



July 2004

## President's Message

### A Sad Note...

It's with deep sorrow that I tell you of the passing of Frank Mallory on June 2, 2004. Frank died peacefully in his home in the company of his daughter, Jennifer, after a long battle with cancer.

Frank was vice president of the Greater Washington Section from 1962 to 1963, and section president from 1963 to 1964.

Unknown to me until after his death was the fact that Frank was one of the most renowned experts on the Krag rifle, which was used in the Spanish American War. If you "Google" Krag, you'll find a few copies of his book on the rifle and its adoption and use by the Army.

Frank also published and edited the Mercedes Collector – a magazine on the repair, restoration, and history of the older Mercedes-Benz models.

Frank had quite an assembly of cars over the years, including a 300SL Gullwing. At the time of his death, he still had a collection of cars in various stages of restoration. He was meticulous about his cars.

Just the week before his death, we had contacted the National Business Office about Frank's membership. Their records indicated that he joined in September 1956. There is one other active member with the same join date as Frank and one who joined earlier. We would have celebrated his fiftieth anniversary in 2006!

Frank was a wealth of knowledge on the early club. He once told me that there were three Mercedes clubs in the United States – one in Chicago, one in New Jersey, and the Greater Washington Section. If I remember correctly, Frank said that although the others were likely started before GWS, we were the only continuous section in the club that was created from the original three.

The national club has commissioned a book on the club's history for its fiftieth year. Tom Sheppard spent some time with Frank just a few days before he died, asking him questions on the "early" days. Tom and I were going to go back and tap Frank's memory once more when we got the sad news from his daughter.

I've had a little time to reflect on Frank's passing. He was one of the folks I met when I first joined



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MBCA eighteen years ago. I knew he was a source of knowledge on the older models. I knew he had some great cars – then and in the past. I knew he was active in the early days of the club, having joined when he was only 24 years old.

But... I didn't know he was "the" expert on a rifle. I didn't know he had a tool collection the size of Rhode Island. I didn't know his Mercedes library of manuals, books, and magazines was so extensive. I didn't know a lot.

I think I'll try to slow down and learn more about the members I meet.

Joe

## StarFest 2004

### MBCA's National Convention

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The Western Reserve Section asks you to join us in beautiful Central Ohio for MBCA's national convention.

The schedule:

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| Saturday, July 31                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration</li> <li>• Tech sessions</li> <li>• Welcome reception</li> </ul>   |
| Sunday, August 1                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concours d' Elegance</li> <li>• Performance driving school classroom</li> <li>• Tech sessions</li> <li>• Concours d' Elegance awards banquet</li> </ul>   |
| Monday, August 2 to<br>Wednesday, August 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defensive Driving at <a href="#">Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course</a></li> <li>• Autocross at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course</li> <li>• Time trials at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course</li> <li>• Tech Sessions</li> <li>• Special Sessions for the ladies</li> <li>• Tours include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Nearby <a href="#">Amish country</a> - enjoy a buggy ride and lunch with an Amish family;</li> <li>◦ Mansfield's <a href="#">Art Museum</a>; and</li> <li>◦ <a href="#">Kingwood Estates</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| Monday Evening                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acceleration runs at <a href="#">Dragway 42</a> professional dragstrip</li> </ul>   |
| Wednesday Evening                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driving awards banquet</li> </ul>   |

You can get more information and download a registration packet at the [StarFest web site](#) or you can e-mail [John Morrison](#) or call him at 330-673-7885. **Hurry! Time is running out!**

## DIY Tech Session at ASC

**A**merican Service Center in Arlington has invited us to join them for a Do-It-Yourself Tech Session on July 10. For those of you unfamiliar with this event, it is the highlight of the tech calendar. It is a fantastic opportunity to work on your Mercedes (on a lift), consult with a dozen or so expert Mercedes technicians, and enjoy the company of the ASC staff and your fellow club members. If you just want to polish the underside of your car before the Deutsche Marque, that's okay, too. We will also be able provide vehicle tech inspections for StarFest and the Summit Point Drivers' Ed events.

Your Tech Chair will begin on site check-in at 7:00AM. ASC will open the parts department and service bay doors at 8:00AM. Early birds will enjoy snacks, and lunch will be available for all at midday. Tool boxes will be closed and stowed by 3:00PM.

Please remember to order the parts for the work you have planned in advance from ASC at 703-525-2100 to ensure that the parts are on hand.

Just for a refresher, a few ground rules. Members are expected to perform the work themselves using their own tools, hence the name "do-it-yourself." The ASC techs will be available to provide advice and pointers, but not to do the work for you. Lift time will be allotted based on the total attendance, but you should plan to complete your work within two hours. If you are planning to do work beyond a fluid change or minor maintenance, please advise the Tech Chair when you register. The ASC shop foreman will have the final decision on the jobs that can be performed – just to be sure that everyone can drive home at the end of the event. Members who bring more than one car can expect the extras to be at the end of the line.

Please fill out the [registration form](#) and mail it immediately. The event charge will be \$15 per person, but there is no charge for pre-event inspections. If you have questions, please e-mail [Steve Walters](#) or call him at 703-765-9405.

## Deutsche Marque

**Saturday, July 17, 2004, TPC at Avenel--Potomac, MD**

**I**t's show time! Again! And, that means we are now in the season to show off our old and new "classic" Benzes. To regular Concours participants, that means it's time to pull off that car cover, clean, wax, Q-tip, and bring your garage queen(s) out! To our newcomers, clean your "baby" up, come out and enjoy the good weather (that has been ordered), the wonderful sights of Deutsche Marque vehicles, and, most importantly, meet other car enthusiasts in our club.

Following the Deutsche Marque Concours tradition, this will be a "top only" Concours that is cosponsored with our fellow Deutsche Marque car clubs – the Potomac Region of the Porsche Club of America (PCA), the National Capital Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America (BMWCCA), and, for the first time, the Potomac-Chesapeake Chapter of the Audi Club of North America (ACNA).

A Concours is a clean-car contest and car show. Vehicles are judged by their condition, appearance, and cleanliness. This event will offer two classes; Show (judged) and Display (a people's choice vote). In the strictest sense it is not really a "Show" class as it is a "top-only" event. "Top-only" is where the exterior, interior (including engine bay), and luggage compartment are judged. The undercarriage is not. The Display class is one where the general public votes to determine the winner or winners.

Depending on participation, the Show class will be separated into several groups based on our national rules.

### Event Schedule:

8:30AM      Grounds open to show participants for placement onto the field.

- 9:00AM General admission to the public begins.
- 10:30AM Judging begins. Cars not in place and on the field by 11:00am will *not* be allowed to show.
- 3:00pm Scores are tallied.
- 3:30pm Wine and Cheese Reception

All Awards for all clubs will be presented at the Wine and Cheese Reception.

This will be our first time at Avenel. Avenel staff will have coffee, breakfast snacks, lunch, and beverages for sale during the day.

The entry fee is \$30 per car. Registration includes one Wine and Cheese Reception ticket. Additional Wine and Cheese Reception tickets are available at \$10 each. There is no charge to attend the Concours as a spectator. See the [Registration Form](#).

Please note: This Concours is an all day event. If you enter a car, please be prepared to stay through the awards presentation. If your vehicle places in its class and you and the vehicle have departed, the award will be given to the next runner-up. Additionally, please be mindful that cars not registered for the Concours should not be parked in the show field.

### **Directions from Baltimore:**

Take 95 South to 495 West toward Silver Spring. Follow 495 toward Northern Virginia. Exit 495 at River Road, Exit 39, toward Potomac (West). Take River Road to Bradley Boulevard (3rd traffic light) and turn left. Continue straight through first 4-way stop for about mile (Bradley becomes Oaklyn Drive). Turn left at 10000 Oaklyn Drive. The clubhouse driveway is marked with two stone pillars (one reads 10000 Oaklyn Drive, the other TPC Avenel). Follow the driveway all the way back to the clubhouse parking.

### **From Frederick:**

Take 270 South to 495 toward Northern Virginia. Take 495 to River Road, Exit 39, toward Potomac (West). From there, see above.

### **From Virginia:**

Cross over the American Legion Bridge (Potomac River) via 495 North into Maryland. Exit 495 at River Road, Exit 39, toward Potomac (West). From there, see above.

### **From Washington, DC:**

Take Mass Avenue toward Maryland until it ends at Goldsboro Road. Make a right on Goldsboro. Turn left on River Road (1st traffic light). Take River Road to Bradley Blvd. (3rd traffic light) and turn left. From there, see above.

## **It's Summit Point Time!**

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**W**ant to have some real fun this summer? Why not plan on coming to our two-day performance driving school at Summit Point Raceway on August 7 and 8. If you can't make two days, then join us for one day.

The Point is a two-mile long track with a half mile straight and ten turns. It's a safe and fun track to drive with lots of runoff room. For a good look at what it's like doing a hot lap, look up the [Summit Point](#) page on the Internet.

Are you a novice with no previous track or performance driving experience? No problem! Trained instructors will be on hand both days to teach you about handling, turn-in points and proper turning, braking, apexes, track-out points, and more. These are all lessons and techniques that will make you a better driver on the street.

You'll love the track and the instructors. And, no one, absolutely no one, will force you to drive any faster than your comfort zone allows. We want you to progress at your own pace.

Don't want to drive the new Benz? Or the old one? You can drive any car you wish, as long as it has \$100,000 liability coverage and passes the mandatory tech inspection. Convertibles require a roll bar or a hard top.

There will be a free car inspection all for Mercedes-Benz cars at the American Service Center DIY Tech Session, which will be held on July 10. You can find out more about this event on page 8. You **must** bring the signed or stamped safety inspection sheet to the event!

The [pre-event car safety inspection sheet](#) can be downloaded on the club's web site, as can the [registration form](#) if you prefer not to use the one in this newsletter.

Rates for the event are only \$340 for both days or \$185 for one day. Summit Point's own track days (Friday At The Track) are \$195, so you save \$10 for one day and \$50 for two days!

Optional hotel arrangements have been made with the Shoney's Inn in Winchester for Friday and Saturday at a special club rate of \$50, plus tax. The rooms will be held until August 1. Call them at 540-665-1700 and tell them you're with the Mercedes-Benz Club. Shoney's is only 15 minutes from the track.

Listen! This stuff is good for your soul and will help eliminate the stress in your life. You won't know what fun is until you get off the \*#%ø Beltway and try performance driving. Plan now on joining us! If you have any questions, please call Tom Newman at 703-266-2959.

## Annual Picnic and Concours

### Great Food! Fantastic Cars! The Pool is Open!

**C**lub member Steve Newby will host the GWS Annual Picnic and Mid-Atlantic Concours at his home in North Potomac, Maryland, on Sunday, August 22. This is our section's biggest event each and every year.

Your fellow club members, officers, and board members will be in charge of the cooking – so you know the hamburgers and bratwurst will be great! No remarks, please! Remember, they're volunteers! And, of course, you can expect a repeat of the excellent work of our biermeisters and wine sommeliers who will dispense the "gute Deutsche bier und wein" to slake your thirst. We'll also have soft drinks and water on ice. And, there will be lots of watermelon. So be sure to bring a big bib or your raincoat.

Bring your swimsuits so you can enjoy the pool. And, don't forget to bring blankets or chairs to stake out a great spot on the lawn.

The Concours d' Elegance has no entry fee. On the registration form, please fill out your car information so we can organize the classes. Please send in your registration form early.

We will hold a silent auction again for the benefit of The Hospital for Sick Children and Children's Hospital. In addition to items from both local and national merchants, we ask that you contribute a "treasure" (no white elephants, please) for the auction. Add something nice to the list of goodies! All items sell to the highest bidder. Please indicate your contribution on the centerfold registration form.

Anniversary pins will be presented to those section members who are celebrating five-year multiple – 5,10,15, 20, and so on – memberships. (See the following article for more.)

Times: Members with cars in the Concours should plan to arrive between 9:00 and 10:30AM. We

will have a Clean Car/Display Class that is not judged – folks attending the picnic will vote for their favorites. Wash it up and bring it out!

The Street and Show Class cars are judged. Show Class cars will have their undercarriages judged. Judging begins at 11:00AM and awards will be presented at 3:30PM. Food "judging" begins at about 11:30AM. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be served all day. The silent auction ends at 3:00PM.

**Directions:** From I-495 (the Beltway) take I-270 north. Take the local I-270 lanes toward Montrose Road. Take Exit 6B – Montgomery Ave/MD 28 west towards Darnestown. Turn left onto Darnestown Road. Turn left onto Travilah Road. Turn right onto Split Creek Court. House is 12716 Split Creek Court.

If you have any questions on the Concours, call **Mark Elie at 703-858-0650**.

For questions on the registration or silent auction, call **Bill Hopper 202-363-4189**. The club does not mail out meal tickets for the Picnic/Concours. The cost is \$15.00 per person. The cost at the gate is \$20. Food will be served until 1:30PM or until it runs out.

The rain date is August 29... but as you know, it never rains at one of our events!

## Membership Longevity Pins

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**T**he Greater Washington Section offers many opportunities to get together each year, but at only three of these events are longevity pins awarded to members based on the number of years they have been in the club (in increments of five years).

The first of the events is the Annual Picnic and Mid-Atlantic Concours, which will be held on August 22 in North Potomac, Maryland. The other two events are the Membership meeting in October and our Holiday Party next January.

Since the pins are awarded in increments of five years, that means that if you joined the club in 1999, you are eligible for a 5-year pin this year. If you joined in 1994, you will get a 10-year pin, and so on.

There is one catch. **You must be present** at one of the three events at which the pins are awarded. Invariably, eligible members attend one or all of the above events but leave before the pins are given out. **We do not mail pins. You need to be present!** If, for some reason, you must leave before the event is over, please see Klaus or Deborah Hirtes to get your pin. Otherwise, you'll have to wait five more years before you are again eligible!

Members eligible for pins in 2004:

### 40 Years

Neill and Elaine  
Darmstadter

### 30 Years

Thomas Draude  
John Gray Jr.  
Norbert Lamp  
Reuben Richards  
M. Davis Streaker

### 25 Years

David Ballard  
Lahugh Bankston  
Larry Buel  
Simon Cain  
John Gersic  
Klaus Hirtes  
Harold Hostetler  
James Keith  
Edwin Lehnert  
Thomas Morrow  
Robert Richards Sr.

### There are also:

21 twenty-year members  
37 fifteen-year members  
50 ten-year members

110 five-year members

The section offers many different events for almost every taste and fancy for its 1,500 members, so we hope you'll join us for one that interests you. See for yourself what the officers and event chairs are working on for you. Check out our [GWS web site](#) for the latest update of scheduled events.

And always try to recruit new members at every opportunity. If you need applications, please email us with your address or call us. We are the largest section in MBCA and strive to keep it that way.

**Klaus and Deborah Hirtes  
Membership Chairs**

## Calendar of Events

### Greater Washington Section Events

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| July 10    | <b>DIY Tech Session and Drivers Ed Inspections</b><br>American Service Center<br>Contact: Steve Walters<br>Call: 703-765-9405   | August 22    | <b>Mid-Atlantic Concours and Annual Picnic</b><br>Potomac, Maryland<br>(Rain Date – August 29)                    |
| July 17-18 | <b>Deutsche Marque Concours</b><br>With Porsche, BMW, Audi<br>Avenel TPC, Potomac, MD<br>Event: July 17<br>Rain date: July 18<br>Contact: Mark Elie<br>Call: 703-858-0650 | September 12 | <b>Autocross #6</b><br>Winchester, Virginia   |
| July 25    | <b>Autocross #4</b><br>Winchester, Virginia<br>Contact: Tom Newman<br>Call: 703-266-2959  | October 3    | <b>Autocross #7</b><br>WSSC Lot, Maryland   |
| August 7-8 | <b>Drivers' Education Event</b><br>Summit Point Raceway<br>Summit Point, West Virginia<br>Contact: Tom Newman<br>Call: 703-266-2959                                       | October 9    | <b>VPC Tour</b><br>Belcamp, Maryland<br>Contact: Harry Newman<br>Call: 540-869-4274                               |
| August 15  | <b>Autocross #5</b><br>WSSC Lot, Maryland<br>Contact: Tom Newman<br>Call: 703-266-2959  | October 24   | <b>Annual Membership Meeting</b><br>Mercedes-Benz of Alexandria<br>Contact: Janet McFarland<br>Call: 703-765-9405 |
|            |   | November 7   | <b>Autocross #8</b><br>Winchester, Virginia   |
|            |   | November 13  | <b>Junk Yard Tour</b><br>Brandywine Foreign Car Parts<br>Contact: Steve Walters<br>Call: 703-765-9405             |

### Regional and National Events

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July 31 to August 4 **StarFest 2004**  
Mansfield, Ohio

## Defensive Driving School

Each year, the section holds its one-day Defensive Driving School where members are encouraged to bring their teenage drivers. However, the school is not just for teens, but also for veteran drivers who want to revisit their skills and break bad habits they have formed over the years. Since beginning this program, the club has received notes and calls of thanks and stories of how techniques that we teach have gotten individuals out of tight spots or avoided incidents all together.

For the school, students are taught the basics of vehicle control. The use of accelerator, steering, braking, and hand position are all critical elements that are a shared process, not independent of each other. By combining these disciplines, students first negotiated a figure eight, accelerated, and then avoid an "obstacle" (represented by cones), and then brought the vehicle to a controlled stop.

Students were encouraged to go through the exercises as often as they wanted to get comfortable. All the while, an instructor is helping them to tune their new skills. Watching from the timing table, it was easy to see the students gaining confidence and negotiating the obstacles with greater ease and skill.

Special thanks goes to all our instructors: Jim Smith, Harry Newman, Bruce Roth, Ted Joseph, Greg Calabro (who drove in from NJ), Pete Gochman, Jim Van Valkenburg, and Steve Walters.

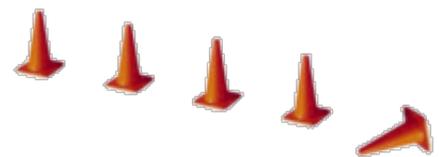
Following the defensive driving course, we ran an all Mercedes-Benz autocross. Students were encouraged to remain and put their new skills to the test. The metric being that a lower time equates to increased skill.

There were plenty of surprises over the course of the afternoon. The veterans got beat! Stan Groenig was clobbered by his daughter Alyssa, aka "Hotshoe," in the 300E class. Another father-daughter duo experienced the same scenario with Michael Wasylszyn falling to his daughter Kate in Dad's SLK. The general consensus was that the ladies should quit their professions, but finish school, and go for Nomex suits, helmets, and a full time ride to pay for Mom and Dad's retirement.

We were also excited to see the return of many former autocrossers. Jim Van Valkenburg showed off his new E55. Nice to see he still has it. John Krahulec, who had never driven in an autocross, was but a few ticks behind.

Steve Walters ripped off an amazing 49 second run to earn the fastest time of day. Amazing, when you consider the AMG cars, 16-Valves and newer roadsters were all shooting to be fastest. This is the part where I mention that Steve drives a 300SEL that is 34 years old!

It was a great day for all. As we were packing up, I looked around and saw nothing but ear to ear grins on the faces of the participants. The best part about hosting this event is that everyone involved came away with something – a better feel for the brakes, an explanation of an apex, and a chance to emulate our heroes on the racetrack. (See Pylon Alley for a button link to the scores.) **Tom Newman**



### pylon alley by Tom Newman

#### Autocross # 3 – Crazy Eights

June? Jackets and sweatshirts were the attire of choice for our third autocross of the season. It was cold! Then, the rain came. Conditions worsened for a time and driving was suspended in the interest of safety, allowing competitors to discuss the

**AX #3  
Results**

course layout more in depth. A figure eight into a hard right turn followed by a series of offset gate forced competitors to finesse the upper part of the course and juggle their way through the lower half into finish. This tripped up more than a few competitors, including the course designer, \*ahem\*.

**MB Only  
Results**

The Benz cars roared out onto the damp pavement with a vengeance. The 190 Class battle remains interesting as Jim Smith slaughtered more cones and fell to Jim Lozoskie. Bill Stewart took the 16-Valve Class and, if indexed, would have beaten all other drivers – Benz and non- Benz.

Janet McFarland upset Deborah Hirtes to take the ladies vintage class. Klaus Hirtes scored another win in the men's vintage class. Klaus also dazzled us with a bit of "creative" driving that earned him judges scores of 9.5, 9.5, 9.3, 9.0 and a 4.2 from Deborah Hirtes as she saw the seconds add up as the tire smoke faded.

The AMG hot rods struggled to put the power on the ground consistently, but Bruce Roth walked away with his second victory of the season and Benz FTD. Denise Dersin brought her new toy out to play – a shiny black SLK320. Denise squeezed the new SLK for all it was worth, but came up short to Ted Joseph.

Richard Lipsky unveiled his gorgeous 1959 AC Aceca and gently put the newly restored car through it's paces. Countless hours went into the restoration of this very rare automobile. Other vintage cars came out to play as well. Mike Wirt enjoys his '74 911 and was overheard saying "it's a fun car and very easy to steer with the throttle." Not 10 seconds after the comment, Mike looped the car.

Mathew Yip went on to take his second victory of the season by squeaking out yours truly by 3 tenths. It's an interesting rivalry to watch as both drivers are piloting the same car. Veteran, and too long absent, Bill Lear returned to secure third place. FTD again went to Pete Gochman in his S2000 with a blistering 47.5 second run. Pete's better half, Barrie, went on to capture the ladies overall win – her second of the season.

I would like to announce the newest members of the Autocross Committee, Bill Repass and Lief Graham. Please join me in welcoming them to the committee.

See you all July 25 in Winchester!

## High Gear

It's a law of nature, when you increase the pressure, the temperature increases. This applies in the affairs of men. Witness the deliberations in the halls of Congress or at the UN. As the pressure builds the sweat begins to trickle. It also applies in the laboratory. When you increase the pressure within a vessel of a given volume, the temperature climbs.

This is the principle behind the Diesel engine. At the end of the 19th Century Rudolf Diesel postulated that you could build an engine based on the concept of compression-ignition. If you increase the compression ratio in the cylinders of an internal combustion engine sufficiently, the fuel will ignite, even in the absence of an externally induced spark.

The Diesel engine is economical, practical and durable. There is more "energy" in a gallon of Diesel fuel than there is in a gallon of gasoline. Diesel fuel is cheaper to refine. In many locations Diesel fuel is taxed at a lower rate than is gasoline. Diesel fuel is a lubricant while gasoline is a solvent. This fact alone accounts for the longevity of Diesel engines. Diesel engines are, in effect, helping to lubricate themselves, independently of the oil in the sump. Diesel emissions, while rich in relatively harmless particles, are less toxic than conventional gasoline engine emissions. Diesel fuel is substantially less volatile than gasoline, which renders Diesel vehicles safer to operate. In an accident spilled Diesel fuel is unlikely to catch on fire. In Europe and the rest of the world, the percentage of Diesel engine

passenger cars has increased steadily each year. In many countries nearly half the newly registered passenger cars are Diesel.

In view of the foregoing, why do nearly all Americans drive gasoline engined cars? The simple answer is that we like to do things differently from the rest of the world! After all, we support the death penalty. We think that the rule of international law is tyranny. We stick to the English system of pounds, feet and pints (even the British have gone metric). We believe that having more than two political parties would be confusing. We think that global warming is a friendly phenomenon. We operate lumbering, impractical gargantuans and call them sports-utility-vehicles. We drive on parkways and park on driveways.

I, personally, am proud to be an American. I want to liquidate antisocial elements. I want the United Nations out of New York City. I wouldn't know the difference between a liter of Perrier and a litter of puppies. I am a little dubious about freedom of choice. I'm not a gardener, so I'm not afraid of greenhouse gasses. I own a 4X4 and I'll drive it and park it where I darn well please!

There's only one thing about me. It's been torturing me for years. Sometimes it makes me feel like a gal-dern subversive, or a pervert... I am attracted to Diesels... It started when I was a kid... While other boys fantasized about Dodge Hemis and Cobra powered Fords, I was into Caterpillars and Macks. My classmates would hang out around the 94 octane pump at the corner filling station checking out 'Cudas and Shelby Mustangs. I could be found at the truck stop, ogling oil burning Mercedes 190Ds, Peugeotts, and Borgwards.

Please try to understand. Don't pass judgment on my Americanism. God made me this way. I don't walk with mincing steps. I don't like the taste of frogs' legs. I've never given money to Greenpeace or demonstrated against nuclear power. But when it comes to compression ignition, I could lose control. When the sweet pressure begins to build... I can feel the wonderful heat... It's explosive!

**John Kuhn Bleimaier**

## Nominations of Officers

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**I**nterested in getting more involved with and learning more about club activities? Here is your opportunity. The Section's Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for officers who will serve for the years 2004-2006. According to our [Section's Bylaws](#), every two years the membership elects the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

This year's election will be held at Mercedes-Benz of Alexandria on Sunday, October 24 during the Annual Membership Meeting. If running for office is more than you're looking for **but** would like to get more involved, please feel free to talk to anyone on the Nominating Committee or any of the current officers. The Section is always looking for new people to get involved!

If you are interested in running for office or would like more information, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members by August 15. E-mail [Janet McFarland](#) or call her at 703-765-9405.

## 2004 Membership Meeting

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**M**ark your calendars for this year's Annual Membership Meeting. The meeting will be on Sunday, October 24 at 1:00PM at Mercedes-Benz of Alexandria in Virginia.

This year's meeting promises to be a very eventful afternoon. Besides the review of club activities and affairs, we will have a tour of the newly renovated facility.

And, if that's not enough it's time for the section to hold its biannual election of officers. All active members are entitled to vote. Our bylaws permit only one vote per membership.

If you are interested in serving as an officer please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Remember that the Annual Membership Meeting is the second of the three events where 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30-year pins are presented. So come out and enjoy the wonderful hors d'oeuvres, fine automobiles, and the good company of old and new friends.

## Mercedes-Benz Car Show

### The Legacy Chase at Shawan Downs

**P**lease consider joining our **historic Mercedes-Benz car show** at the 4th annual running of The Legacy Chase at Shawan Downs. The East Coast's premier steeplechase event, The Legacy Chase at Shawan Downs is a great day in the country featuring six steeplechase races, an old-fashioned country fair, equestrian exhibitions and much more. Located in the heart of Baltimore County, The Legacy Chase at Shawan Downs attracts approximately 20,000 guests each year.

We're looking for 15-20 members to showcase their cars during the event. We would provide free admission to the daylong event and a prominent location for display of your automobile.



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2004**  
**Shawan Downs 1401 Shawan Road Hunt Valley, MD**  
**Gates open at 10 a.m. First race at 1 p.m.**

For additional information and to confirm your attendance, please contact  
 Bob Bell at 410-666-4129.

## TradingPost

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**230SL 1965:** Almond with dark (eggplant?) hard top/black interior; 4 speed manual transmission. Was repainted & rust-repaired before my purchase and has been under cover ever since. Needs tires (due to lack of use of existing). Rebuilt engine. Body in average condition. Best offer. Alan E. Porter 301-429-3397.

**280TE 1983:** White/black interior. Euro model 123 body station wagon. DOT converted, EPA waived in states accepting fed. waivers like VA. 5-speed manual trans, A/C converted to R-134a. Stainless exhaust, extra tires, two good extra wheels. Hoot to drive, easy to maintain. Very good condition. \$5000. Call Vern at 703-323-1249 or email <vern.claire.luke@cox.net>

**190E 2.3 16-Valve 1987:** Pearl black/black leather. Body/interior very good to excellent with exception – needs dash pad & few stitches in back seat. Recent engine rebuild, but rings broke, so engine needs repair. Many new parts beyond engine: new tires/battery/more. Very nice to drive car. \$5000 obo. Call Daniel at 304-229-3928 or email <seeme4vintage@earthlink.net>

**Engine:** 1983 5-cylinder turbo diesel engine, #6170160301. Totally rebuilt (complete). Best offer. Alan E. Porter 301-429-3397.

**Wheels for 107/126 series:** Were for 560SL – 4 beautiful new Milne Migna Bello alloys in boxes. 16 x 7.5 inch, 5 x 112 bolt pattern offset ET25. 4 new MB center caps. Lug bolts. Perfect fit is 225/55-16. \$500 for all 4. Call Doug at 410-592-2962 or email <dougehmman@comcast.net>

**Hardtop:** For 107 chassis cars (1972-89). Red. Any reasonable offer. Call Michael at (w) 202- 736-4720 or email <pagodaw113@aol.com>

**FREE!:** From 1995 SL320 – folding hardtop stand, hardtop cover, windstop (behind seats). No charge! Call James Cullen at 410-435-7766.

For a guardsman called to duty in Iraq!

2002 Subaru WRX – delivered 8/01. Silver. 37k miles – one adult owner. 17x7 Mille Miglia Evo5 wheels and 225/45WR17 Sumitomo HTR Z Tires (all new 6/03). Eibach Pro-Kit Spring Set – same as Subaru STI Springs (installed 6/03). Premium audio system with subwoofer, 5-CD changer. Wet Okole front seat covers (Blue/Black) with WRX logo (new 6/03). Alloy shift knob. (Stock aluminum wheels and tires w/24,000 miles also available for purchase.) \$19,500 obo. Call Michelle at 703-568-2845.

This could be the great car deal you're looking for!

Gloucester High School in Gloucester, Virginia has a 1971 250C for sale. This is a donated car.

Proceeds from the car's sale will fund projects, supplies, and tools in the school's auto department. Blue/blue. Minor to no rust. Dent in hood. The car has 66.6k miles shown. Actual miles unknown. Make an offer! They want to sell. Call Robert Healy at the school at 804-693- 2526 or you can email him at <rhealy@gc.k12.va.us>.

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