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NEXT EVENT –

Mother's Day Dinner

Friday, May 6, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

McCloud Mountain Restaurant (www.mtcloud.com/)

We have reservations at the **McCloud Mountain Restaurant** for the Mother's day dinner at **6:00 PM Friday, May 6, 2011**. The restaurant is located on top of a mountain above LaFollette, Tennessee. We will order from the menu shown on the web site with separate checks. Please send \$5.00 per head to cover pre-dinner hors d'ourves. **Bring your own wine if you choose.**

Name _____ Phone: _____

Number attending _____ X \$5 = _____.

Make Checks payable to Smoky Mountain Section MBCA and mail this form by May 2 to:

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From Knoxville, travel I-75 North to exit 134 (Caryville, La Follette, Jacksboro). From exit 134, travel east on Hwy 63 East for 8.2 miles to red light #9. At red light #9, turn left onto Hwy 25W toward Jellico. 4.8 miles up 25W (at the cutoff to the Duff community), you will see blue signs pointing right to McCloud Mountain. The entrance is flanked with stone pillars and a black iron gate. Pull through the gate, and the restaurant is 2 miles to the top of the mountain. There is a security guard just inside the gate – be sure to check with him.

GPS Input- Because of their rural location, GPS units & mapping programs are not always reliable. They suggest inputting the longitude & latitude coordinates of the ENTRANCE GATE. Different GPS systems use different formats, so here are a couple of standard formats.

GPS Format 1: 36° 26' 6.70"N 84° 4' 43.30"W

GPS Format 2: 36.4352 -84.0787.

The following is a **suggested** address which can be used in Mapquest, and on several GPS models: 114 Duff Rd, Duff TN 37729. On most systems, this will put you **at the gate** (at the bottom entrance to the mountain). **BUT...** in Google it will send you way past our entrance. So be alert to the signage.

Plan to arrive 4 to 5 pm so you can enjoy the scenery from the outdoor patio before dinner.



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Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts from across the country will be gathering in Ohio this May for *Gemutlichkeit 2011* – four days of fun, action, Concoors, plus track and driving events. For 2011 we will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of Mercedes-Benz Automobiles and the 50th anniversary of the Western Reserve Section of MBCA. We will also have a special celebration, held at the beautiful Kingwood Center Gardens in Mansfield, Ohio where we will be honoring the SL “sport leicht” and all six SL generations, including the 190SL, 300SL, the W113 “Pagoda”, the w107 “Panzerwagen”, the R129 and more.

If you've never been to an MBCA National Event, *Gemutlichkeit 2011* is the one to attend. Your host this year is the Western Reserve Section of MBCA, which has a reputation for dynamic events and activities that appeal to both veterans and first timers alike.

Things kick into gear on Saturday, May 21, with a very special Concoors d'Elegance recognizing *125 Years of the Automobile* and also featuring the *Six Generations of the SL* at the Kingwood Estate, followed by a welcome reception at the Richland Carousel Park. Driving events commence on Sunday, May 22 with defensive driving practice, autocross, and a Road Rallye. The evening concludes with the Concoors Banquet. There will be plenty of social time to make new friends and get reacquainted with old friends.

On Monday and Tuesday, May 23 and 24, participants will have the exclusive opportunity to attend the MBCA special performance driving school, on site at the world-renowned Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Mansfield, Ohio. This is your chance to participate in time trials and acceleration runs on the track in your SL, or other favorite Mercedes-Benz model, new or old. Remember that you can register to attend just the days or events that fit your schedule and travel plans.



Never driven on a track before? No problem – our MBCA team of experienced instructors will guide you every step of the way to help you learn the course and the performance characteristics of your Mercedes-Benz. Be warned however: It is contagious! Once you try it, you'll be looking to attend other National Driving Events.

Not ready to try the track yet? There will be plenty of exciting and interesting activities during the event for you to enjoy. We expect a great turnout of SLs and a diverse cross-section of classic, modern classic and new Mercedes-Benz models taking part in the Concoors d'elegance. Compete on style, or enter for fun and sharing, as there will be both judged and display-only classes (all years and all models welcome). In addition there is the MBCA Road Rallye, covering the back roads and rolling hills of Ohio farm country. Plus many other gatherings, receptions, local tours and activities, plus time to mingle and enjoy the sites, including the Kingwood estate and gardens.

And what about that word? “Gemutlichkeit” is the name of one of the oldest MBCA National Events, with a history dating back to 1958. The name was used to describe those early events, roughly translated from German as “good times with friends”. And so it has been ever since.

For registration and more information go to:

<http://benzclub.org/info/gemutlichkeit-2011/gemutlichkeit-2011-registration/>

You are invited to join fellow MBCA members in the Second Great Lakes Mille

September 24-30, 2011

The Circle Lake Huron Tour



Orientation to Manitoulin Island at Gordon's Lodge

Chi-Cheemaun Ferry to Manitoulin Island

Reception Benmiller Lodge and Spa
Visit Canada's "Prettiest Little Town"

Elk Viewing, Wine Tasting, Gourmet Dinner
Thunder Bay Resort, Hillmand

Kick-off Dinner St Clair Inn View
Great Lakes Freighters
Visit the Wills-St Claire Museum

Tour concludes with German Buffet in Frankenmuth

INVITATION

You are invited to join fellow MBCA members in the second Great Lake Mille, a tour around Lake Huron including the Bruce Peninsula and Georgian Bay. You may apply for participation with an interesting car of any marque as long as you are, or become, and MBCA member.

Registration fee will include Kick-off Dinner, Reception at Benmiller, Ferry to Manitoulin Island, concluding German buffet, and commemorative vest.

REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION MATERIALS

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State __ Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Car for tour: _____

Number participating: _____

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