



Peachtree Section

Stars In Georgia October 2022



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View Through The Star

by Gary Edwards, President

Where did the summer go? Welcome to fall! This month I'm going to cover our elections, bylaws revisions, membership, our event planning conference and Legends of the Autobahn.

Elections: The results are in! Well, everyone running was unopposed, so it's no great surprise who the winners were, but we welcome our returning and new officers and

directors. I'll be doing another term as President (my last), and Vice President and Secretary Rubin Howard and Rusty Duncan, respectively, will continue their excellent service. Jim Fekete has been elected as Treasurer; you will recall that we appointed Jim to fill the term of Roger McKissick after he moved to Pennsylvania. Additionally, Dean Prince returns to the Board of Directors, and Sam Kamber, Brett Butler and Joe Ruda have been elected as Directors. We thank departing Director Ben Everest for his service. I am very happy to say that I see a bunch of future presidents as I look around our board table.

I was especially pleased to see a higher voting turnout than we've seen previously, especially for a non-contested election. We had 112 votes cast, an improvement over the 96 from our last election.

Bylaws Revisions: At our Concours meeting in September, a 2/3 majority of members present voted to adopt our proposed bylaws revisions. The most important change was to shift to 2-year terms for the officers and directors. This reduces our annual election churn and it promotes stability for our section's leadership – but note that since our elections took place before the bylaws approval, the new slate will only serve a one-

year term. We also eliminated the provision that only MBCA members and only Mercedes vehicles could take part in our events. Members won't see a significant difference in our events; we had already been routinely waiving this requirement for events where it made sense, this just makes it easier on event planners. We also made some detail changes including adding electronic voting and slightly revising the due date for the nominating committee to present their slate.

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Member Spotlight - Glen Cooper

Glen Cooper owns four Mercedes now, but during his life he has owned many of them. In addition to two 1989 560SLs – one red, one seafoam green – he owns a 2014 CL 550 that he keeps in Florida, and a 2018 SL 450 that is his daily driver. An attorney who is also a part-time family law judge in Fulton County, Glen is nearing retirement and hopes to transition into being a full time family law judge.

He said he has a soft spot for Mercedes SLs because they remind him of his father. "When I was young, my dad bought a new 1972 350SL and later a 1978 450SL," he said. "My red 560SL has a black hard top with a black interior, much like the color of my Dad's 350SL," he said. "When I sit in my own SL, I feel like I'm giving my dad hugs." Glen has searched far and wide for his father's 350SL and intends to buy it if he ever finds it.

Glen's other 1989 560SL is in its original color – seafoam green – though the car's first exterior had to be redone after the husband of one of Glen's clients keyed the entire car. "That repair took six months of work by Performance Auto Collision in Alpharetta," he said. "I also had the soft top replaced by Bud's Benz."

The list of Glen's past Mercedes is lengthy: 1981 300E, 1998 E320, 1999 S 320, 1999 SL 500. "I bought the 1999 SL 500 from one of my favorite people, David Geary, at the former Atlanta Classic Cars," Glen said. "He used to call me up and say 'I have a Cooper car for you.' He called me once to tell me about a 1984 380SL, and I bought it, too."

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The Event Rundown

October

10/8 - [Event Planning Workshop](#)
10/15 - Peachtree Board Meeting
10/16 - [Autocross with PCA](#)
10/16 - [Chastain Park Auto Show](#)
10/22 - [Northeast Georgia Covered Bridge Fall Drive](#)

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](#)

10/25 - 10/29 - Mercedes [Freude](#)
10/30 - [Medallion Rally and Cars and Coffee at Halcyon](#)

December
12/3 - [Peachtree Holiday Luncheon](#)
12/4 - [Cars and Coffee at Halcyon](#)

FULL EVENT SCHEDULE 2022



**L to R. Tom Mewborn (Artist),
Diana Quinn (RD), Rugger
Smith (President, Greater
Washington)**

From the Editor, and Eastern Region Director - Diana Quinn

Fall is here.

The year has really zipped by so quickly, but there is certainly more to come. The year so far has been filled with so many great events throughout the Eastern Region. My husband and I have had the opportunity to visit and participate with the Tarheel, Peachtree, Central Georgia, and the Greater Washington Sections so far this year. At several of these events there have been members from the other Sections of Carolinas, Triangle, Virginia, and Alabama/NW Florida. We have had a great time visiting with our MBCA friends and making new friends during our travels. [Read More](#)

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- Evan Katon
- Fulton Lewis
- Derek Lukaschus
- Richard Manus Jr
- David Pilliod
- Elijah Tutt
- Bruce Van Vreede



Peachtree Section

by Reijo Haarla, Membership Director

At the end of August 2022 Peachtree Section of the MBCA has 529 members. We have experienced a slight decrease in the numbers of the Peachtree membership during the months of July and August.

Peachtree Section is one of the most active sections within the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. We organize a large variety of events members can participate. There are still many interesting events scheduled for the rest of the year. 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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Event Planning Workshop

Is there some event you've always wanted to see the club do? Do you enjoy a wide range of club events and want to help put them on? Want to be more involved in Peachtree section? Come to our event planning workshop via ZOOM,

Saturday, October 8th from 12 to 4 pm. We'll have a "how to" session covering how to plan an event. After that, we'll take a short break, then we'll have a "brainstorming" session where we split into groups using ZOOM Breakout rooms and come up with interesting events for 2023. After that we'll get back together and put the events on our 2023 Calendar.

Our goal will be to train some new event planners, and to flesh out a great event schedule for next year. Join us!

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*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.

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Come and participate in the **Peachtree Section 2022 Inaugural Medallion Rally drive**. We will gather at the Alzheimer's Association Atlanta office near Perimeter Mall, address:

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at **9:30 a.m. on October 1st** and make our way up to Halcyon to our monthly Cars and Coffee event which will be from **10 a.m .to noon** located at the Mercedes-Benz

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[Crank Position Sensors](#)



by Gary Edwards

We've had several members who have had issues with Crank Position Sensors (CPS) recently, including me. The crank position sensor tells the engine's control system the rotational position of the crankshaft. If the control system doesn't know where the engine is rotationally, it can't tell the injectors or the spark plugs to fire at the right time, so the engine typically won't run. Most Mercedes since the mid-1980s have crankshaft position sensors. They tend to be quite reliable, but like all things mechanical and electrical, they will eventually fail. Typical symptoms include the car quitting when hot and then being impossible to restart. Sometimes they will restart and then run for a short period and then quit again. Often, when the engine cools,

it will start and run normally, until it heats up and then it quits again. I have heard tales of Mercedes service vehicles carrying ice or buckets of water to dump on failing crank position sensors to get the car started again. [Read more](#)

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Start of Production for the new EQS SUV at Mercedes-Benz in Alabama

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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!**

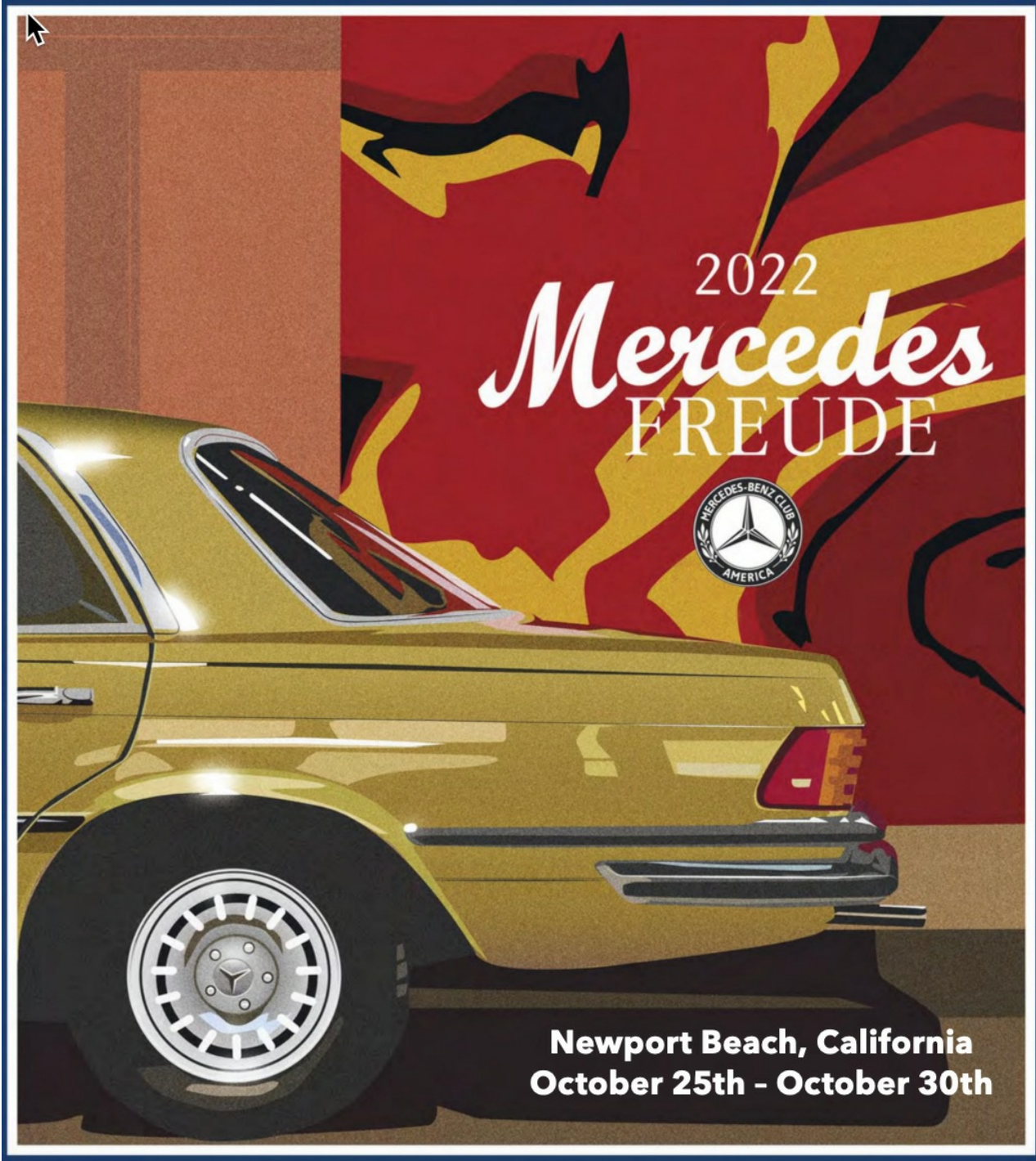
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by Rubin Howard, Social Media Director

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MBCA PeachTube link: [MBCA Peach Tube](#)

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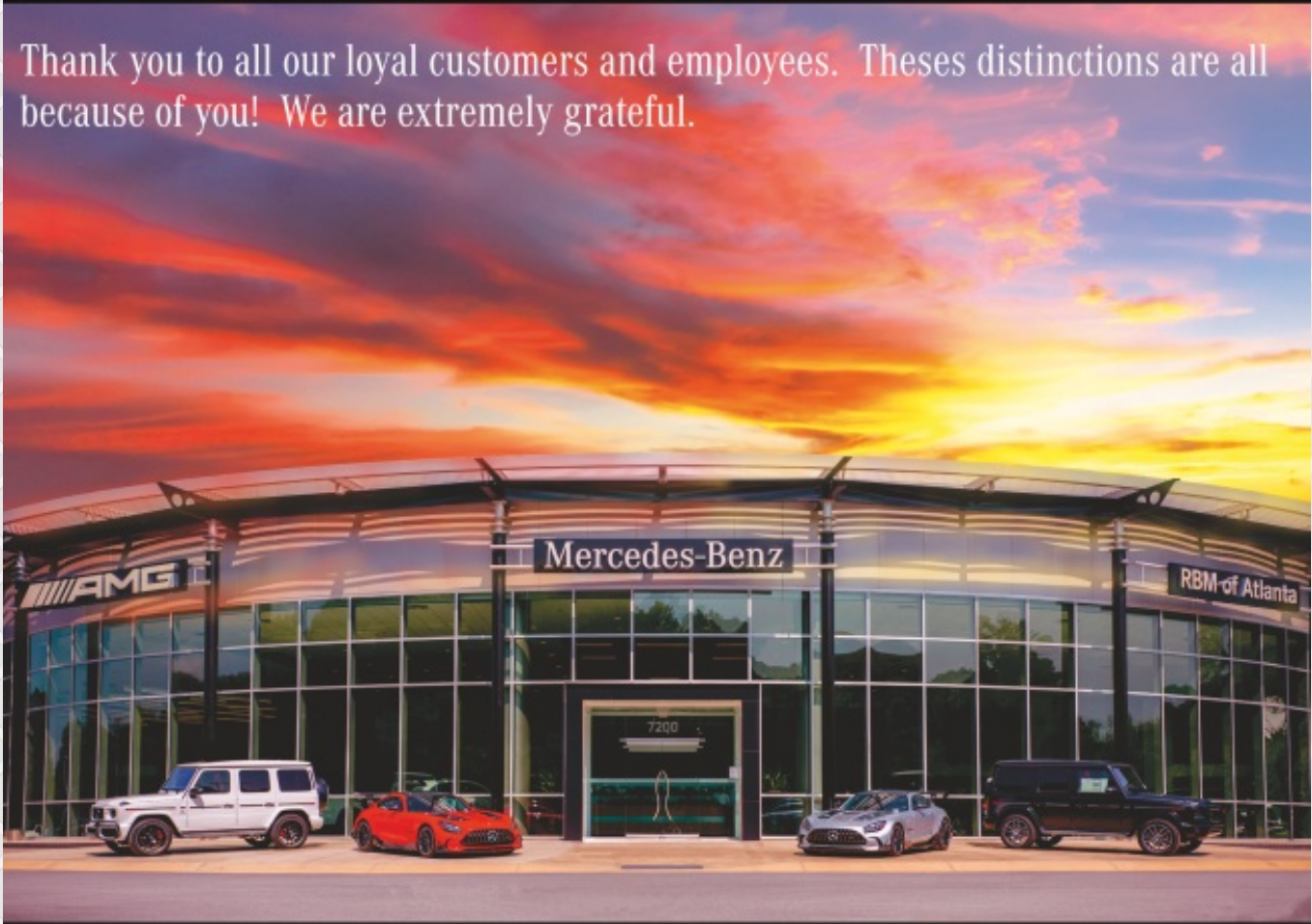
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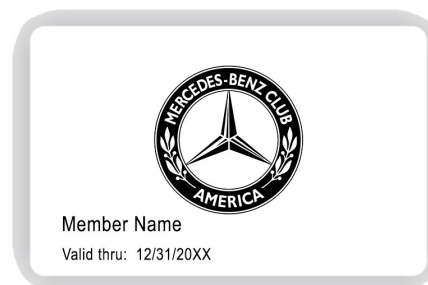
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