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View Through The Star

by Rubin Howard, President

Since I joined the section in 2018, I have seen the Mercedes-Benz Club of America Peachtree Section grow into an incredible community full of passion, interests, history, and notoriety. Many of you reading this have been members for many years, and I thank you for your continued loyalty to MBCA; as well as your commitment to be a part of the

section. For those of you who are new, I sincerely welcome you to our club and hope that you are here to stay. You will find that while the cars are what unite us, the people are what make for great memories. While the Mercedes-Benz 300SEL 6.3 is a fantastic car, if it weren't for Aufrecht and Melcher... the magic of AMG would not exist.

I believe the same stands for the many members, volunteers, officers, & directors of MBCA Peachtree. I am so incredibly lucky to have had the opportunity to get to know each and every one of you, whilst continuously meeting new members at every event I go to. It is a privilege to become the President of MBCA Peachtree. We have all worked so incredibly hard through

thick and thin to not only keep our section afloat, but to be able to see it prosper. Over the past five years, I have witnessed a dramatic transformation of nearly every aspect of our organization. <u>*Read More*</u>

The Event Rundown

October

10/7 | Cars and Coffee at Halcyon |<u>register</u> | <u>map</u>
10/8 | <u>PCA Autocross</u> | <u>register</u> | <u>map</u>
10/14 | Euro-Fest (Mississippi) |<u>website</u>
10/20-22 | Harold Wilson Memorial Drive |<u>register</u> | <u>map</u>
10/25 | Event Planning Workshop | watch for details

November

11/3 - 5 | Hilton Head Car Club Showcase and Concours | <u>tickets</u> | <u>map</u>
11/11 | Cars and Coffee at Halcyon | <u>register</u> | <u>map</u>
11/11 - 12 | Mercedes-Benz Buckhead Driving Experience | <u>register</u> | <u>map</u>
11/5 | <u>PCA Autocross</u> | <u>register</u> | <u>map</u>
11/18 | Mountain Drive | watch for details | ZOOM

December

12/2 | Holiday Luncheon | <u>register</u> | <u>map</u>
12/3 | Karting at Lanier | <u>register</u> | <u>map</u>
12/3 | Cars and Coffee at Halcyon | <u>register</u> | <u>map</u>

FULL EVENT SCHEDULE 2023

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - LOGON TREMBLEY

Originally from Omaha, Nebraska, Logan moved with his family to the North Atlanta Metro area in 2001. Logan is single and a student at Kennesaw State University, majoring in Marketing. He also hopes to secure a sales & marketing program development internship with Mercedes-Benz corporate (Sandy Springs).



Logan's first job was as a car parts organizer in a warehouse that would buy truckloads of parts from pre-war cars such as Nash, Hupmobile (1909-1939) and Auburn (1900-1937) to name a few. He presently works parttime as an auto detailer for one of the top rental car companies in the country.

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Logan Trembley

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by Rusty Duncan, Nominating Chair

I am pleased to announce our Officers for 2024-2025. I personally would like to thank each of them for their service and agreeing to continue to lead the Peachtree Section forward.

To contact any of our Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs see the list at the end of this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP



Welcome our **Newest Members**

- Matthew Anthony
- Hector Bush
- Anthony Clark
- Larry Cole
- Brian Deas
- Dave Engelman
- Blake Gilstrap
- Anthony Grant
- Michael Grier
- Jin Kim
- Kai Kimmel
- Albert Morelock
- Katlin Schultz
- Steve Smoak
- John Sullivan
- Jack Winter

by Reijo Haarla, Membership Director

Peachtree Section is one of the most active sections within the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. We organize a large variety of events members can participate. Please check the event calendar in this Newsletter and register to attend for an upcoming event. Attending club events is the best way to meet members that share your interest in Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

At the end of August 2023 Peachtree Section of the MBCA has 486 members.

I want to remind about the member Auto-Renew program. To enroll to Auto-Renew is easy, you can simply select Yes to Auto-Renew option when renewing your membership on-line at mbca.org. Or, you can contact the MBCA National Office at 800-637-2360 and enroll to the Auto-Renew over the phone.

<u>Read more about the advantages of the</u> Auto-Renew

We are pleased to welcome those who recently joined the Mercedes-Benz Club of America Peachtree Section.

Thanks to our Renewing Members

- Charles Allen
- Dan Anderson
- Maria Bonsavage
- Charlie Bronson

- Blackley Leonard
- **Maurice Linares**
- Nelson Loh
- Richard Manulkin

- John Carden
- Elizabeth Coughlin
- Raoul "Ray" Donato
- Mike Dougherty
- Christopher Fett
- Al Floer
- Noel Fournier
- Noel Francis
- Roy Francois
- Philip George
- Eric Gilmer
- Jeff Gladstein
- Roger Hensley
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- Kyle Mostellar
- Robert Niebergall
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- Joseph Ruda
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- Dan Shelnutt
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- Jay Skuban
- Daniel Thome
- Jeremy Toothman
- Elijah Tutt
- Sharon Vrahatis
- Scott Warner
- S Zuck

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP



UPCOMING EVENTS



Cars and Coffee at Halcyon

Join us for our monthly Cars & Coffee sponsored by RBM's Mercedes-Benz Experience at Halcyon. Please arrive by 9:30 am, we'll begin at approximately 10 a.m. when everyone has finished prepping their cars. The *Fuel* coffee shop is ready to serve up a hot cup of coffee to enjoy while chatting with fellow members.

Here is our upcoming dates:

10/7 <u>Cars and Coffee at Halcyon</u> 11/11 <u>Cars and Coffee at Halcyon</u> 12/3 <u>Cars and Coffee at Halcyon</u>



The Mercedes-Benz Experience at HALCYON-FORSYTH

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PCA Autocross 10/8

Karting at Lanier - 12/3



The fourth PCA autocross of the year is on October 8th at the huge parking lot at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Great fun, a great way to become a better driver and to learn your car's medium speed performance limits in a safe environment.

Don't doddle; they tend to fill up quickly. The dates for the rest of the year: , August 13, September 24, October 8 and November 5.

These are well run, safe events that typically give you 10 runs – much better than most autocrosses, time to learn the course and experiment. You should plan to bring a helmet, though they do tend to have some loaner helmets available.



Gary Edwards, Event Planner

Great fun, Great people, Great karts. Hone your driving skills in a high-fun, low-risk environment. We have one more Karting event scheduled this season at Caffeine and Octane Lanier Raceway.

We're doing morning Karting with an optional pizza lunch afterwards. Four sessions for \$110. Pizza lunch \$10.

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Friday October 20th

We meet in the afternoon in Franklin, NC. Lodging will be the Hampton Inn (<u>244 Cunningham Rd, Franklin, NC 28734</u>) for the night of October 20th.

A block of 15 rooms at a rate of \$220 for a King plus tax has been reserved for us. The deadline to reserve your room is October 10th and after this date the block of rooms will be released. Call 828-369-0600 to reserve your room before October 10th. Ask for the Brett Butler room block.

We can have dinner together at Motor Company Grill, 86 W. Main St., Franklin, NC and we have a reserved room at the restaurant for 7 pm.

Saturday October 21st

We depart the hotel at 9 am and drive to Cherokee, NC and start the Blue Ridge Parkway at it's Southern endpoint **Milepost 469**. We drive 87 miles of the parkway North, stopping at points of interest along the way, and enjoy the many scenic views.

We will exit the Parkway and meet in Asheville for lunch. Lunch at Wicked Weed Brewing, 91 Biltmore Ave, Asheville, NC - No reservations so we may have to wait to be seated as a group.

Return home from Asheville or make your own plans and spend the night in Asheville.



Mercedes-Benz Buckhead Driving Experience November 11-12, 2023



<u>Merecedes-Benz Driving Experience -</u> <u>11/11 - 11/12</u>

The Mercedes-Benz of Buckhead Driving Experience weekend registration is now open! For 15 years Mercedes-Benz of Buckhead have hosted this event to give many the opportunity to track their vehicle in a controlled environment!

This is more of a V.I.P. Experience. We have instructors all weekend, lunch provided and an awesome dinner at THe Chart House on the river in Savanna on Saturday night! Please click on the button for more info and to registar!.

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Nothing says Mercedes-Benz more than Buckhead.

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Ernie Smallman III and Pat Duer, Event Planners

Legend is at the end of a long hard day tending sheep Sean and his little white bulldog Caden (spirited warrior in Gaelic) would go down the dirt path of the master's favorite pub for a few pints. Caden would wait patiently under the bar enjoying table scraps. Late one evening on their way home Sean and Caden were attacked by a pack of wolves. Caden fought the wolves off saving his master but suffered a severe wound to one eye. Going forward Caden was considered a hero. Glasses of stout were lifted, and songs were sung in his honor. Every time Sean went to the pub in the evening thereafter, he would look at Caden and say, "C'mon old blind dog, let's have a pint". Years later a few locals decided to bring a wee bit of Ireland to this side of the pond. They established an authentic Celtic pub in the heart of Crabapple, Georgia and named it in honor of Caden.

Come sample the legend with an Irish holiday lunch buffet of:

- Broiled Salmon
- Blackened Chicken Pasta
- Corn Beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots
- Seasonal vegetables
- Irish Cheese Grits
- Side salad
- Tea, Coffee, or Water

The pub cash bar has an exhausting array of beer on tap and can mix cocktails to order. Event cost is \$29.00 per attendee. **Please register by the evening of November 27, 2023** so the salmon can be caught, and the cow butchered for the corn beef.

REGISTER



As we approach our 20th anniversary, we continue to stay committed to providing you with quality service at a fair price.

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Stu+30 Years|Lane+12 Years|Jennifer+6 Years|RJ+2 Years|Adrienne+20 Years

TECHNICAL DIGEST

Finding Parts

I am often asked where I buy parts. The person asking is usually expecting a simple answer; one holy grail of a place to buy all parts. I have never found such a place.



For newer cars, FCP Euro can be a very good choice. Reasonable prices, choices of various brands, forever guarantee for the parts and reasonable shipping policies. I've also found they often don't have the harder to find parts. The other places I use most frequently are AutohausAZ and to a lesser extent Peach Parts, but you also won't usually find the more challenging parts there. For Peach Parts especially, you have to watch out for the

shipping costs, which can be excessive. I sometimes also buy parts on Amazon, but you have to careful with them; the descriptions aren't that good. On the other hand though, some Mercedes dealers sell through Amazon and you can find original Mercedes parts with free shipping.

Finding parts for the older cars can be particularly challenging. My typical strategy for new and old parts is to do an internet search for the part, either by its description or preferably by its part number. I get the part number either by reading it off the part, or by using Electronic Parts Catalog (EPC) to look it up. The on-line EPC seems to have gone away, but I have several copies of the Workshop Information System (WIS) I got off ebay and a STAR system clone and they all include EPC. EPC can be hard to use, with parts listed in counter-intuitive places and it sometimes doesn't match what's on the car. But having the part number is key to finding the part. Usually EPC will give you the correct part number, but the most trustworthy source is reading the number off the part on the car (this can be wrong too if someone has substituted an incorrect part). <u>Read more</u>



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EVENTS AROUND THE REGION



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Benz By the Beach 2023!!

The MBCA - Carolinas Section is hosting an Eastern Regional Event in conjunction with the <u>Hilton Head</u> <u>Island Concours d'Elegance</u> from Thursday, November 3 thru Sunday November 5.

Friday, November 3 - Driving Event - Please join us for the 'Lost in the Low Country Drive'!

Lost in the Lowcountry Rally provides each vehicle with the route directions and a list of questions. It will require two (2) people in the vehicle - a driver and a navigator. You will not only learn about Hilton Head Island and the surrounding Lowcountry, but have a great time with the challenges of the route. Awards will be given out on Saturday evening during the awards ceremony for the top three vehicles that answer the most questions correctly!

Saturday, November 4 – Dinner & Awards Evening – A Southern Dinner at Skull Creek Dockside & an Awards evening with Guest Speaker John Farrell – The Dockside is a place for a unique dining experience and to enjoy the Carolina Lowcountry. Chef Alecia Angioletti brings a unique perspective in preparing amazing seafood, wondrous steaks, and traditional BBQ.



We begin our evening with a cocktail hour (cash bar) and the selected dinner entrees are Petit Filet Mignon Casino, Slow Cooked SC Chicken, or Shrimp n' Grits, and a southern dessert!



In addition to a great meal our guest Speaker, John Farrall, a renowned auto enthusiast and owner of Farrall Auto Appraisal will join us. John is active in a number of local and national car clubs and has served on the board of the Euro Auto Festival where he was the Car Show Director for 5 years. He has traveled to major car events and auctions throughout the country. He has taught classes in car collecting and written articles about collections and car hobby for national magazines.

An awards presentation will follow for the winner of the "People's Favorite

Coupes and Cabriolets" from the Car Club Showcase and the participants, as well as the awards for the winners of Friday's Lost in the Low County Driving Event.

Saturday & Sunday – November 4th & 5th

Hilton Head Island Car Club Showcase & Concours d'Elegance

On Saturday, November 5th MBCA-Carolinas Section will present "A History of Mercedes-Benz Coupes & Cabriolets – Decades of Style & Grace" at the Car Club Showcase. The display will tell the story of the Mercedes-Benz Coupes & Cabriolets, featuring ten (10) beautiful Mercedes-Benz's in all their glory, beginning from the iconic 300SL Gullwing in 1954 to the latest 2018 E400 Cabriolet!

To register, please click or copy and paste:

https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/benz-by-beach-2023-hilton-head-island-mbca-carolinas-014094

for the Benz by the Beach 2023 Regional Event!



Registration Deadline: October 1, 2023



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POST-EVENTS



September 3, 2023 Halycon, Alpharetta

Our monthly Cars and Coffee met for September on a beautiful late summer morning. This month had a special treat for the drivers and spectators, as it was our 2nd annual joint event supported by our regular sponsor, Mercedes Benz Experience Center by RBM of Alpharetta and for this month, the AMG Private Lounge. The "PL" as its known is a place at the home of AMG in Affalterbach, Germany, for owners to meet, discuss all things AMG and with an appointment tour the AMG works. The PL extends its reach through a web forum exclusive to AMG owners. The site provides an entry point for exclusive merchandise, experiences, and events as well as a forum for owners to discuss their cars, driving experiences, the AMG Petronas F1 team and other topics of interest.

21 AMGs attended this month's event, along with another 20 classic and contemporary Mercedes Benz automobiles. Highlights included two AMG GTs and an SL65. PL members that had registered for the event on the PL Forum received a gift supplied by both the PL and our event sponsor the Mercedes Benz Experience Center by RBM of Alpharetta. I overheard many conversations about the great driving experiences that the AMG cars provide, as well as the best places to have rear tires replaced!

We intend to continue this event and would encourage our members that own AMGs to join the Private Lounge and register for our next-years event. To register go to <u>https://www.mercedes-amg.com/en/home-c.html</u> or scan the following QR code



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Mercedes-Benz opens its first high-power charging stations



Stuttgart

Mercedes-Benz opens its first high-power charging stations this fall, implementing its far-reaching plans to expand its global charging infrastructure. Starting in October, the first Mercedes-Benz Charging Hubs will go into operation in Atlanta (USA), Chengdu (China) and Mannheim (Germany). By the end of 2024, Mercedes-Benz aims to further expand its global charging network to over 2,000 high-power charging points. The longterm goal is to create more than 2,000 Charging Hubs with over 10,000 charging points by the end of the decade. <u>*Read More*</u>



SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media



by Rubin Howard, Social Media Director

If you haven't already, Join our Facebook group <u>MBCAPeachtree</u>. Keep up to date with the latest events, chat with members, and make the most of your membership with our Facebook group. As well, follow us on Instagram @MBCAPeachtree. Our Youtube Channel <u>MBCA Peachtube</u> is full of excellent resources for club members. We feature videos such as technical sessions,

concours judging schools, Rally schools, as well as features from events.

Facebook Group link: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/mbcapeachtree</u> Instagram link <u>https://www.instagram.com/mbcapeachtree/following/</u> MBCA PeachTube link: <u>MBCA Peach Tube</u>

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Membership Card



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- Log into MBCA (<u>www.mbca.org</u>) with your username/password
- Click on My Membership from the menu on the left
- Click Print Member Card
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