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OLD DOMINION STAR - WINTER 2022



FROM THE PRESIDENT

This will be my last newsletter address to you as President of our Central Virginia Section. Officers elections will take place this month, and you will receive a ballot via email very soon. Unfortunately, as in years past, there are not many takers when we ask our members to take the reins of our club's leadership, so a few of the usual suspects will continue to move us forward into the future, and move forward is what we have done. It has not been easy for any

organization such as ours to be successful over the past two years of COVID, however, we have made substantial progress in recovering our legal status as a corporation as well as planning and implementing activities while also increasing our social media presence.

I must recognize our outgoing Activities Chairman, David Hay. We went from a Section that held the occasional quarterly event to one which held an event just about every month. We've held events as far north as Fredericksburg and as far west as Lynchburg. That's quite a feat for a section of our size considering the area we cover. Thank you David for your contributions to moving our Section forward.

If you would like to grab the baton of planning and organizing events for the Central Virginia Section, please drop me a line at cvsmbca@gmail.com.

We are working on trying to get a Tech Session in before the end of the year but unfortunately, we are having difficulty working out a time with our local dealership(s) now that they are operating regular Saturday hours. Standby for a possible short-notice event.

If you have not visited our new Facebook page then you owe it to yourself to do so. Thanks to our Membership Director, Todd Lusby, we now have a most excellent Facebook page to disseminate news and information that complements our ConstantContact emails. Check it out at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/centralvirginiamercedesclub>.

Follow us on Instagram at: <https://www.instagram.com/cvambca/>

Finally, after two missed years, we will be having our annual meeting banquet lunch on 15 January at Tarrant's West in Richmond. Look for more details and sign-up shortly.

As you may already be aware the MBCA Board of Directors have yet again taken the position that they cannot reinstate Section stipends for 2023. Personally, I disagree strongly with this position, and I believe this is a violation of the Club's charter. In the earliest days of the MBCA, local sections collected all dues money and sent a percentage into the MBCA for operations. Later, it turned into the NBO collecting dues directly and then returning some of the dues money to the sections. The MBCA subsequently added caveats to these payments that included the requirement to have at least one quarterly event and publish a quarterly newsletter in order to receive dues reimbursements. Now, of course, as we know they have suspended reimbursements, except for sections with less than \$2,500.00 in their bank accounts. What this means is sections like ours with a bit more cash on hand are now subsidizing other sections to the detriment of our own bank balance. It is simply not a sustainable model. I understand that the MBCA, like other organizations, are under financial strain but a process needs to be found wherein sections are returned a stipend for our own operations.

I could go on but I'll leave you with this. Our section will face an uncertain financial future without rebates from the NBO, or without some significant fund-raising activities or local dues addendum, neither of which appeals to me. I urge you to contact our local Eastern Region Director, Diana Quinn at mbcadirectoreasternregion@gmail.com and let her know your feelings on the section reimbursements.

The holidays are upon us, and whether you celebrate Kwanzaa, Christmas, Hanukkah, Festivus, the Midwinter Festival or simply a season of reflection and giving, we at the Central Virginia Section wish everyone a joyous, healthy and peaceful time with family, friends and colleagues.

Finally, it's been an honor for me to serve as your President for the past two years, your Vice-President before that, and as the Editor of the *Old Dominion Star* in its various iterations for the past five years. I'm not going anywhere and I will still be active in some capacity with our Section, however, Avril and I expect to do more traveling in the future now that the pandemic and a host of other issues are in the rearview mirror, and that as much as anything is drawing me away from the day to day operation of our Section. I believe I am leaving our Section in capable hands, especially if more of you are willing to pitch in.

Hals und Beinbruch!

Brad Purvis

President and Editor



MBCA SOCIAL MEDIA

The MBCA now has a new Social Media Director, Jacquelyn Kennedy. Jacquelyn has made a couple of requests of our members to enhance our social media presence. To wit:

Request #1. In an effort to extend our club reach and spread awareness among potential new members, please like/follow the national MBCA social pages:

- Facebook: [Facebook.com/MercedesBenzClubOfAmerica/](https://www.facebook.com/MercedesBenzClubOfAmerica/)
- Instagram: [Instagram.com/mercedesbenzclubofamerica/](https://www.instagram.com/mercedesbenzclubofamerica/)
- YouTube: [Youtube.com/@mbca-eventsmemberresources5108](https://www.youtube.com/@mbca-eventsmemberresources5108)

We encourage all Section members to like/follow these three accounts. The more followers our social media platforms acquire, the more credible we will become to potential investors/sponsors. As we become more credible among others on social media, we will then begin to gain more members, sponsors, and advertisers locally and nationally.

Request #2. Please send photos, videos, stories, etc. of their prized Mercedes-Benz to socialmedia@mbca.org so that we can begin sharing authentic content to social media. I will be managing the socialmedia@mbca.org email address.



Road Trippin' Pro Re Nata Style

On 17 September our Section took a scenic drive from Richmond Cars & Coffee to the Pro Re Nata Brewery in Crozet. We enjoyed a fine selection of Bier and a bite of lunch.





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CVS BBQ

On 23 October June and David Hay hosted a Section BBQ at their home outside of Lynchburg. Members from points East had the opportunity to partake of a very scenic drive through some of Ye Ole Dominion's most beautiful country. Thank you June and David for hosting another great CVS event.





RVA Euro Oktoberfest

Several CVS members braved the crisp, cool weather to attend the delayed RVA Euro Oktoberfest Car Show at Legends Brewery in Richmond on 29 October. Johnny even came away with a Major Award! As the show came to a close we enjoyed the Brewery's Brats and more washed down by a fresh, cold bier. Good times were had by all.



From the Eastern Region Director - Diana Quinn November 2022

Last year I was appointed by the National Board to serve as the Regional Director for the Eastern Region. I want to thank all of you that voted and officially electing me to serve as your

Regional Director for another three years. It has been a very busy year I and I am very proud of these great regional events that were held in 2022:

- Talladega Gran Prix Performance Driving (Alabama/Peachtree) – 6/11/2022
- Mercedes Extravaganza (MBCA 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 and Regional Presidents Meeting
- Summit Point Performance Driving (Greater Washington 9/24 -9/25/2022
- Benz by the Beach at Hilton Head and Legends East (Carolinas) – 11/4 – 11/6/2022

Additionally, the region hosted Legends of the Autobahn East that was held as part of the Hilton Head Concours Car Club showcase.

Membership continues to be a challenge for the Mercedes Benz Club of America. Membership nationally is down by (4.6%), as of October 31st. The Eastern Region began the year with a membership of 2,609 and as of October 31st membership is 2,524 a decline of (3.36%). I do want to congratulate the following Eastern Region Sections for positive growth through October of 2022: Alabama +9, Carolinas +6, Central Georgia +3, and Triangle +5.

The fall National Board meeting was held on November 12, 2022. First, I would like to congratulate Bill Parrish (current President of the Tarheel Section) being elected to serve as Director-At-Large to fill an open vacancy. Bill was also elected to serve as National Secretary. This does leave a vacancy in the Tarheel Section President position, Bill is working on backfilling his President position. Bill will continue to serve on the Tarheel board of directors.

Outgoing National President, Julie Bruggner announced that Kathie Carruth has accepted the position of Executive Director. Kathie has a home in Colorado Springs, Colorado and will make Colorado her permanent residence. She will start on December 19, 2022. Please welcome and support Kathie as she begins to lead us forward. Julie thanked outgoing Executive Director, Mike Regennitter for his many years of service to MBCA.

The Board elected a new slate of Officers for 2023 as follows:

- President – Doug Geganto
- Vice-President – Drew Webb
- Secretary – William Parrish
- Treasurer – Charles Wood

Please help me congratulate Doug on his new role of President of MBCA. Doug in his closing remarks of the National Board meeting outlined some of his key goals for MBCA (a more detailed explanation of these will appear in the STAR magazine) of:

- Unity
- Look to the Future
- Recognition
- Communication

I think you will begin to see some positive changes coming in 2023 and beyond.

If you have any comments or suggestions my email box is always open at mbcadirectoreasternregion@gmail.com or by phone at 847-867-0620.

All the best, and Happy safe Mercedes-Benz motoring.

Diana Quinn
Eastern Region Director

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 Section President, Brad Purvis at cvsmbca@gmail.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Daire - Midlothian
Cynthia Smith - Midlothian
Anton Kossack - Glen Allen
Maxwell Eseonu - Midlothian
Grant Smith - Midlothian
Scott Kalbrener - Manakin-Sabot
Jennifer Landes - Weyers Cave
Matthew Newkirk - Chesterfield
Colin Romanick - Williamsburg



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SAVE THE DATE

Annual Business Meeting and Lunch

Sunday, January 15th

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Tarrant's West - Richmond

11129 Three Chopt Rd.

Richmond, VA 23233

Look for sign-up email soon!

Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance 2 - 5 March 2023

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Richmond, VA 23229
[Cars & Coffee - Richmond](#)

Cars & Coffee - Williamsburg*

3rd Saturday of every month - 9:00am til 11:00am
High Street
Williamsburg, VA 23185
[Cars & Coffee - Williamsburg](#)

*C&C dates and times are subject to change. Check with the organizers for the latest information.

If you have an event you would like added, please email cvsmbca@gmail.com with date time(s) and organizer's contact information.



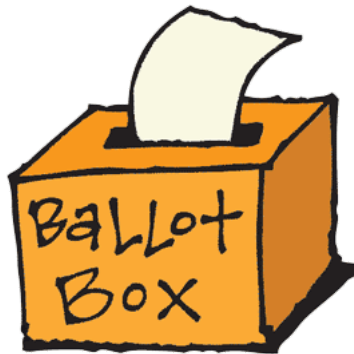
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Central Virginia Section Officer Elections

December 2022

All four elected positions are open to candidates.

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President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

If you wish to be on the ballot, which will come out in December, please make your preference(s) known by sending an email to cvsmbca@gmail.com ASAP, or contact any CVS officer via their email listed in the latest issue of the Old Dominion Star. This Section does not run without member involvement and member leadership. Please consider stepping up and do your part to make this a thriving organization. No experience necessary.

Contact

THE END

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- *Editor*



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