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The Texas Star

Mercedes-Benz Club of America - North Texas Section

Event Report

Dallas Classic Mercedes Car Show

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church * Dallas, TX * November 7, 2020

Wally Wheeler of the North Texas Section has hosted a Classic Mercedes Car show for the past four years for friends who have a great love for restoring classic automobiles. This year Wally working with the NTX Section hosted the event for our Section Members. The event was a great success with 38 cars and over 43 members plus folks who were just curious about the special cars. For those restoring cars the time spent at an event like this sharing is important for where to buy parts, service for classic cars and hearing stories about the cars was special. For those with newer cars displaying them and sharing them with others shows the progress our special brand has made. The weather was perfect, meeting new friends and sharing with old friends made this a success.

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President's Message

After 23 years in the Mercedes Benz Club and in serving in various roles, it is a pleasure to be your new Section President. I want to thank Craig Halverson for all of his work during the past years for his leadership as our President. This has been at best an interesting year. We started the year with a meeting in January that included a full year of events for our club. Little did we know that by March our calendar would pretty much be turned upside down. Trying to schedule events with the protocols that we were given for social distancing, masks, etc. it became impossible to have events that everyone was comfortable with. We have an Events Committee meeting scheduled for January and we look forward to a schedule that will be fun for 2021. Currently we plan on the Oktoberfest dinner, the Winnsboro Parade, the Fall Day at the Range and the Dallas Classic Mercedes Car Show and we are looking at the feasibility of a Christmas Party. As with all things this year hopefully we can finish this year with a better understanding of what we can schedule for 2021. My objectives for the new year will be two-fold. First to increase the participation from our members on our boards and committees. We have a great need for new leadership in our club. As in all things new leaders and new ideas bring a fresh new look to any organization. My second objective is to bring new members into our club. My feeling is that we need to have activities that people want to participate in. One example is Car Shows. Many people have cars that they are proud of and want other folks to see. Wally Wheeler has been doing this for his friends and agreed to bring this event to our Section this year. So far, the interest has been outstanding. I wonder why we haven't done a car show sooner. I hope 2021 will be a great year. We know that our members have different interests: Car Shows, Tech Sessions, Drives and Social Events. If you have any ideas for new events please let Maurice or any of our board members know. Please consider joining in the leadership of our Section, we do need you. If you have any interest but don't understand what the time commitment would be, I would be glad to schedule the time to give you a better feeling for what would be required.

Sincerely,
Ron Seifert
President - North Texas Section

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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.

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Event Report

NTX Oktoberfest

Bavarian Grill * October 8, 2020 * Plano, TX

On a beautiful Thursday night, The North Texas Section was hosted by The Bavarian Grill for our annual Oktoberfest. We had 31 people in attendance who all enjoyed great German entrees and dessert. Not to mention the very best German beer selection in Texas. Jurgen, the owner of Bavarian Grill welcomed us and thanked us for visiting. Ron Seifert, President introduced the new officers for 2021 and Brett Jurick, South Central Regional Director reviewed tools for recruiting new members and updated the group on what is happening in the South Central Region.

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Autumn Trails Parade & Drive

October 24, 2020 * Greenville, TX

This year 7 cars and 13 North Texas members braved the cool weather and attended the Winnsboro, Texas annual Autumn Parade. This was the 57th year of the event and our Section has been a part of the parade for several years. Early founders of the event were the Dallas Model A Ford Club and each year over a 100 Model A's attend the event. Always exciting to see these old cars still running and in great condition. While the cool weather had the group bundled up with the tops down it was fun getting out of the big city and being in a rural small east Texas town and seeing what it is like
without high rise buildings and lots of traffic.

Welcome 48 New Members between 9/1 – 10/31!

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Jeffrey Alexopulos
Faris Altamimi
Ben Alves
Carl Ambrose Jr
Eitan Barak
Christina Bergman
Eric Bernhard
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Casey Brozovich
Tracey Coussirat
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Rowin Masrani
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Oladele Oladiran
Rahul Patel
Kermit Poling
Sohail Poonawala
Catherine Sanders
Margaret Spinks
Vivek Thangella
Slyvia Thompson
Douglas Turgeon
Gaurav Walia
Wenxin Wang
Greg Werbaneth
Katherine Wilson
Noel Yi

Thanks to Our 62 Renewing Members between 9/1 – 10/31!

Mary Jane Advincula 2015
Rafia Ahmad 2018
Imtiaz Ahmed 2015
Sophia Ayodele 2018
Rick Balser 2017
Randy Beason 2019
Arthur Bollon 2015
James Botary 2014
Jennifer Bridges 2016
James Briggs 2018
Miles Casad 2011
Robyn Chapman 2016
Mary Chumbley 2011
Mae Daniels 2019
Jim Dill 2010
Eric Dorsey 2013
Blanch Drake 2019
Sylvain Edoukou 2019
Gordon Evans 2017
Kenneth Foster 1986
William Fowler 2013
Eurico Francisco 1999
Ken Golden 2011
Mike Hakami 1993
C Hampton 1996
Ron Harwick 2006
James Hayes 2018
Chip Hodge 2006
Fred (and Sharon) Hudspeth 1983
Gary Hunt 1992
Pekka Kaarto 2003
Tom Kopf 1989
Philip Kruse 2010
Gottfried Laubichler 2019
Harrison Lewis 2016
Britton McIntyre 2007
Rita Middleton 2010
James Mitchell 2012
Kenneth Niederer 2012
Lolu Oduleye 2016
Andjelka Pavlovic 2018
Ivan PopGruev 2007
Jim Pritchett 2017
Ajitha Raju 2018
Mitchell Rasansky 1978
Paul Ruckman 2014
Dianne Sanchez 2008
Barry Sarnacki 2015
Thushara Silva 2019
Donald Slawter 2011
H E Smith 2003
Christopher Stokes 2016
S Sturns 2017
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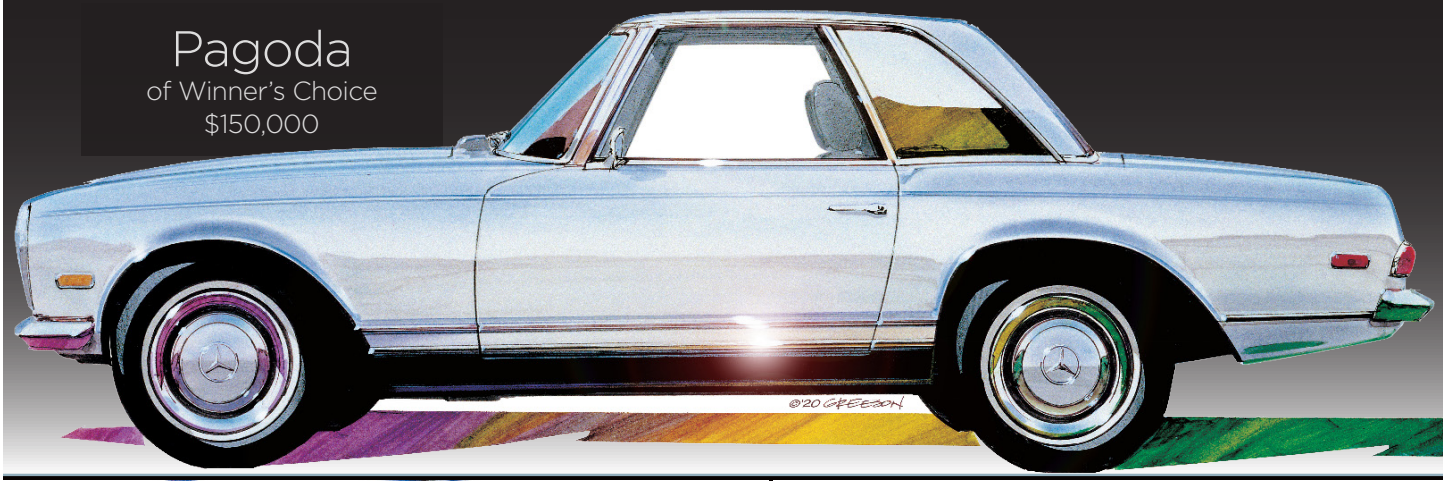

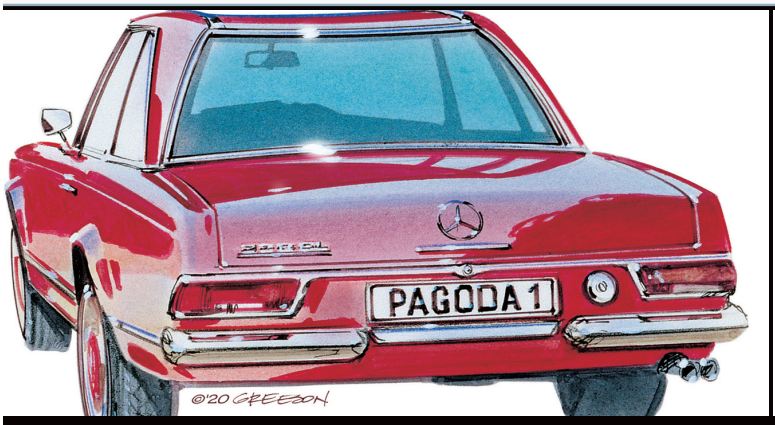

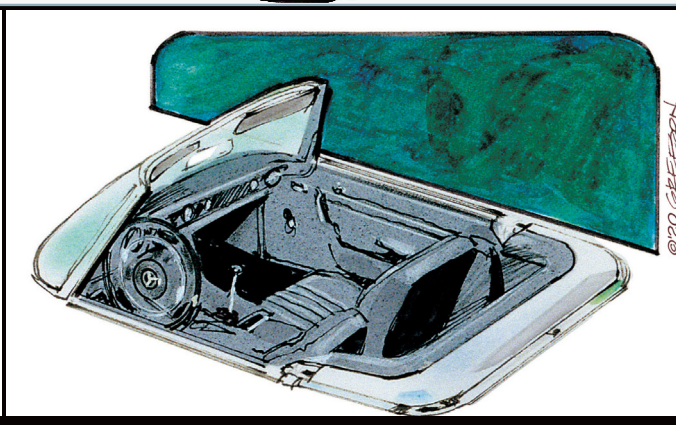

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Help!

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 Ron Seifert at rseifert@grandecom.net 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 Maurice Nahas at maurice@mnahas.com.

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Planned Upcoming Events in 2021

2020 has been a moving target. We are looking good to have these events.	
January	DIY Tech Session
February	Membership Lunch
March	Granbury Drive and Brewery Tour
April	Day at the Range
April	Park Cities Classic and Antique Car Show
May	DIY Tech Session
June	Membership Lunch
July	DIY Tech Session
September	DIY Tech Session
October	Dinner & Theater
December	Mercedes Club NTX Christmas Party

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.