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An Overview of the Club

Established in 1956, MBCA has more than 22,000 members in over 80 Sections across the nation. These local Sections organize hundreds of events each year, ranging from social gatherings to specialized technical sessions. MBCA is a non-profit organization.

Join the Club Call 800/637-2360

Note: NEW RATES eff 1/1/2012!

One year	\$49
Two years	\$95
Three years	\$139

Moving? Send address change to:

MBCA, 1907 Lelaray Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
or call 800/637-2360 or www.mbca.org

Local Activities

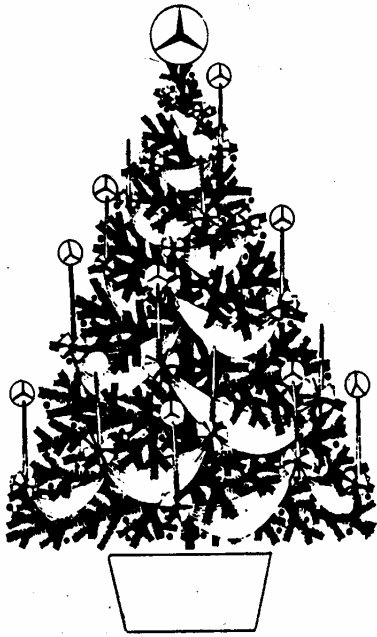
Your dues include membership in the Section of your choice. Each Section publishes a newsletter with news of its activities and their year-round calendar of events, including rallies defensive driving courses, car shows, and dinner meetings. Many Sections host special events such as StarTech, our national technical meeting and StarFest, our National Convention. Any MBCA member may attend any Section, Regional or National event.

Trip Routing Service

MBUSA offers a free trip routing service for MB owners regardless of the age of your car. You must provide your complete VIN. Call 800/367-6372.

The STAR

A subscription The STAR, MBCA's award-winning national magazine is included with your membership. Each issue includes technical information, a historic feature car in color, and the latest news from Daimler-Benz and MBUSA, articles on restoration, new car road tests, and advertisements from companies providing products and services for your car, plus free classified ads to members.



Smoky Mountain Section Holiday Dinner
Mahogany's
Crown Plaza Hotel, Knoxville
401 West Summit Hill Drive
(Between Gay and Henley Street across from TVA
Towers

Friday, December 30, 2011
6:00 p.m.

All Smoky Mountain Section members and their guests
are invited. Come and meet the interesting people who
enjoy what you enjoy – your Mercedes-Benz automobile

Cost is \$20 per person.

Questions? Call Bill Lenihan at 865-482-7325

Be sure to mail form by December 23, 2011 to assure your reservation

Note: there will be NO TIRE KICKER this month – next one January 21, 2012.

Reservation form – MBCA SMOKY MOUNTAIN SECTION
HOLIDAY DINNER

NAME(S): _____

Enclose \$20 per person; Total \$ _____

(Make check out to MBCA Smoky Mountain Section)


Your phone number: _____

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Reach out to area Mercedes-Benz auto owners
Advertising Rates – Newsletter – 6 issues

Full page – 8½ x 11 \$150 Quarter page – 4¼ x 5½ \$50
Half page – 8½ x 5½ \$100 Business card \$25

Our Smoky Mountain Section newsletter reaches about 150 Mercedes-Benz owners in East Tennessee from Chattanooga to the Tri-Cities. Send ad copy and check to: George Murphy (perfanalysis@comcast.net)

To get your newsletter by computer - we need your E-mail address . . .

In order to get your Smoky Mountain Section newsletter to you in a more timely manner, we are asking Section members to send your E-mail address to our newsletter editor. Don't worry - MBCA rules are very clear: your address will not be sold or otherwise distributed to any outside party. We respect your right to privacy – the list is used only for MBCA and SMS events and announcements.

Please send your address to newsletter editor George Murphy at:
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Mercedes-Benz Club of America

2012 Membership News Bulletin

Effective January 1, 2012 MBCA membership dues will increase as follows:

	U.S. <u>Membership Dues</u>	Canadian & Int'l <u>Membership Dues</u>
1 Year	Was \$45 Will Be \$49	Was \$55 Will Be \$59
2 Years	Was \$87 Will Be \$95	Was \$107 Will Be \$115
3 Years	Was \$127 Will Be \$139	Was \$157 Will Be \$169

5 Reasons for the 2012 Dues Increase

1. It has been 12 years since MBCA last raised its dues
2. 2012 dues represent an increase of less than 9% over 2011
3. MBCA has been able to avoid a dues increase for more than a decade but increasing operating expenses make it virtually impossible to avoid a modest increase today
4. The list of MBCA member benefits and discounts has markedly expanded in the last two years. Please see the 2/3 page advertorial in the January/February issue of The Star® magazine for details or visit www.mbca.org/member-benefits for a complete list of benefits
5. We want to ensure that MBCA can continue to meet its promise/value proposition: To be an enduring and sustainable Mercedes-Benz enthusiast organization known for nurturing and inspiring the Mercedes-Benz experience

Special Incentives for MBCA Members, Effective NOW!

Members who RENEW their membership BEFORE 12/31/11 will receive:

- 3 additional months of membership FREE when they renew for 3 years PLUS pay the (current) 2011 rate (\$127 U.S. or \$157 Canadian/Int'l)
- 2 additional months of membership FREE when they renew for 2 years PLUS pay (current) 2011 rate (\$87 U.S. or \$107 Canadian/Int'l)

Members who RENEW their membership beginning 1/1/12 or AFTER will receive:

- 3 additional months of membership FREE when they renew for 3 years (at the 2012 rate)
- 2 additional months of membership FREE when they renew for 2 years (at the 2012 rate)

Cars for Sale

For sale

- 1972 Mercedes-Benz 220/8 115.920 engine
- 4 door sedan – dark green with green interior
- 2.2 liter gasoline engine w/ single Stromberg 175CDT carb; all engine accessories (air filter, etc) appear to be present
- Automatic transmission – floor shift
- Air conditioning (York compressor)
- Mileage: 104,718 (believed to be correct)
- Car is in a cluttered garage and I was unable to completely inspect it. Body appears straight with no apparent rust.
- Interior is in good condition, but needs cleaning; carpets appear complete and in good condition.
- Car last licensed in 2001; parked 10 years – unable (and unwilling) to attempt to start it. You know my procedure for recovering a long stored MB - this must be done before attempting to start it. Car will have to be flat bedded from location in her garage.
- This would make a good project car for a do-it-yourselfer.
- Lady owner is unable to show car and suspicious of strangers, so if you are interested, contact me (865-482-9175) and we will make an appointment to inspect the car.

1986 Mercedes Benz 190E 2.3 16V, 5 Speed stick

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Exterior: Smoke Silver Metallic 702

Int: Black Leather 271, sheepskins, floor mats and dash cover since new

This was the ONLY 16V that participated in the MBCA EURORALLY V, a 52 car Sindelfingen delivery celebrating DAIMLER BENZ 100th year anniversary. (All memorabilia and purchase documents included)

Always Garaged in New Mexico

Mobil 1 oil every 3-4K miles, New A/C, Added Wood Trim

6 original wheels, Mercedes ski rack available

4 chrome aftermarket wheels available

Multiple spare parts, filters, window switch, RR fender flare available

MB Maintenance manuals and CD available

133,046 one owner miles

Recent Awards: MBCA MID-AMERICAN CARAVAN 2009

Autocross 1ST PLACE

Concours d'elegance 2nd place

Acceleration 2nd place

Time trials 3rd place

This is one of the finest 16V's in the USA that has been regularly driven and meticulously maintained and pampered by a Mercedes collector and aficionado.

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1969 Mercedes Benz 280SE Sun Roof Coupe, 4 speed on floor

VIN 111024 10 002257

Exterior: White 050 recent repaint; Interior: Dark blue leather 245

Excellent wood; Frigiking Air Conditioned; Blaupunkt AM/FM stereo radio

White Steering Wheel (rare option); Mechanical Windows, Electric Sun Roof

New Starter; Original Manufacturing Data Card available

Current Mileage 128,301 miles

I purchased this car from KB Pearce (MBCA Peachtree section) July 15, 1976, with 46,000 miles on the odometer. KB owned the car only briefly having purchased it from the original owner Robert S Bernhardt of Decatur GA. who special ordered the car.

This car was professionally appraised at \$12,500 by Donald R Peterson in August 1979. Peterson is a well-known appraiser who did the Harrah collection and many others. The current condition has been maintained as then.

At MBUSA request I drove this coupe from Santa Fe to Vance AL, May 21-22 1997 for display at the grand opening celebration of the M-Class manufacturing facility and museum. Road performance was superb. This car once won over a freshly restored "ground up" restoration 300 SL Gull wing in an MBNA Concours de Elegance. (1980 Southern Treffen II, as I recall)

This coupe has been regularly driven, shown and meticulously maintained by a Mercedes collector and aficionado for the last 35 years and is known to many members of the MBCA Club.

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Ed note: Richard Gale is one of seven chartering members of the SMOKY MOUNTAIN SECTION in 1981 when he lived in Knoxville.