now 990+ North Texas members at an upcoming event to take advantage of the great local benefits of your membership. We have coming up Monthly Membership Meetings, Oktoberfest, Eureka Spring Fall Leaf Drive plus many more fun events planned.

REMINDER, if we do not have your email address, you are missing out on the majority of the communications from the Club. Please go to www.mbca.org, log in and update your info to stay in contact with all we have going on.

Brett Jurick

President

North Texas Section

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 over 990 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.



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October/November

Upcoming Events —Here's what's happening!

2015 Annual Christmas Party

December 19, 2015

6:30pm – 11:00pm

Heritage Ranch Country Club – Fairview, TX

The club enjoyed having the Christmas Party last year so much at The Heritage Ranch Golf and Country Club that we are once again having it there. As a great many of you who attended last year know, it is beautiful and will be decorated with a array of lights and gorgeous holiday decorations. The setting is wonderful, the food delicious and Pete, the DJ will provide us with any kind of music you can request for dancing or just for enjoyment. All in all it will be just what you need to keep you in that holiday mood.



The festivities with began with cocktails and an assortment of delicious cheeses, crackers, fruits and berries. After our salad, our buffet will include Prime Rib with au jus and creamy horseradish and/or Roasted Sliced Turkey Breast crusted with sage and mustard. Rosemary garlic yukon potatoes and grilled zucchini, broccoli and squash accompanied by fresh dinner rolls. After dinner you may choose from an assortment of desserts displayed for your convenience. Coffee, tea and water will be available throughout dinner.

There will be a pay as you go bar with wine, beer and mixed drinks.

We will have prizes to give away and will be drawing throughout the evening for the lucky winners!

Heritage Ranch Golf and Country Club is located just off Stacy Road @ Highway 75 North at 465 Scenic Ranch Circle, Fairview, Texas 75069.

Dress is Cocktail Attire

Cost per person is \$40.00 for an evening of celebrating, enjoying friends, music and food.

Reservations by December 10th can be made via Pay Pal. To ensure everyone has a name tag, please include all names of attendees, regardless of payment type.

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restaurants in the area, or just rest up for the drive home. You will receive goody bags at check-in that will have a lot of information on activities in Eureka Springs.

We have rally questions that are optional and they will be given to you at registration. Awards for the rally questions will be given out at our Saturday night dinner to the winners.

Monday morning will be the return home to Dallas. You can return on your own or drive together through the countryside on the return trip. It will be a great weekend of fun, making new friends and seeing some beautiful scenery. I hope you will be

a part of all of the fun. The drive is great, but taking the time to know your club friends is the real reward.

Action Items for the Trip:

The cost of the event will be \$20 per person. You can pay at the time of check-in or use PayPal.

Call or email Ron and Carolee Seifert (hosts) at 972-549-1280, or rseifert@grandecom.net.

*****Leave your name, phone or email address, number of attendees and if you will be staying for the Sunday activities. This information will be helpful for communications regarding the trip.*****

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- Last day to purchase tickets is Tuesday, December 1, 2015
- Grand prize drawing is Tuesday, December 8, 2015
- For more information and to purchase tickets, visit raffle.mbca.org, call the NBO at **800-637-2360** or check your mailbox for an official mail-in order form.

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Event Report

Annual Membership Appreciation Picnic

The MBCA North Texas Section had its Annual Membership Appreciation picnic on September 12, 2015, at Flag Pole Hill, White Rock Lake in Dallas.

159 members attended the gathering, where they enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of live music by The Matthew Bell Band, Texas style smoked brisket by Poppa's Pit Barbecue, super delicious dessert competition, a competitive Italian Bocce tournament and a 32 MB Clean Car Show vehicles, that showcased a great line up of Mercedes-Benz vehicles spanning almost 60 years, from a 1957 190SL to a 2016 SL 400. Vogt RV Center in Ft. Worth exhibited a beautiful Airstream Silver Arrow Sprinter conversion/camper which caught the attention of many of the picnic participants.

The event had out of town guests as well. MBCA National President Terry Kiwala was on hand for the afternoon. He was presented with a Stetson Cowboy hat by North Texas president Brett Jurick.



South Central director Gene Jurick was present too, and he presented past MBCA-NTX and MBCA National President Hyatt Cheek a life time achievement award.



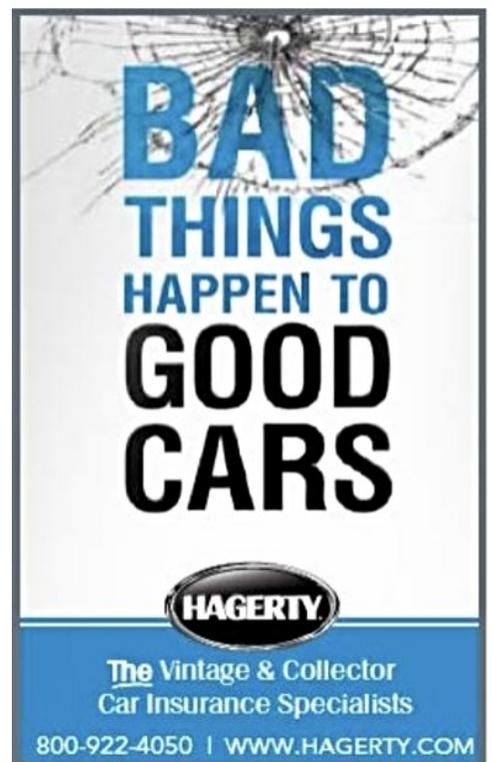
The dessert competition winners were; 1st place: Carolee Seifert (Pumpkin Cake), 2nd place Lynn Lovell (Orange Brownies) and 3rd place Leah Southard (Chocolate Cake).



The winners off the Italian Bocce Tournament were: Marietta Vanheusen and Cyndi Flores in the women's competition, Dane Cooper and Ray Gualtieri in the men's category.

The winners in the clean car show were: 1st place Brett Jurick (1987 560SL), 2nd place Hyatt Cheek (1967 250SL) and in 3rd place: Jay Agnew (1999 SLK HT).

The activities concluded at 4:00pm, Central Time, most of the members were already looking forward to next year.



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MBCA National Business Office Visit – Colorado Springs, CO

By Brett Jurick

This year my family and I decided to take our family vacation to Avon / Beaver Creek, CO. A week away from the 100+ Texas heat was really great. One highlight of this visit to the mountains of Colorado was our stop by the MBCA National Business Office, NBO. We were on our way up to Pikes Peak and made our way through Colorado Springs. I talk frequently with our great staff at HQ and finally got to meet most of them in person.

Our new Executive Director, Mike Regennitter met me upon my arrival. As he has only been with MBCA for a few months, we had not gotten the opportunity to speak so this was a first for both of us. He was loading some things into the trunk of his CLA 250 when I arrived. We discussed his initial months with the Club and some of the things we are doing in the North Texas Section.

We then went into the office and got to meet our great staff. These are the folks that keep the business of the national MBCA running so smoothly. I met Cindy Tumbleson – Business Administrative Manager, Jennifer Baily – Content Manager, Geni Wallen – Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper, Sharon Appleman – Membership Specialist and Hauss Cartwright – Website Administrator. The only person I missed was Pam Gleeton – Membership Coordinator, as she had gone for the day.

We spent about an hour at the NBO. Everyone was so welcoming and it was great to see everyone I speak to so frequently on the phone. I spent some additional time with Hauss as he is the one who helps me so much with our website, email alerts and such. He is a real blessing to the Club. Cindy and Geni were both great as well. They are the ones you will speak to when calling in to the NBO. They handle most issues that come up. Sharon handles Classified Ads, Section Updates and Silver Star Certificates and is great to work with. Jennifer is the newest member of the NBO staff. She manages Content for the website, The Star magazine and email communications. You have probably seen the great work she has produced recently since joining. Pam was the only one I missed. She handles Name Badges, Membership Applications and Event Material and is always great to work with. I hope to get to see her on my next visit to the NBO.

I highly recommend visiting the MBCA National Business Office if you find yourself in Colorado. You will be welcomed with open arms and will get to interact with the folks who make the business of the club work so well. Their address is 1907 Lelaray St. Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909.

Thanks to Mike, Cindy, Jennifer, Geni, Sharon, Hauss and Pam for hosting my family at the NBO. It was so great to meet all of you in person.



October/November

Welcome New Members!

Rotimi Amarvi	Francisco Dominguez	Jack Krielen	Bikash Pradhan
Imad Anabtawi	Epiphania Dube	Robert Luna	Carleen Richards
Steve Barksdale	Annette Engel	Alex McCure	William Ruzynski
Lewis Bluit	Anthony (scott)	Edmundo Molina	Matthew Sallusti
Katrina Brown	Glendinning	Shekharreddy	Kathleen Schumacher
Kumar Chebrolu	Reginald Guyse	Nareddy	Holly Scimeca
Martin Coleman	Pablo Guzman	Pham Ngoc	Patrick Studer
Marcia Collins	Kathi Hayward	Robert Nichols	Fetari Welsh
Natalie Davenport	Becky Hoffmeister	Ida Nickerson	Cody Wilson
Brian Dill	Keli Jones	Blessing Nwoha	David Zareie
Sue Dodson	Margie Jones	Venkat Pabbati	
	Brandi King	Anita Patel	

Many Thanks to Our Renewing Members!

Jack Agnew	Les Grabowski	Kenneth Madden	Dimitris Tsioutsias
Kenneth Boyd	Nathanael Haas	Stanley McDaniel	Malcolm Turner
Regina Britton	Charles Hatfield	Taber Meyers	Marilyn Willems
Phillip Brooks	William Hudson	Christopher Miller	Mary Wolf
Mark Bryant	Gary Hunt	Ron Murphy	Edward Zahra
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John Cole	Allen Jayme	Austin Ogwu	
Loren Deans	Willard Johnson	Vipul Patel	
Riza Dewanto	Pekka Kaarto	Scott Patrick	
Eric Dorsey	John Kechejian	Sam Rass	
Anthony Engel	Tom Kopf	Stewart Riffe	
Holly Farmer	Jimmy La Grenade	Raymond Robinson	
Bill Fogg	Taehyun Lee	Mariela Salas	
Kenneth Foster	Steven Lewis	Arfeen Siddiqui	
San Juanita Garcia	Wayne Lukacsko	Richard Swayze	
Jeff Goudreau	Hong-Anh Ma	Jean Thompson	

Mercedes-AMG's Next Four-Cylinder To Be Developed By F1 Team

By Jeff Klepac

Mercedes-AMG has just upgraded the turbocharged four-cylinder engine found in its compact cars to deliver 375 horsepower and 350 pound-feet of torque, but for further upgrades the official Mercedes tuner will turn to an all-new engine—one developed by the Mercedes AMG Petronas Formula One team.

The information was revealed by Mercedes-AMG boss Tobias Moers during a recent interview with Australia's *Motoring*. He said the current engine had reached its limit and that for a replacement Mercedes-AMG will turn to the F1 team, specifically the Mercedes AMG High Performance Powertrains (formerly Mercedes-Ilmor, then High Performance Engines) division responsible for the power units used by several teams this season.

Mercedes-AMG is reportedly turning to the F1 team because of its experience with small, lightweight, high-output engines and the sophisticated energy recovery systems being used this season. It's not clear what form of technology transfer will happen but one possibility that can be ruled out is an electric-aided turbocharger, where an electric motor is used to spool the turbo at low revs. Moers explained that the technology, often referred to as E-Boost, would require an upgraded electrical system and extra batteries and may not make much financial sense at present. As previously reported, Mercedes-AMG already uses E-Boost technology in motorsport but will only add it to its fleet of road cars if the customer can afford it.

In his interview with *Motoring*, Moers also revealed that Mercedes-AMG had ruled out diesel engines and another all-electric car (the first was the SLS AMG Electric Drive) due to a lack of demand. Instead, he sees hybrid power as being the next frontier for the Affalterbach-based squad.



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Election Results - 2015/2016

During the last week of September we conducted an election of officers via email and electronic ballot. The slate of officers as recommended by the nominating committee was presented and voted on by our membership.

President – Brett Jurick
Vice President – Lee Ewing
Secretary – Gayle Brewer
Treasurer – Craig Halverson

These officers were confirmed by our membership but a final tally of 86.67% FOR and 13.33% AGAINST.

I encourage the folks voting against to put their hat into the ring for a leadership position as we have much work to do and would love the help.

The other Board Members, Committee Chairs and Team Leaders are confirmed through appointment by the Executive Board shown above. Positions are open if anyone wants to volunteer.

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Help!

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We're looking for a Car and Driving events coordinator to organize Car and Driving events for the North Texas Section. If you are interested please contact Brett Jurick at bjurick@tx.rr.com

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 Jose De La Garza at josedelagarza@yahoo.com.



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Date	Event
October 8 , 2015	MBCA Oktoberfest, Bavarian Grill
October 23-26, 2015	Eureka Springs / Crystal Bridges
November - Date TBA	DIY Tech Session, Mercedes-Benz of Plano
November 14, 2015	Day at the Shooting Range
December 5, 2015	Membership Meeting - Watch Email for Details
December 19, 2015	2015 Annual Christmas Party

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