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Event Report

Park Cities Classic Car Show

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35 North Texas members were a part of the Park Cities Classic Car show this year on the Southern Methodist University Campus in Burleson Park.

It is one of the premier Car Shows held each May and it benefits the Preservation Park Cities Scholarship Program. The Show has an outstanding attendance of great cars of all years.

This year the Mercedes-Benz North Texas Section had the largest turnout of cars and as folks came by were told that they were directed to see our Section and the great selection of cars. We were lucky to have the weather hold off and give us a terrific sunny day with wonderful temperatures.

A great day, wonderful cars and it was nice visiting with folks attending the show. We are looking forward to another great show in 2024.

Thanks to Wally Wheeler for coordinating this event.



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President's Message



It has been a wonderful spring with three car events, three club luncheons and a tech session. New members and reinstating members were welcomed at the events. One new member actually was driving by a show and pulled in with his car, joined and came to the next luncheon.

The first Cars and Coffee at Paradise Café was very successful with several members bringing their cars for the first time. A second is planned is scheduled for Beaubeaux's Bourbon & Biscuits for June 10. The next lunch meetings are at Luigi's in Rockwall on June 17 and Granbury Drive & Brewery on July 15.

The Park Cities Classic had 35 cars arrive for the show. Your club was awarded the trophy for most participants by a car club. The All British and Euro Classic had ten cars and two were given ribbons for placing 2nd and 3rd in the German group.

Thanks go to each event planner and the volunteers for making these successful.

The Mercedes Grande annual meeting is scheduled for September. The details for registering are now on the MBCA website.

I have sold the EQ bike I won at the Christmas raffle. The money will be set aside as a discretionary fund outside the financials of

the club for use in funding events as a sponsor. The first is for the Heritage Golf Classic which is a fundraiser for Alzheimer's. Events that give the club an opportunity to support our community are the intended focus.

In a different situation, a friend gave me a TV and subwoofer that he was just discarding. I said I could sell them, so he said do that and give the money to the club. His sister has a one-owner '88 SL and is not a member yet. So far that will be \$250. This new way of giving money to the club can help offset expenses for your events like the picnic and Christmas party.

The remainder of the year will have some new events for you to spotlight your Benz. Whether as a participant, observer or volunteer, we look forward to seeing you at one of the outings. It is your club so your suggestions for something you would like to do are always welcomed.

Safe driving!

Jerry Chenault

President

North Texas Section

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Welcome!

The North Texas Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) is dedicated to enhancing the ownership experience of the finest automobiles in the world. We engage in a variety of activities throughout the year that hopefully appeal to a broad section of our membership.

Currently our membership totals almost 1000 members who are committed to furthering their experience and enjoyment of their cars. Whether you're a gear head, performance driver, rally enthusiast, cultural maven or social mingler, the MBCA North Texas Section had an upcoming event for you. Check out the Events section to see what's coming up during the year, and for details on events that are just over the horizon.

Upcoming Events

NTX Cars & Coffee

Saturday, June 10, 2023 * Beaubeaux's Bourbon & Biscuits, Wallers Creek, Allen, TX



We are pleased to announce that the North Texas Section will hold the 3rd DIY technical session of 2023 at Loudon Motorcar Services Saturday, July 22nd. We look forward to these combination work sessions / social outings as an opportunity to inspect and perform

light maintenance on these beautiful well-engineered cars using our own tools on lifts with “over the shoulder technical guidance” at a dealership or local independent shop.

The DIY tech sessions are your chance to inspect your vehicle and perform tasks that are within your knowledge and capacity, using your own tools. It is important to plan your tasks in advance to ensure your complete your work in the time allotted. Meet in the parking lot before 7:30 for introductions, briefing and orientation. Attending the briefing is required to attend the event, so ensure that you arrive no later than 7:20. \$20 per car via the PayPal link below.

Spots (and lifts) are limited, be sure to register as soon as possible to ensure your spot. Your place in line is directly tied to your registration order. The PayPal button will go live in early June. Keep an eye out for this announcement in the newsletter/e-mail updates.

All MBCA members and prospective NTX Section members are welcome to join us during the event for coffee, sweet rolls and socializing even if not working on their vehicle.

June Membership Lunch

Saturday, June 17, 2023 * Luigi's Italian Cafe, Rockwall, TX



This lunch will be held at Luigi's Italian Cafe. 2002 South Goliad, Rockwall, Texas 75087, 972-772-3522. After a brief Saturday drive eastward in MB's over the bridges of Lake Ray Hubbard on I30, our members who attend will have a chance to visit and share stories about their MB experiences. Those attending will individually choose their meal from the great Italian selections on the menu.

After the orders are placed, our President, Jerry Chenault, will have a few words to update us on the activities of our section. Also, a 50/50 raffle was held to benefit the club. We look forward to seeing many of our regular attendees as well as new members and guests there! Be sure to mark your calendar for this event!

You will not want to miss this lunch gathering. There's always fun, food, and fellowship to be experienced at our members' lunches. Should you have any questions regarding this lunch, please contact Gayle Brewer at 214-538-8379 or Robert Brewer at 214-539-8376.

Upcoming Events

Granbury Drive & Brewery

Saturday, July 15, 2023 * Revolver Brewery, Granbury, X



Join us for a fun day in Granbury! We will start by being hosted by The Revolver Brewery. They are the makers of the very popular Blood & Honey among about a dozen other varieties. They will have a BBQ Food Truck onsite for us. They are also researching if we can have a hosted brewery tour on our date. Tours were halted during covid and are only back on request. Here are some details directly from Revolver.

Join us out at the brewery every Saturday from 11am to 6pm for food, music, and plenty of specialty Revolver brews on tap! We will probably do 11am - 2pm.

We're back and ready to have everyone out! In order to create a safe environment for all, we will be making a few changes to the event...but, not to fear, it'll still be the same family friendly fun, and quality brews, in the Texas countryside! At this time, we will not be providing tours of the brewery.

- If you're 21+ and want to drink, you must purchase a wristband.
- Wristbands are available at the door for \$15.
- Wristbands are not required for those under 21, or those that do not want to drink.
- We are extending our hours from 11am to 6pm to give everyone a chance to come out and enjoy the festivities.
- We will have a food truck on site, so bring your appetite. You are also welcome to bring your own picnic or non-alcoholic beverages, but please no outside alcohol.
- We'll be featuring a full lineup of specialty Revolver beers, only available at the brewery...along with a brand new merch line!
- All wristband holders receive a free logo glass!
- Yes, dogs are welcome!

Following our time at the brewery, we will have a short drive to the Granbury Square.

Explore boutique shopping, live entertainment, dining, year round art, holiday and heritage festivals nestled amid historic architecture! A Historically Good Time!

DIY Tech Session

Saturday, July 22, 2023 * Louden Motorcar Services, Dallas, TX



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February Membership Lunch

Rudy's BBQ * Saturday, February 25, 2023, Frisco, TX

On February 25th forty-two members of the North Texas Section attended our monthly Membership Lunch at Rudy's BBQ in Frisco, Texas. This location for the past few years has had the biggest turnout of folks for a membership lunch. We met at noon in their meeting area which is private, and it is great for lunch and presentations. Our guest speaker was Mark Kelly from Park Place Motor Cars. Mark gave us an update on Mercedes-Benz electric cars, the future direction of Mercedes-Benz and the current specs and facts on the EV cars. Mark brought a new EQE for folks to see and touch. There were a lot of questions about electric cars, so this update was a chance to ask questions and get a better understanding of this new world of EV cars and Mercedes-Benz place in that new world of cars. Also, the BBQ was good.



MBCA NTX Cars & Coffee

Paradise Cafe * Addison, TX, March 18, 2023

The North Texas Section kicked off Cars and Coffee, a new event for our Section on Saturday, March 18th at the Paradise Cafe in Dallas, Texas. It was a cool morning for Dallas, but the sun was out, and 18 cars attended. The cars ranged from a wonderful Pagoda to a G-Wagon and many models in between. The cars were fun to see and visiting with members about their cars was fun. Several first-time members and potential members attended. The coffee and breakfast items at Paradise Café were also great. It was a successful event, and the Section will be adding more Cars and Coffee events to our schedule in the future. Thank you to Yasha Avshalumov and his family for putting the event together.



Event Report

DIY Tech Session

Park Place Motorcars * Dallas, TX, April 15, 2023

The second DIY Session of the year was held on April 15th, at Mercedes-Benz of Plano. The tech sessions are a chance for members to inspect their vehicles and perform tasks that are within their ability. The members do the work using their own tools. It is important that they plan their tasks ahead of time to be certain that their work is completed in the time allowed. The dealer has parts available, and technicians are available to help and guide the members. The great benefit is having lifts available for their work. We are fortunate to have dealers in our section as partners to work with our members in this great event. Each year we have three to four DIY Sessions for folks who enjoy performing service on their cars. Another reason to be a member of our club.



All British & European Car Show

White Rock Lake * Dallas, TX, May 7, 2023

The annual All British & European Car Show was held at White Rock Lake this year and as always there was a great attendance. It is open to any British or European car or motorbike that can compete for trophies that is determined by popular voting. Our North Texas Section was well represented with German cars. The show this year was held one day after the Park Cities Classic Car Show and our folks who like to show their cars had two great shows to attend. This show has some of the best British Cars and European Cars showing from the Dallas area. Since it was held during the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla the theme was very British. The weather was good, and the show is in a setting where picnicking, bicycles and folks out for a day at White Rock Lake promotes a great turnout.



Event Report

May Membership Lunch

Café de France * Dallas, TX, May 13, 2023



On Saturday May 13th, thirty-five members of the NTX Section met for our monthly lunch and Membership Meeting. This is an opportunity for our membership to share time to talk about cars, get to know members better and give input on their interests and ideas regarding events for our Section. Our next Membership Lunch will be at Luigi's Italian Cafe in Rockwall, Tx. On June 17th. We look forward to another great lunch and member fellowship.



Special Report

Silver Star Preservation



Most car show aficionados know that all concours are now recognizing original untouched and non-restored cars for special awards. For example, Pebble Beach, the granddaddy of all Concours has a special classification known as the "Preservation Class" and presents awards to Pre-War and Post-War cars. Many other Concours have followed their lead. Today the preservation class is one of the most popular classifications at major and even regional and local shows around the world.

This class is for cars, 25 years old or older that are largely original and have been unrestored since new. It is intended for driver-quality cars that have withstood the ravages of time, climate and daily driving. This classification is designed to formally recognize original cars that meet the defined set of standards by presenting the owner with a certificate commemorating the event and displaying a photo and pertinent data, suitable for framing. It can also add to the provenance of your car whenever one intends to sell or insure it.

How It Works

Your eligible Mercedes-Benz must be entered in a MBCA sanctioned sectional, regional or national concours. To be eligible, the vehicle must be at least 25 years old and it should be in good working order, driven under its own power to the event and be largely original. Your eligible car should have an original engine and drivetrain. There can be partial refurbishments of various components, but no complete restorations can be accepted.

To self-judge your car prior to having it reviewed and processed by the judge at the show event, go to <https://www.mbca.org/enthusiasts/resources> and print the form and complete it. Bring to the show. The judge will review the document, confirm your car and take a picture of you and your car for submission to the Chief Judge.

Welcome 21 New Members between 3/1 – 4/30!

Joe Allman	Sean Frank	Crawford Jackson	Terigi Rossi
Latonya Clark	Lorenda Grace	James McAdams	Marslane Schlesinger
Matt Dominy	Gary Griffith	Shellie Munn	Gurpreet Singh
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Thanks to Our 26 Renewing Members between 3/1 – 4/30!

Ronald Anthony	Gillian Cunningham	Clayton McGratty	Ceazari Threadgill
Luis Bonilla	Ionel Cuzuban	Kimberly Milford	Wallace Wheeler
Adrian Bordlemay	Regina Finney	Deepak Nair	Jim Woodcock
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We are always looking for new folks who are interested in participating in Club activities. Whether through events, driving, etc. Please contact Tom Strohm at t-strohm@ti.com to learn more.

New Ideas Wanted

We're always looking for new ideas for events, get-togethers, drives, overnight tours, etc. If there's a particular type of event you would like us to host, let us know. Contact Jerry Chenault at jerry311@msn.com.

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Planned Upcoming Events in 2023

June	Cars & Coffee
June	Membership Lunch
July	Granbury Drive
July	DIY Tech Session
September	Mercedes Grande
September	Jefferson Drive Weekend
	More Events Being Planned

More to Come!

Event dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please check out our website at <http://ntx.mbca.org> for the most updated information.