



OLD DOMINION STAR - SUMMER 2022

FROM THE PREZ

I apologize for the delay in this newsletter, however, these days I seem to have too many projects and commitments, and too little time.

Trying to finalize arrangements and provide you with the latest information is paramount to a good newsletter. To that end you may find some information event details incomplete, but be assured we will get the information out to you as soon as possible. Remember to White List ConstantContact in you email client so you don't miss anything.

It is the height of the car show season. I much as I would like to keep up with all of them, there is simply too much out there to list. This Saturday is the annual Fredericksburg AACA Car Show followed next weekend by Richmond (see below).

Our annual Section BBQ is coming up later this month. We are working on the final arrangements, and we will have details to you shortly.

On 17 July we are revisiting Tim's on Lake Anna for lunch. More information and sign-up will be in a future email.

There is a lot of information coming down the Pike from our National Business Office (NBO). Please click on the links to the documents below for more details. Unfortunately, the Board of Directors have failed yet again to reinstate rebate payments to Sections, except for those with a "financial need". I suppose the good news is that we don't qualify on that count and the bad news is we don't qualify.

MBCA membership Income in 2021 was \$1.05M, better 2020 by \$100k, and better than budget by \$217k. A large part of the increase in membership income was attributable to the MBUSA loyalty program. Recently analysis has shown that only about 11% of members who joined to receive the loyalty rebate have renewed their memberships.

We've seen our own boost in membership due to the loyalty rebate, however, we also see most of those new members quickly opt out from communications and fail to renew at the end of the year. On a positive note, at least we get, or should I say the NBO gets, the membership bucks at least for the year.

Our Section is always looking forward for members to step-up and contribute, so if you are willing to organize, host or recommend an event please contacts us. Likewise if you want to volunteer for a position within or Section, please let your wishes be know. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm.

That's it for now. Hals und Beinbruch!

Brad Purvis
President



Shannon Mansion Visit

On March 26th our Section paid a visit to the Swannaona Mansion in Afton, Virginia by way of the Michie Tavern outside of Charlottesville. The day started out with most of us rendezvousing outside of Richmond for a scenic drive to the tavern. At Michie we were treated to a delicious southern meal of ample proportions. Despite being laden with a large meal, we then departed for the mansion, which was a real treat. Swannanoa is an Italian Renaissance Revival villa built in 1912 by millionaire and philanthropist James H. Dooley above Rockfish Gap on the border of northern Nelson County and Augusta County, Virginia, in the US. It is partially based on buildings in the Villa Medici, Rome. Although, in need of extensive repair, the mansion provides a clear glimpse to how things must have been during the Gilded Age.

We would like to thank David Hay for organizing this event and Todd Lusby for planning and leading the drive from Richmond to Michie Tavern.

If YOU would like to plan, organize or lead an event, please contact us at cvsmbca@gmail.com.



Belle Grove Plantation Visit

On May 15th our our Section visited Belle Grove Plantation outside of Port Royal, Virginia. We met at the Hannover Tavern for a 45-minute scenic drive to the plantation where we we treated to a modest, albeit tasty lunch and tour of this historic site. Belle Grove Plantation, the birthplace of President James Madison. The plantation was established in 1670 on the banks of the Rappahannock River. Each room in the main house is named after families that owned Belle Grove Plantation through its history, and each is decorated in period antiques to reflect the period that family lived at Belle Grove. The current building built in 1791 offers a glimpse into life in the Antebellum South and during the Civil War era. Our Section thanks David Hay for organizing yet another great event.

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From the Eastern Region Director - Diana Quinn

Wow, I can't believe that the first half of 2022 is almost in the rear-view mirror already! There are many exciting and positive things happening with the Mercedes-Benz Club. At the most recently National Board Meeting held on May 21, 2022, the club's outside accounting, and auditing firm issued a positive and clean audit for year ending 2021. The club ended in the black for the year ending 2021, versus a small loss in 2020. This was achieved by disciplined focus on growing additional revenues (sponsorships) and tight control of expenses. Membership growth continues to be a focus that we must all be focused on to keep us on track going forward in the future. In May the club hired a new National Marketing Manager, Ken Engleman. Ken has an extensive background in marketing and media. He has worked for another non-profit club like MBCA and understands the challenges that non-profit organizations encounter. Ken initially will be focusing on developing a marketing plan. More to come from Ken. Please welcome Ken to our club!

I am very exciting by many wonderful happening in the Eastern Region. Most recently several sections came together at the end of April for a wonderful weekend in Nashville, Tennessee led by National Vice-President, Doug Geganto. Here is a list of upcoming regional events for the year:

- **Talladega Gran Prix Performance Driving** (Alabama/Peachtree) – 6/11/2022
- **Mercedes Extravaganza** (Greater Washington's 65th Anniversary and unofficial World Record attempt of the largest gathering of Mercedes-Benz) – Greater Washington – 7/17/2022
- Shelton Vineyards (Tarheel) – 8/26 – 8/28/2022
- **Summit Point Performance Driving** (Greater Washington) 9/24 -9/25/2022
- Hilton Head and Legends East (Carolinas) – 11/4 – 11/6/2022

Nationally, there are several events of note (watch the STAR magazine for details

and registration information):

- **Legends West Concours** – 8/18/2022
- Mercedes Freude - Newport Beach, CA – 10/25 – 30/2022
- Legends East Concours – Hilton Head, SC – 11/5

I will be attending several of the above Regional Events, hope to meet many of you at one of these events.

You can contact your Eastern Region Director at: dianaquinn@me.com

WANTED

Our Newsletter, *Old Dominion Star* is in immediate need of a new Editor. The newsletter is published four times each year (quarterly), and is a synopsis of past and upcoming events, news and technical articles, when available. Currently, we build and publish *Old Dominion Star* electronically on ConstantContact, however, a new Editor may choose a platform of their choice. We do not advertise, so there is no requirement to chase down advertisers or manage accounts. Editorials and content are at the discretion of the Editor as long as content conforms with MBCA guidelines.

If you are at all interested in assuming the position of Editor, please contact our Section President, Brad Purvis at cvsmbca@gmail.com.

MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
2022 MBCA National Election



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2022 MBCA National Election

June 1, 2022

To: All 2022 MBCA DAL & RD Candidates, Section Presidents, Newsletter Editors, MBCA National Board Members
From: Gene Jurick, 2022 MBCA Election Chair

The following MBCA Members have been certified as candidates in the MBCA 2022 election:

Directors at Large (4 to be elected):

Listed alphabetically:
Ernest Fancy
Edward Cliff Reyle
Drew Webb
Charles B. Woods

Regional Directors (Even Numbered Regions - 6 to be elected):

Listed by Region:
Bill Fisher (2) Mid-Atlantic Region
Brett Jurick (4) South Central Region
Ron Borino (6) Southwest Region
Steve Ross (6) Southwest Region
Jeffrey Hirst (8) Great Lakes Region
Henry F. Webb (10) Southeast Region
Diana Quinn (12) Eastern Region

Election Rules

Candidate statements are limited to a maximum of 300 words. The statements will be proofed for accuracy of claims and for spelling and grammar only.

The Star will run an article on the election in the September/October issue reminding the Active Members to vote, reminding them that they may vote online and telling those Members who requested a written ballot by September 1 but who have not received their ballot by September 30 to contact the NBO to have a ballot mailed to them.

The NBO can provide labels, at cost, to candidates who wish to mail correspondence to the Active Members. No candidate, proponent or opponent of any issue shall use the MBCA logos for campaigning or any other political purposes. Any correspondence must indicate that it is from the candidate and must not indicate any official MBCA endorsements. Thus, no MBCA logos, official stationery, envelopes or postcards may be used. (See Demand for Inspection/Copying of Books and Records Form, Appendix F.)

Campaigning for a National office is not permitted on the MBCA Website, nor using MBCA lists, nor can campaign material be included in any information connected with National Board Meetings or National Events.

The MBCA Election Rules are governed by the following MBCA Bylaws and Procedures:

Article VII: Nominations and Elections
Section Six: Nominations and Elections
Supplement of Procedures to Bylaws Article VIII: Nominations / Elections
Section Eight: Miscellaneous Provisions

2022 Election Committee:

Gene Jurick, Past National President
& Election Committee Chair
Ken Koehler, Central RD
Andrew Opicka, Midwest RD

Jason Burton, DAL
Joanie Long, Active Member

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MEMBERSHIP CARD OPTIONS

Membership Cards

At the May 21st National Board meeting, I presented a proposal to reimplement the membership cards with either a permanent plastic card or an electronic option where members could access their membership information from their smart phones. Unfortunately, my proposal didn't pass due to a lack of funding for this project.

If a member wants a copy of their membership card, they should log into their profile and print their card. See steps below:

1. Log into the mbca.org website
2. Select the My Membership option
3. Click Print Membership Card

For a paper copy

4. Click on Print

If you want an electronic copy,

You can use any photo editing program to capture your card image, edit and save it to your computer or smart phone.



If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Doug Geganto

MBCA National Membership Chair
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Mission Statement
To elevate the Mercedes-Benz experience
through knowledge, camaraderie and
exceptional events.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Morgan - Williamsburg
Manveer Singh - Chester
Donald Bewkes - Crozier
Wayne Brown - Glenn Allen
Adele Hall - Montross
Mason Dirickson - Mechanicsville
Timothy Ellingson - Glenn Allen

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SAVE THE DATE

- **22nd Annual Fredericksburg AACA Car Show**
 - **Saturday, June 4th, 12:00 - 7:30**
 - **700 Caroline St. Fredericksburg, VA**
 - **Annual BBQ**
 - **Sunday, June 26th (tentative), time TBD**
 - **Richmond**
 - **Looks for details and sign-up email as soon as event is finalized**
 - **Lunch on the Lake at Tim's on Lake Anna**
 - **Sunday July 17th at 10:45**
 - **200 G Boardwalk Way, Mineral, VA 23117**
 - **Look for details and sign-up email shortly**
 - **If you have an idea for an event or wish to organize or host one, please contact us at cvsmbca@gmail.com.**
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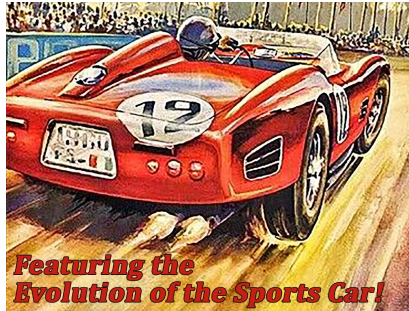
JUN

AACA Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet

Sat, Jun 11, 8 AM – 3 PM

St. Joseph's Villa

8000 Brook Rd, Richmond, VA



**MORE
INFO**

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JUN

2nd Annual Father's Day Car Show

Sat, Jun 19, 10 AM – 3 PM

Southern Roots Farm

16300 Jefferson Hwy, Bumpass, VA



THE END

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- Editor



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