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# The Texas Star



Mercedes-Benz Club of America - North Texas Section

## Event Report

### MBCA NTX Cars & Coffee

Saturday, July 29, 2023 \* The Colony, TX

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21 cars attended the Cars & Coffee at the TURBO Coffee parking lot on Saturday, July 29th at The Colony, Texas.

The turnout was great with a great mix of cars, new and old. This time of year, it is hot in Texas, but the early morning temperature was perfect for folks to visit and share stories about their cars. This is the first year that the Section has sponsored Cars & Coffee events and it has been a great success. Folks have time to see our members' cars, share stories about their cars and in many cases share information about maintenance, parts sourcing and how to perform work on the cars. It is an environment that allows time to just make friends and visit.

It was a great day for the event, and we look forward to our next Cars & Coffee.



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# President's Message



I am pleased that we have had another successful 'Do It Yourself' and two more Cars & Coffee showing. And thanks again to the participants and the new members that came with their cars, both older and newer ones.

Each of you owns a car from the 8th most recognized brand of any production the world. I recently read an article on the internet about '10 things you might not know about Mercedes-Benz.'

One of those is the excerpt following:

The "Three-Pointed Star" Has Several Meanings

The "three-pointed star" of Mercedes-Benz is one of the most iconic logos in the world. Even looking outside, the automotive sphere, the Mercedes logo must surely rank right up there as one of the most identifiable. While most of us are familiar with its

design, very few of us understand the origins of the logo.

Legend has it that Gottlieb Daimler sent his sons a postcard in 1872, and a three-pointed star was used to indicate the location of their home. The brothers used this as the basis of the Mercedes-Benz logo, developing it from the blue originally used to the silver design we are now familiar with. Each point is said to represent land, sea, and air, the environments that the company wanted to conquer. The final piece of the puzzle relates to the circle in which the star is housed. Added in 1926, it marked the merger of Daimler and Mercedes-Benz.

Your club represents the value you put into your car. Members can communicate how they care for their car and find hints of where to find repairs or service, how to fix it yourself and how to exhibit your passion at a show, on a track or driving down the street.

MBCA is currently evaluating what our future will look like. Some areas of the country have events focused on their surroundings and may not venture to a long-distance event like Mercedes Grande. But once there, they find a wide spectrum of ways to enjoy your automobile.

In coming months, you will see and hear new offerings that the new headquarters management, regional and section officers have developed to improve your club experience with your automobile.

Remember, this is your club and without your ideas and participation we cannot be successful in meeting your needs. Please send them to any of the officers so we can address them.

Hope to see you at Mercedes Grande in September.

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

### Overnight Drive to College Station

August 12-13, 2023 \* With the Houton Section, College Station, TX

The Houston Section has invited North Texas to join a great overnight driving event to College Station! As of this moment, we will meet in Bryan, TX at 11:00am. I am working on a local lead for this event who may add a start time and location for caravanning down there.

Highlights include:

- Messina Hof Winery
- The Stella Hotel
- Banquet Dinner
- Aggieland Wild Animal Safari
- Museum of the American GI

The Houston Section is full of really great folks. They have planned a super fun event. The link below lets you sign up individually for each planned event. After you register, Errol Hines, Houston Section President, will send you a link for PayPal.



## MBCA NTX Picnic

Saturday, September 16, 2023 \* Bob Woodruff Park, Plano, TX



Mark your Calendars for the 2023 MBCA NTX Picnic at a new location. Details will be coming shortly. There will be a Clean Car Show and a special trial judging of all car classes to prepare for a judged event in October. Star Certification for our 25 years and older classics. Food will be catered by Babe's Chicken Dinner House.

## Jefferson Drive Weekend

September 30 - October 1, 2023 \* Meet at QuikTrip, Greenville, TX

Join in for the Fun Fall Road Trip to Historic Jefferson, TX.  
 September 30th - October 1st, 2023  
**Meet at Quik Trip** 1400 Joe Ramsey Blvd, Greenville, TX  
 - 8:30 AM Saturday September 30th.  
 - Leave at 9:00 AM. Take HWY 69 south to Mineola, TX  
 - Take HWY 80 East to Marshall, TX to the Texas and Pacific Railway Museum, 800 N. Washington Ave.  
 - To lunch at Jucy's Hamburgers 2003 Victory Dr. Marshall  
 - Option 1) Take HWY 80 West to HWY 154 W 14.5 Miles (20 minutes) to Enoch's Stomp Vineyard & Winery  
 -Then on to Jefferson

OR



## Jefferson Drive Weekend

- Option 2) head North on Hwy 59 to Jefferson, TX
- Free time to shop the antique shops, General Store Market or Museums
- Check in to your hotel
- Historic Kahn Hotel
- Excelsior House Hotel
- 5:00 Meet at Haywood House Restaurant and Bar for Happy hour to relax and visit.
- 5:30-7:30 Dinner in private dining area at Haywood House
- 8:00-9:30 Historic Jefferson Ghost Tour

### Sunday October 1st

- 8:00 Excellent 2 course breakfast at Excelsior House Hotel
- 9:00 Head to Captain Ron's Swamp Tour, Karnack at Caddo Lake for 10:00 1 ½ hour tour
- Lunch at the Big Pines Lodge

Trip home

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Historic Kahn Hotel: One of the Top Ten Most Haunted Hotels in Texas

Historic Wing Rooms - Excelsior House Hotel

9 Fun Things to Do in Jefferson, TX - Lone Star Travel Guide

Haywood House - American Restaurant in Jefferson, TX

<https://jeffersonghostwalk.com/>

<https://captronswamptours.com/>

[https://bigpineslodge.com/regular\\_menu.htm](https://bigpineslodge.com/regular_menu.htm)

## Granbury Drive & Brewery

**Saturday, October 21, 2023 \* Revolver Brewery, Granbury, TX**



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!



# Event Report

## DIY Tech Session

Saturday, July 22, 2023 \* Louden’s Motorcar Services, Dallas, TX



Once again, our friends at Louden Motorcar Service hosted a Do-It -Yourself (DIY) session for our members. The facility is always an excellent place for our folks to do maintenance on their cars. The ability to have a technical person available to give help and advice is special and having lifts to service the cars is great. DIY Sessions have been a long-standing event for our members and in addition to the folks at Loudens our dealer friends at Park Place Motor Cars and Mercedes-Benz of Plano host us each year. The North Section was the first in the club to work with and begin the DIY Sessions with our dealer friends who make available their great facilities but also provide parts at a discount, access to lifts and to provide dealer technicians to give advice. It was a great event and thanks again to our friends at Louden Motorcar Service.



## June Membership Lunch

June 17, 2023 \* Luigi’s Italian Cafe, Rockwall, TX



26 members of the North Texas Section met at Luigi’s Italian Café in Rockwall, Texas for lunch. Rockwall is near the shores of Lake Ray Hubbard and driving across the and lake seeing the boats was special. The weather was great for a meeting and the Italian food was excellent. After lunch Jerry Chenault gave an update for activities for the second half of the year. We had a 50/50 raffle to benefit our club, and thanks to Ron Harwick the winner who donated his winnings to the club. We had two new members at the lunch, and it is good to see new members joining our section and the multiple types of events that the section tries to include each year gives members and potential members different events that members can pick from to enjoy and grow our section.



# Event Report

## MBCA NTX Cars & Coffee

June 10, 2023 \* Beubeaux's Bourbon & Biscuits, Allen, TX



18 Mercedes-Benz North Texas Section members met at Beubeaux's at Waters Creek on a great morning to share their passion and to enjoy the camaraderie at the second Mercedes Cars and Coffee event!

If you are a proud Mercedes owner or just curious about the cars these Cars & Coffee events are a great way to get to know the brand, the members, and the club. This is the first year our club has hosted Cars & Coffee and the interest has been great.

We plan on making Cars & Coffee a continuing part of our events and we look forward to growing our attendance. What a great way to enjoy cars, food, and great car folks.



## End Alzheimer's Charity Golf Tournament

June 5, 2023 \* Heritage Ranch Country Club, Fairview, TX



The North Texas Section participated in the 13th Annual Chip-in Fore Charity Classic Golf Tournament on Monday, June 5, 2023, at Heritage Ranch Golf and Country Club.

Our Section was a sponsor of the event, and we had two players in the tournament, Tom Strohm and Carolee Seifert. Tom's group placed Tenth out of 18 teams and Carolee's group placed First out of 18 teams.

We had a table set up in the entry of the Club house for purchasing the DO GOOD TO END ALZ medallions and a tent on the 18th tee box to promote the Alzheimer's Charity and the Mercedes-Benz Club. The focus of our participation in the event was to promote the Alzheimer's Association and Mercedes-Benz Club of America's partnership with the Alzheimer Charity.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped to set up the tables and the tent for the day and participated in greeting folks at our table and tent.





# 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

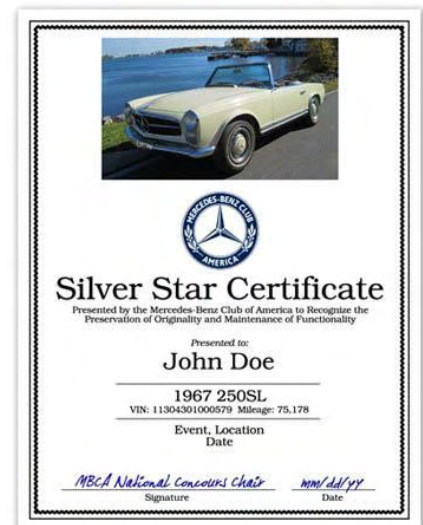
for driver-quality cars that have withstood the ravages of time, climate and daily driving.

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 20 New Members between 5/1 – 7/31!**

Mustapha Aassar	Raymond Jurado	Bill Moss	Neil Rajput	Barry Schlesinger
Marla Eisenberg	Sophia King	Mircea Negrea	Shreedhar Reddy	Frederick Solleder
Paul Giles	Matthew Kingsley	Fred Payne	Ron Rogozinski	Cynthia Sonkur
Vishnu Jonnalagadda	Loretta Mabinton	Ciera Police	Kevin Sajan	Daniel Stampfel

**Thanks to Our 107 Renewing Members between 5/1 – 7/31!**

Wasfi Aletoum	Albert Dahouk	Rainer Herkenrath	Gary Mangold	Jeff Seidel
Tiffyni Allen	BJ Dale	Mahmoud Homayoun	Melissa Martinez	Robert Singleton
Gilbert Alonzo	Hans Deitrich	Fred Yao-Chung Hu	Bill Mason	William Siu
Michael Baldwin	Mark Dickman	James Hudson	Jennifer Mellet	Chad Smith
Arlene Beasley	Ken Dorsett	Yee Hui	William Mitchell	Joseph Spinelli
Quincy Beavers, Jr.	John Doubleday	Denny Hunt	Joyce Molen	Eric Steen
Eugene Bennett	Joe Equigua-Garcia	Palitha Jayasinghe	Silus Motamarry	Wilson Street
Andrae Bowen	Mike Escobedo	Scott Jordan	Frank Musmar	Soodabeh Tabar
Gary Braswell	Lee Ewing	Richard Jorgensen	Maurice Nahas	Eduard Talens
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Daniel Bullard	Jeffrey Fielder	asundaram	Charles O'Neil	R Van Meter
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Member's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ (list year(s) and model(s))

I hereby apply for membership in the Mercedes-Benz Club of America.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

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Annual dues include six issues of "The Star" each year, plus your local section's newsletter.

**Make your check payable to MBCA, and mail it along with the application to:**

**Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Inc.  
National Business Office  
1907 Lelaray Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80909**

## Help!

### Calling All Members...

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](mailto: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](mailto:jerry311@msn.com).



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## Planned Upcoming Events in 2023

August	College Station Drive
September	NTX Picnic
September	Mercedes Grande
September	Jefferson Drive Weekend
October	Oktoberfest
October	Granbury Drive
October	Autumn Trails Drive & Parade
November	Farmers Branch Classic Car Show
December	NTX Christmas Party
	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.