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Mercedes-Benz Club of America - North Texas Section

Event Report

MBCA NTX Picnic

Saturday, September 16, 2023 * Plano, TX

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After weeks of temperatures over 100 degrees the clouds rolled back, and the temperatures moved to the 80's for our annual NTX picnic.

Bob Woodruff Park was perfect for our group of 61 members with lots of parking for our Clean Car Contest, and a great pavilion for lunch and visiting. In addition to our Clean Car Show we had a silent auction, Star Certification for cars 25 years and older and great food provided by Babe's Chicken Dinner House.

The winners of the Clean Car Contest were Brett Jurick in first place with his '87 560SL, second place Whit Stark with his '88 560SL and Henry Tomarelli with his '13 SL550.

A great day for food, cars and visiting with new and old friends.



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President's Message



It has been a busy September for our Section. There was Mercedes Grande, then the annual picnic and the Mecum Auction. How about that for varied venues. The list continued with the Jefferson weekend trip and in October with Oktoberfest at the Bavarian Grill and Revolver Brewery in Granbury. October ended with the annual Autumn Fest Parade in Winnsboro.

At the National level, the new leadership is continuing to work on the structure for the club to move forward to retaining and growing membership to a financial structure that will provide resources for our sections. The goal is to have the plans and direction by year-end.

Our Section continues as one of the key sections in the country based on size. However, our numbers are decreasing even as we welcome new members at each event. This trend is affecting all sections and other clubs and organizations as well. The benefits of being a member of the world's number-one car company in history are being addressed.

I have personally attended over eight National events like Mercedes Grande. It was very special with a focus on our cars but from some new perspectives – the women of our club. There was a fashion show where each model was a club member including our Executive Director. The opening featured a clip of the world's first car driven on the first trip by a woman. The message is clear – it takes all of us to make our club great! Let me know if you have any ideas for events that you would like to have us plan in the next months.

And mark your calendars for the annual Christmas Party on December 9 at Eldorado Country Club.

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

MBCA NTX Christmas Party

December 9, 2023 * Eldorado Country Club, McKinney, TX

The North Texas Section of the Mercedes Benz Club of America will be holding its annual Christmas party on December 9, 2023, 6:00pm, at Eldorado Country Club. The setting is festive and the food is delicious. Overall, it will be just what you need to keep you in that festive mood for celebrating!!



The festivities will begin at 6:00pm with cocktails and an assortment of delicious cheeses, crackers, fruits and berries. Dinner includes a delicious dinner buffet with an assortment of foods from which to choose, featuring a beef tenderloin filet carving station as well as pan seared chicken. Dessert will also be served. Coffee, tea and water will be available throughout dinner also. Tickets will be \$50 per person and can be purchased by registering and paying through the TWO buttons below - BOTH ARE REQUIRED. The deadline for registering is December 4, 2023 so that a good head count can be given to the venue.

There will be a pay as you go bar with wine, beer and mixed drinks.

Our entertainment for the evening will be the Lovejoy High School Choral. They will be singing Christmas music following dinner. You don't want to miss them!

It was such a big hit last year, back by popular demand, the "white elephant" gift exchange is planned again this year. Each person that would like to participate needs to bring a wrapped gift of something that is no longer wanted, needed or used! It should be something you already have; please don't buy anything new for this!! The "white elephant" exchange is always fun and will help you to get to know everyone better. It's a real ice breaker!! We will also have Mercedes merchandise as door prize / raffle.

January Membership Lunch

Saturday, January 16, 2024 * La Hacienda Ranch, Dallas, TX



Noon - 2pm. This is always a club favorite; I hope to see you there!

Join us for our next Membership Lunch at La Hacienda Ranch in North Dallas. It has been a while since we have been there. I love this place and am sure you will enjoy it. I know I am looking forward to it. Join us for Fellowship and Socializing and our Monthly Board Meeting. These are always well attended so arrive early to get your pick of seats.

Event Reports

November Membership Lunch

Saturday, November 11, 2023 * Rudy's BBQ, Frisco, TX

35 members attended lunch at Rudy's BBQ in Frisco, Texas on Saturday November 11th. As always, the BBQ was very good, and folks enjoyed a great Fall November day with great weather.

After lunch Mark Kelly from Park Place Motor Cars gave an update on the Mercedes-Benz strategy for EV cars. Mark is the EV Ambassador for EV cars at Park Place, and he is the point person that keeps the sales force up to date on the EV cars and he also is available as a resource for customers when considering an EV. The presentation was to update us on the new Mercedes Hybrid offerings and Mark also brought a new GLE 450e Hybrid for folks to see and ask questions about. Park Place is a great resource for our section for product updates and an annual DIY for our members.



Granbury Drive & Brewery

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

After several reschedules due to covid and Texas heat, we had our awesome day in Granbury on Saturday October 21, 2023. We had 11 people register for this event.

It started at the Revolver Brewery where folks enjoyed a moderate amount of their great beers and an awesome street taco food truck. Then we did an awesome 40 min drive through the north hill country to the Granbury Square.

On the square, everyone enjoyed shops and restaurants in this great Texas town. It was a beautiful day, and everyone had a great day!



NTX Oktoberfest

October 5, 2023 * Bavarian Grill Thursday, Plano, TX



43 folks signed up for the annual North Texas Section Oktoberfest at the Bavarian Grill in Plano, Texas. The Bavarian Grill has one of the most extensive German menus in the country and they have over 70 beers with half on tap. The new location has an interior that makes you feel like you are in Bavaria, and it feels like Oktoberfest.



It was fun seeing some new faces and visiting with old friends. Brett Jurick gave an update on upcoming events which included a trip to Granbury, Texas and a visit to the Revolver Brewery on October 21, Jerry Chenault gave an overview of an upcoming Car Show in Southlake on October 14th. Ron Seifert covered a trip to Winnsboro, Texas for their annual Autumn Trails Parade & Drive on October 28, the parade is always fun.



For our members there are a lot of events to celebrate with the cooler weather and a chance to participate with friends in events. Social, driving, car shows, and Do-it-yourself events are a key focus of our club and hopefully we can provide a great menu of events that our membership enjoys and will participate in.



MBCA NTX Jefferson Weekend

September 30 – October 1, 2023, Dallas, TX

Twelve folks from the North Texas Section with 7 cars met in Greenville, Texas for a beautiful drive thru the east Texas back roads to Jefferson, Texas.

Along the way the group visited the Railroad Museum in Marshall, Texas, with a stop at Jucys Hamburgers for a great lunch. Back on the road thru the East Texas forests to Jefferson. After checking in at the hotels the group did a tour of Jefferson antique shops, museums and visited the Jay Gould railroad car that Jay Gould used for his travel. Happy hour and dinner was at McGarity's Restaurant & Saloon. Great food and a wonderful atmosphere. After dinner a time to visit at the water fountain and patio at the Excelsior Hotel.

The wonderful trip was hosted by Larry and Peg Reeg. Thank you for all you did to plan and lead this great event. It was terrific!



MBCA Day at Mecum Auctions Dallas

September 23, 2023 * Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center, Dallas, TX



Mecum Auctions is a national sponsor of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. They do car auctions all over the country. When they come to each city, they invite the local sections to join them for a fun and informative day at the auction.



We had 45 people register for this awesome new event. David and Marsha were our hosts. The day started out with a reception in a room overlooking the auction floor. They answered questions and gave us a great explanation of all the motions of running the largest auto auction in America. David covered the many ways to buy. In person, on the phone via the internet or any combination of these.



It was a really fun day and everyone enjoyed learning and the excitement of an auto auction. We look forward to next year!



Overnight Drive to College Station with the Houston Section

August 12, 2023 * College Station, TX

Twenty-three folks joined the Houston Section for great weekend. The first stop on the trip was at the Messina Hof Winery in Bryan, Texas. Texas is now one of the leading states in the wine industry and the winery has four locations in Texas. The winery is located in a beautiful location with beautiful buildings which houses a restaurant and a gift shop that has all things for folks who love wine.

We began with a great lunch and folks got to visit and get to know each other. The group had folks from the Houston, North Texas, the Lone Star Section. and the Bryan area. After lunch we took a tour of the winery, including a look at the wine making process and a wine tasting session. For the evening banquet we had a wonderful speaker, Dr. Robert Holzweiss, Acting director of the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

Dr. Holzweiss gave a great presentation regarding the library and the upcoming addition, the Railway & Locomotive Museum. The Railway Museum will be finished by June of 2024. A reason to make another visit to College Station and the Bush Museum.

On Sunday morning we were to go to the Aggieland Wild Animal Safari, however the day was forecasted to have temperatures in the 100's so it was decided that the group would do that on another trip to College Station. A great day and special thanks to Erroll Hines and the Houston Section for hosting this special weekend!



MBCA NTX Cars & Coffee

July 29, 2023 * Turbo Coffee, The Colony, TX



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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Vinnie Deegan
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Shonna Franklin
Louis Frisbie
Ashok George

Charles Green
Shirley GiGi Kaczka
Mark Liniado
Lin O'Neill
Kevin Owen
James Pazora
Tim Pesqueira
Darcy Randall

Thomas Roark
Chris Sinclair
Seetha Sureddi
Hiralal Sutaria
Frankie Tinner-Allen
Jennifer Williams
Lydia Wyatt

Thanks to Our 62 Renewing Members between 8/1 – 10/31!

Tony Adeyemi
Alex Alekhine
Jeffrey Alexopoulos
Clara Anumudu
David Baker
William Balch
Rick Balser
Chris Bellew
James Botary
Venkata Burujula
Natalia Caballero
Miles Casad
Charles Chang
Lauren Clinkscapes
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Glenn Goodrich
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New Ideas Wanted

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Planned Upcoming Events in 2023

December	NTX Christmas Party
September	Mercedes Day at The Shop
2024	
January	Membership Lunch
January	DIY Tech session
Other	
	Farmers Branch Classic Car Show
	And more 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.