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## ***Defensive driving school, dine and drive to Fallingwater, DIY session and picnic-concours top summer events***

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*Mark Menchik in his Silver SLK, Steve Spector in his Red SLK and Joseph Howard in Cindie Elliger's 190E 2.3-16 prepare to put the pedal to the metal at Summit Point during April's Driver Education Day. Next opportunity: July 26 and 27. (Photo by Janet McFarland)*

### **GWS Summer Events**

#### ***Defensive Driving School***

The section will offer a defensive driving school for all Mercedes-Benz owners on Sunday, June 15, 2008 at the Millbrook High School parking lot in Winchester, Va. The school will provide an overview of safe driving techniques followed by "hands-on" maneuvering (at controlled speeds) in your own Mercedes. The courses are designed to work on accident avoidance, car control, and threshold breaking. This is an excellent opportunity to improve and brush-up on your driving skills. It is also the perfect time for your household's young drivers to test their driving skills in a controlled environment. Teens 19 and under will be permitted to use the car they would normally drive, even if it is not a Mercedes-Benz.

You read the papers and watch the news. You are aware that there has been a marked increase in the number of teens in serious accidents. We cannot encourage you strongly enough to make sure your teens attend the school. This club event will help make them better and, most importantly, safer drivers. After the defensive driving school, the section will hold a Mercedes-only autocross in the afternoon. The start time for the autocross is planned for 1:00 p.m. The only exception to the Mercedes-only rule will be for those teens who will have driven their "other car" in the defensive driving school.

The cost is now \$25 but will be \$30 at the gate for the defensive driving school, the autocross, or both. Teens 19 and under can attend at no charge! Both the defensive driving school and the autocross will be

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# Calendar of Events

## June

6/15 Defensive Driving School and MB-only Auto Cross

6/22 Autocross #3 - Millbrook High School Winchester, Va.

06/19 GWS Board Meeting

## July

7/12 Summer Tech Session / Track Inspection – ASC, Arlington, Va.

7/13 Autocross # 4 - Millbrook High School Winchester, Va.

7/19-20 Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob Dine and Drive, Mill Run, Pa.

7/26 – 27 – Drivers Education Weekend – Summit Point Raceway, Summit Point, W.Va.

7/27 Summer Rally and Parade Lap at Summit Point Raceway

## August

8/17 Mid-Atlantic Concours & GWS Picnic (rain date: 8/24)

8/31 Autocross # 5 - Millbrook High School, Winchester, Va.

## September

GWS Board Meeting

9/14 Autocross # 6 - Millbrook High School Winchester, Va.

9/26-10/1 StarFest 2008, San Francisco, Ca.

## October

10/12 Autocross # 7 - Millbrook High School Winchester, Va.

10/19 – GWS Annual Meeting – ASC, Arlington, Va.

10/24 to 10/28 Tri-O-Rama – Thunderbolt Raceway – Millville, N.J.

## November

11/2 Autocross # 8 - Millbrook High School Winchester, Va.

GWS Board Meeting

## December

12/7 New Members Reception

# Next Month

Section Vice President Eric Wagner provides complete coverage of the 25th Deutsche Marque Concours. The silver anniversary of this hallmark event we organize every year with the local BMW, Porsche and Audi clubs was a complete success: A beautiful day at well-prepared Nottoway Park in Vienna, Virginia. Terrific cars on the show field in record numbers engaged in a friendly competition for the awards. Satisfied and enthusiastic spectators strolling among the beautiful selection of cars spanning seven decades. (When was the last time you saw a 1938 BMW 502?) Tireless volunteers who gave freely of their time so we will all remember this show as a highlight for a long time. Read complete details in the next issue.

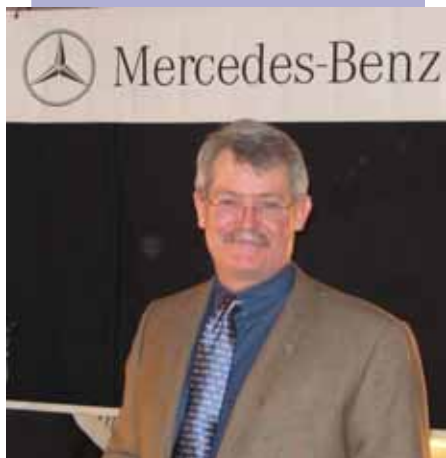


Sarah O'Neil Newman, newly arrived granddaughter of member Harry Newman, was born at 7:14 pm on April 25. She weighed five pounds one ounce and measured 18 inches. Harry reports that daughter-in-law Sherry and the baby are both doing really well.

John Brubaker and his wife also parents of a new baby, a son named William who was born on the same day.

Congratulations to all!

## From the President



**Bill Hopper**

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## ***GWS – Bring out the Family and share the love, of your Mercedes-Benz!***

Greater Washington Section members have had a very active spring, with events focused on getting everyone ready for the 25th Deutsche Marque Concours d'Elegance in May or the summer autocross and driving season. GWS held detailing and judging schools, a DIY autocross tech session and a well attended drivers social as well as a great Summit Point Monday at the track and our first autocross of the season.

Later this year you will have more chances to do things to and with your car, and we encourage everyone to participate in club events with family members or friends.

It is always always nice to see members bringing friends and family to GWS events so they too can share in the passion for this "sport" of auto appreciation. The Mercedes-Benz Club has always been a club that encourages members to share their love for their cars, no matter what make they are. And we see that spread as members tell friends about our programs and they soon become members and do the same.

One of the things I always enjoy hearing is new members telling us they are excited to have a place to share their auto love, and often it is because of the spouses or significant others who have encouraged them to join the club. That could be because the better halves want to get their spouses out of the house now and again, or more probably it is because they know there really is a love for cars that needs to be fulfilled and they understand the club is a great way for them to exercise their inner-car guy/gal.

Yes, car clubs tend to attract a lot of the "guys," but there are a lot of the gals that join in and are active in the club because they, too, really care about their Mercedes-Benz automobiles and share that same

love of cars. No matter who it is, we here at GWS work hard to put on car related programming that will be of interest to everyone. Concours, DIY sessions, social events and driving events are just some of what we do that attendees find interesting and educational for the entire family.

There is nothing we like hearing more than that a family member has read the Metro Tri-Star and said "we need to go to that club event!" It is great when we see spouses, significant others, or kids get involved in the club's events. It is always great to see couples work together and learn about cars at our events. Couples work together to learn more about preparing their car for the concours, family teams rolling up their sleeves and getting dirty at the DIY sessions, father/son teams judging at the concours. Even for those who just came along for the ride, it is great to have them join us!

The big family events are the car shows. The Mid-Atlantic Concours and GWS Picnic, coming up in August, is a great event: there are great Mercedes-Benz's to look at and members who love to talk about their cars, and, as last year, a "moon bounce" for the kids.

And while at the events you meet others with similar interests and those acquaintances develop into friendships that go beyond GWS and Mercedes-Benz.

Take a look at the GWS schedule and bring some family members out, be it a tech session or a picnic, a dine and drive (like the one coming up in July to Fallingwater) or an autocross or track event. We have a lot of fun with the cars being the focus, though there is so much more to our club than just the love of cars. The friendships that develop through this club are amazing. 🌟

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held at Millbrook High School in Winchester, Va.

Directions are on the GWS Web site at [www.gwsmbca.org](http://www.gwsmbca.org).

Complete the event form on page 22 and mail it to Joe Wozney or call Joe at 703-437-7866 today if you would like to attend either or both of these events—or if you have any questions.

### ***Do It Yourself Tech Session***

The next DIY Tech Session is scheduled for Saturday, July 12, at American Service Center in Arlington, Va., with check-in beginning at 8:00 am. This is the one everyone has been waiting for all year: wrenches, DIY Techs and just those folks who want to know more about their Mercedes-Benz. If you want to run your car at Summit Point, here is the chance to get your tech inspection done by the fine folks at ASC.

So you want to work on your Mercedes-Benz and your wife won't let you put a lift in the garage, well this is your day to pull on the coveralls and get those Benz projects taken care of. Come on out to American Service Center and celebrate our best DIY Day of the year. American Service Center (ASC) opens up the service bays for our members to use the lifts and to work on their cars. ASC also has the parts department open, so you can just run a tab on all of the items you need for this day of fun under the hood. And bring the other half along, maybe by the end of the day; she will understand the need for a lift of your very own!

Need some M-B Technical support, well the fine staff of ASC is always there to give you advice, show you the tricks of the trade and share with you your love for the fine Mercedes-Benz product, so even if you are a newbie, this is a great time to learn more about your car from the techs that work on Mercedes-Benz all day long. They are not there to do the work for you, but they are there to assist you and make sure you get the job done right.

Maybe you are not so interested in a Do-It-Yourself Day, but you still want to learn more about the cars and how they run, well this year we will have seminars for those not so interested in working on their cars, but still interested in the process. Come out and learn about the modern computers and how they process all the information that your car provides while you drive down the highway. Find out how the M-B Techs diagnosis your car's ailments thought the laptops? We will do a couple of hands on seminars through out the day so you can find out what makes your car do what it does so well.

And yes, we will also be doing Tech inspections on all cars (not just Benz's) if you are planning on attending the July Performance Driving Event at Summit Point Raceway July 26 and 27. Come in flush and change your brake fluid and change your brake pads and also get your tech inspection.

Hungry? Well you won't be during your day in ASC's shop, morning refreshments and lunch will be provided to registered attendees.

So what do you need to do now? Fill out a registration form and send it to: William Hopper, 5455 Broad Branch Rd NW, Washington DC 20015-1753 along with a check for \$15 so we can get you registered, let us know what you want to do that day as well.

Note: While ASC will have it's parts department open for you to buy pretty much anything you will need while you work on your Mercedes-Benz, they do not offer tools, so make sure that you bring your own tools, and your own parts and fluids if you so desire. The club has power brake bleeders and they will be there to be used by attendees. If you need to special order parts for the event, please call ASC's parts Department on 703-284-2420, ASC will be extending the MBCA Parts discount to members as they always do.

***About the DIY Tech Sessions:*** One of the very popular events offered by the Greater Washington Section is the DIY (Do-It-Yourself) tech session. For those of you who have never attended one—here's a brief explanation of what it's all about.

The DIY is an opportunity to work on you own car in the comfort and safety of a professional auto repair facility. There are four major benefits of a do-it-yourself tech session. First, vehicle lifts are available. That means that you can work on the top, the middle and the bottom of your car like a "pro." Second, experienced technicians are standing by to provide troubleshooting advice and repair tips. Third, the parts department is handy in case you break something or need a part you didn't anticipate. Fourth, it's a great chance to meet other club members with similar interests (it's car talk at its very finest).

A typical DIY session runs about four hours, but lift time is limited by the number of participants and the number of lifts available. (The events are planned to ensure everyone gets two hours to complete their work.) Our generous hosts provide coffee to get us started and refreshments to keep us going, so the work can proceed at full pace. If you have to wait for a lift, there is plenty of entertainment. You can observe/help other members work, get maintenance advice on your other cars, and visit the new car showroom.

As with any event, there are a few ground rules:

- Lifts are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so be prepared to show up early.
- Make your "to do" list a reasonable one. Bring all the tools you'll need to get the work done and find out as much as you can about how to do it ahead of time.
- Make arrangements with the ASC Parts Department to have on hand all the parts and supplies you'll need.
- Dress appropriately (no sandals, for example).

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## Concours Judging Made Easy

by Ray Lombardo

In preparation for this year's GWS concours events, on April 25th, the President of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Pete Lessler, taught a concours judging school at the MBUSA Vehicle Preparation Center in Baltimore. The goal of Pete's class was to give the students a solid introduction to concours judging while at the same time demystifying it so as to encourage participation at our shows. The Greater Washington Section also invited members of the National Capital Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America to the school, as the two clubs work together to organize the Deutsche Marque Concours held every May.

The class was extremely well-attended, with about 40 eager students turning out on a beautiful Saturday morning to get together at the VPC, and view many of Mercedes' latest offerings, courtesy of our kind hosts, MBUSA. The class commenced at 10:00 am with an overview of the MBCA's judging rules. Pete started by explaining what the benchmark for a perfect concours car is under MBCA rules: that the car is in the same condition as it was from the factory. Pete also explained that genuine Mercedes Benz accessories, those that would have been available for a given model at the dealership, are also considered acceptable and do not lead to deductions. However, aftermarket additions, as well as factory parts used on a car for which they were not originally designated, would be cause for a deduction. One exception to these rules is if the car has, for example, racing harnesses or a fire extinguisher, and is being shown at an MBCA event that also features a driving event, these safety-related additions would not be cause for a deduction. Pete also explained how to determine if a convertible top is authentic, the different types of

Mercedes Benz factory carpeting used over the years, and even how to tell original, period correct hose clamps from dreaded "Yankee clamps." We also discussed and went through the concours scoring sheet. Consistent with the emphasis on the car being in factory original condition, in each category, authenticity constitutes 50 percent of the point total, with cleanliness and condition constituting 25 percent each.

At noon, the classroom lecture ended and the students had the opportunity to eat lunch, and gather in the parking lot

end of the mock judging exercise, the students then reconvened in the classroom to have Pete review and critique the judging sheets to illustrate in more concrete terms the earlier presentation. We had a great group of students and the group did an excellent job.

Our instruction concluded at about 2:30, but the day was far from over, thanks to our gracious hosts at the VPC. Ted Boudalis—VPC manager, avid car enthusiast, and all around good guy—was kind enough to take us on a tour of the facility.

It is only when you tour the VPC that you realize what a gigantic facility it is, and the amount of work required to process about a third of the automobiles Mercedes-Benz imports to the United States each year. From the moment the cars leave the ship, a well-orchestrated and finely tuned machine assures that each car is efficiently processed and thoroughly examined to the highest standards, as one would naturally expect with a Mercedes-Benz automobile. Because of the timing of our tour, we were also able to see the recently freshened SLKs and SLs in large numbers, awaiting shipment to dealers and then on to eager customers in far

parts of the country, as well as several E 63 AMG wagons, the ultimate example of Mercedes-Benz combining luxury, performance, reliability, practicality, and safety in one very special vehicle. We were also able to see the area where the Maybach cars are prepared for delivery. For a car enthusiast in general and Mercedes enthusiast in particular, the experience of seeing so many Mercedes-Benz automobiles in one place is akin to the feeling a kid experiences Bon Christmas morning.

We thank Pete Lessler for being gracious enough to travel to Baltimore and share with us his extensive knowledge of concours judging and Mercedes-Benz auto-

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*Seth Turner, left, and Richard Mackey give a 300SD Turbodiesel the once-over during the practical portion of the concours judging school event.*

to view all of the terrific cars brought by members of both the GWS and NCC. Students also got the chance to view the new C 63 AMG (the exhaust note alone is worth the price of admission), the SL 63 AMG, the SLK 55 AMG, and the new smart fortwo coupes and cabriolets. After lunch, the hands-on practice judging began and, as is usually is the case with car-enthusiasts, the students had to be herded away from the cars and back into the classroom to get scoring sheets, pencils and clipboards. During the next hour or so the students judged the cars of their fellow enthusiasts, applying what they had learned during the classroom instruction. At the

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## Pylon Alley



**Joe Wozney**

### *Autocross #1*

Our first autocross of the year was, in a word, fantastic. The predicted rain stayed away until we were unloading the equipment back at the storage facility. Mike Wirt designed the course and with two trips around the skid pad at least twenty drivers submitted bills for left front tires.

There was one person who absolutely loved the course.

Bob Robinson took his first FTD. What an epic battle took place between Bob and Mike Wirt. First Mike set a fast time, then Bob went faster, then Mike, then Bob, then Mike again, but Bob eked out a nine thousandths of a second win on his last run. It really was one of the most exciting competitions we've ever seen.

Bill Stewart easily won the 190E 16-valve class beating both the Paul Vandenberg father-and-son team by three seconds. Bill also took the Mercedes Fastest Time of Day.

Jim Smith started of the season by clobbering nemesis Ben Weber (your glib announcer) by nearly seven tenths – that's a lot of gap for these two. Bill Hopper was another two and a half ticks back for third place. In fourth place was a newcomer! Rachelle Crim, wife of Richie, was very impressive in her first ever event. Rachelle's car is a bit tough to classify since it's the only 320 six running. Looks like we might have to switch her to the V8 class if she keeps this up.

It was a day of close contests. In the V8s, Bill Repass bested Henry Harrell by just two tenths. Laurie Harrell (Henry's spouse) took third over Debbie Repass (Bill's spouse). Deborah Hirtes (Classic class), Jim Glenn (AMG class), John Heflin (diesel class), and Steve Spector (SLK class) all ran unopposed. Seventeen of the forty-five cars were Mercedes, which was quite

good. But we need you there so Deborah, Jim, John, and Steve have someone to play with! By the way, Deborah had Fastest Time of Day of all the Mercedes ladies.

In the non-Mercedes women's class, Barrie Gochman won handily and took Ladies Fastest Time of Day with a very fast 50.9 second run. Following Barrie were Shadi Alikhani, Sarah Lewis, and Jill Cillan – all newcomers to our series. We're glad you could join us!



John Brubaker had best indexed time for first place, fifteen hundredths better than Mike Wirt. That's one fast little VW. Hmmm. They might want to use that term in their ads. Mike lost both FTD and first place by a total of less than two tenths of a second.

Tim Fleming had his first podium finish in his Crossfire with a solid third place. Bob Robinson (Mr. FTD) was fourth. Rachelle Crim's husband, Richie, was fifth. For a great little movie of Richie's "unorthodox" finish in one of his runs, take a look at the autocross results page. In sixth was Pete Gochman and Ernest Campana was seventh.

### *A Special Award*

The Driving Events Committee instituted a new award beginning with the 2007 Autocross Series. The award is named for Tom Sheppard – former section officer, regional director, consistent volunteer, and long-time autocrosser. Tom autocrossed until he was in his late 70s. He passed away nearly two years ago and the committee felt this would be a great way to carry his name forward.

The committee has selected Jim Smith as the first recipient of the Tom Sheppard Sportsman Award. He was also chosen Member of the Year for 2008. Jim could

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- And finally, remember that the event chair and the shop foreman have the final word on all the work that is undertaken. (We just want to be sure all the cars are able to be driven home after the event.)

A DIY tech session is an exceptional opportunity and a great way to have fun and to work on your car. Just ask anybody who's attended one.

### ***Fallingwater Dine and Drive***

Join us for an overnight drive and dine event that will take us to Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob houses. Tickets for the in-depth tours cost \$55 per person per house.

We'll start on Saturday, July 19th, with a drive to the location of these homes in Western Pennsylvania. It's about a 200-mile drive from the Washington, D.C. metro area—expect the drive to take roughly three and a half hours. Saturday afternoon we will have a one-and-a-quarter-hour in-depth tour of Kentuck Knob. We will dine afterward at either the Summit Inn Resort or the Nemaquin Woodland Resort in Farmington, Pa.

The Yough Plaza Motel in nearby Ohio, Pa., will be headquarters for participants who plan to visit both houses. Room rates are approximately \$100 for a room with double beds and \$175 for a suite. Event chair, Jim Glenn, has made reservations for eight rooms and one suite in his name. Participants taking these reserved rooms will need to make their own payment arrangements with the motel.

Sunday morning we'll gather for breakfast and drive to Fallingwater for a two-hour in-depth tour that will begin at 8:30 am.

Be sure to complete the registration form and send it, along with a check payable to GWS-MBCA to:

Jim Glenn  
9513 Mount Vernon Landing  
Alexandria, VA 22309

For more information, contact Jim Glenn on 703-360-1669 or by e-mail .

Metro Tri-Star

### ***High Performance Driver Education Weekend at Summit Point***

On Saturday and Sunday, July 26-27, we will hold a high performance driver education event at Summit Point Raceway in Summit Point, W. Va. Experienced and novice drivers are welcome to attend this event on one or both days—even those of you with no previous track or performance driving experience.

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. And no one will force you to drive any faster than your comfort zone allows.

This time we'll be on the Shenandoah Circuit, about which the Summit Point Web says:

"At variable lengths ranging between 1.68 and 2.2 miles, the Shenandoah Circuit is a no-holds-barred technical challenge that will take years to master. Sporting a dimensional replica of Der Nürburgring at 20-degree banking, camber changes (including negative) incorporated with decreasing radius corners positioned on vertical drops, the Shenandoah Circuit is the odds-on favorite to be the most technical track in the country."

You can drive any car you wish, as long as it has \$100,000 liability coverage and passes a mandatory tech inspection. (Convertibles require a roll bar, pop-up roll bar or a hard top.) All cars must be inspected before the event at a dealer or independent shop, and you must bring the signed or stamped safety inspection sheet to the event!

Registration and safety tech inspection forms are available on the club's Web site ([www.gws-mbca.org](http://www.gws-mbca.org)). Rates for the event are only \$375 for both days or \$215 for one day. Summit Point's own Friday At The Track cost \$250, so you save \$35 for one day and \$125 for two days!

Good news! We now accept PayPal. If you register on the Web site, there is a link for PayPal payment. Registration after July 18 and at the track will be \$410 for two days and \$250 for one day. To ensure we have small groups on the track, this event is limited to 90 drivers. So don't wait to sign up!

Optional hotel arrangements have been made with the Shoney's Inn in Winchester for Friday and Saturday at a special club rate of \$52 plus tax. The rooms will be held until July 17. Call them now at 540-665-1700 and tell them you're with the Mercedes-Benz club. Shoney's is only 15 minutes from the track.

Plan on joining us! If you have questions, please call Joe Wozney at 703-437-7866 or email him at [JoeWozney@aol.com](mailto:JoeWozney@aol.com). To register, fill out the form on Page 22 and mail it along with a check for \$110 payable to GWS-MBCA.

### ***GWS Picnic and Mid-Atlantic Concours d'Elegance***

One of the highlights of the club's busy summer season is our annual picnic and concours d'elegance, scheduled for August 17. The picnic is a great event because it combines simple yet proven ingredients: tasty food, good friends, and a terrific selection of Mercedes Benz automobiles. Once again, GWS members Steve and Barbara Newby have graciously offered to host the picnic at their lovely estate in Potomac.

As in years past, we will focus the cuisine on German bratwurst and beer, but members who prefer wine will have a nice selection to choose from, as well. And, if you needed yet another reason to attend, there is no additional fee to enter your car in the concours. We will definitely have both Street class and Show class.

For those of you who are new to concours, both Street and Show class cars are judged. In Show class, judges also inspect the underside of the vehicle. And, if you are a beginner and feel unsure about how it works, you need not even have your car judged; we will have Display class as well. All that

# THE CAR WHISPERER



Mercedes-Benz history is rich with style, luxury, performance and prestige. Mercedes-Benz has built the most technologically advanced automobiles of their time, and they have been coveted by collectors and drivers around the world for decades.

These fine automobiles deserve only the best care and service by a master technician who understands Mercedes-Benz unlike any other. Mercedes-Benz of Tysons Corner is proud to offer you the opportunity to have access to such a source: Norbert Lamp.

Norbert Lamp started his career with Mercedes-Benz in 1960 in Germany working for Daimler-Benz AG. In the factory-owned repair facility he was selected to work on the 300SL Gullwing, 300SL Roadster and later, 230SL and 250SL. He was also one of the first mechanics ever to work on the famous 600 limousine. During the next six years, Norbert became not only proficient in the repair of these vehicles, but also logged more hours on these historic and significant vehicles than probably any other specialist in the world today.

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## Mercedes-Benz of Tysons Corner

# Fashion, Football and Mercedes-Benz

by William West Hopper

It's not often that you can combine football, Mercedes-Benz and fashion, but that is just what was going on this February at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in Manhattan—well at least on Super Bowl Sunday. I had the chance to attend a couple the evening runway shows and go beyond the velvet rope, hang out in the Mercedes-Benz lounge and see just how it is behind the flash bulbs—all the while keeping up with the game and seeing some nice unreleased to the public Mercedes-Benz Models.

Mercedes-Benz is the top sponsor for Fashion Week, which happens twice a year in NYC as well as elsewhere around the world. Of course the NYC show is a big deal; there are so many aspects of the fashion industry that are a part of the city. Since this event isn't about Mercedes-Benz, why do they spend money on it? It brings a lot of attention to the brand, and marketing today is all about making the "brand" stand apart. If you saw the movie, *The Devil Wears Prada*, you might remember how prominent the S Class was in the film. Now keep an eye open for the soon to be released *Sex in the City* movie, where Samantha is driving a Mercedes-Benz GLK, the new smaller SUV.

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week shows are held in Bryant Park, just east of Times Square. Here big tents are set up for a week filled with lots of high style fashion and of course Mercedes-Benz automobiles. Inside the tents are a number of different "theaters" dressing rooms, as well as a large lobby area for people to gather with their tickets, and a couple of private lounges behind the velvet rope. So let's go behind the velvet rope for a little better view.

On arrival at the "tents," you present your invitation to the guards, who quickly realize you are associated with the main

sponsor, Mercedes-Benz, and are swiftly escorted through the main lobby. This area is very interesting because it is where this year two very cool Mercedes-Benz vehicles are on display—a shimmering white GLK, the other a most amazing and quite attractive S300 Hybrid Diesel. This model does not have a scheduled release date yet, but



talk is it might be out in two years or so. It was a fully decked out S-class running a diesel-fueled hybrid engine.

Of course this particular Sunday evening was also the most important Sunday of the winter in the US—Super Bowl Sunday. And as you might know, the game was being shown on the S-class' rear seat entertainment screens. It was tough to tell if people were looking at the game or the innovative car.

My escort led me past people getting tickets and queuing up for the evening shows. As we walked down a long hall to the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Lounge,

photographers and security guards were everywhere. My invitation and tickets were reviewed by the guard, and then it was into the Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Lounge, the biggest and most prestigious of the three lounges. The others were sponsored by W Hotels, and American Express, which offered a rather noisy bird's eye view of only one of the runways.

M-B's lounge was decorated by the Sex in the City set designers and featured a very posh look, with red tartan plaid fabric walls, tall leather screens and elegant mirrors. Many photos from the set of the movie and mannequins dressed in actual costumes from the movie were on display. Several intimate leather-seating areas were set up across from two large screens TV's that normally would be showing the current runway show or reruns of previous shows. Tonight, of course, one screen was displaying the Super Bowl. And with the New York Giants playing the New England Patriots, all local eyes were on the game. At the end of the room was a bar. Waiters came by with hors d'oeuvres to enjoy as you sipped champagne and chatted with others in the lounge.

One of the Mercedes-Benz hosts asked if I would like my own private tour backstage to the dressing and make up rooms. I jumped at the chance.

Total bedlam was the best way to describe the scene. Photographers shooting, stage managers barking out orders, models being dressed and outfitted with the last accessories for the show. I was about to see Miss Sixty. The models' make-up had already been applied so the make-up tables were empty—her make-up had already been applied. One item made me look twice: tables full of fruit, cookies, brownies and lots of juice and water. Those models may be thin, but they do eat.

Back to the lounge, I was getting nervous as time for the 8:00 pm show approached  
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## Photo Gallery: GWS spring e



### Defensive Driving School and Autocross #1 at Summitt Point:

1. Rachelle and Richie Crim in the first autocross of the year. 2. Tom Newman flags cars at the spring Monday track event at Summit Point Raceway. 3. Jim Smith, center, receiving the Tom Sheppard Award from Joe Wozney, left, and Jim Glenn. 4. Ben Weber and his 190 lines up for an autocross run at the first autocross of the season.

**Concours Judging School at the Baltimore Vehicle Preparation Center:** 5. A team of students judge the engine compartment of an SL at the judging school held April 19 at the MBUSA VPC in Baltimore. 6. Ted Bodalis, MBUSA Vehicle Prep Center Manager leading a tour on the docks at the Port of Baltimore.

## vents bring out the members



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**Deutsche Marque Concours in Vienna, Va.:** 7. Eric Wagner judging an engine compartment at the Deutsche Marque Concours on May 4 in Vienna, Va. as owner Amy McKenna looks on (photo by Leslie Banks). 8. SL's line up at the Deutsche Marque: from front: Harvey Cherner, 1969 280SL; Mike Hughes, 1966 230SL; Juan Navarro, 1984 380SL; Jerry Chenault, 1986 560SL; Fred Perry, 1989 560SL; Bill Lofquist, 1984 380SL; Steve DiGirolamo, 1982 380SL; Rebecca Feldman, 1980 450SLC. 9. Three winning automobiles: Best of Marque, winner performance sedan, second place in sedans (photo by Leslie Banks). 10. One of the hits of the show, a "gull-wing" 300-SL 11. Deutsche Marque Judges Jim Glenn, Whitey Pakiz, Ray Lombardo, Steve MacKellar take time out from judging to pose for the photographer. 12. A full field of fine Mercedes-Benz Automobiles at the Deutsche Marque (photo by ).

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Laurie and I are co-chairs of the Membership Committee. We have been members of the Greater Washington Section of the MBCA since early 2006, after the purchase of a beautiful 1992 400e (lost in an accident, January 2005). The first event I attended was a DIY at American Service Center in Arlington, Va. It was a great experience. We became much more active when we volunteered to help with the StarTech 2007 hosted by the GWS in May of 2007. StarTech ended with a day at Summit Point Raceway which we attended and had a blast. We now attend just about every driving event we can and are having a great time learning how to drive these wonderful cars.

One of the best ways to get information from the club is to make sure we have your current e-mail address in our database so we can send you information on upcoming events. Please go to our Web site at [www.gws-mbca.org](http://www.gws-mbca.org) and enter your e-mail address on the home page.

We will be attending many of the upcoming section events and have also volunteered to help the South Jersey Section with Tri-O-Rama 2008 in Millville, NJ. Keep an eye on our Web site for information about this event. 🏁

—Henry Harrell

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## The Central Virginia Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America invites you to an evening at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello Saturday, August 30, 2008

After Hours Tour: 6:00 pm

See more of Monticello during an after-hours tour. These evening tours feature parking on the mountaintop, an hour-long guided exploration of Monticello that includes the rooms on the main floor of the house and the third-floor Dome Room.

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and I hadn't been seated. My hosts told me not to worry, to have a glass of champagne. Guests of Mercedes-Benz are to be seated just before the show starts. An escort personally takes you to your reserved seat. It is nice to be in the right place, with the right sponsor.

As I waited, I chatted with a delightful lady who turned out to be the Assistant to the President of Mercedes-Benz, USA. A German who has been in the states a few years, she was most interested in what the Mercedes-Benz Club has been doing. It was very nice to hear her comments on how our membership has always been such loyal customers of the brand and how much they value us for all we do to promote the brand.

Then it was off to the show. It seems 8:00 pm really means 8:40 in fashion-land. We were escorted to our seats, which offered a great view at the end of the runway. The Miss Sixty show provided an interpretation of 60's fashion styles updated with great fabrics and accessories for today's lifestyle. Each model wore a detailed outfit with great lines and a fun look. The fashions brought back memories of the mid-60's when I was a kid going with my parents to Broadway Shows and seeing all the fashionable people in New York City. This line was not just a rehash of vintage clothes. It was a truly modern interpretation of all that was great about 60's fashions. The clothes were inspiring and so in touch with the 60's but something one would feel comfortable seeing today, some 40-plus years later.

The setting was a "mod," with black lights bringing out some wild colors and designs in the runways carpet. The stage featured VW busses decked out with peace signs and a patchwork of bright colors—a symbol of the time. And the music was classic 60's, too. To our delight, the Janice Joplin evergreen "Mercedes-Benz" was played twice.

The show was a real production, with lights, music and choreography all aimed at the sea of photographers at the very end of the 12-foot wide, 60-foot runway.

By 8:55 it was over. The models, all 41 of them, quickly but purposefully strutted down the runway in a matter of 10 minutes. And then it was every person for himself. Remembering where you came in with a couple of hundred people rushing to get out made for mass chaos. When one of the escorts said, "Mr. Hopper, you need to follow me," I knew I was back in the good hands of Mercedes-Benz.

So it was back to the lounge where we got to pick up more of the Super bowl. The NY Giants were winning and the energy was quite high. A whole new crowd had arrived in the lounge, so I grabbed a drink and found an open seat between two guys who were talking the business of fashion.

One was Nigel Barker, from America's Next Top Model, and the other was a fashion writer who was trying to be Nigel's "next best friend." I ended up being the guy with whom Nigel could talk football—and to get away from the writer, who was trying to get him to attend a party thrown by Carson Kressley.

Soon afterward, I got a call to attend my next show: TEREXOV, the collection of Alexandr Terekhov a 29-year-old Russian designer, who *Style.com* has named one of the ten most talented to watch.

The Terexov collection consisted of 34 drop-dead gorgeous outfits that were very classic in design with modern tailoring yet a very feminine style. Lots of buttons and a tapered look, which will stand the test of time. His line included everything from long flowing gowns, that looked like water flowing down the runway, to short skirts highlighting the long legs of the models who wore them.

Terexov uses leather and color very well. Burgundy and gray, red and black, silk,

and leather, cashmere and chiffon—all crafted into outfits one could easily see being worn comfortably by stylish women all over the world.

The Terexov show was in a much smaller venue, maybe at most 100 people. Still the same huge sea of photographers' gathered cheek to jowl at the end of the runway. But like his styles, the stage was simple, with a while proscenium and a long raised runway of white carpet, which highlighted his use of fabric and color.

All the models in both shows had the same look: tall and leggy with pouty childish faces and blank stares. But each had a very individualized look. I was amazed to see how long hair was very much the style and how it was integrated to work with many of the fashions. I had always thought that the woman were only the rack on which the clothes were hung, but no question the look of the model was coordinated with the clothes they were wearing.

Again the show went quickly and it seemed it was over before it started. So it was back to the lounge, and this time it was easier because I remembered how to get there. The final moments of the Super Bowl were something to behold as the New York Giants took the Super Bowl. Those gathered finished talking as staff cleaned up the place and then we headed out into the night.

In looking for a place to eat I ended up in Times Square, which was filled with rowdy football fans, a much different lot from those we left around the fashion runways just an hour earlier. The "in" fashion in Times Square was anything emblazoned with "New York Giants." And of course it is always daytime in Times Square with all the lights, videos and animated billboards.

What an evening, truly a New York experience, fashion and football all in one night! And all topped off by being surrounded by the elegance of the Mercedes-Benz brand lifestyle. 🚗

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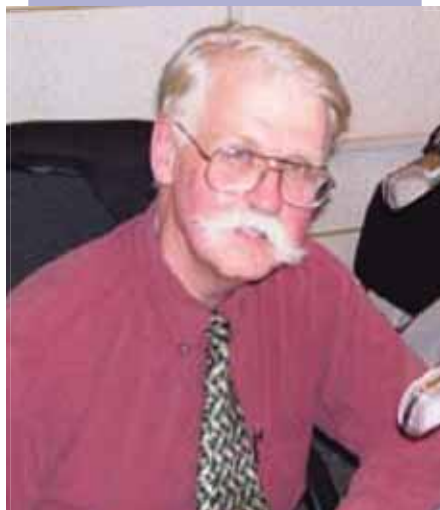
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## ***The 1965 190Dc vs. progress***

Progress... we believe in it. The human condition, society, technology, all these aspects of our existence are capable of improvement. As Americans we have come to expect things to get consistently better. By and large, our ancestors came to this land expecting to better their prospects and those of their children. Consistent advances in the standard of living have tended to convince us of the possibility of continual progress.

However, history teaches us some depressing lessons. The passage of time does not always bring with it the betterment of conditions. The classical epochs of Greece and Rome were followed by the Dark Ages. In Europe the comparative tranquility of the post Napoleonic 19th Century was followed by the unparalleled violence of the 20th. Certainly in own life times we have seen the degradation of the natural environment. Alas, progress is not inevitable.

I am an unabashed automobile enthusiast. I look at the world through the windshield of a car. While marketing executives would have us believe that our automobiles are consistently improving, I am skeptical. Indeed, the technology of the motorcar has changed in many ways since I was first stricken with autophilia as a child during the '50s. But many aspects of vehicular development have not been absolutely rational. In many respects, progress has been questionable.

I have been convinced by impassioned arguments of environmentalists that we must conserve our little planet. However, I am also deeply attached to motorsport and the aesthetic of enthusiast driving. I see no contradiction between my strongly held convictions. A sports car is an efficient car. It gets the maximum performance from minimum engine displacement. It handles well because it is light and aerodynamic. It is a pleasure to operate because it requires substantial driver input. A true sports car is

environmentally friendly.

In my barn I have a vehicle which can seat five adults (six in a pinch) and accommodate six suitcases in the trunk. It has a maximum cruising speed of 78 miles per hour and can post astonishing average speeds on give-and-take winding back roads. It travels 36 miles on a gallon of fuel and emits almost no hydrocarbons. It can run on vegetable oil, peanut oil, kerosene or heating oil. Is this some 2009 experimental vehicle on which the automobile industry has lavished millions of research dollars? No. It is a 1965 Mercedes-Benz 190Dc.

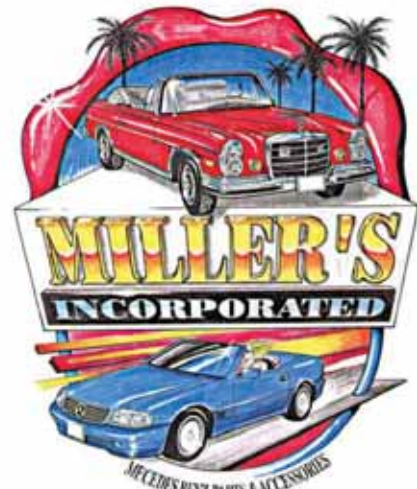
So much for progress. There is no automobile currently in mass production which can match the capabilities of this 43 year old Diesel powered Mercedes. How was this level of efficiency achieved in an era before onboard computers and CAD modeling? The answer is quite simple: light overall weight, small engine displacement, a minimum of power draining options. The engineering of this vehicle took optimal advantage of the strengths of the compression ignition engine. No attempt was made to make the Diesel engine sound or perform like a petrol engine. This car is noisy at idle and slow off the line. However, at operating rpm the sound of the engine is not intrusive. Once the car has gotten up to speed, its response to the accelerator pedal is brisk and satisfying. Light body weight was achieved by extensive use of aluminum alloys and sensible vehicular dimensions. Furthermore, weight and mechanical drag were minimized by the absence of accessories like: power windows, power steering, power seat adjustment, heated seats, cruise control, air conditioning, power door locks etc. Manual transmission put control over performance and fuel economy squarely under the driver's control. In an "Economy Run" competition organized by the Mercedes-Benz Club

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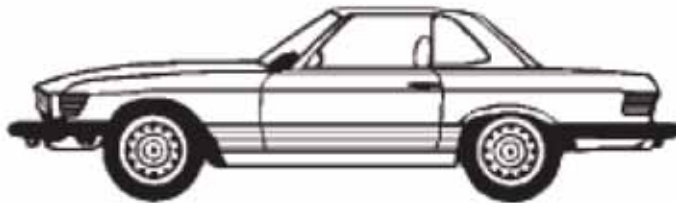
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## Upcoming Events

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not be present to receive the award at the Autocross Social – he was spending some time with his new grandson. We presented the award at the first autocross. Congratulations, Jim, from all of us! The words of the award read:

The 2007 Autocross Series  
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is presented to Jim Smith  
For his willingness to help, his enthusiasm,  
his warm and friendly manner,  
and his dedication to the club.



### *Judging School, continued from Page 6*

mobiles. Besides being one of the most knowledgeable people you will ever find about Mercedes-Benz, Pete is extremely accessible and approachable, and it made the class a terrific learning experience for all of us. We also thank Ted Boudalis, because the venue for the event was instrumental in drawing interest from our club members and BMW club members, and the tour was both extremely interesting and fun. Finally, we very much appreciate the large turnout of students who are now judging experts. We are excited that we will be able to draw upon their collective enthusiasm and expertise in the future for our concours program. See you at our next concours event, the picnic in August! 🏁

### *Gear, continued from Page 18*

of America several years ago I achieved an average fuel economy of 46 miles per gallon over a hundred mile course. Nuff said.

The 190Dc is not for everyone. Some consider it quirky. Others consider it a classic. In a world where certain cars are marketed as being “smart,” I consider the 190Dc to be “BRILLIANT!” 🏁

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Carter-Crim, Rachelle	00 CLK320	56.157		7
Thompson, Andrew	97 C280	56.612		6
Thompson, J. David	97 C280	57.961		5
Repass, Bill	93 400E	51.791		10
Harrell, Henry	93 400E	52.036		9
Harrell, Laurie	93 400E	54.74		8
Repass, Debbie	93 400E	59.373		7
Spector, Steve	97 SLK350	54.226		10
Glenn, Jim	03 E55 AMG	50.625		10

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### *The Tech Group Motor Discovery*

You open the hood of your car to fill the windshield washer and there it sits, that big amorphous blob, your engine. For the more mechanically inclined, you recognize a lot of pieces, but most are covered by the engine shroud which may have never removed. It is an incredible piece of precision machinery and now is your chance to learn more about what may be one of the most sophisticated engines in any passenger car today.

The Tech Group of the club is making plans for the disassembly and reassembly of a standard Mercedes engine to be accomplished as a group endeavor. We are now focusing on a M103 or M104 (the inline six-cylinder), which we have available for exploratory surgery. Parts are also readily available for these engines. Initially, a few of us may perform some disassembly to try and uncover any unanticipated problems, but then we will expand the effort to the group, perhaps at Curry's.

The objectives are to introduce members to the workings of a typical Mercedes engine, understanding the disassembly and reassembly, examining the more common parts, identifying signs of wear or damage, discussing methods of repair and noting any special equipment needed. No experience is necessary, as several experts and amateurs will be available to explain the engine to anyone who is interested.

The intent is to have at least one group session by Fall, perhaps one session for disassembly and one or more for reassembly. We are formulating the plans now and anyone who has experience or suggestions is welcome to discuss them with us. If anyone has mechanics manuals for this engine, that would also be very helpful.

If you are interested in being involved, let us know. You can contact Bill Hopper, John Heflin, Henry Harrell or myself. 🏁

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*Do you want to be in the know? Be sure to sign-up for the GWS's eNews at <http://www.gws-mbca.org/>. With eNews you will receive advanced notice on events and the rare weather cancellations along with reminders of upcoming activities.*

## Upcoming Events

Driver	Car	Best Time	Honors	Class	Index	Index Time	Points
"Gochman, Barrie"	99 Mazda Miata	50.969	LFTD	CSPL	0.856	43.629	10
"Alihani, Shadi"	00 Porsche Boxster	54.579		ASL	0.842	45.956	9
"Lewis, Sarah"	94 Mazda Miata	58.223		ESL	0.817	47.568	8
"Cillan, Jill"	08 Chevy HHR SS	60.028		BSL	0.832	49.943	7
"Brubaker, John"	06 VW R32	48.719		DS	0.812	39.56	10
"Wirt, Mike"	07 Porsche Cayman	47.167		AS	0.842	39.715	9
"Fleming, Tim"	05 Chrysler Crossfire	49.414		DS	0.812	40.124	8
"Robinson, Bob"	03 Corvette Z06	47.158	FTD	SS	0.852	40.179	7
"Crim, Richie"	04 Pontiac GTO	49.631		FS	0.821	40.747	6
"Gochman, Pete"	99 Mazda Miata	47.662		CSP	0.856	40.799	5
"Campana, Ernest"	92 Honda Civic	47.485		SM	0.86	40.837	4
"Lear, Bill"	92 Acura Integra GSR	48.62		DSP	0.843	40.987	3
"Newman, Harry"	93 Subaru SVX	50.504		GS	0.815	41.161	2
"Stevens, Mike"	05 Nissan Sentra SE-R	51.474		GS	0.815	41.951	1
"Hack, Brett"	90 Maza Miata	51.47		STS2	0.818	42.102	1
"Blase, Brad"	87 Porsche 924S	51.758		ES	0.817	42.286	1
"Lofton, Matthew"	00 Audi TT	52.396		STS	0.816	42.755	1
"Willett, Matt"	04 Mazda RX8	51.563		BS	0.832	42.9	1
"Merryman, Sean"	07 Infiniti G35 Sedan	53.054		DS	0.812	43.08	1
"Mitchell, Steve"	00 Porsche Boxster	51.22		AS	0.842	43.127	1
"Campana, Rinaldo"	92 Honda Civic	50.205		SM	0.86	43.176	1
"Lowers, Robert"	08 Chevy HHR SS	52.941		BS	0.832	44.047	1
"Mummert, Ron"	93 Nissan 240SX	54.797		GS	0.815	44.66	1
"Burke, Tom"	94 Mazda Miata	55.183		ES	0.817	45.085	1
"Reeves, Julian"	98 Volvo S90	55.401		GS	0.815	45.152	1
"Rochelle, Paul"	03 Honda Civic	57.608		STS	0.816	47.008	1
"Woodworth, George"	05 Chrysler Crossfire SVT6	64.616		AS	0.842	54.507	1
"Furlesen, Russell"	86 VW Jetta GLI	DNF		GS	0.815	DNF	0

Legend: FTD – Fastest Time; LFTD – Ladies Fastest Time

## 2008 GWS-MBCA Election of Officers

GWS is governed by an elected group of officers. Every two years officers are elected by the membership at the annual meeting (for 2008 October 19th) as required by the GWS-MBCA bylaws. (Article VII Nominations and Elections. Visit <http://www.gws-mbca.org/about/bylaws.html> on the Web for a complete listing.)

As a GWS-MBCA member you are eligible to serve on the elections committee or run for office of the section. The offices are: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

If you would like to volunteer to participate on the Nominations Committee, please contact GWS-MBCA President William Hopper at [wwhrestoration@att.net](mailto:wwhrestoration@att.net) or at 202-363-4189. If you would like to run for an office in the section, please contact GWS Member Jim Smith at [ptspdlr@yahoo.com](mailto:ptspdlr@yahoo.com) or 540.258.4933

The section is celebrating it's 50th year and does so because of the time volunteered by its members. Thank you for your participation in the GWS.

### Summer, continued from Page 9

is recommended for Display class is that you wash and vacuum the car, bring it to the show and park it on the show field.

The picnic will also help a great cause, because we will hold a silent auction and 50/50 raffle with proceeds going to our section's charities. Local and national merchants are contributing items for the auction, and we ask that you consider making a contribution to the auction as well. (Given that we are trying to raise money for a worthy cause, however, we respectfully request that you not give us any items that have been the subject of numerous "re-giftings.") All of these items will be sold to the highest bidder.

The cost of the picnic is \$15 per person if you register in advance, and \$20 at the gate. Please be sure to register in advance so we know how many cars to expect and how much food to order. And, most importantly, the date: mark off August 17th on your calendar (August 24th is our rain date) and plan on bringing the entire family. We hope to see you there.

Concours Schedule: Members with cars entered in the concours should plan to arrive between 9:00 and 10:00 am. Cars entered in the Street (and Show, if applicable) classes will start to be judged at 10:30 am.

Directions from I-495 N/Baltimore/Bethesda:

Take the exit for MD-190 / River Road toward Washington / Potomac (0.2 miles);

Keep right at the fork to continue toward MD-190 West/River Road;

Merge onto MD-190 West / River Road (7.0 miles – 15 minutes);

Turn right at Stoney Creek Road (1.5 miles – 3 minutes);

Turn right at Travilah (1.0 mile – 3 minutes); and

Turn left at Split Creek Ct. (0.3 miles)

Please fill out the registration form on Page 22 or register online. 🚗

## Upcoming Events

### GWS Event Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- Event
- ☐ Defensive Driving School, June 15. \$25.00 per person.  
Send check to: Joe Wozney, 1625 Park Overlook Drive, Reston, VA 20190
- ☐ DIY Tech Session, July 12. \$15.00 per car.  
Send check to: William Hopper, 5455 Broad Branch Rd NW, Washington DC 20015-1753
- ☐ Fallingwater/Kentuck Knob Dine & Drive tour. \$55.00 per house.  
Send check to: Jim Glenn, 9513 Mount Vernon Landing, Alexandria, VA 22309
- ☐ High Performance Driver Education Weekend at Summit Point, July 26, 27. \$325 for both days, \$215 for one day.  
Send check to: Joe Wozney, 1625 Park Overlook Drive, Reston, VA 20190
- ☐ GWS Picnic and Mid-Atlantic Concours d'Elegance, August 17. \$15.00 per person  
Send check to: Ray Lombardo, 2316 Hidden Valley Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20904-5270

Car(s), if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Make all checks payable to GWS-MBCA

## Maryland GWS License Tags

Mercedes-Benz license tags with the section logo and the words Mercedes-Benz Club on them are still available. These plates will not be available through the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration. You can purchase them only through the club and they can be put only on a Mercedes-Benz. Send the form below to Ed Hainke, coordinator of the program, with two checks: one payable to GWS-MBCA in the amount of \$10, and the second check payable to the MVA in the amount of \$25. Ed will then contact you for the required MVA information.



### Greater Washington Section Tags for Maryland Residents

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

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