



## Silver Star Preservation Made Easy

The Silver Star Preservation program has been universally embraced by much of the MBCA community. As many of you now know, it is intended for cars that are at least 25 years old and are largely original. This would eliminate complete restorations of the exterior and interiors. Remember, as the saying goes "they are only original once".

It has been the single most popular MBCA classification of all. Owners who are fortunate to have a car that qualifies for the award are justly proud of their original car, yet they typically do not wish to subject their pride and joy to the rigors of concours judging.

In order to make it more universally available to all MBCA members, we have decided to elaborate the requirements once again. For example, it has been believed that only a concours trained judge can verify and certify the findings of the owner. That is not the case. Anyone within the host section who is familiar with Mercedes-Benz paint and interior or who can spot restoration work can be a reviewer of the form. Remember the form is first filled out by the entrant who certifies his or her car is largely original.

It has also been believed that the Silver Star Certification can only take place at a sanctioned MBCA Sectional or Regional Event. That will no longer be a requirement. Any section event can qualify. Examples are picnics, driving events or any event where there would be a great number of club members present.

Our goal is to make the Silver Star certification easier to attain rather than present road blocks for its implementation. We received many calls and emails asking for a venue that would be appropriate for Silver Star Certification only to discover that the local Section does not offer it. Our goal in 2018 is to ensure that every Section leadership understands the program and can make it available to interested club members.