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GWS members have the chance to win a new Mercedes-Benz AMG GT in this Springs Member's Only Raffle. Photo by Greg Burks

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Membership Has PRIVILEGES

To quote the tag line from a famous credit card company, "Membership has Privileges!" So we thought we would take a moment to talk about the many privileges that MBCA members get for being a part of this club.

Beyond gathering with fellow club members at section events, your \$49 per year membership (dues will rise to \$55 as of July 1) you get a lot more than just membership in a car club:

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- Discounts at various Mercedes-Benz dealers and club sponsors. Always show your current membership card when requesting a discount. (Discounts vary between dealers.)
- Locally, most dealers will extend a 10% parts discount. Some will apply that to service done as well. Ask at the parts counter or your service advisor.
- Independents, too, like Family Auto in Owings MD, extend a new member discount to all new members who bring their car in for their first service after joining.

- The MBCA Member's only Raffle. Twice a year MBCA raffles off a new Mercedes-Benz. This year it is the new AMG GT. Only MBCA members can purchase tickets, and for \$49, you get the chance to win \$130K car, and a few bucks for taxes.
- Save money at Brooks Brothers, Sears, Art XP, MedJet, and others by logging in and letting them know you are an MBCA member.
- An additional \$500 off your best deal on a new Mercedes-Benz vehicle purchase, and \$500 off a new Airstream Interstate or Autobahn. You have to have one full year of membership completed before these take effect.

Really, what will you use? The number one benefit is your local section, getting to meet others locally. *The Star Magazine* which consistently wins awards is recognized as a major club benefit. And there is so much more.

Did you know if you refer a new member you will get one additional month of membership free? All this and more can be found on mbca.org.



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The President's Corner
Spring 2015

Happy Spring everyone! Our 2015 year got off to a great start with our delicious dinner at the Dutch's Daughter. Congratulations to Pete Engel who is the Club's Member of the Year!

With the good weather upon us, we have many fun events lined up. We have DIY's lined up, Autocross dates scheduled, Deutsche Marque Concours on May 3, Multi-club Golf Tournament on June 28, and of course our annual Picnic on July 12, just to name a few things your club is doing! Your club officers are working hard to get all club events up on the website as early as possible so you can save the dates of all our special events!

New for 2015 will be the launch of Ladies of Mercedes! So women, please keep watch for activities especially for you!!

As always, your club appreciates all who volunteer and make your events a success. The more volunteers we have, the easier it is for all to enjoy the events! If you signed up to volunteer at our annual dinner, we will be contacting you shortly. If you haven't volunteered yet, please pick an event you are interested in and contact me so you can help at an event you enjoy!

Thanks to all for such a great kick-off to 2015! It is a great start to the year!!



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- Tickets are \$50 (US) each
- Last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, June 3, 2015
- Grand prize drawing is Tuesday, June 16, 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.

Open to MBCA Members ONLY. Must be 18 years of age or older. No limit on the number of tickets one Member may purchase. The Grand Prize winner will choose an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealership where a check in the amount of \$129,900 (US) will be sent. The winner will shop for his/her vehicle at the dealership of their choice. An amount of \$20,000 will be awarded as partial Federal withholdings. If fewer than 5,350 tickets are sold, the Grand Prize will be one-half (50%) of the gross raffle ticket sales—less Federal withholding of 25%, or at least \$25,000 (less withholding), whichever is greater. Vehicle featured in this ad is representative ONLY. Odds of winning depend on total number of tickets sold. MUST be a current Member of MBCA at the time of purchase and day of prize drawing. Members may attend drawing (not required to enter or win). 100% of net raffle proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to the lawful purposes of MBCA International Stars Section.



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Deutsche Marque Concours d'Elegance

Join fellow German Marque enthusiasts for the 32nd Annual Deutsche Marque Concours d'Elegance to be held on Sunday, May 3, (Rain Date Sunday May 17) at Nottoway Park in Vienna VA. Each year, Mercedes-Benz Club of America, BMW Club of America, and Porsche Club of America members gather and put on one of the best displays of German automobiles in the region. The Deutsche Marque is fun for both spectator and participant. You will see a wide variety of cars from all years, and all generations, as well as talk to the show sponsors who have set up tents on the field to highlight their products and services.

Deutsche Marque Concours d'Elegance, vehicles are divided into two categories: Concours Street Class and Popular Vote Class. Judges scoring the Concours Street Class will follow MBCA National Concours rules in which the interior, trunk, soft top, chrome, rubber, glass, lights, engine compartment, exterior paint, and body work (but not the chassis/underbody/exhaust system) are assessed. On the day of the show, these cars will be divided into categories based on actual turnout. The Popular Vote Class "People's Choice" will be decided by public ballot.

This year's "Star of Excellence" will feature the 30th anniversary of the W124 chassis cars. The W124 chassis also formed the basis of the legendary 500E/E500 (a.k.a. Porsche Typ 2758) super sedans sold in the U.S.A. from 1991 to 1994. We'd like to encourage all W124-owning club members to help celebrate this fantastic milestone by registering your cars for one of the above entry classes!

Again this year we will feature a "car corral" along the entrance road of the park. The car corral is *free of charge* and open to the public to display cars that are not participating in the judging. Space will be limited to first come, first parked.

Concours entry fee is \$30 per car prior to April 27, and \$40 per car after that and on the day of the show. Each Concours entry fee includes a 2015 Deutsche Marque Concours Wine and Cheese Awards Reception ticket. Additional Reception tickets can be purchased for \$10 each.

MBCA members must register to show their car in this event via Motorsportreg.com. You may purchase additional Awards Reception tickets on this page, too. Spectators are welcome to attend the Concours *free of charge*.



MBCA | GWS members present fine Mercedes-Benz vehicles at any Concours. (Top) 2014 Deutsche Marque. (Bottom) 2014 GWS Summer Picnic.

Photos by William West Hopper

In order to maintain fairness in judging, you must have your car both registered and in position on the lawn well before 10 am, as judging starts at 10:30 am. If you are a winner, you must be present at the Awards Reception, otherwise the award will be awarded to the runner-up who is present at the reception.

To ensure this event runs smoothly, we invite you to volunteer your time. Volunteer opportunities include setting up our registration tent area, guiding entrants to lawn parking spots, handing out registration materials, participating as a Concours Judge, setting up our Awards Reception area, and helping to leave the facilities as we found them. Your input is very much appreciated!

Come out and visit our Deutsche Marque Sponsors: Mercedes-Benz of Tysons Corner, D&V Auto Body, Odds and Ends Detailing, Dentmasters, Porsche of Tysons Corner, BMW of Fairfax, Shane Reeder of Compass Reality, Radial Tire Company, Coco Mats, SpeedFreak Detailing, and others. They will be on the field to talk with you about the products and services they offer.

This is an ideal opportunity to celebrate German automotive marques displayed on the lawn of Nottoway Park in Vienna, VA (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/maps/nottowaymap.htm>).

For more information on the 2015 Deutsche Marque Concours, contact: Omar Abou-Zied, GWS-MBCA Concours Committee Chairman (e-mail) omar@carconnoisseur.com, (Google Voice Phone) 662.729.1001



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This year's host hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton at the Cincinnati Airport. For more information, including event registration, hotel reservations and a link to join the online StarTech Facebook community, visit the website: <http://startech2015.mbca.org>

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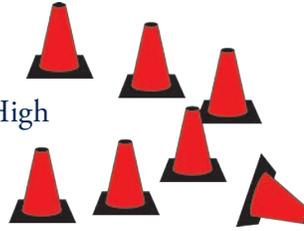
AUTOCROSS

Mark your calendars for the 2015 MBCA | GWS Autocross Season. We are back at James Wood High School in Winchester VA (161 Apple Pie Ridge Road, Winchester VA 22603)

Dates are Sundays' April 26, May 17, June 14, July 19, Aug 16, Sept 20, Oct 11, and Nov 1.

Cost is \$30 for MBCA| GWS members, \$35 for non-members or \$199 for the season. New this year, any licensed/permitted driver under 18 years of age may come FREE with a paying parent or guardian, one time on any date they wish during the season. The *newer* driver will have the opportunity to do an autocross with an instructor and learn various driving safety techniques. At the end of the season awards will be given to those members who have attended at least five events during the 2015 season.

Please be at James Wood H.S by 8 am for registration and tech. Event will start promptly at 9 am. For more information: **Ben Weber: ben.weber@oasisbrands.inc or Katie Gleeson: president@gws-mbca.org**



TRACK TIME

Summerfest 2015 is coming up on June 27 at the North Carolina Center for Auto Research in Garysburg NC, just three hours south of the Beltway. Register via Motorsportreg.com, search Summerfest.

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Hilton Garden Inn, 111 T Carolina Crossroads Pkwy., Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870, 252-519-2333. The discounted rate is \$99 per night, but there are only 15 rooms left at this price. Mention the "Mercedes Club" to get the discount.

Please bring a completed tech form when you arrive. We will verify that the form is completed and do a final technical safety check of your car to ensure safety for yourself and others on the track.

Cost is on \$99 for MBCA members, \$149 for non-members.

For questions or concerns, please contact Don LaBar at dllabar3@verizon.net or 757-620-6772.

GOLF

Grab some clubs and come out swinging on June 28 at the Raspberry Falls Golf and Hunt Club in Leesburg VA.

MBCA|GWS has been invited to join the Porsche, BMW, Audi, Jaguar, and Aston Martin Clubs in a first-time-ever combined golf tournament. This is a fun-filled event which includes a concours. What better way to spend the day than to play a round of golf and display your car at the same time!

Even if you have never picked up golf clubs before, this is designed as a fun social event. The tournament will have two components, one competitive and one non-competitive, so all levels of golfers are invited. Cost will be \$105 per person which includes the cost of food.

We are looking for several foursomes to represent our club and also be excited about displaying their cars. See you on the golf course!

If interested, please contact Katie Gleeson at President@GWS-MBCA.org

Events in the Works

Benz Tech Weekend '16

Learn about Pre-1994 M-B's. The Greater Washington Section is well known for Do-It-Yourself Technical Events, as well as having other Mercedes-Benz Technical Events so that members can learn more about their Mercedes-Benz automobiles.

In 2016, MBCA | GWS is planning on hosting a GWS Benz Tech Weekend in 2016. This event is going to focus on pre-1994 Mercedes-Benz vehicles. We will be bringing in the experts on them to talk to members and help them plan their repair and maintenance programs for their cars.

At the moment, plans are being made, and technical experts are being reached out to. If you have a suggestion, or want to serve on the GWS Benz Tech Weekend Committee, please contact anyone on the MBCA | GWS Board.

This will be a weekend event, with Social Get-together on Friday night, all-day Saturday technical sessions, Saturday a group dinner, and finish on Sunday by 1 pm so folks can head home. We are looking at dates from May to October, and will fill you in as a date and a location are chosen.

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In the meantime, keep an eye out on our GWS Facebook Page for updates: www.facebook.com/groups/mbcagws/

We are looking forward to a fun weekend of learning about our older Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

gws.mbca.org/benz-tech16

For more information contact Pete Engel harrdware@gmail.com 540.848.5000

Ladies with Mercedes

If you are a lady who loves your Mercedes, MBCA | GWS is launching special events just for you!

If an elegant lifestyle, fine dining, and the latest fashions interest you, or if you have an interest in learning about cars from a woman's perspective, let us know, and we will put you on our list for upcoming events. Watch for the official launch of Ladies with Mercedes!

Please contact Katie Gleeson president@gws-mbca.org

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How Members Qualify

1. You must be a "Member in Good Standing" with MBCA to qualify for the Loyalty Rewards discount. To check your member standing, go to www.mbc.org, click the login button at the top right corner of the page then enter your username and password. If you are a current MBCA member and have been a member for 12 or more consecutive months, a 'Member in Good Standing' symbol will appear in the bottom left corner of your profile page.
2. From your profile page, go to 'Click Here' to view time-sensitive terms and conditions and to print an official Loyalty Rewards Certificate, redeemable only at U.S. Mercedes-Benz dealerships. **NOTE: Your Loyalty Rewards Certificate may only be printed ONCE. It will expire 60 days from the print date.**
3. Go to your local Mercedes-Benz dealer to negotiate the best price for your NEW Mercedes-Benz vehicle. Remember to ask your dealer if they are offering any special price discounts like a summer or winter clearance sale. On the day of your purchase, present your Loyalty Rewards Certificate to the dealer to receive an *additional* \$500 off the price of your new vehicle.

Can the \$500 Discount be Combined with Other Discounts?



Yes. MBCA members in good standing can take \$500 off a NEW Mercedes-Benz vehicle and combine that discount with a second MBUSA incentive, including: Guest Appreciation Certificates, European Delivery, seasonal event discounts, clearance sales and other dealer offers.

Which Mercedes-Benz Vehicles Qualify for the \$500 Discount?

You may apply your \$500 discount toward the purchase or lease of any NEW Mercedes-Benz vehicle *except*: Sprinter Vans, smart, SLS AMG Coupes and SLS AMG Roadsters.

Are there Dealer Incentives that CANNOT be Combined with the \$500 Discount?

Yes. There are some dealer incentives that may NOT be combined with the \$500 discount, including: DEI (Dealer Employee Incentive); MBDEAL (Mercedes-Benz Drive Employee Appreciation); MLP (Master Lease Program); Diplomat (designated diplomat program); all fleet programs (business-to-business purchases). Your dealer can explain these exceptions in detail.

Questions or More Information

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Welcome Airstream Owners

MBCA is happy to welcome Airstream owners to the family and invite them to participate in our events.

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MBCA Amelia Island Report

Greater Washington Section Members were well represented among the MBCA Stars in attendance at the 20th Anniversary Amelia Island Concours in March. They could be seen displaying their SLs in the Cars and Coffee at the Concours, attending the Mercedes-Benz Dinner with Sir Stirling Moss at the Ritz-Carlton, and enjoying the weekend's fine display of cars.

At the Cars and Coffee at the Concours on Saturday morning, more than 40 MBCA members from around the country displayed their SLs. This was a special opportunity for MBCA members to be a part of this legendary event. Three of those members, Steve Newby, Steve and Brooks, and Chuck Taylor, were selected to display their SLs on the field.

Each car was selected due to the combination of the passion of the member and the interest of the car. Chuck Taylor has personally restored his 1970 280SL. It was great to see it displayed alongside the other SLs from around the country. Steve and Jeanne Brooks took home the "most desirable accessories" (luggage rack and 5-speed) award for their 1971 280 SL. Steve Newby (Summer GWS Picnic host) conned Norbert Lamp (Past GWS President) to drive down and back to the event. They earned the Most Desirable Roadster Award for Newby's 1962 300 SL.

The Amelia party did not stop at the MBCA display. It continued on at the Ritz-Carlton, where Omar Abou-Zied got to spend some time in the new Maybach. Yes, the seats have massage. Yes, the sound system was amazing, and no, there was no champagne to fill the engraved flutes.

The wine did flow at the Mercedes-Benz dinner held at the Ritz-Carlton, where ten MBCA members were apart of 750 guests to honor racing legend Sir Stirling Moss. GWS Concours Chairman, our own Omar, was one of those invited to attend. He looked quite spiffy in his tuxedo!

Amelia Island is always a great way to get some sun and celebrate the fine design of automobiles. Held each year in March, it has come to rival Pebble Beach as the Concours to be invited to participate in. We look forward to 2016 and being invited back to celebrate again next year.

William West Hopper



Amelia Island featured lots of the stars from the Greater Washington Section, as well as from around the country.

(Top Right) National Concours Chairman, Peter Lesler; Jeanne and Steve Brooks; MBCA Executive Director, Mike Reginnitter; MBCA National President, Terry Kiwala; and Steve Newby.

(Center Right) Omar Abou-Zied settled in comfort in the new Maybach on display at the Ritz-Carlton.

(Bottom Left) Steve and Jeanne Brooks with their 1971 280SL. (Center) Norbert Lamp with Steve Newby's 1962 300 SL Roadster. (Bottom Right) Chuck Taylor with his 1970 280 SL.

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What is Gemütlichkeit?

Gemütlichkeit is the oldest Mercedes-Benz Club of America National Event. It features social events, a judged car show, non-judged display show, driver education events, and the chance to experience driving on the combined North and newly built South track of the Pitt Race sports car course. Beginners welcome. Instruction and coaching will be provided for all events.

Wednesday August 19th

- Event Registration Noon to 5:00 pm
- Mandatory Drivers Meeting 5:00 pm
- Welcome Reception 7:00 pm

Thursday August 20th

- Event Registration
- Activities for non-driving registrants
- Defensive Driving
- Autocross
- Driving experience at Pittsburgh International Race Complex

Friday August 21st

- Event Registration
- Activities for non-driving registrants
- Driving experience at Pittsburgh International Race Complex

Saturday August 22nd

- Event Registration
- Concours d'Elegance
- Final Awards Banquet

Sunday August 23rd

- Hotel Checkout
- No Event Activities

For information and registration package,
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Mercedes-Benz at the Winter Auto Shows



As the Auto Show Season comes to a close, we thought it would be a good time to review Mercedes-Benz's offerings: a mix of redesigned or rebadged models refreshed with better technology and a few new models well-presented to get your blood pumping.

Blood Pumping is what the new AMG GT (seen on the front page,) does! Known as the 911 fighter, it is lower in price than the SLS that it replaces, coming in with a base price of \$129,900. If two doors do not fit your style, then the Maybach might. Again, priced lower than the previous Maybach Sedans, it may look like an extended wheelbase S-Class, which, in essence it is, though the attention to detail and accessories far outpace even the most well optioned W222.

For the mainstream buyer, the GLE is now the new name of the legendary ML. Power plants are a mix of gasoline and hybrid models. This year a Coupe has been added to the model line, for those who want the crossover without the SUV wagon styling. Before you go and say, "YUCK," BMW and Honda have failed with theirs! Take a look at the GLE Coupe in person, Mercedes-Benz has done a very good job in designing this vehicle, pictures do not do it justice. Do not forget you can get yours with extra AMG! Now AMG is apart of almost any Mercedes-Benz model line.

Smart, which has been under whelming buyers here in the USA, has put a fresh design on this little city car and, most importantly, a new transmission. Small and perfect for urban environments, it is now a little more snubby looking both front and back, with lots of new features hoping to catch the attention of the younger urban transportation appliance buyer. Let's see if it works!

Sprinter is right out front, not only in sales, but now with a new mid-size van coming this fall, the Metris. Larger than the little vans and smaller than the larger vans, this one is sized right in the middle, which no manufacturer has offered since the Chevy Astro or GMC Safari vans of the 1990's. The Metris is the love child of a C-Class Sedan and a Sprinter van. Driver and passenger will see bits of both worlds inside the Metris. A unique floor mounted track system in the cargo bay of the Metris, offers a wide variety of seat positions and cargo tethering options.

AMG, yep it is going hot and heavy, and there is nothing in the M-B line up that you can't get with an AMG upgrade. M-B Product Specialists just smile when you ask if it is going to come to the Van line. Which leas to believe, indeed it just might, if you will buy it, they will produce it.

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(Above Left) Smart displayed the redesigned fortwo in New York.

(Above Right) The GLE Coupe, which MBUSA members saw last fall while touring the MBUSI plant was released in Detroit.

(Center) The Maybach has been brought back, displayed at the LA Show.

(Bottom) A mid-size van was released at The Work Truck Show in March and is going to join the Sprinter, called the Metris, in the USA, known at the V-Class in Europe.

All go on sale, along with the new AMG GT (front page) this year.

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(Left) Steve Brooks, Omar Abou-Zied, Bill Hopper, and Brad Wiphonthanar joined Greg Burks, Larry Ledbetter, Matt Gnowles, and Robert Gaither during a tour of the M-B display at the Washington DC Auto Show.

Photo by Greg Burks

(Right) Greg Burks and Omar Abou-Zied show off some of the Smart swag given to GWS Holiday Party attendees, from Smart Center of Tysons Corner salesman Wallace Rumbarger.

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- May**
- 3** **Deutsche Marque Concours d'Elegance**,
Nottoway Park, Vienna VA. 5/17 Rain Date
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- 17** **GWS Autocross # 2**,
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- 30** **MBCA National Board Teleconference**,
Conducted online, for invite call the NBO
- June**
- 12-15** **StarTech 2015**, Cincinatti OH.
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- 14** **GWS Autocross # 3**,
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- 15** **SummerFest at the Track**, NCCAR,
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- 27** **June Jamboree, New Location**
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- 28** **Keystone Autocross**,
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- July**
- 12** **GWS Summer Picnic, Concours, M-B Tech Talk**
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- 19** **GWS Autocross # 4**,
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- August**
- 16** **GWS Autocross # 5**,
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