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Members line up in the pit for a run on the world-famous Jefferson Circuit at last year's GWS Day at Summit Point Raceway. Photo by William West Hopper

Take It To The Track

The Need for Speed, it seems we get ticketed for it these days, be it by a cop or camera. This year MBCA members had a chance to enjoy some solid track time.

After a couple of fun days on the track this summer first at Watkins Glen then with the Virginia Section at the North Carolina Center for Automotive Research, and GWS's Summit Point day on the newly extended Jefferson Circuit in September.

For those who want to take it to the next level, the Alabama Section is hosting two days at world-famous Barber Motorsports Park October 3-5.

We returned from driving the new C-Class for an article in The Star. It is not like any C-Class we have driven in the past. We have a bit more detail on this amazing new breed of Mercedes-Benz for you in these pages.

DIY Day has been moved to September 27, the same day we have been invited to help Maryland Public TV celebrate its show "MotorWeek." So come up just outside of Frederick to CARNival, and show off your car. Choose one and come out and enjoy the end of summer!

Now to business. This fall is the section's annual members meeting and Election of Officers. We have a new location this year to hold our meeting! Cedar Knoll Restaurant on the George

Washington Parkway, just south of Alexandria VA. The Annual Meeting is a time for you to come out and hear about your club, and get involved in the section. Having fun is all about being involved in the planning and producing of club events.

Winter is just around the corner, hard to believe, Put January 10 on your calender for the GWS Holiday Party. We end the season, or start the year, with this, the biggest blast of the year.

By popular demand, we are back to Dutch's Daughters in Frederick MD. We hope to repeat the 2014 event, the highest turn-out we have ever had for a Holiday Party! This year we have selected a larger room, and plan on making the event better than ever!

Spring is, indeed coming, which means the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. Again MBCA members will have a chance to show their cars on Saturday during the Cars and Coffee at the Concours event. SL's are being selected for 2015, so put your nomination in, see if your SL will be selected to participate.

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Aaron Streater
GWS Section President
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Fall 2014

We had a great event this fall at Summit Point driving the Jefferson Circuit. This is one of many great events that your fellow section volunteer members help put on each year. Indeed GWS does it all, from Concours to DIY, to autocross and track days! In an effort to have the most fun anyone can have on four wheels.



And we can not do it without all the time and effort our Section's Board and Committee Members give to you, by making these events happen. Lots of time spent planning as well as holding each event you see on our calendar. As we are coming into fall, and GWS Annual Meeting time, I want to thank our dedicated team of GWS Board Members who have supported our section so well this year! The GWS Team has been a big help to me, as I balanced a new job with my volunteer role as your Section's President. And this team has done a great job this year, with everything from the Deutsche Marque, to the monthly autocrosses; from the summer picnic to the track event we just held; from the DIY to the annual holiday party. This team is just the greatest there is! Thank them when you see them, they will appreciate it.

This has also been a defining year for me, starting my career with Euro Motorcars. Sadly I have found I do not have enough time to both be an effective Section President, and handle a full time job. With that, I have decided to step down at the end of this term, though I still will be active in other ways.

Working at an automobile dealership is not standing around drinking coffee and talking about cars all day. Though I do like to talk cars, I barely have time for coffee, or much else! More often than not, I hit the sales floor running about 15 minutes before I arrive at the dealership. And the day never stops until the lights go out in the showroom.

In essence while I am working, I am still in school, as a big part of my job is learning about the products that we all love! Like college, there is always something new to learn. Unlike college, I am also expected to put in a full day's worth of work! And I love every minute of it! Not only am I supporting Mercedes-Benz customers with their technology questions, I have taken on the job as the dealership's trainer, helping the other employees learn the product line, as well as being in charge of ordering all the new cars that the dealership buys. So you can see how my work days are often quite full, and full of FUN!

I will continue to be involved with the club, and be available to work with members on their Mercedes-Benz questions. Stop in and say "Hi," when you are in Bethesda. My desk is up front by the AMG's, so there is always something pretty to look at, and plenty to talk about.

Aaron

**Rockville Antique and Classic
Car Show**
Saturday, October 18
Rockville MD

Join fellow car enthusiasts on Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 11 am to 3:30 pm on the grounds of Glenview Mansion. More than 550 antique and classic automobiles will be on display. This event is open to the public, and spectator admission is free.

Registration - Car Show: Registration forms are online at <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8198> Last day for registration is October 3. The entry fee is \$10 per vehicle, and \$30 per flea market and car sales spot.

Schedule for the Day:

8:30 am	Field opens
11:00 am	All cars on the field; registration closes
11:00 am	Field opens to spectators
11:30 am	Band performance
2:00 pm	People's Choice voting ends
2:45 pm	Award Presentation
3:30 pm	Show closes

For More Information:

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MBCA members will have a designated place on the field at the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show.

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Please send the form below to Ed Hainke, coordinator, with two checks: One payable to MBCA | GWS in the amount of \$10. And the second check payable to Maryland MVA in the amount of \$25. Ed will then contact you for the required MD MVA information.



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GWS Track Day on the Extended Jefferson Circuit at Summit Point Raceway

A great September Sunday was what we had at Summit Point this year for members to spend the day on the race track close to home. And all at a reasonable \$165 cost for an entire day of Summit Point Raceway driving.

With over fifty cars out on the track this year, it was a top-notch event for members and friends of MBCA. Held on Summit Point's newly extended Jefferson Circuit is now an even better track with some great turns and elevation changes.

We brought on a new flagging company this year who helped the GWS Team make it a safe and smooth event for all who attended. The team from Two By Four handled all the flagging stations as well as the cars as they left pit-out. Thanks go out to GWS members Mike Wirt, who did a great job managing the event; Steve Spector and Brad Blase both of whom instructed; Pete Engle and John Helfin who kept the Tech Team in line, ensuring the cars were safe for the track. While Greg Burks and Bill Hopper got everyone registered for the day.

GWS driving events are open to all marques and non-members, so it was great to get to meet some new faces who we have not seen out at our track events before, like Dr. Sharon Allison-Otley with her CL63. A first timer out on the track, we did have to remind her that high heels are not proper driving attire. She returned from her first run with a big smile on her face and saying that she loved her Mercedes-Benz CL even more!



Glen Hoffing leads the pack with Ray Lombardo, Greg Haas and Jonathan Tedder in quick pursuit on the newly expanded Jefferson Circuit at Summit Point Raceway.

Photo: William West Hopper

Drew Wilkerson, a new member who drives a CLK came out to see what the excitement was all about. After going out on the track with John Helfin in his CLK55, Drew said "Next Time!" It is great to give members a chance to try high performance driving at the club level, it gives them an opportunity to drive fast in a safe environment with an instructor to help them improve their skills.

While this is one of the final track events for the season for MBCA, with one left at Barber Motorsports Park October 3-5 in Alabama. Track events are now being planned around the country for MBCA members in 2015. If you are interested in trying out some fast driving, keep an eye on *The Star* magazine or our local *Metro Tri-Star* newsletter for upcoming dates.

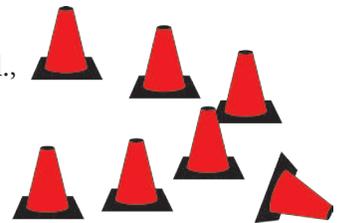
Thanks to everyone who came out for a day of fun at Summit Point Raceway, lets do it again real soon!

2014 Autocross Series

Two dates are all that remain this year, 10/12, 11/2, James Wood High School, 161 Apple Pie Ridge Rd., Winchester VA 22603.

James Wood High School has once again graciously allowed us to use their parking lot for another fun season of autocross. As many know well, autocross is a technical driving event where the objective is to maneuver through the course in the shortest time without knocking down or displacing any orange cones.

We will hold morning trial runs, take a break for lunch, then begin timed runs in the afternoon. This is a safe, controlled environment in which you can learn how to fully understand your vehicle's limitations. Not only is this a fun event, but it also teaches proper driving techniques if you ever get into trouble on the road, where evasive maneuvers are needed.



Adam Verdecchia driving his '14 CLA 250 at the June AX. The parked Subaru was used as center point for the Skid Pad exercise.

Photo by Harry Newman

As long as you have a street-legal vehicle, you are welcome. Helmets are required, and must have a Snell 2005 or greater rating to pass inspection. If you do not have a helmet, the club has a limited quantity of helmets and head socks for your needs.

Drivers meeting starts at 9 am. Please plan on coming earlier to prep your car for tech inspection. Volunteers are required to help set up the course, and run the CRT (Cone Retrieval Team). Dress for the weather and bring closed-toe shoes.

The cost for this event is \$35 for non-members, and \$20 for MBCA members. If you want to watch, it's free to do so, just come out to see everyone on the course. Who knows, you might just want to try it yourself!

Just come out and register the day of the event, and have fun!

Aaron Streater - GWS - President

GWS Annual Meeting and Candidates for Office

Annual Members Meeting for the Greater Washington Section of The Mercedes-Benz Club of America Display and Dine

Sunday, October 26, 2014 from 1 to 3 pm

NOTE: NEW LOCATION!

Cedar Knoll Restaurant, 9030 Lucia Lane, Alexandria VA

Annually MBCA | GWS members meet annually to discuss the business of their section and the club. Every other year, an election of the Section Officers, those who run the club, is done by the members, as well as a discussion of the financial status and any other business the section may have. This is a great time to meet your other club members and discuss programs and plans for the section. Please consider attending this event to meet the folks that run your club. Offer your time and energy to help with a program, or head up a committee.

Committee Chairs that will become open at this meeting are Technical, Social, Driving, Communications, and Newsletter Editor. Please consider volunteering to work on a committee or become the Chair of one of them.

This is a new location for us, and we will have a Display and Dine as well, so come by put your Mercedes-Benz on display. The club will provide appetizers, though you are welcome to purchase Cedar Knoll's excellent brunch as well.

President Candidate: Katie Gleeson, Germantown MD

Two years ago you gave me an honor and a surprise of my life when you nominated me as your Secretary! Last year, you honored me again by awarding me the Regional Officer of the Year. For this, I was speechless and very appreciative! During the past two years, I have had the opportunity to put names with faces and to learn how the club operates. I absolutely love this club, what it is about and all it has to offer! I am truly proud and honored to be your Secretary. This year I would appreciate it if you would elect me President of The Greater Washington Section of The Mercedes-Benz Club of America

I would like to continue serving you and learning more about each and every one of you and how we can make a difference with this club.



**Katie Gleeson,
Candidate for President**

Vice President Candidate: Greg Burks, Hyattsville MD

I was appointed Section Vice President this past winter, and since then I have learned much about this club, and even more about these cars that we all love.

There is much we can do to grow our club into one of the best in the country. We need to encourage our members to get out and participate and do more with their cars. Having young and directed energy on the board will help make that happen.

Please consider me as a nominee for Vice President of The Greater Washington Section.



**Greg Burks,
Candidate for Vice-President**

Treasurer Candidate: C. David Feske, Washington DC

As an Architect, Urban Planner and Professional Engineer, I have been involved with numbers throughout my career, in school, and serving in the Navy.

The current team of the Greater Washington Section has done a great job. I would like to add my talents and keep the books for this organization.

Thank you for your support.

Secretary Candidate: None nominated at press time.

Position is open, looking for volunteers to fill the post of Section Secretary. The position takes notes at all official business meetings and is apart of the MBCA | GWS Executive Committee that oversees the operation of the section.



**C. David Feske
Candidate for Treasurer**



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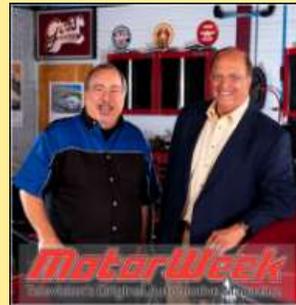
Join Maryland Public Television and *MotorWeek's* John Davis and Pat Goss for the **MPT MotorWeek CARNIVAL** on **September 27.**

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Take a scenic ride on some of Maryland's most interesting roads and join in the fun at [Lilypons Water Gardens](#), near Frederick and at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain along the Monocacy River, easily accessible from I-70 and I-270. ([directions](#))

The ultimate car show and family fun day, the [MPT MotorWeek CARNIVAL](#) features loads of [activities and entertainment](#):

- Classic, antique, muscle and specialty cars [competing for prizes](#)
- [Dream car auction](#) of more than 100 vintage collector cars by the renowned Express Auctioneers, of Ocean City's Cruisin' Weekend fame
- Classic car maintenance seminar led by master automotive technician Pat Goss
- Gourmet food trucks' delicious fare
- Car detailing seminar by Reflected Images' Brian Daly
- PBS Kids costumed characters, including Curious George, the adorable Hooper and *Space Racers'* Eagle
- Car-themed [rides and games](#) including a Monster Truck 4-in-1 combination climber-slide, a Sesame Street moonbounce, an inflatable train obstacle course, a trackless train ride and a Pit Stop Challenge beat-the-clock game.
- Live band, Capitol Groove, performing hits from 1960s, '70s and today
- Strolling acrobats, jugglers and stilt-walkers
- [Raffle](#) to win dining, getaways, entertainment and prizes



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- Free display space to recruit new members
- MotorWeek CARNIVAL T-shirt
- Chance to win trophies, prizes and the coveted People's Choice Award
- Meet John Davis and Pat Goss

MEMBERS: [Show your car](#) and compete for trophies and prizes:

- Motor-Head's Dream Day at MotorWeek with John Davis
- Trophies, prizes, ribbons
- Car raising most votes/donations wins People's Choice Award

Please contact Bert Rankin : 410-581-4250, brankin@mpt.org with any questions, ideas to make CARNIVAL even better, [sponsorship](#) referrals, for [materials to share](#) with your club or just to say hello.

Sponsors and partners include MPT; MotorWeek; Lilypons Water Gardens; Express Auctioneers; CARCHEX; Maryland Mobile Food Vending Association; Backyard Inflatables; Treasured Motorcar Services Ltd.; American High Performance; Reflected Images Custom Detailing LLC; Vintage Restorations, LLC

New Members - Please welcome our newest GWS members to the Club.



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This is a day to change the fluids, fix that squeak in the brakes, and try some projects that you might not have tried to do on your own.

This event is open to MBCA members, and is for working on *Mercedes-Benz vehicles only*. The event is on a first come, first served basis. Lift space is ample, but you may have to wait if you get there late, or come late when some of the early birds have finished their projects.

Please bring eye protection, as the dealership requires that you wear it during your time in the shop.

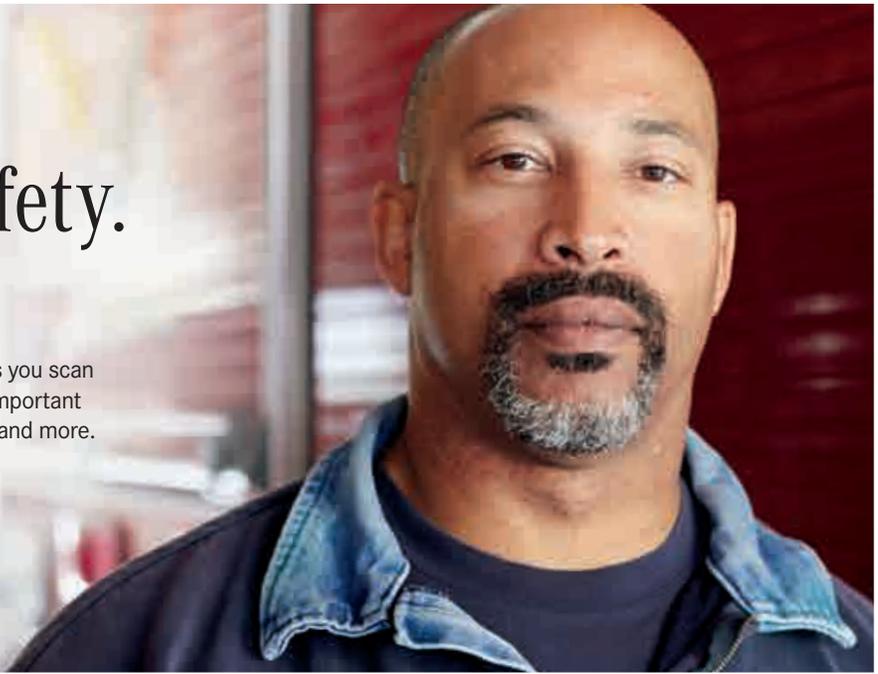
Lunch will be served, courtesy of Mercedes-Benz of Tysons Corner. Cost is \$25 per car, guests are free to attend. Please let us know if you are coming, so we know how many to expect for lunch.

For more information, contact Warren Bain, 703.906.9658 or wb740t@yahoo.com

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- Hold your device in front of the decal, press the button to scan, or wait until the reader focuses and takes you to the vehicle's schematic.



To see what a sample schematic looks like, scan the QR code here.

For more information, contact your dealership or visit www.mbusa.com/rescueassist.



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GWS Summer 2014 Picnic & Concours Report

Our annual GWS Summer Picnic & Concours was a success thanks to the superb enthusiasm of MBCA members who came from far and wide to the Newby Estate in North Potomac MD on Sunday July 13, 2014.

Members enjoyed the display of more than 30 automobiles representing over six decades of Mercedes-Benz excellence. Under sunny skies, with live music and plenty of delicious food from Big Mook BBQ, the day closed with the announcement of the concours award recipients are listed below:

Vintage SL:

- 1st - Steve and Jeanne Brooks - 1970 280SL
- 2nd - June Platz - 1957 190SL
- 3rd - Will Milby - 1971 280SL

Vintage Sedan:

- 1st - Keith Morgan - 1967 250SE
- 2nd - Craig Gildner - 1966 200 Heckflosse
- 3rd - Chuck Taylor - 1955 220S

Vintage Coupe:

- 1st - David Van Duzer - 1959 220S
- 2nd - Larry Ledbetter - 1966 250SE
- 3rd - Daniel Zavala - 1963 300SE

Contemporary Sedan/Coupe:

- 1st - Philip Morgan - 1991 560SEC
- 2nd - Terry Kimmel - 1992 600SEL
- 3rd - George Marountas - 2003 E500



A wide selection of Mercedes-Benz vehicles was on display at the GWS Summer Picnic.

Photo by William West Hopper

Vintage Cabriolet:

- 1st - Brant Vitek - 1952 300S Roadster

Contemporary Cabriolet:

- 1st - Gerard D. Bellerose - 2004 CLK500 Cabriolet

People's Choice Award:

- Brant Vitek - 1952 300S Roadster

Judges' Choice Award:

- June Platz - 1957 190SL

Best of Marque Award:

- Brant Vitek - 1952 300S Roadster

GWS Concours Chairman - Omar Abou-Zied



The bar was open and manned by GWS President Aaron Streater with help from other GWS Officers

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Classics from a by-gone era are always a treat like this Ponton brought by Mike Wirt, (which sold later in the summer to a club member.) Photo by William West Hopper



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56th Annual ANTIQUA AUTO ASSEMBLY Armed Forces Retirement Home, Washington DC

Main gate is located at 100 Rock Creek Church
Road NW (Eagle Gate)

Sunday, October 5, 2014

Schedule of Events: 8 am Registration/Refreshments served; 9 am Car Show Begins; 10-11:30 am Judging takes place; 11:45 am Nation's Capitol Model "T" Club Demonstration; 12:15 pm Award Presentations; 12:30 pm show ends.

Enameled Dash Plaques commemorating the event will be given to each participant. This event will be a part of the AFRH/Community FALLFEST day, 8 am to 5 pm. Activities include a golf tournament, Oktoberfest, fishing, beer/bourbon tasting, building tours, military static displays and much more. Plan to spend the day after the show is over.

For details call 202-541-7626 or 202-541-7639

Back To Bethesda Car Show

Benefit of Children's Inn at NIH
Chevy Chase Acura

7725 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda MD

Saturday, October 10, 2014

The Come Back to Bethesda Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show and Family Day will feature: Kilometers 4 Kids motorcycle ride, a full lineup of family-centered entertainment, including live music from Almost Blue, dance performances by Groove Elements, face painting by peaky paints, activities, games 50/50 raffle, and much more!

http://www.childrensinn.org/site/c.kk11KiMXivF/b.8563903/k.85A/2014_Come_Back_to_Bethesda.htm



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2015 Mercedes-Benz C-Class W205 First Drive Report

The old advertising line, “This is not your Father’s (insert defunct American automotive brand name here) sums up my thoughts on the new W205 C-Class. This is not the old C-Class! This new model makes you question why it is being designated a Mercedes-Benz C-Class at all. This vehicle is very different from what has gone before by the same name. It is as different as the 1980’s W201 chassis is to the W204, if not more so!

This vehicle really does usher in a whole new line for Mercedes-Benz, more compact than the E-Class and larger than the CLA, which has taken the spot as the marque’s entry model. The C-Class mixes sporty handling, comfortable ride, classic M-B styling with upper end technology of the S-Class, all in one vehicle, made in America! The Tuscaloosa Alabama Plant has become a leader in production for all Mercedes-Benz plants around the world. Production processes developed and perfected here in the USA have been emulated at the other plants worldwide. C-Classes destined for the American and Canadian markets will be made in new facilities that MBCA members who attended StarTech 2013 saw under construction.

Weight has been reduced by the replacement of steel with aluminum. This does not affect the car’s structural integrity, although aluminum body repair does require more highly-trained technicians. Thankfully, Mercedes-Benz has factory-approved body shops that provide craftsman who understand how to work aluminum, such as Auto Collision Specialists owned by GWS members Chuck and Carey Scilipote in Reisterstown MD.

The driver and front seat passenger will enjoy a bit more interior room, although the rear seat has a tad more legroom, headroom is at a premium, especially with the Panorooft. Getting in and out of the back seat takes some contortions similar to what a rear seat passenger in a CLA or CLS might experience. Slipping into the front seats, you are comfortably cradled in sport seats that grip your back and sides for support. Those with long legs will find support from the electrically adjustable leg bolsters on the front seats. The new steering wheel is extremely comfortable in both the feel of the material and the flat bottom design. Push button start does leave you with a question of where to put the key once inside the car. With the right option package, you should never have to remove the key from your pocket.

Turning the car on is the easy part. Getting the feel of just the right pressure of the center console’s touch pad that controls navigation, radio and other setting which you set up on the center tablet-like screen, is a different story. Underneath the touch pad you will find the familiar wheel controller. M-B has yet to embrace a touch screen display. The 7-speed electronic transmission is controlled by a high-mounted steering column-stalk and paddle shifters, much like other M-B models. The turn signal and cruise control stalk have switched places, so it takes some getting used to for those of us familiar with the previous generation cars. I found myself setting the cruise control when trying to signal a turn more than once.

Options include a number of S-Class items; adaptive high beam and LED head lamps, Airmatic Plus, a Driver Assistance Package with distronic plus that senses the car in front of you and keeps a safe distance, and lane keep assist, not to mention the air balance package that will provide fragrance, ionization, and extra filtration of the air you breath, just to mention a few.

Pricing on the C300 and C400 reflects the fact that this completely new vehicle comes with a lot more technology than the previous model. So no more lower price tag than the model it replaces! Fuel economy for the C300 direct injected 4-cylinder returned 28 mpg, while the heavier bi-turbo 6-cylinder C400 returned 23 mpg, during a day of spirited driving of each model.

My advice is to take the opportunity to test drive both models, as each one has some slight differences from each other. You will experience what we will be seeing more of coming from Mercedes-Benz in the very near future: Cars with lots of technology, comfort and prestige, which in reality is what we have known of the marque for years. Once again, Mercedes-Benz has stepped up its game!

- William West Hopper



Think of a new W 205 C-Class as a “Bargain S-Class.” The fun of the smaller car combines with the technology and details of the larger S-Class.

Photo by William West Hopper



Dual round instruments and round air vents are familiar to M-B owners. The tablet display and other interior design elements are a part of the new interior design style.

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Calendar of Events

Visit the *GWS-MBCA* website for the latest updates and activities, or to register:
www.GWS-MBCA.org/event.html - All dates are subject to change.

September

- 27** **GWS Do-It-Yourself Day**, Mercedes-Benz of Tysons Corner, Vienna VA. Contact Warren Bain 703.906.9658 wb740t@yahoo.com
- 27** **MPT's CARNIVAL**, Lily Pons, Adamstown MD. Contact Greg Burks vicepresident@gws-mbca.org

October

- 5** **Soldier's Home Antique Auto Assembly**, Armed Forces Retirement Home, Washington, DC. Contact Lew Baskerville the-hound@juno.com
- 12** **Autocross # 7**, James Wood HS, Winchester VA. Contact Brad Blase 540.888.3625 blase@virginiacaves.org
- 18** **Rockville Antique Auto Show**, Glenview Mansion, Rockville MD. Contact: Ed Vaughan edvaughan@verizon.net
- 18** **Euro Auto Festival**, BMW Zentrum, Greenville SC. Contact: Nick Pasquine NickPasq@aol.com

October (cont.)

- 26** **GWS Annual Members Meeting & Elections** Cedar Knoll Restaurant, 9030 Lucia Lane, Alexandria VA **(Note New Location)** Contact Katie Gleeson 240.381.2286 secretary@gws-mbca.org

November

- 2** **Autocross # 8**, James Wood HS, Winchester VA. Contact Brad Blase 540.888.3625 blase@virginiacaves.org

January 2015

- 10** **GWS 2015 Holiday Party**, Dutch's Daughters, Frederick MD. Contact Katie Gleeson 240.381.2286 secretary@gws-mbca.org