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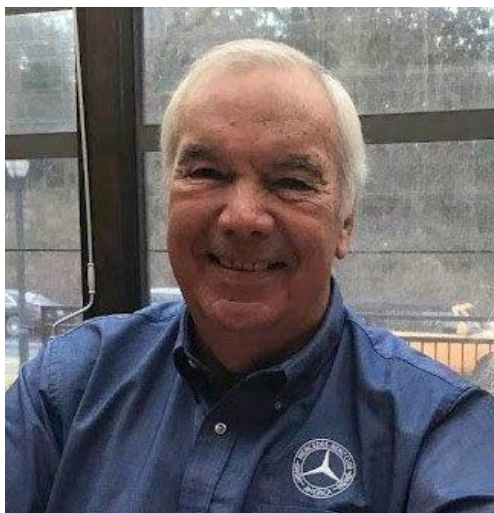
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President's Message

Dear Members



*John Hameline, President
MBCA Carolinas Section*

I don't know about you, but it seems like the year has flown by, with fall here and our year-end activities on the horizon.

We've been fortunate to participate in and experience some great events: The Tuscany Tour with Nostalgic; the Track Day at Carolina Motorsports Park; Meet 'n Greet in many areas. And the upcoming events at Hilton Head and Aiken, just to name a few.

The work of our local Ambassadors is evident and I want to thank all of them for their efforts and dedication to the club. It shows and we are

all the beneficiaries.

As you may have gathered, the National Business Office is undergoing many changes and realigning several functions to better serve the members and reverse the declining membership numbers. While the results are mixed so far, there is a broad determination to increase the value of MBCA membership. Much of what we do at the local level is being reflected nationwide and "getting the word out" is key to our growth.

As a section, we have done and are doing our part to provide meaningful experiences and great activities for our current and future members. Strong friendships, a common love of automobiles in general and Mercedes-Benz in particular, have enabled us to keep moving ahead.

I'm looking forward to a great 2024 and with your support, we'll get there.

Happy Motoring.

John S. Hameline
President

Time Flies When You're Having Fun

I can't believe that my term as Newsletter Director has already come to an end. This being my last edition, I can only say that it has been an honor and a pleasure to publish the newsletter for the Carolina Section of the MBCA.

The club newsletter is a wonderful vehicle to bring members together, share information about upcoming events and pass along interesting Mercedes-Benz stories.

I sincerely hope that there is someone out there that would be willing to take up the mantle and continue to produce this informative publication.

Thank you for allowing me to experience this challenging and rewarding opportunity.

Judy Beers
Newsletter Director



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Carolinas Section Website and Facebook Page

Take a look at our [Facebook page](#) and explore the [Carolinas Section MBCA](#) website.

We also have a YouTube site.

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Carolinas Section



The Carolinas Section covers a broad geographical region which provides us with wonderful opportunities. We are able to enjoy the majestic North Carolina mountains, and the pristine coastline and beaches of South Carolina, including the many cities with great museums to visit and enjoy. Our area encompasses places where American history actually took place, including the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. And don't forget all the restaurants, wineries and breweries!! Just open any magazine that covers the Southern states and you will find great venues mentioned in Asheville and Greenville, the Queen City of Charlotte, and on through the Capital City of Columbia to the shores of Myrtle Beach, Charleston and Hilton Head Island.

Our challenge is to visit them all!

Upcoming Events for 2023

1st Saturday of every month 8:00 am—**Cars & Coffee** - Charlotte, NC

October 7 —**Cars and Coffee at Halcyon** - Alpharetta, GA-Peachtree

October 8—**PCA Autocross** - Atlanta Motorcross Speedway-Peachtree

October 20-22—**Harold Wilson Fall Drive** - Blue Ridge Parkway
Peachtree

October 28—**Cars and Coffee at Halcyon**-Peachtree

November 5—**PCA Autocross**-Peachtree

November 11 —**Event Planning Workshop**-Peachtree

November 18—**Mountain Drive**-Peachtree

November 3-5-Hilton Head, SC—**Hilton Head Island Motoring**
.....**Festival's Car Club Showcase**

December 1-3—Aiken, SC — **Holiday Party**

Calendar of Upcoming Events (continued)

CARS AND COFFEE

1st Saturday of every month
8:00 am.

Central Piedmont Community
College. CPCC Campus
2800 Campus Ridge Road
Matthews North Carolina,
28105

Arrive early for parking.

Monthly gathering of car
enthusiasts on the first Sat-
urday of each month. In the
warm months, we meet at Top
Golf at 7:30 am before the
show and drive in together.



November 3-5 Hilton Head Island Concours D'Elegance and Motoring Festival

Join Carolinas Section on
November 4th for our Car
Club Showcase. This year's
theme is:

*"A History of Mercedes-Benz
Coupes and Cabriolets—*

Decades of Style and Grace".

Ten of our members' out-
standing cars will be on the



show field. Please stop by.

December 1-3 MBCA Carolinas' Holiday Weekend

The Willcox Hotel,
Restaurant and Spa
100 Colleton Avenue, SW
Aiken, SC

Register for event by
November 15, 2023.

Registration:

\$10 per/person

Saturday Evening

Dinner:

\$100.00 per/person

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

Peachtree Events

October 7

Cars and Coffee at Halcyon
Alpharetta, GA
[register](#) | [map](#)

October 8

PCA Autocross
Atlanta Motorcross Speedway
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Harold Wilson Memorial Drive – Blue Ridge Parkway, Pisgah Region October 20-22, 2023

Friday October 20th

Meet in the afternoon in Franklin, NC. Lodging will be the Hampton Inn (244 Cunningham Road) for the night of October 20th.

A block of 15 rooms has been reserved, and the rate is \$220 for a King plus tax. 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. The rooms are reserved under the name: Brett Butler.

Dinner will be in a reserved room at 7 pm at Motor Company Grill 86 W. Main St. Franklin, NC

Saturday October 21st

Depart the hotel at 9 am and drive to Cherokee, NC starting the Blue Ridge Parkway at its Southern endpoint, Milepost 469. Drive 87 miles of the parkway North, stopping at points of interest along the way, and enjoy the many scenic views.

Notable Points of interest

- **Milepost 451** – Waterrock Knob – long range views of several mountain chains in the Appalachians including Great Smoky Mountains, Pisgah Range, Nantahala, Cowee and the Blue Ridge Mountains.
- **Milepost 431.4** – Richland Balsam Overlook – Highest point on the Blue Ridge Parkway 6,053 ft.
- **Milepost 384** – Blue Ridge Parkway Visitor Center and Park Store. Exhibits and 24 minute Parkway movie.

- **Milepost 382** – Folk Art Center – exhibits, craft demonstrations and craft shop.

Exit the Parkway and meet in Asheville for lunch. Return home from Asheville or make your own plans and spend the night in Asheville.

Lunch at Wicked Weed Brewing, 91 Biltmore Ave Asheville, NC

No reservations so there may be a wait to be seated as a group.

Hotel Options in Asheville

Be prepared for “sticker shock” on the hotel prices in Asheville for October 21-22. Here is a list of options found that were under \$300/night when last checked:

Best Western Asheville Tunnel Road
Comfort Inn Biltmore West
Holiday Inn & Suites Asheville SW – Outlet Ctr Area
Sleep Inn Asheville – Biltmore West
Quality Inn & Suites Biltmore East
Extended Stay America – Asheville – Tunnel Road

To Register:

<http://msreg.com/2023FallDrive>

Registration Deadline is:

October 14, 2023.

Questions? Contact Brett Butler at (770) 235-8490 or by e-mail at brettjbutler48@gmail.com.

Calendar of Upcoming Events (continued)



You are invited to MBCA Carolinas' Benz By the Beach 2023 Event!

Friday, November 3 – Driving Event – Please join the ‘Lost in the Low Country Drive!’ The LLC drive 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 (11/4/23) during the awards evening for the top three vehicles that answer the most questions correctly!**

Saturday, November 4 – Dinner & Awards Evening – Please join us for a southern dinner at the Skull Creek Dockside and meet *John Farrall* of Farrall Auto Appraisal, our *Speaker of the Evening*. John has recently returned from the Pebble Beach Concours and has a few stories to tell. He’s also attended the following events: Amelia Island Concours, and Hilton Head Concours, the Monterey Historic Races at Laguna Seca, Speed Week at Bonneville Salt Flats and the Goodwood Revival. As a well-known speaker and auto enthusiast John will enlighten us with his knowledge and travel experiences!



Our evening will begin with a cocktail hour (cash bar) and three selected dinner entrees: Petit Filet Mignon Casino, Slow Cooked SC Chicken, or Shrimp n’ Grits, and a southern dessert! 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 Country Driving Event*.

During the day on November 4th remember to attend the Hilton Head Island Car Club Showcase & Concours d’Elegance

The 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 elegant *300 S Coupe to the latest 2018 E400 Cabriolet!* And please vote for your favorite!

To register, please click or copy and paste:

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



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MBCA CAROLINAS HOLIDAY WEEKEND DECEMBER 1-3, 2023

AT



THE WILLCOX
HOTEL • RESTAURANT • SPA

AIKEN, SC

MBCA Carolinas invites you to a Holiday Weekend beginning on Friday, Dec. 1st thru Dec. 3rd at The Willcox, the most famous hotel in all of SC where famous folks have stayed including Winston Churchill, Harold Vanderbilt, and Elizabeth Arden in historic Aiken, SC.

On Friday, Aiken's weekend festivities kick off with the town's traditional tree lighting. Be sure to find out what The Willcox's famous cocktail is just before you make your dining plans at the hotel or one of Aiken's restaurants. On Saturday after your breakfast, we'll meet at the designated area and join a road tour designed by our Rally Master Steve Koss. We'll stop for a short lunch and return to the hotel for a meet and greet with Roy Chaney of Dick Dyer Mercedes-Benz. He will bring several EQS's and make them available for test drives. We'll also have the opportunity for a group photo shoot in front of The Willcox!

Throughout the weekend be sure to visit the Christmas Craft Show, featuring handmade crafts and goodies made by talented artisans

from across the Southeast. Or visit the historic trolley museum, the planetarium, and many other activities being held throughout Aiken.

On Saturday evening we'll mingle with cocktails and chat about our day. Tracy Molloy from Hagerty will join us for the evening. After a fabulous 4-course dinner, and a special toast an Awards Ceremony will follow honoring our Member-of-the-Year and Officer-of-the-Year.



Registration: \$10 per/person
Saturday Evening Dinner: \$100.00 per/person
*Please register at <http://msreg.com/Willcox>
by November 15, 2023.*

*Please direct any questions to:
Marsha Wilmot @ (843) 945-0160*

Calendar of Upcoming Events (continued)



SAVE THE DATE

Join MBCA Carolinas' Special Weekend
A Sprint into the Past – A journey in time!
February 16 – 18, 2024



The Hilton Garden Inn in Summerville, SC has several rooms reserved for our Sprint into the Past – A Journey in Time Weekend. On Friday, Feb. 16th a Meet and Greet organized by the MBCA Charleston Ambassador, Michele Stine will start at 5 p.m. Dinner is on your own but we encourage dining at the hotel's full-service restaurant based on the great menu!

After a breakfast on the 17th we'll take a 3-minute walk to the Mercedes Benz Sprinter Van Dealership for a morning tour.



The Middleton Place Restaurant for lunch is available (at your cost) before your tour. General admission is included in the cost of this event for an outdoor self-tour. Other tours are available at your cost. Middleton Place is a quintessential American experience offering a historic home, enslaved stories, gardens and grounds. Find tranquility in these gorgeous landscaped gardens.

Laura

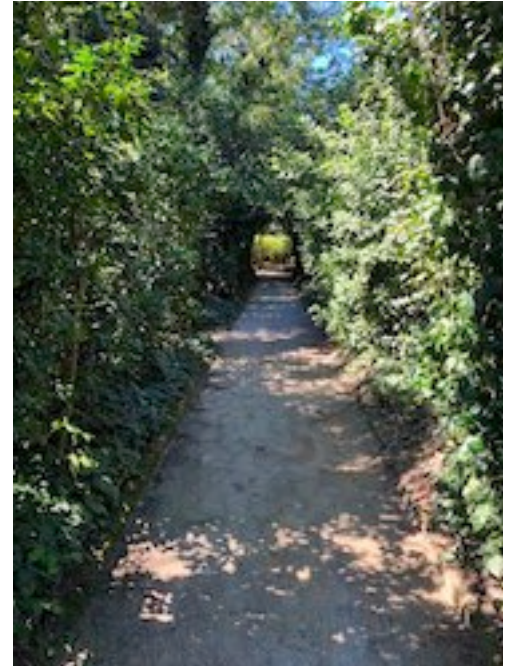
A dinner on Saturday evening will be at Laura's Restaurant in old town Summerville. Chef Nico Romo, a Charleston-area favorite for his French fare at Bistronomy and seafood offerings at Nico Oysters + Seafood, honors his Italian roots this time at this handsome Summerville restaurant, serving a minestrone-to-saltimbocca menu inspired by his grandmother's home cooking.

Please make your hotel reservations for one or two evenings before January 10, 2024 and use the following link: <https://group.hiltongardeninn.com/mqp1q1>

Stay tuned for more information!

Please register and reserve your dinner reservations on MotorSportsReg.com beginning Nov. 15th.

Calendar of Upcoming Events (continued)



Registration Form for Carolinas Section Events

IF YOU PREFER TO REGISTER AND SEND A CHECK FOR ANY *CAROLINAS SECTION* EVENT PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL BEFORE DEADLINE OR AT LEAST TWO (2) WEEKS EARLIER THAN EVENT DATE TO:

Jane, Martinez, 1375 Whispering Oaks Circle, Matthews, NC 28104

Make check payable to Carolinas Section - MBCA

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH EVENT

Event Name _____

Names of members attending: _____

Names of guests attending: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Number attending _____ x \$ _____ = \$ _____

Additional information _____

NOTE:

THIS FORM CAN ONLY BE USED FOR CAROLINAS SECTION EVENTS. EVENTS HOSTED BY OTHER MBCA SECTIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS MUST REGISTER FOR THEIR EVENTS PER THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

Track Day at Carolina Motorsports Park by John Hameline

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On a warm, cloudless Friday in September, MBCA Carolinas members Mark McFadden and John Hameline were joined by Peachtree president Gary Edwards for a “Taste of the Track” event at Carolina Motorsports Park.



Beginning with an informal discussion of expectations and individual course driving experiences, our organizers Ahley Bennett and Maureen Offord turned us over to our instructor Ed McGuire, who led us through some basic rules, track etiquette and best practices. Our first set of laps would be at a moderate, even pace, following Ed’s Mustang. The intent at this time was to familiarize ourselves with the



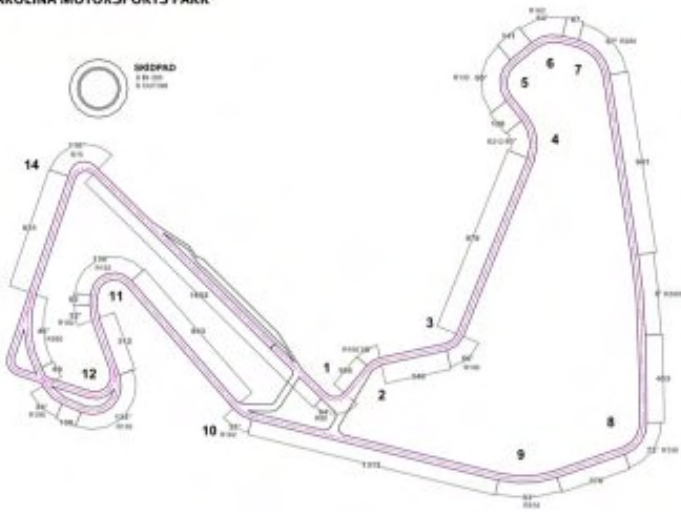
track, learn a bit about an optimal line through the many corners and to get accustomed to the feel and sounds of a smooth lap. Mark’s Porsche Carrera 4S led this stint, with my E350 sedan (yes, a 4 door sedan) following and Gary’s CLK55 AMG rounding out the field.

One aspect of a track day is the fantastic variety of sound from the many cars and driving styles. Some drivers are hard on the brakes and hard on the throttle, their laps punctuated by huge swings in engine and braking sounds. Others are less “peaky” with more moderate rising and fall-

Track Day at Carolina Motorsports Park (continued)



CMP
CAROLINA MOTORSPORTS PARK



Turn #	Angle	Radius	Length
Turn 1		80	131.7
Turn 1 to Turn 2	94		183.5
Turn 2	58	100	66.2
Turn 2 to Turn 3			346.1
Turn 3	58	100	67.5
Turn 3 to Turn 4			577.6
Turn 4	61	212	225.4
Turn 4 to Turn 5			128.4
Turn 5	95	112	206.3
Turn 5 to Turn 6			141.2
Turn 6	54	162	152.4
Turn 6 to Turn 7			87.3
Turn 7	67	200	232.5
Turn 8	72	150	188.6
Turn 8 to Turn 9			389.6
Turn 9	33	518	296.1
Turn 9 to Turn 10			1,311.80
Turn 10	35	162	99.4
Turn 10 to Turn 11			843.4
Turn 11	136	102	242.3
Turn 11 to Turn 12			312
Turn 12	135	130	367.3
Turn 12 to Turn 13			108
Turn 13	39	180	132.7
Turn 13 to Turn 14			633.3
Turn 14	118	75	151.5
Turn 14 to Turn 1			1,652.40
			12,036.90
			2,279 miles

ing sounds as they circulate. Ironically, the smoother you are, the faster you go and your lap times fall accordingly. You're racing the clock in this exercise.

We pulled into the pits after the initial portion to give our impressions, ask questions and receive tips about the next portion, which would be a bit more aggressive with

tighter driving lines, using all the track (and sometimes a bit more) smoothness became paramount.

With a bit more confidence in our second session, Gary and I swapped places, as I was holding him up during the first stint. It was immediately clear that my sedan, while game, was a good 2-3 seconds a lap slower than Gary and

Mark, who were able to stay with (and occasionally pressure) Ed's Mustang throughout.

After the second more spirited session we came into the pits, parked and assembled for an informal debrief. Each one of us was impressed by the facility, personnel and their clear ability to make us feel at home in this environment. It was educational, somewhat revealing of hidden abilities and, above all, fun!

Our thanks to Carolina Motorsports Park, Ed McGuire, Maureen Offord, Ashley Bennett and Turn One Performance Driving: they helped us realize that new ventures can be rewarding, revealing and a great learning experience. ■

On Finding Parts

by Gary Edwards
edwardsgw@nu-z.net

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 be 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).

Usually the internet search for the part number gives you a lot of choices. Often dealer online websites will pop up – these look almost identical to the point where you can't tell who you're buying from. Some of these have great prices, but you have to be careful – many make up for the low price with the shipping. I have found RBM of Atlanta has very reasonable prices and shipping; it's just hard to figure out which of these nearly identical websites is theirs. Ordering from these dealer websites guarantees that you are getting original Mercedes parts – the longer I work on these cars, the more I tend to use original Mercedes parts. Especially in the areas where fit can be an issue you are best off getting the original Mercedes part, if it's available and if it's affordable.

When a lot of choices are listed, I look through them and balance the price, shipping costs and the delivery date. I try to use US suppliers since overseas delivery is usually slower and more expensive. There are some parts, however, even for the newer cars, that don't seem to be in the supply system. As you would expect, this is worse for the older cars. In that case, it might not be too unusual to order parts from places like Latvia, though the delivery time

is pretty long. However, shipping from the UK seems to be surprisingly quick and inexpensive.

For the harder parts, there is a frustrating phenomenon – suppliers that list parts as available that they don't have and can't get. It's exasperating to think you've found the part, you order it, and the order is cancelled the next day. There is one supplier that I avoid because of several instances of this issue. For parts like this, if I can find them for sale, I will often place multiple orders with different suppliers, hoping that one will come through (not a great idea for expensive parts, however).

For parts not in the Mercedes supply system, often ebay can be very helpful for used (and some new) parts. This is very much a buyer beware place and you should look carefully at the pictures to eliminate parts with obvious flaws, plus I usually avoid sellers that don't accept returns. View the ebay applicability feature with a grain of salt; I have found many instances of inaccuracies. It seems to me that for Mercedes, the ebay applicability checker is more likely to tell you a part doesn't fit when it really is the correct part.

One tool for the really difficult parts is the ebay saved search. You just do the search for the part and then hit save. When the part is available, you get an email notification. I have had success on this for a very rare part. My 1981 Porsche 924 (series 2) Turbo has a crank position sensor used only on that car and on the 924 Carrera GT (total of 5,441 series two turbos and a little over 400 Carrera GTs worldwide). This part has been unobtainium for years

Gary's Garage (continued)

and the car won't run without it. I was about to buy a parts car just to get that part, but the ebay search found one for me. After over year of searching, a New Old Stock (NOS) part popped up on ebay and I immediately hit buy it now. One lesson from this - It is useful to know which parts are hard to find for your specific car and use this technique to get one before they fail.

Another tactic I use is to search using the manufacturer part number instead of the Mercedes part number. You can often find these by searching for the part from the typical suppliers, some of which list the manufacturer part number. Sometimes you can recover this from an ebay search by reading the manufacturer part number off the pictures. Searching this way can help find parts without the extra Mercedes price tag. I have even ordered parts on Amazon this way - I found a rear strut for my 87 300TD Turbo in the UK on Amazon using this strategy at about half the price of ones in the US.

The Mercedes Classic Center has made it easier to order parts from them. They are now showing up in internet searches. I just bought some parts for a 1997 S500 coupe and they arrived in 4 days. The classic center doesn't have everything, but their coverage changes, so just because they didn't have something once doesn't mean they don't have it now. If you don't see the part you want on their website, you should call them.

There are some manufacturers to avoid. Stay away from URO parts unless there is no other choice. Also, some Bosch parts such as distributor

caps don't seem to have the same quality as they used to (several years ago I purchased new Bosch distributor caps for the 1994 SL500 that caused a misfire, it ran much better with the old caps). You generally can't go wrong with original Mercedes parts (if you can find them) though some can be expensive. As I said above, the more I work on these cars, the more likely I am to order the original Mercedes part, if it exists and if I can afford it.

There are a few parts sellers that cater to the older cars. MBZ Parts has a wide selection of parts from the 50s to the 80s though I have found that their applicability listing isn't always correct. The last thing I bought from them was a used Bosch electric fan that they listed for W114/115s. I was able to verify from their picture that it had the same Bosch part number as my fan, but their tech support was convinced it didn't fit my car, to the point that they said it wasn't returnable. I bought it anyway and it was perfect, plus it was considerably cheaper than all other sources, probably because they didn't realize it fit a 300SEL 6.3. ADSITCO also has many parts for older cars, but they are expensive. It's not too unusual for them to be the only supplier that has what you're looking for.

There are some suppliers that cater to a small niche of cars. For example, 600 Air Suspension has a full supply of parts for early air suspension cars. The SL Shop in the UK specializes in SLs though they do have some other period items. I'm sure there are many others for specific cars that I am not aware of.

For the really hard to find parts,

I have also found our Facebook group to be helpful (MBCA PEACH-TREE). I had one Mercedes dealership General Manager ask for my help in finding a part (a rear crank position sensor for a 560SL). They first gave me the wrong part number, for the front crank position sensor, which I came up with pretty quickly off ebay. I then looked up the correct part number myself, and we located one through MBCA networking using our facebook group. I posted it, our Regional Director saw it and told someone he knew, who didn't have it but referred us to someone who had a parts car, and we were able to provide the part (used). The dealership was happy since they were able to get the 560SL back on the road.

I don't want to scare you, since most parts for most Mercedes are available, often through the dealer network and often at very reasonable prices. Yes, there are certainly some parts that don't exist, even for some of the newer cars, but with patience, ingenuity, and persistence (and perhaps some networking) you can usually find what you need. I'll caveat that with the fact that I have no experience with pre-war Mercedes or 1950s cars and I think these are probably orders of magnitude more difficult (and more expensive).

One point to repeat - for the Mercedes you own, be cognizant of any parts that are particularly hard to find and that are vital to its operation. I recommend you make extensive efforts to get operational spares for these parts before they fail. I also recommend you test these spares to make sure they work, before you need them. ■

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome these new members to the Carolinas Section.

New Members

July 1 - September 30, 2023

Rocky & Heather PavkovConcord, NC
Daniel GluvnaAiken, SC
Brent NelsonMyrtle Beach, SC
Orbie OtteyCharlotte, NC
Steve NilsenAsheville, NC
Mark MclysaghtCharleston, SC
TW LeaycraftCharlotte, NC
Jerome Marchuk Mooresville, NC
Anita Hoyt Mooresville, NC
Kevin Quat Hilton Head Island, SC
Andrew HenkleCharlotte, NC

Transfers

July 1 - September 30, 2023

David DohertyEast Aurora, NY
Greg GoldenHuntersville, NC
Jordan DelozierHendersonville, NC
William PlamHendersonville, NC
Aimiee HollenhorstMyrtle Beach, SC
Mike Partain



Some people join for the dealership discounts, some join for socializing with other Mercedes owners, and some want access to The Star magazine. We find that those who attend local events are most likely to attend more events and get the most enjoyment out of the Club.

New members should also try to spend a little time on the extensive National MBCA website, www.MBCA.org. For

starters check out the many benefits under **Membership**. Then check out all the information under **Community**. All our past local **Newsletters** and upcoming events are located in the **Carolinas Section**. It is also a good place to learn about technical issues and to ask questions about your car.

Login for Communities is simple: Enter your e-mail address and whatever password

you select. Once you login your profile will come up. Verify your personal information. Is it all correct? Is your associate member listed? Is your car(s) listed? Simple to correct them right there. Note that for security reasons none of your information is stored locally. So again, welcome to MBCA and the Carolinas Section. Do not hesitate to contact any of the Officers for assistance.

MBCA Badges and Publication Details

How to Order

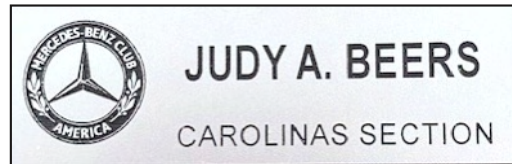
Click this link to order your name badge ...

<https://www.mbca.org/name-badge>

Name badges are available from the MBCA Club Store in two types of backing (magnetic or safety pin) and can be ordered in blue, silver or gold. Cost is \$14.00 for one to two lines and includes mailing costs. Three lines cost is \$15.00 and includes mailing costs.

Line three options (which would appear between your name and section): office held, city in which you live, Mercedes model, year joined, Ladies of Mercedes (*Choose one*).

You may also order through the MBCA website by going to www.mbca.org. From there, you must then log into your account. After logging in, choose **Store** from the main menu, choose **MBCA Event Equipment Store** from the next window, scroll down to **Name Badge** and make your selection. Perfect for socializing at MBCA events.



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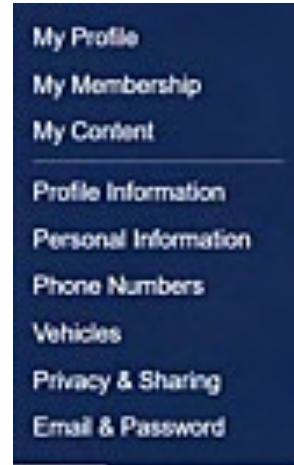


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