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View Through The Star

by Gary Edwards, President

We've had a lot of fun events this year and our membership numbers are growing steadily – thanks for spreading the word; 68% of new members last quarter heard about us from other members. Our monthly Cars and Coffee have been great, we've been Karting twice (with another coming up this month on the 14th), done Mountain Drives, rallies, a spring mini-concours, a member appreciation luncheon and we had a wonderful weekend trip to Nashville. Now, it's about time to elect next year's officers, and I wanted to mention some event issues we've faced this year.

Upcoming Elections:

We now have our slate of nominees for the 2023. They and their biographies are listed in this issue. Please do take time to read them and to vote later this month in our on-line election. If there are any other nominations, let us know, recognizing that our bylaws require one year of service as a Director prior to becoming a President or Vice President. It's important to develop our future leaders and those interested in future leadership positions should let their interests be known. Event planning is an excellent first step, and I encourage all of you to attend our event planning training on November 13th. We are especially interested in recruiting young leaders.

Member Spotlight - Michael Leigh



How would you like to meet a 1986 500SL AMG that's the only one in North America?

Peachtree Section member Mike Leigh owns the car, which was made in the last year that AMG did the Mercedes tuning for that model. In 1986, Mercedes introduced and transitioned to the 560SL worldwide while also continuing to make the 500SL for Europe.

Before he acquired the 500SL, Mike always admired the 107 body style (specifically 1973 450SL models with European style bumpers). "In 2010, a close friend who owned a 1973 450SL asked if I was interested in buying his car and told me it needed a paint job," Mike said. "We struck a deal over the phone, and he shipped the car to me. Unfortunately I found that the car needed a lot more than a paint job – apparently the people my friend trusted to care for the car hadn't done everything correctly. I reported all this to my friend, who told me to sell the vehicle. But coming so close to that body style gave me the bug for owning one."

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The Event Rundown

August

8/6 - [Cars and Coffee at Halcyon](#)

8/14 - [Karting at Lanier Raceplex](#)

8/20 - [Concours Judging School](#)

8/26 - 8/27 [Shelton Vineyards](#)

September

9/3 - [Cars and Coffee at Halcyon](#)

9/10 - Mountain Drive

9/24 - [Peachtree Concours d'](#)

[Elegance](#)

9/24 - 9/25 [Summit Point Performance](#)

[Driving](#)

9/25 - [Autocross with PCA](#)

October

November

11/3 - 11/6 - [Hilton Head Concours](#)
and Legends of the Autobahn East and

[Benzzz by the Beach \(Carolinas
Section\)](#)

11/6 - [Autocross with PCA](#)

December

12/3 - [Peachtree Holiday Luncheon](#)

12/4 - Cars and Coffee at Halcyon

10/1 - [Cars and Coffee at Halcyon](#)
10/8 - Event Planning Workshop
10/15 - Peachtree Board Meeting
10/16 - [Autocross with PCA](#)
10/22 - [Northeast Georgia Covered
Bridge Fall Drive](#)
10/25 - 10/29 - [Mercedes Freude](#)
10/30 - Cars and Coffee at Halcyon



Peachtree Members Karting

FULL EVENT SCHEDULE 2022

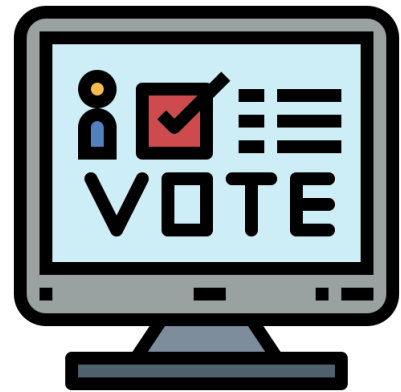
2022 PEACHTREE SECTION ELECTION NOMINEES

The Peachtree Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee nominates the below individuals for the following positions for 2022-2023:

President - Gary Edwards
Vice President - Rubin Howard
Secretary - Rusty Duncan
Treasurer - James Fekete

Directors:

- Brett Butler
- Sam Kamber
- Dean Prince
- Joseph Ruda



Electronic ballots will be emailed to all active members the week of August 20, 2022.

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- Sara Faied
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- David Markley
- Sidney Mashburn
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- McCoy Roger
- Miller Paul Ollinger
- Gregory Pittard
- William Quinto
- Steven Smith
- Lester Walker
- Itay Yartet
- Scott Zelgewicz



Peachtree
Section

by Reijo Haarla, Membership Director

At the end of June 2022 Peachtree Section of the MBCA has 547 members. The numbers of the Peachtree memberships keep growing. Since the beginning of the year, we have gained 25 more members.

Please check the event calendar in this Newsletter and register to attend for an upcoming event. Attending club events is the best way to meet members that share your interest in Mercedes-Benz vehicles.



We are pleased to welcome those who recently joined the Mercedes-Benz Club of America and particularly the Peachtree Section

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[*Karting at Lanier Raceplex - 8/14*](#)

[*Concours Judging School - 8/20*](#)

by Gary Edwards, Event Planner

Join us for karting at Lanier Raceplex
Saturday June 18th and August 14th

(note August date change). After a rain-out in February, our karting returns to Lanier Raceplex, with some slight differences due to new ownership; karting will be afternoon instead of mornings and we won't be doing lunch. Hone your driving skills in a high-fun, low-risk environment. Four sessions for \$110. Great karts, Great people, Great fun.

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Concours Judging of Mercedes-Benz Autos



by Sam Kamber, Concours Chair

Learn the nuances of Concours Judging on Saturday August 20, 2022. This session will be held as in-person event at RBM of Alpharetta Mercedes-Benz dealership . There will also be an option for join the session via ZOOM for those that are distant.

This session will be facilitated by Peachtree Section President, Gary Edwards. Roger Jamieson from **Car Show Pro** will also do a review of the cloud-based software that will be used to facilitate judging at the Peachtree 2022 Concours.

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Tarheel Section



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Peachtree Concours 2022 @Halcyon
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It's that time of the year to start preparing your car for one of the premier events staged by the Peachtree section of the Mercedes Club of America. The 2022 Peachtree Section Concours returns and will be held on **Saturday, September 24th** at the Halcyon Center in Alpharetta, GA ([6365 Halcyon Way, Alpharetta, GA 30005](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6365+Halcyon+Way,+Alpharetta,+GA+30005)). Judging will be carried out with the **Car Show Pro** cloud-based software which promises to be a fabulous and smooth Concours event.

After our trial run of the Car Show Pro software, we are working on giving participants a seamless event. We did have some areas where the “learning curve” highlighted that we did not know everything about the capabilities of the software, in this regard we will be holding a training session for the judges and the administration staff.

For those who participated in the Spring Concours I hope we were able to point out areas of improvement in the preparation of your vehicle, so sign up early as we are expecting a good field of entries.

A new **Show and Shine** class this year will be available for those that want to bring their cars for the enjoyment of showing the car. These cars will be loosely judged and a select number of cars from this class will be award recognition by our judges.

The 2022 Peachtree Concours is open to all Mercedes-Benz cars. Only MBCA members are eligible to win Best of Show and People's Choice awards. Registration will be from 8:00 until 9:00 a.m. All cars should be in their assigned spaces by 9:00 a.m. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude by 2:30 p.m. Awards for all classes will be presented between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m.

[Class Details and Registration](#)



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[East Georgia Covered Bridges
Fall Drive - 10/22](#)

[Peachtree Holiday
Luncheon 12-03](#)



by JoAnne Taylor, Joe Martin, Ernie Smallman, Event Planners

Mark your calendar to spend a Saturday driving to four covered bridges in northeast Georgia and enjoying a little Georgia history along the way. The drive will start from the Village Green in Braselton, off I-85 north near Chateau Elan.

Expect more Georgia history enroute to Hurricane Shoals, Comer's Mill, Watson's Mill, and Howard's Mill covered bridges.

Anticipate concluding for lunch at the new not to miss hot spot in Athens for thirsty and hungry dogs-Cali N Tito's on Cedar Shoals Road.

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Petite Violette

by Ernie Smallman and Patricia Duer, Event Planners

Petite Violette is still a best value in fine dining, as attendees the last two year at Peachtree Sections Holiday luncheons can confirm

The annual awards of Peachtree Section will follow a short performance by two members of the Atlanta Opera Company performing songs from Les Misérables.

Mark your calendar for a taste of holiday cuisine at one of the oldest and most successful restaurants in the Atlanta Brookhaven area. Bring an unwrapped toy for the Marine Corp Toys for Tots Christmas drive.P

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**PROPOSED PEACHTREE SECTION
BYLAW CHANGES**



Change 1) Article II – Officers and Board of Directors. (Two-year Terms for Officers, *change from a one year term*)

A. Officers shall serve a term of **two (2)** years.

B. President and Vice-President shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in either position (**four years**) without majority board approval for one additional **two-year (2)** term in the event these positions cannot otherwise be filled at the end of the second consecutive term

Change 2) Article II, E (Adjustment for On-line voting for officers)

E. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee. Said officers will be elected by Active Members at a meeting **or by electronic (on-line)** means. The voting to be held during the month of September, **or by on-line voting during the month of August or September** and the officers shall take office at 12:01 a.m. on October 1st.

Change 3) Article II, F, 5 (Adjustment for reporting nominations July board meeting being early July)

5. The Nominating Committee Chairperson shall keep the Board of Directors informed monthly of how many positions currently have nominees but shall be under no requirement to divulge the positions filled or the people to serve in those positions until the slate has been filled by the committee to the fullest extent possible. All nominations are to be completed and a nomination slate presented to the Section President and the Board of Directors prior to **July 15th** and published in a newsletter in August.

Change 4) Article V Events (Modified to be inclusive of all MBCA Members, their guests and any other persons who would like to participate. Also eliminated the restriction for Mercedes-Benz only automobiles).

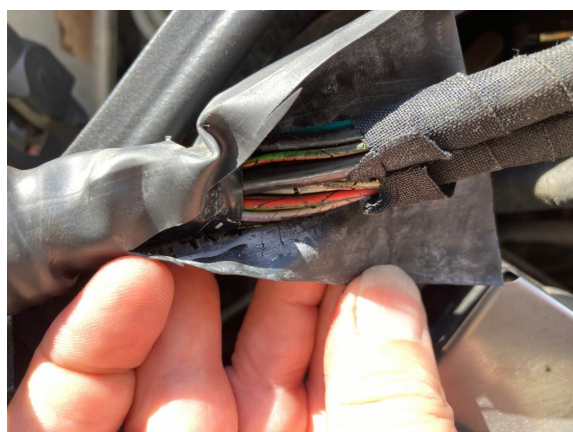
A. All events of the Peachtree Section are open to all members of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Inc., and invited guests; as well as anyone else who chooses to attend as long as they have registered for the specific event beforehand.

Change 5) Article VII. (Adjustment for On-line voting for By-Laws).

A. **Bylaws**; The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of such members who are present at a regular meeting, after at least 30, but not more than 45, days prior notice of such **in-person** meeting, such notice containing the proposed Bylaw amendment, **or alternatively by a two-thirds majority vote of the members voting utilizing on-line voting containing the amended Bylaws.**

Watch for a communication during the month of August on where and when a meeting will be held to vote on the proposed bylaw changes.

TECHNICAL DIGEST



[Fault Codes, Wiring Harnesses and Mass Air Flow Sensors](#)

by Gary Edwards

I guess I thought I was immune to wiring harness issues.

You might recall that there were a few years (1993 to 1995) when Mercedes wiring harnesses had a bit of a problem - they were referred to as the biodegradable wiring harness – after years of engine compartment heat, the insulation got brittle and fell off the wires. You can image what that did for the car – unpredictable issues as wires shorted, perhaps damaging other components as well.

I remember once saying that if a 93 to 95 Mercedes is still running, then the wiring harness is probably already changed. I guess I was wrong about that – what I've learned is that the wiring harness issue typically shows up at around 150,000 miles, it takes that long to bake the harness's wiring insulation so that it will crack and fall off. [Read more](#)

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Mercedes-Benz reports Q2 2022 sales of 79,105 vehicles

ATLANTA – Mercedes-Benz USA (MBUSA) reported Q2 2022 sales of 79,105 Mercedes-Benz Passenger Cars and 19,730 Vans, bringing MBUSA to a grand total of 98,835 vehicles for the quarter, an increase of 6.9% over the comparable period last year. On a year-to-date basis, MBUSA recorded sales of 141,356 Mercedes-Benz passenger vehicles and 33,418 Vans. This brings MBUSA's total year-to-date sales to 174,774 units, a decrease of 4.2% versus 2021, a result of supply challenges and restrictions.

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The MBCA - Carolinas Section is hosting an Eastern Regional Event in conjunction with the [Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance](#) from Thursday, November 3 thru Sunday November 6.

Come join us for lots of **FUN**, food and camaraderie!

Thursday, November 3

- MBCA VIP Welcome Reception
- The Grand Motoring Film Festival Night

Friday, November 4

- Driving Events (Crisscross Rally, Los in the Low Country, Poker Rally to Savannah)
- Dinner at Alfred's Restaurant

Saturday, November 5

- Awards Dinner at Flora's Italian Cafe

Saturday & Sunday – 20th Anniversary Hilton Head Island Car Club Showcase and Concours d' Elegance

Rain is not invited this year!! MBCA-Carolinas Section will present “The History of the Mercedes-Benz Roadster” at the Car Club Showcase on Saturday, November 5. The display will tell the story of the Mercedes-Benz Roadster, featuring ten (10) beautiful Mercedes-Benz roadsters in all of their glory, beginning from the iconic 300SL Roadster in 1957 to the modern 2020 AMG GTR Roadster! The Legends of the Autobahn – East will also be held on Saturday, where MBCA will display vehicles with BMWCCA, and Audi Club NA. This year MBCA celebrates the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the W116 S class.

The grand finale will be the Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, celebrating its 20th Anniversary! This show always has some beautiful cars displayed. One of the featured special displays is the **BEST IN SHOW HALL OF FAME!**

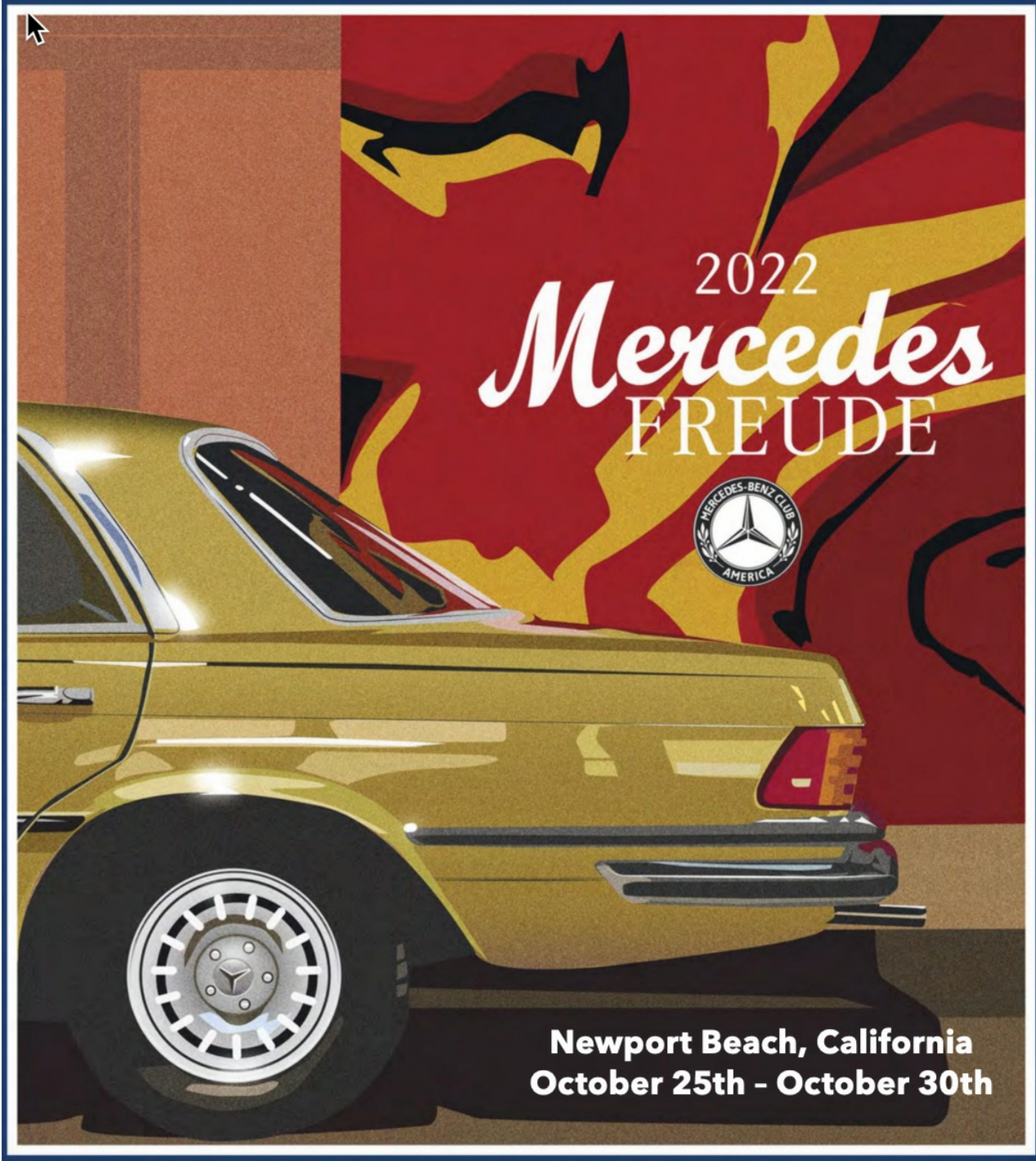
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Peachtree
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by Rubin Howard, Social Media Director

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Facebook Group link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mbcapeachtree>
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