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Mercedes-Benz Club of America



Three Rivers Tribune

2010: What some of our members might be doing; these are NOT scheduled or official MBCA or section events

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Office Hours
Mon.-Fri. 8-5

- 1/9 SAT NOON at Liberty Diner II
- 1/16-24 SAT-SUN Detroit Auto Show (NAIAS) -- Cobo Hall
- 3/12 FRI Jeff's Coney - Georgetown Sq 7:00 PM
- 4/10 SAT NOON at Liberty Diner II
- 5/2 SUN Warsaw Chinese \$10 per vehicle
- 6/8 TUES Mercedes-Benz of Ft Wayne E-class Cabriolet 6:30
- 6/12-13 SAT-SUN Week-end trip
- 7/10 SAT Three Rivers parade - AM \$10 per vehicle
- 7/10 SAT Liberty Diner II - PM
- 10/9 SAT NOON at Liberty Diner II
- 10/17 SUN Poker run \$10 per vehicle
- 12/5 SUN Election - Chop's @ 6:30PM

Have a Great Day!

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President's Message

For financial purposes this section will publish a web edition on our MBCA web site (www.mbc.org), and e-mail an Adobe (.pdf) newsletter copy every month to members with an e-mail address; plus we will also mail (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) a hardcopy newsletter to members as well. If you have an e-mail or your **e-mail address has changed**, please inform the newsletter editor at: Lspeedo@yahoo.com. We will try to send reminder notices out to the membership when a 'happening' is drawing near. Also, we ask for a donation of \$10 per vehicle or person, depending on the type of 'happening', for our 'happenings'; see previous page.

When I renewed my MBCA membership recently and received my MBCA membership card, also enclosed was a coupon for a 20% discount for one item of my choosing from the MBCA Club store. Also, the MBCA Club store has a lot of new items and clearance items as well. **MBCA will extend your membership for one month for every new member you recruit; see the "New Member-A-Month Program" in your Star magazine.**

For every new/updated valid member e-mail address received by Geni(geni@mbca.org), National will send you a 10% off coupon for purchase of items from the MBCA club store.

Please note, the wine tasting social, which was to have occurred on Sunday August 8th 2010, has been postponed for now. And quite possibly our section's Kruse day, scheduled for Saturday September 4th 2010, may not happen either, however we are working on plan "B". Stay tuned.

Sincerely,

Lawrence C. Spedden



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Classifieds

Web Links www.mbusa.com/amg/index.jsp Mercedes - Benz USA; call your local M-B dealer for information if you want to attend one of the AMG's race schools

www.mbca.org Mercedes - Benz Club of America (MBCA)...Starfest, StarTech, our section web page, etc

www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com Indianapolis IN Indy 500, Brickyard 400

www.naias.com North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) Detroit MI

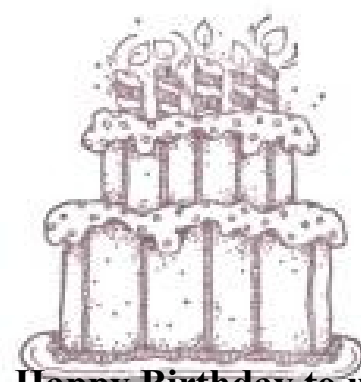
www.fwscca.com Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) - local chapter

www.mispeedway.com Michigan International Speedway (MIS) Brooklyn MI

www.midohio.com Mid-Ohio...close to Mansfield OH

www.theglen.com Watkins Glen at Watkins Glen NY

www.starfest2010.org **check your Star magazine for details**



Happy Birthday to us

Birthdays for August 19 Julie Bruggner

Business Cards

Advertise; send your business card and/or ad plus payment to the treasurer, see page 3. Business card \$60 yr/\$5 mo, 1/4 page \$120 yr/\$10 mo, 1/2 page \$240 yr/\$20 mo, full page \$480 yr/\$40 mo. Non-member rates are double.

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Welcome New Member(s) Please say hello to new members: John & Sheila Redding from South Bend IN, and Eric Stahlhut who lives in Elkhart IN. We encourage our members to supply an e-mail address, as this is our primary mode of communication. Eric has provided his e-mail address, thank you; however, John & Sheila have not.

BAD e-MAIL ADDRESSES:

These are the e-mail addresses, as recorded by National MBCA, which is then sent to the section; National may have entered your e-mail incorrectly, or you may have entered it incorrectly, or your 'inbox' is full and can not accept anymore incoming e-mail, or you have deleted/changed your account to another address. Please fix, by calling National MBCA at 1.800.637.2360

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Second Saturday of the quarter (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct),
precluding unusual circumstances

Jan 9 2010 noon Liberty Diner II
Apr 10 2010 noon Liberty Diner II
Jul 10 2010 PM Liberty Diner II
Oct 9 2010 noon Liberty Diner II



A club survives based on new ideas and new blood (members) - mostly new blood; if a club does not work to recruit and retain new members all the time, it won't be around very long. This is **YOUR** club be pro-active, everybody should try and bring a non-member to every one of our 'happenings'. **Want to be involved? Call one of the Board of Directors; we have room for you and your ideas on the Board of Directors!**

MBCA Second Section Membership

Don't miss the **fun** when you are in the **sun**! For \$15, you can upgrade your club membership to a Second Section, and enjoy the full benefits of club membership at your second home. Call the MBCA at 1-800-637-2360 to upgrade today!

There is a New MBCA a'coming!

Based on member non-member comments, and with the help of a consultant MBCA is being totally re-vamped from top to bottom. The process began last month and is expected to be completed by the end of this year. Some business processes that use to be performed at the National Business Office (NBO) will be performed on the website. One of those processes is new members, currently by the time a new member fills out an application to join and the section gets wind of a new member, two months have elapsed; the new on-line process take 2 minutes -- YEA!!! Keep checking the website, as dramatic changes will be evolving throughout the year. The new website is set to debut by September. Stay tuned.