

Caravan to Starfest

September 24-29, 2010

For 2010 the biannual MBCA gathering Starfest, will be held at Winchester, VA and Summit Point WV on 23-25 September. There are all types of driving events including autocross, acceleration runs, accident avoidance, driver education and timed laps of the renowned Summit Point Road Course, as well as road rallies that will cover the beautiful Potomac and Shenandoah Valleys and the adjacent mountains.

Of course there will be a concours d' elegance for all MBCA classes, great tech sessions, and social events each night featuring leadership figures from both Mercedes-Benz and MBCA. This is an infrequent opportunity to meet Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts from all over North America who share your passion for the world's oldest automobile manufacturer and the wonderfully engineered and designed cars that we are privileged to own.

In order to enhance the joy of this experience, the Alabama Section and Peachtree Section are organizing a caravan of Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts for the drive from Alabama and Georgia through Tennessee and Virginia.

Plans are just developing, but for Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts from south and west, no trip to Alabama is complete without a visit to the Mercedes-Benz US International Factory in Vance which is 25 miles southwest of Birmingham.

After this and assembling in Birmingham at the world class Barber Motorsports Park and Museum as well as Atlanta, we will be taking in some beautiful scenery in northeast Alabama including Little River Canyon National Park with a road with more curves than the "Tail of the Dragon", and northwest Georgia, the two groups will merge in Chattanooga which has been a "tourist town" for well over a hundred years.

As the caravan proceeds up the wide valley between the Cumberland and Blue Ridge ranges of the Appalachian Mountains via Knoxville, TN and Roanoke, VA there will be many interesting diversions including the notorious "Tail of the Dragon" which makes US129 in Tennessee and North Carolina the twistiest US numbered highway, Smoky Mountain National Park, and other interesting sights.

At Roanoke, VA it is only a short distance to the Blue Ridge Parkway which is like a 450 mile long national park that follows the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains. This runs into Shenandoah National Park which continues this challenging drive all the way to the Potomac River.

Those towing trailers or those who don't relish thousands of curves or who just want to move faster can continue up interstate 81 which is very scenic as well. You will still be in Virginia for 350 miles!

We will make arrangements for overnight accommodations and for evening meals together as much as possible to let all the participants get to know each other. Along the way we will try to coordinate with the local sections at sights and at evening meals.

If you have been on any of these great distance drives with MBCA, you know what a great bonding experience and just plain fun these events are. If you haven't you owe it to yourself to take part in this infrequent opportunity.

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