



The Texas Star

Spring Driving Issue

A close-up photograph of a Mercedes-Benz hood ornament, a three-pointed star in a circle, mounted on a car's hood. The ornament is highly reflective and its reflection is visible on the polished metal surface of the hood. The background is a blurred green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

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Spring Drive and Wine Tasting

100 Mile Cross Timbers Prairie Drive and Eden Hill Vineyard Wine Tasting will be a three hour driving and social event that will take us from the Celina Town Square through scenic North Texas country roads and conclude at Eden Hill Vineyard.

Early risers will convene at 7:00 for breakfast (optional) and meet up at the Celina Town Square for an 8:45am departure. The MBCA NT Section circuit will include a stretch stop at Lake Texoma's Denison Dam with a nice view of the Lake for a Club photo or two. The drive will conclude at Celina's Eden Hill Vineyard (www.edenhill.com) around 12:30pm where we will be welcomed with a wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres! Make your reservations (\$20.00/member) now on our website: www.mbca-ntx.org. Look for Reservations under the Resources tab at the top of the screen.

President’s Message

It’s hard to believe, but, spring is just around the corner, good thing, too, because we have got quite a few activities planned. We have DIY technical sessions, dinner events, driving events and a lot more that we hope are right on target as things that you would enjoy participating in. Check the activities detailed in this newsletter or on our website, bet there is something there that you will find interesting.

We understand that our communication to you is vitally important to insure that you know what’s going on and that we are planning the right activities. With this in mind our webmaster / newsletter editor Mark McGahan has been very busy completely rebuilding our website www.mbca-ntx.org to make it as informative and user friendly as possible. An example is the ‘Reservation’ item under the ‘Resources’ tab on the website that allows you to sign up for events and pay for them if there is a cost. We use PayPal to pay for advanced reservations and no, you don’t need a PayPal account to use this feature. Additionally, a lot of effort has gone into developing our e-newsletter alerts to keep you up to date on important points of what’s coming up and when you need to take action if it’s an event you would like to be part of. The intent is that the e-mail newsletter alerts be easily recognized, easy and quick to read and contain the facts you will need.

The fact is that we need your feedback and help and we look forward to hearing from you. That can be very easy, too. The ‘Contacts Button’ on the website will allow you to e-mail any of the board members or committee chairs you would like. Prefer a more personal contact, phone numbers are there, too. Feel free to call any of us, anytime.

I look forward to meeting many more of you at our events this year.

Gene Jurick

President, North Texas Section

Do-It-Yourself Tech Session

Marshall Motors - Dallas

The March "Do-It-Yourself" Tech Session will be at Marshall Motors in Dallas on March 17, 2012 from 8:00am - 12:00 noon. January and Thom Marshall, brother and sister team run a very well kept shop staffed with outstanding technicians who are always ready answer the most esoteric questions.

Due to the limited number of slots available (20) participants will be selected on a registration priority basis. You can pre-register via PayPal - \$10.00 or by calling Hyatt Cheek at 214/327-6890 or email at techdir@mbca-ntx.org - \$15.00. You could take your chances an “just show up”. but it is not advisable.



Something for Everyone

The North Texas Section is preparing several unique events that will provide a participation opportunities for every interest group.



Technical Events

Next up on our DIY 2012 calendar is Marshall Motors in Dallas on March 17, 2012 from 8:00am-12:00 noon. Marshall's is one of the more outstanding independent shops in the Dallas area and their lobby is even recognized as an official art gallery.

Due to the limited size of this venue, early registration is advised for this tech session.

Then in May we'll be at Park Place - Grapevine, in July Loudon Motorcars in Dallas. Then it's up north to Mercedes-Benz Plano in September and rounding out the season will be at Autoscope in Dallas.

You can pre-register for our Tech Sessions online using PayPal on our website, or contacting Hyatt Cheek at (214) 327-6890 or e-mail at techdir@mbca-ntx.org.



Social Events

North Texas Section Travels to Taste Favorites South of the Border on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 6:30pm at Abuelo's on 75 in Plano.

Abuelo's will be hosting us in their banquet room with a special menu including a dinner salad; sizzling, wood-grilled fajitas; selected sides; iced tea/water served buffet style. Other drinks are optional. The evening is sure to please with Abuelo's unique tastes of Mexico arranged exclusively for the North Texas Section with dedicated restaurant staff.

Make your reservations \$22.00 per person using PayPal on our website under the Resources tab.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



Car and Driving Events

This Spring we will host the Cross Timbers Prairie 100 Mile Drive and Eden Hill Vineyard Wine Tasting event.

This combined three-hour driving and social event will take us from the Celina Town Square through scenic North Texas country roads and conclude at Eden Hill winery for tappas and wine tasting. \$20.00 for members, \$23.00 non-members and \$7.00 under 18 tappas only.

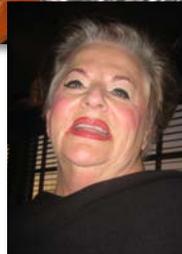
With good roads, and fair weather the vistas with roadside wildflower carpets of bluebonnets are expected to delight all.

In the fall we will be hosting our annual Clean Car Show and another driving event yet to be determined.

If you have a specific drive in mind or if you are interested in chairing our driving committee drop us a line or stop by a board meeting.

Post Valentine's Day Dinner and Theater Evening Wrap-Up

Seventeen members of MBCA- North Texas Section met on Saturday, February 25 at Johnny Carrino's Restaurant in Mesquite at 6:30pm, where we had a great dinner sampling their various Italian Cuisine inspired offerings. Robert and Gayle Brewer were the hosts for this event, but since Gayle was one of the cast in the theatrical play we were attending after the dinner, Robert was the official host and made sure everyone was comfortable and having a wonderful time at the restaurant.



Gayle Brewer made a surprise appearance while we were having dinner, in her makeup for the play, welcoming and thanking everyone for attending this North Texas Section event.

After dinner, we caravanned our Benzes to Mesquite Community Theatre; there was a lot of parking space for all the club vehicles.

The theater was full, the setting on stage was very real, the actors were magnificent, and were all drawn into the spirit, plot and content of the play. According to the director Paul Mckenzie, "...The show is a southern-fried comedy that blends the right amount of familiarity and humor with a dash of drama, sprinkled on top is family and love." Our own Gayle Brewer, MBCA North Texas Section Board secretary and Social Committee member, had the role of a T.V. show host in the play. She did a magnificent job.

After a couple of hours of laughs and entertainment, we had an opportunity to meet all the cast of "The Red Velvet Cake War" in the lobby. We shook hands, took pictures, and thanked them for a truly fun evening.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our next Social Event and other club outings, please check our club website and newsletter for future dates. We also encourage you to suggest outings and events you would like us to work on in the future.

Do-It-Yourself - Park Place-Dallas Wrap-Up

We kicked off our 21st year of Do-It-Yourself Tech Sessions with a fantastic session at Park Place - Dallas. Saturday January 14th marked the largest attended Do-It-Work session we have ever conducted. Old hands and newbies, young and old, new cars and vintage models, gas and diesel, men and women; everyone had a great time.



Thirty-three members worked on their cars. We were blessed by the attendance of Betty-Lou Smith and her son maintaining Bob's old blue W123 wagon and the return of a repeat father and daughter team maintaining her fine Benz.

Ruben Castillo and his team of eight courageous technicians helped keep us honest as the rest of us changed oil, transmission fluid and filters, changed brake pads. A great time was had by all members and they accomplished many much needed maintenance items and repairs on their cars.

Thanks Rubin.

And a big thanks to everyone at Park Place - Dallas for another fantastic DIY session.





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Legends of the Autobahn

MBCA invites you to be part of the excitement at Legends of the Autobahn 2012, on Friday, August 17. Held on the greens of the Rancho Cañada Golf Club in Carmel Valley, California, Legends attracted an audience of thousands to view nearly 500 cars on display in 2011.

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George Murphy Seminar

National Technical Director

Mark your calendar on August 11, 2012 for a full day of engaging presentation and discussion on all aspects of everything Mercedes. If you're thinking of buying a classic, starting a restoration project or just have maintenance and repair questions this is the session for you. Check the website for more details.

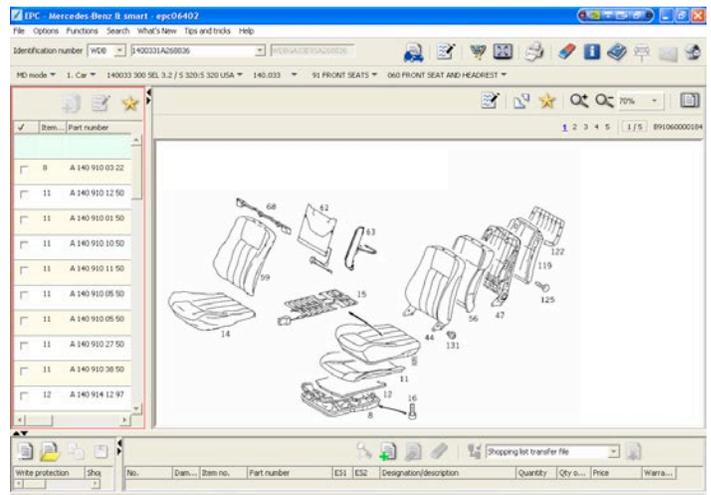
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Ken Muller

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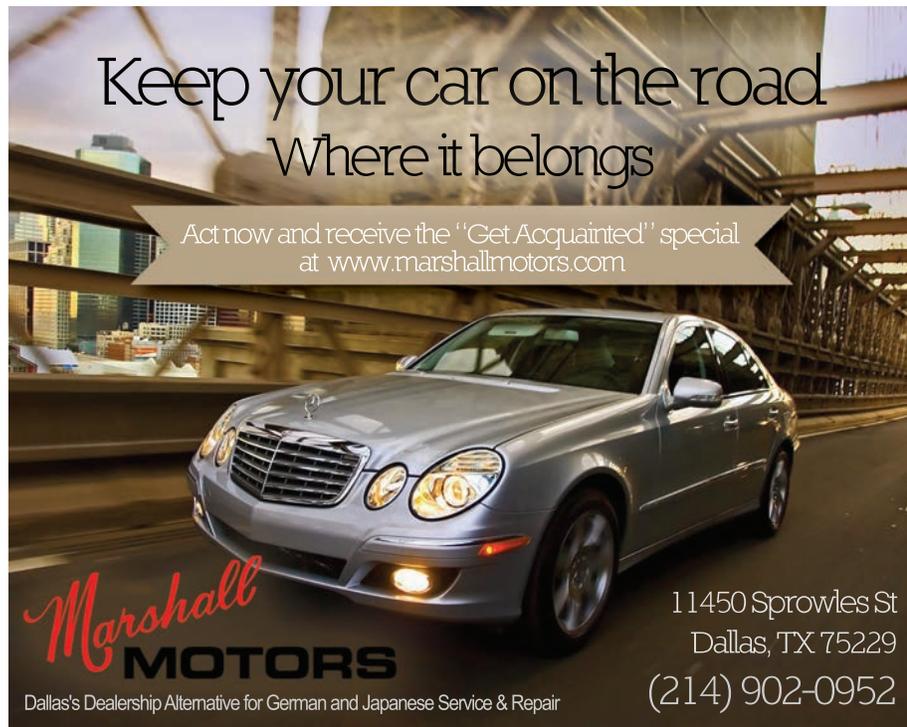
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New Ideas Wanted

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 eventsdir@mbca-ntx.org.

Member Updates

We would like to welcome our new members who have joined since January and thank our renewing members for their continued support.

Welcome. Thank You. Enjoy. Appreciate. Participate.

Welcome, 33 New Members

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Othar Bhatti
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2012 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Date	Event
3/5	Board Meeting - Park Place-Dallas, 6:30pm	8/17	Legends of the Autobahn, Carmel Valley, CA
3/17	DIY Tech Session, Marshall Motors - Dallas	8/18	George Murphy Seminar
4/2	Board Meeting - MB of Plano, 6:30pm	TBD	Clean Car Show
4/14	Mexican Fiesta Dinner	9/10	Board Meeting - Park Place-Dallas, 6:30pm
5/5	Spring Drive and Eden Hill Wine Tasting	9/15	DIY Tech Session, Mercedes-Benz of Plano
5/7	Board Meeting - Park Place-Dallas, 6:30pm	9/22	Octoberfest - Annual Election Dinner
5/19	DIY Tech Session, Park Place - Grapevine	9/28-10/3	Starfest 2012, Phoenix, AZ
6/4	Board Meeting - MB of Plano, 6:30pm	10/1	Board Meeting - MB of Plano, 6:30pm
7/9	Board Meeting - Park Place-Dallas, 6:30pm	10/6 T	Fall Driving Event
7/21	DIY Tech Session, Louden's - Dallas	11/5	Board Meeting - Park Place-Dallas, 6:30pm
7/28	Member Appreciation Day	11/10	DIY Tech Session, Autoscope - Dallas
8/6	Board Meeting - MB of Plano, 6:30pm	12/3	Board Meeting - MB of Plano, 6:30pm
		12/9	Holiday Extravaganza, TBD

T - Denotes a tentative dates

As events dates periodically change, please check our website, www.mbca-ntx.org for the most updated calendar