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Starting line up at the July GWS Autocross. Mike Wirt's Porsche Cayman, Bill Stewart's 190 2.3-16, Harry Newman's Subaru SVX and the SEC that Aaron Streater rescued. Photo by Harry Newman

Gear Up for Fall

This summer boiled over, but this fall is shaping up to be quite cool, so get in, turn on the key and enjoy what is in store for you.

You have been wanting some track time, and if StarFest 2012 in Phoenix AZ is too far to drive, join your fellow section members at Summit Point Raceway to enjoy the Shenandoah Circuit. Come for one or two days, come to drive or just visit and take a ride. Track events help you build your skill just as our autocross events do, and you will find out that your car is indeed designed to be more than just a Beltway cruiser.

It is getting time to work on your car, and this fall we have a new location for our Do-It-Yourself session. Still a Mercedes-Benz dealer, still with a full shop, parts department and advice from the pros, this time at Mercedes-Benz of Tyson's Corner on October 27.

Those of you living in and around Baltimore have noticed that we are on a roll with some great programs going on up your way. The Picnic and Rally hosted by R & H this July was not the only event close to home for you. Join us on September 16 for a picnic and car show at Mercedes-Benz of Catonsville, and next March 24 for a body and paint

work event at Auto Collision Specialists in Reisterstown MD.

This is an election year for the section, so please plan on attending the GWS Annual Meeting. You will hear about the financial health of the section, talk to the officer candidates and get to vote on them, as well as take a tour of the newly remodeled Mercedes-Benz of Arlington's facility.

The section can always use your help, planning events, working on the newsletter, or helping in other ways. There are opening on our Board of Directors as well as Committee Chairs. Please step up and help your fellow members. We will welcome your time and energy.

It is with great sadness that we bid goodbye to a long time member and valued MBCA friend, Werner Fehlauer, who passed away on June 27. Werner was always a presence at MBCA and GWS events. He will be missed by many in the club. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Nancy and their family.

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We're passionate about providing our customers world-class service. But giving back to the community is what really drives us. At Mercedes-Benz of Arlington and Mercedes-Benz of Alexandria, we've been helping those around us for the past 75 years. And we do so for a very simple reason; you always take care of your neighbors.

That's why we're truly honored to support the Mercedes-Benz Club of America.



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Calendar of Events

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

September

- 9 Autocross # 6**, James Wood HS, Winchester VA.
Contact: Mike Wirt 443.463.8965 mike@mikewirt.com
- 16 Car Show & Picnic**, Mercedes-Benz of Catonsville,
Catonsville MD, Contact: Lavada Starr 443.518.0316
sportsinadress@hotmail.com
- 23 Keystone Section Autocross**, Sun Motorcars,
Mechanicsburg PA. Contact: Larry Taylor 717.627.1423
larryt543@yahoo.com
- 28-29 GWS Track Weekend**, Summit Point WV,
Shendoah Circuit. Contact: Mike Wirt 443.463.8965
mike@mikewirt.com
- 28-10/3 StarFest®2012, The Arizona Biltmore**, Phoenix AZ.
Hosted by the Desert Stars Section.
Contact: Bud Cloninger scottsdale3@mac.com

October

- 7 SAFRH Antique Car Show**, Washington DC
Contact: Lewis Baskerville the-hound@juno.com
- 14 Autocross # 7**, James Wood HS, Winchester VA.
Contact: Mike Wirt 443.463.8965
mike@mikewirt.com
- 19-20 EURO Auto Festival**, BMW Plant, Spartanburg SC.
Contact: Shelia Richey carcare@windstream.net
- 21 GWS Annual Member's Meeting**, American Service
Center Mercedes-Benz of Arlington, Arlington VA.
Contact: Marianne Lumdsen 571.225.0169
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- 27 Do-It-Yourself Tech Session**, Mercedes-Benz of
Tyson's Corner, Vienna VA. Contact: Warren Bain
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November

- 4 Autocross # 8**, James Wood HS, Winchester VA.
Contact: Mike Wirt 443.463.8965
mike@mikewirt.com
- 2-3 MBCA National Board Meeting**, Reno NV,
Contact: William Hopper 202.363.4189
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December

- 2 MBCA | GWS New Member Reception**, TBA
Contact: Marianne Lumdsen 571.225.0169
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January 2013

- 19 Holiday Dinner Party**, Washington DC,
Maggiano's. Contact: JD Harriman 410.461.2334
jdharriman@msn.com

March 2013

- 8-10 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance**,
Amelia Island FL. www.ameliaconcours.org
- 24 Body and Paint Seminar**, Auto Collision
Specialists, LLC. Reisterstown MD
Contact: Rick Shubert. 410 452 8581
rick@allautomotive.us

May 2013

- 18-22 StarTech® 2013**, MBUSI Plant, Vance AL.
Contact: Liz Roberson 205.822.8460
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LEFT: MBCA National President Steve Dierks beside a 1928 Mercedes-Benz S Boat Tail Speedster which won the MBCA Most Significant Mercedes-Benz at the Concours of America in Northville, Michigan, in July. Photo by William Hopper



RIGHT: MBCA |GWS members gather before the June MBCA|GWS Autocross for the pre-event driver's meeting to learn the course and plan the day. Photo by Harry Newman

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.

From 1966 to 1968 he worked for Mercedes-Benz of Canada in Toronto as a Mercedes-Benz Contract Technician. In the summer of 1968, on a sightseeing trip to New York and Washington, D.C., he fell in love with the United States and accepted a job at HBL in Fairfax, Virginia. Since 1969, Norbert has been working exclusively for Mercedes-Benz dealers in the Washington area, pleasing thousands of clients in various positions

such as Technician, Quality Control Manager, Shop Foreman and Assistant Service Manager. In addition to his unique professional credentials, Norbert has been a member of the Mercedes Benz Club of America since 1974 and has served as President/Vice President of the Greater Washington Section from 1986-1994.

Norbert Lamp brings his legacy from Mercedes-Benz Germany to you here in Tysons Corner today. As one of the leading experts in the field of Mercedes-Benz mechanical restoration, he has assisted many Mercedes-Benz owners with the full mechanic restoration of their vintage classic Mercedes-Benz automobiles. We can say with confidence that Norbert is the leading authority in the Mid-Atlantic knowing not only the intricacies of your vintage Mercedes-Benz but also having the resources and knowledge to restore your vehicle to an almost new condition.

Mercedes-Benz of Tysons Corner is proud of Norbert Lamp's life-long dedication to customer satisfaction and his outstanding work product. Whether your goal is to keep your classic Mercedes-Benz rolling for your daily driving pleasure or to restore your car for your collection, Norbert will work with you to develop a comprehensive plan to fulfill your dream.

To schedule a consultation please call:

Chris McGrane 703-448-2289 or
Norbert Lamp at 703-380-3490

Mercedes-Benz of Tysons Corner

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



Henry & Laurie Harrell
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Martin Chamberlain
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Diana Cianto
Alexandria VA

Renee Diggs-Wheeler
Washington DC

Rosamond Dove
Annapolis MD

Linda Evanswood
Hunt Valley MD

Jie Feng
Herndon VA

Noel Fisher
Chevy Chase MD

John Fowler
Alexandria VA

Carla Graeff
Chevy Chase MD

Walt Grudzinskas
Waldorf MD

Christopher Hamilton
Rockville MD

Lisa Honshul
Leesburg VA

James Ivery
Alexandria VA

Charles Johnson
Alexandria VA

John Kozlowski
Ellicott City MD

Zeroy Lawson
Falls Church VA

Chris Manabis
Poolesville MD

Ronald Marx
Frederick MD

Jerry McGee
Bowie MD

James McVeigh
Alexandria VA

Robert Parsons
Alexandria VA

David Pearson
Washington DC

David Pecoske
Potomac MD

Floyd Pittman
Temple Hills MD

John Pomeroy
Catonsville MD

Juan Portillo
Bethesda MD

Michael Randall
Culpeper VA

Teresa Schudel-Hogge
Great Falls VA

Paul Schuman
Linthicum Heights MD

Javed Siddiqui
Broadlands VA

Mark Siegel
Gainesville VA

Clyde Smith
Baltimore MD

Siobhian Sprott
Alexandria VA

Cictor Stagnaro
Annapolis MD

John Steggell
Alexandria VA

Mark Susa
Springfield VA

Bonita Sutler
Beltsville MD

Thomas Theoharidis
Towson MD

Sara Townsend
Martinsburg WV

Gee-Heng Tsui
Chantilly VA

Ulrich Werner
Potomac MD

Jonathan Winter
Columbia MD

Pengchong Yan
Falls Church VA

Amir Ali Zohdi
North Potomac MD

Lawrence Baker
Millersville MD

Norman Beeke
Alexandria VA

Art Belton
Forestville MD

Susan Billheimer
Arlington VA

Albert Bouet
La Plata MD

Phillip Brown
Arlington VA

David Browning
Alexandria VA

Gregory Casey
Alexandria VA

Have You Updated Your Email & Other Information With The MBC National Business Office (NBO)?

To keep your club membership current and address and car information updated, please log on to the national club website www.mbca.org, then log on to your membership account. If you need help contact the NBO.

Keeping your e-mail address updated helps the club to be able to contact you with details about happenings and events. Also, the club's website is where you can access your **one-thousand dollar discount** on the purchase of a new Mercedes-Benz. You can also get information on a number of new and significant member discounts and benefits the club has to offer. Brooks Brothers, Sears, MedJet Assist, Resort Discounts, and more.

Get a friend to join MBCA and **EARN A REWARD!** Yes, when one of your friends joins MBCA, make sure they mention your name and member number. That way you will earn a free month of valuable MBCA membership for each new member you recruit. You get a month, and they get all the benefits of membership in the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. You do not need to own a Mercedes-Benz to join the club.

MBCA.org

Fall Mercedes-Benz Club Events

Keystone Section Annual Autocross

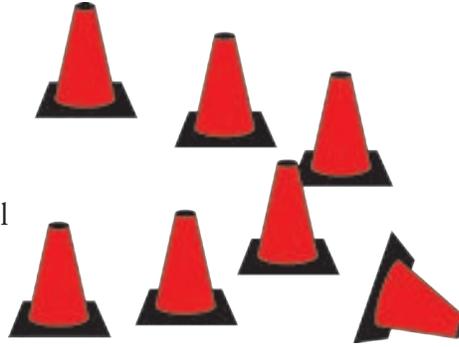
Sunday, September 23, 8 - 4

Sun Motor Cars 6691 Carlisle Pike Mechanicsburg PA 17050

Sun Motors has once again graciously allowed us the use of the lot that is very flat smooth and free of light poles – in other words, perfect for autocross.

An autocross is a driving event run on a course defined by orange pylons (traffic cones). The objective is to navigate your Mercedes through the course in the shortest time without knocking down or displacing any pylons. Only one car is permitted on the course at a time. Each run through the course typically takes 40-60 seconds. We will start with practice sessions in the morning. Timed runs will follow in the afternoon. Instructors will be available. The times will be measured by a precise wireless timing system. You can easily measure your progress through the day by your run times. This is a very safe and controlled environment in which you can learn how to really drive your Mercedes!

All drivers must wear a helmet. Helmets must have a Snell 2005 or 2010 certification. Helmets carrying only a DOT certification are not permitted. If you are considering buying a helmet, you should buy one certified to the Snell 2010 standard. A few of our members will have helmets to share, but these will be in limited numbers.



Classes will be determined by the models that are entered. Up to two drivers are permitted per car. We will have a brief safety inspection of each vehicle before practice. Please leave any loose objects at home. You will be able to add air to your tires on site. The event is rain or shine, unless we experience another hurricane or thunderstorm. If you don't want to compete, we could still use help working the course, timing, and scoring. You are certainly welcome to watch. Keystone Section will provide free bottled water and sodas.

We would appreciate it if volunteers could be there by 8 am to help set up the course and register participants. Participants should plan to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. We plan to start the event at 10:00 a.m.

Cost is \$15 per driver. This is a Mercedes-Benz only event. Please RSVP by September 21 if you are planning to attend. RSVP, or to volunteer to help, contact:

Larry Taylor 717.627.1423
larryt543@yahoo.com

EURO Auto Festival 2012 **Mercedes-Benz Featured Marque** **BMW Plant Spartanburg SC** **October 19-21, 2012**

EURO Auto Festival will be celebrating its 17th year in 2012. Mercedes-Benz has been chosen as the featured marque. It is our hope that with the club members' help, we can have a large MBCA presence this year.

This event raises donations for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund for the Carolina area, and is held in Greer, SC on the lawn of the BMW Zentrum and factory. EURO Auto Festival began when the Foothills British Car Club wanted to invite all clubs for European models to come together at the same venue to share their automobiles. Their success in doing this is proven by the number of years this event has been held as well as the European automobiles on the show field, which now numbers upwards of 400!

This is a casual show with the focus on the meeting of the owners, the learning from, and the sharing of memorable times with their special automobile. Each *different* marque

is displayed on the show field together. Judging is done by participants within the same marque, and by picking your favorite from every marque represented. There are also special sponsor awards that are presented during the evening banquet.

This year, the honorary guest will be Dennis Gage of the television show, "My Classic Car". He will also be the speaker at the Saturday evening banquet.

Many activities are offered: Tours, autocross, driving events at the performance center, welcome reception, an after-show banquet, and more. Registration is directly with EURO AUTO FESTIVAL online at www.euroautofestival.com. Check for updates and the host hotel information.

Every year the featured marque has been used to create an original event poster. This year's will be a "must have" for all Mercedes-Benz owners.

If you know someone who might like to display their Mercedes-Benz, this is a good event for them. MBCA will have a tent, which gives us a place to sit, chat and tell others about our great club!

Sheila Richey

Fall GWS Club Events

Car Show and Picnic

Mercedes-Benz of Catonsville

Sunday September 16, 11 - 3

6631 Baltimore National Pike (Rte 40)
Baltimore MD

This September we will hold a Mercedes-Benz Show and Picnic at Mercedes-Benz of Catonsville, just west of Baltimore on Rte 40. Give your car a quick wash and put it on display, and come out and socialize.

Bring the family along for a picnic as well as the chance to enjoy the cars on display. This will be a relaxed day of just talking cars and enjoying the camaraderie of fellow MBCA members. This event is open to all MBCA members as well as perspective members.

This event is hosted by Mercedes-Benz of Catonsville. Please join us and take a tour of their state-of-the-art facility, as well as meet their staff. Mercedes-Benz of Catonsville will have their Parts Department and M-B Boutique open for shopping, and will be offering MBCA members a special discount on purchases during the event! Mercedes-Benz technical staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

The event will end before the football game starts. There is no fee to attend this event.

Keep an eye on the website and our Facebook page for updates. Register on the gws-mbca.org website. For more information or to RSVP, contact:

Lavada Starr 443.518.0316
sportsinadress@hotmail.com



Mercedes-Benz of Catonsville will host a picnic and car show on Sunday September 16. Like last fall's event, come make new friends and enjoy!
Photo by William Hopper

Armed Forces Retirement Home Antique Auto Assembly

55th Annual Car Show

Sunday October 7, 8 - 1

Every year the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) and the Capitol Model "T" Club sponsor an Antique Auto Assembly for the AFRH residents. Antique car enthusiasts from all over the Capital area bring their cars to display.

The basic schedule for the event is:

8:00 am - Coffee

8:30 am - Car registration

11:00 am - Assembly and Judging Begins (Cars must be registered and in place)

12:15 am - Nation's Capitol Model "T" Club demonstration

12:30 pm - Award presentation & Caravan "Drive-By" of the Health Care Center

A fun and light hearted show, in the past, GWS members Steve Walters, Greg Smoak, Janet McFarland, Lew Baskerville and others, have displayed at this show.

This event is for the residents of the AFRH, a retirement community for enlisted military retirees and veterans located off North Capital Street in Washington, DC.

Registration begins at 8:30 am, it is perfectly appropriate to show up from 8 - 10 am. This is a clean car event and there is no fee to register. When you arrive at the event, you will register your car at the registration table.

The event will end with a caravan of antique cars driving by for the nursing home residents, who can not walk to the show, to view the parade from their windows. It is a great way to spend a fall Sunday morning with car lovers and veterans!

Look for fellow GWS member Lew Baskerville in his Smoke Silver 1987 190E 2.3-16V or Polaris 1974 BMW 3.0 CS Coupe and Janet McFarland with either her 1974 450 SL or 1965 220 SEB La Carrera race car depending on the her whim.

Driving directions: Take Georgia Ave. NW or 16th Street, NW (north or south) to Upsher Street, NW. Turn east on Upsher Street, continue to the AFRH Main Gate to enter and register for the show.

If you have an antique car (pre-1985) and would like to participate, please contact:

Lew Baskerville 202-726-5547
the-hound@juno.com

MBCA/GWS Do-It-Yourself Tech Session

Saturday October 27, 8 - 3 Mercedes-Benz of Tyson's Corner

The most anxiously awaited Do-It-Yourself Tech Session of the year will be held on Saturday, October 27. It is the same format as in the past, just at a new hosting dealer, Mercedes-Benz of Tyson's Corner in Vienna VA.

The service bays will be on a first-come, first-served basis for you to use the lifts and work on your car(s). Mercedes-Benz of Tyson's Corner will have their parts department open during the event, offering special discounts to MBCA members. Just run a tab on all of the items you need, or never thought you needed, for this day of under-the-hood fun.

The staff of Mercedes-Benz of Tyson's will be there to give you advice, show you the tricks of the trade. Even if you are a novice, this is a perfect 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.

This is the time to flush and change your brake fluid, install new brake pads, change the oil, fix those squeaks and work on the many other projects you have on your to-do list before the winter. It's also a chance to catch up with other members who will be there.

A Do-It-Yourself event is an opportunity to work on your own car in the comfort and safety of a professional auto repair facility. There are four major benefits of a club-sponsored do-it-yourself tech session at a Mercedes-Benz dealer:

- First, vehicle lifts are available. 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, and have access to computers in order to diagnosis your car and its issues if needed. (Call ahead if you need special equipment.)
- Third, a fully stocked Mercedes-Benz dealer's 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 ("Car Talk" at its very finest).

You don't have to be working on your car to attend a Do-It-Yourself Day. Come out and learn more about your car by watching your fellow members work on theirs. **Note:** Girls are welcome. This is not an all-guy event. A club tech session is the perfect time to learn more about your car without



actually working on your car. Have it put up on a lift and an M-B Technician can go over your car with you to help you better understand what makes it run. Amaze your friends! The next time you meet, you actually will know what you are talking about when it comes to modules, calipers, fuel lines and exhaust manifolds!

A typical session runs about five hours. Lift time is limited by the number of participants and the number of lifts available. (These events are planned to ensure everyone gets two hours to complete their work.) Our hosts provide coffee and refreshments to keep us going.

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

- Lifts are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, show up early.
- Make your "to-do" list a reasonable one that you can indeed complete.
- 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 parts department to have on hand all the parts and supplies you'll need.
- Dress appropriately, no sandals. You will get dirty!

Maybe you are not so interested in a Do-It-Yourself Day? But you still want to learn more about your Mercedes-Benz. This is the day to find out how the M-B techs diagnose your car's ailments. Looking at buying a pre-owned Mercedes-Benz? This is a great time to have it checked out by the experts before you buy. Bring that Mercedes-Benz in, put it up on the lifts and have the experts and your fellow club members give it a thorough once-over, so you know just what you are buying!

Note: Make sure that you bring your own tools. While M-B of Tyson's will have its parts department open for you to buy pretty much anything you will need, they do not offer tools. You are most welcome to bring your own parts and fluids. The club has brake bleeders, and they will be there to be used by attendees. If you need to special order parts for the event, please call M-B of Tyson's parts department 703.448.2202.

RSVP with a registration form found on the www.gws-mbca.org website. When registering, let us know what you want to do that day, as well as what car you will be working on. Cost is \$25 per car. Questions or to RSVP Contact:

Warren Bain 703.906.9658
wb740t@yahoo.com

Summit Point Shenandoah Circuit Track Weekend

Saturday and Sunday
September 28 29

All Day Event

Join for one day or both days!

You asked for a track weekend! We have one scheduled for the end of September! GWS events are all about learning. Our focus on keeping you within your comfort zone means the stress level is low and the fun level is high. You will driving in a controlled environment, so there is not a risk of a speeding ticket, well, at least not on the track.

No matter what your experience level, instructors will be on hand to help you learn about all the things that will help you become a better and safer driver everywhere. Be sure to join us for both days (or just one if you choose) of what promises to be a great event in a relaxed atmosphere. Please direct any questions to the GWS Driving Chair, Mike Wirt, at 443.463.8965 or via e-mail.

You do not have to be a member of the Mercedes-Benz Club to participate, and you can drive any registered and street-legal car that's insured under a policy providing at least \$100,000 in liability coverage. Your insurance company may deny claims for damage that occurs on a facility used for track events. We strongly recommend you contact Lockton Affinity for a quote on a short-term insurance policy designed to cover your vehicle during this event.

Please read the Student Package before you register. We will not have copies of the student package available at the track, so be sure to bring yours with you.

Use this Motorsportreg.com to register. If you don't already have an account, you will need to create one (it's free). Through September 1, the cost is \$350 for both days, \$200 for one. Registration will remain open until September 15 but registration after September 1st will cost more. Late September weather at Summit point is typically good and this event is likely to fill up quickly, so don't wait to register.

Shenandoah Course Layout: With up to 22 turns, including the twenty-degree banked carousel, the Shenandoah Circuit gives you a chance to experience camber changes, decreasing radius turns, and vertical drops. We think you'll find Shenandoah to be a fun course and a great learning opportunity – it will certainly keep you on your toes.



Jim Lozoskie in the instructor's seat (Front) and Paul Vandenberg Jr driving at a GWS Track Drivers Education event.
Photo by William Hopper

Driver & Vehicle Qualifications:

Convertibles must have either a hard top or a roll bar that meets Summit Point requirements.

Drivers must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid drivers license. All drivers must wear a helmet bearing a Snell Foundation SA or M 2005 or later certification. If you do not have a helmet, check with OG Racing for a rental helmet. OG Racing also has good deals on helmets if you're ready to buy one.

Tech Inspection:

All cars must be inspected by a dealer or independent shop no more than 30 days prior to this event. If there is no specialized pre-event inspection form available for the vehicle you will drive, please use the MBCA Pre-Event form. To ensure you are able to present the form at grid-tech, we recommend you put the completed and signed (or stamped) inspection form in your glove compartment when the inspection is done. If you show up without a completed pre-event inspection form, you will not be allowed to participate. And we will not refund your registration fee. See your student package for more information.
- Paul D.J. Vandenberg

**For more information, contact
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mike@mikewirt.com**

**Register on Motorsportreg.com:
[www.motorsportreg.com/
index.cfm/event/event.advert/
uidEvent/8C64FE6B-A68A-DE3F-
C83EDABC135AB2BE](http://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/event.advert/uidEvent/8C64FE6B-A68A-DE3F-C83EDABC135AB2BE)**

MBCA | GWS 2011 Financial Report

2011 NBO Final Financial Report
Section Report
For Year 2011

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MBCA | GWS's EIN 54-1254044

Please indicate whether or not you would like to be included with in the group Exemption status of MBCA:

Yes: We authorize MBCA to include or Section within its group exemption.

A: We will file our own tax return.

B: We want to be consolidate in the MBCA's Tax return.

No: Our section has already received an exemption letter from the IRS and prepares its own income tax each year.

No: Our Section intends to obtain an exemption letter from the IRS and prepare our own tax return each year.

	B&H Checking	Morgan Stanley Investment	PayPal	Totals
Beginning balance 1/1/11 (A)	14147.92	23621.63	266.12	38035.67
Deposits				
MBCA 3/15/2011	4928.00	0.00	0.00	4928.00
MBCA 5/23/2011	5775.00	0.00	0.00	5775.00
MBCA 9/23/2011	4730.00	0.00	0.00	4730.00
Newsletter	7030.00	0.00	0.00	7030.00
Events	22522.97		10557.61	33080.58
GWS Tags	70.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Club Store	380.00	0.00	0.00	380.00
Interest Income	0.00	9.96	0.00	9.96
Total Income	45435.97	9.96	10557.61	56003.54
Expenses				
Newsletter	15445.79	0.00	0.00	15445.79
Events	18440.56	0.00	10292.41	28732.97
MBCA EF Donation	1500.00	0.00	0.00	1500.00
Storage and Equipment	2328.79	0.00	0.00	2328.79
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If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any MBCA | GWS Officer.

Submitted by William West Hopper, GWS Past President, and MBCA Regional Director

MBCA | GWS 2012 Officer Candidates



Candidate for President of the MBCA | Greater Washington Section Marianne Lumsden

I am a Project Manager of Information Technology systems in the US Marine Corps (DoD civilian). I retired from the US Air Force in April this year following a 20-year active duty career. I've been a member of the GWS since I moved to the area in 2001 and drove my first Benz. I especially enjoy the club events and outings including Drive and Dines, Autocross, and our annual Holiday dinner in January each year. Members of the GWS encouraged me to take my red hot-rod out on the track for the first time last year, and I discovered what a rush that is! I have experience as the GWS Secretary as I held the position in 2004-05 and 2008-12. I am ready to carry the baton as your Section President!

- Marianne Lumsden

Candidate for Vice President of the MBCA | Greater Washington Section

Aaron Streater

I am finishing my bachelor's degree in Information Systems and Technology at George Washington University. I have been a member of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America since 2007, and upon moving to the DC area in 2009 have been active with the Greater Washington Section ever since my first club meet. From the annual parties, track events, autocross, and drives through the country, I have enjoyed meeting other members and learning about the different models. I enjoy tinkering with my Mercedes vehicles. I have had an ML, SEC, 300 D, and am now working on a S Coupe. I look forward to meeting new friends, and planning club events as the GWS Vice-President.

- Aaron Streater



Candidate for Treasurer of the MBCA | Greater Washington Section Charles W. Colbert



Greetings! I am a career US Navy Supply Corps officer who will be transitioning to private industry after 20 years of active duty service in December 2012. Further details of my career are available on LinkedIn. I've been a member of the MBCA since 2007 (Keystone Section initially) before moving to Pisa, Italy in October of that year. While in Italy, I drove my Pennsylvania-bought 2005 C320 4-Matic all across central and southern Europe during the 3-year tour of duty. In August 2009 I visited the Kundercare Center Singdelfingen-West at the Benz Factory south of Stuttgart off of the A-81 Autobahn. I enjoy the MBCA events and outings. I am looking forward to various club activities such as the Drive and Dines, Autocross, and our annual Holiday dinner each year. This is my first year as Treasurer of the MBCA. I have recent experiences as a Director on other DC-area non-profit and professional boards in the capacity of Finance Chair and Treasurer. Furthermore, in the Navy I have served in several similar capacities as an accountable Disbursing/Finance officer of as much as \$12M in US Treasury funds while attached to a US Warships in the Atlantic fleet (1994-1996) and Pacific fleets (2000-2003). My goals as GWS Treasurer are to effectively carry out the duties and responsibilities of the role per the Section Bylaws, maintain fiscal oversight of all GWS business and provide forward leaning support to the Board and GWS section members when called upon. I look forward to serving you.

- Best regards, Charles

Candidate for Secretary of the MBCA | Greater Washington Section

We are still looking for a candidate for this position, please volunteer to help.



LEFT: Tail fins in all their glory were on display at Concours of America at St. Johns. **RIGHT:** MBCA National Director-at-Large Josie Lesler (left) and her husband, Peter Lesler, past National MBCA President, pose beside an iconic BMW Isetta during the Concours of America at St. Johns in Northville, Michigan this past July. Photo by William Hopper

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Concours of America at St. John 2012

The Mercedes-Benz Club of America had an outstanding presence at the Concours of America at St. John in Michigan this summer.

Working with the members of the International Stars Section and NBO Marketing Director Lisa Juhl, MBCA National Board Members William Hopper and Josie Lesler helped promote our club to a wide automotive enthusiast audience at this, the second in the triple crown of American Concours d'Elegance events here in the USA.

In addition to a full-page program advertisement, the club had a tent on the Concours field to promote membership and provide members a place to visit and view the show.

MBCA National President Steve Dierks joined the team to present the MBCA Award for the most significant Mercedes-Benz to John W. Rich for his 1928 Mercedes-Benz S Boat Tail Speedster by Muphy.

Being held in Michigan, this Concours highlights the automotive culture, and this year the highlights were station wagons, race cars and, of course, tail fins! A special treat for attendees were the seminars the day before, where "WagonMasters," a film made by students from Wake Forest University, about the station wagon premiered showing the culture of this very American auto design.

Special thanks go out to the MBCA | International Stars Section for all they do each year at this show to promote our club and welcome MBCA members. - William Hopper



GWS Member Dave Feske beside MBCA | International Stars member, Michael Salemi's 1969 280SL at the Mercedes-Benz Club of America tent at the Concours of America in Northville, Michigan this July. Photo by William Hopper

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Picnic and Rally Report

A sunny summer afternoon is the perfect time for a little R&R, or in this case a picnic at R&H Motorcars, and a drive through the Maryland countryside to Black Ankle Vineyards. All of which members did in mid-July at the summer Picnic and Rally hosted by R&H Motorcars Mercedes-Benz of Owings Mills MD.

Forty-five members gathered on a Sunday afternoon to enjoy the hospitality of the folks from the service department at R&H Motorcars. Brats and burgers on the grill, good salads and a time to connect to other members and talk about Mercedes-Benz's, were the order of the day. Special thanks go out to Steve Kil, Service Customer Care Representative, Rob Delhammer and Phil Stice of the Service Department as well as Kody Wood of the Sales Department, all were on hand to answer questions and show off the dealership to attendees.

Prior to our well-planned rally drive, put together by GWS Rallymaster J.D. Harriman and questions written by Bill Hopper, members received wonderful swag items from the R&H dealership, consisting of a logo bag, Mercedes-Benz water bottle and choice of T-shirt, plus so much more!

The rally drive was just over 50 miles through Maryland's Scenic horse country in Baltimore County into rural Carroll

County, ending in Frederick County at the picturesque Black Ankle Vineyard in Mt. Airy.

Along the way were interesting sights such as lighthouses, exotic animal statues and other intriguing oddities that made up the question portion of the rally. Prior to the drive and at the winery each team picked five poker cards which they turned in at the end to break any ties.

It was great to have so many members join us, especially new members Kevin and Holly O'Reilly, John and Gail Pomeroy, Jim and Tatia Zack. Long time members, Roger and Ann O'Connor, Dean and Sue Turner, as well as Larry, Mary and Robert Taylor from the Keystone Section.

A nice selection of cars from Bob Pasczynski's C350 and Pete Engle's E320 Wagon to Matt Stavros's 190 2.3-16, as well as some classics like Frank and Glenda's Santara's CL 500, Tom and Barbara Rews's SL280, and Jason Barth's 200 Finback.

Special thanks go out to Lavada Starr a long-time MBCA Member who recently transferred into the section and Rick Schubert, retired MBUSA Vehicle Preparation Center Manager, who helped plan and execute the event for our members.
- William Hopper



TOP LEFT: Kody Wood, Rob Delhammer and Steve Kil at the R & H Grill. **TOP RIGHT:** Rob Delhammer hands R&H Swag Bag filled with Mercedes-Benz goodies to Jason Barth. **BOTTOM LEFT** At Black Ankle Vineyards, member finish up their questionnaires as the tasting room manger describes the wines. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Mercedes-Benzs parked with other friends alongside the vines at Black Ankle Vineyards.
Photos by William Hopper

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Lavada Starr standing next to Roger and Ann O'Connor's SL500 at R&H Motorcars at the start of July's Road Rally.
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TOP: MBCA members' SL's on display at the home of Gary & Robyn Tyer in Waterview VA for the Central Virginia Section's Summer Event on the Rappahanock River.

LOWER LEFT: John Pomeroy, Dean & Sue Turner, Kevin and Holly O'Reilly and Lavada Starr (seated) at R&H Motorcars Mercedes-Benz prior to July's Road Rally.

LOWER RIGHT: GWS friend and NYC|LI MBCA Section member, Andrew Syracuse with a new SLK at Northern New Jersey Section's June Jamboree

Photos by William Hopper

