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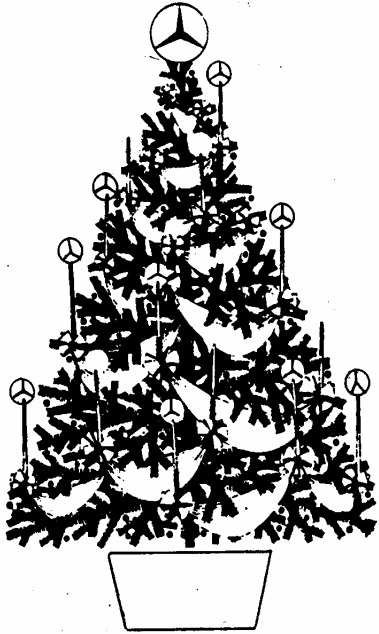
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Smoky Mountain Section Holiday Dinner

Mahogany's
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401 West Summit Hill Drive
(Between Gay and Henley Street across from TVA
Towers

Friday, December 17, 2010
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 Tony Moore at (865) 945-3888

Be sure to mail form by December 14, 2010 to assure your reservation

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

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**Please send your address to newsletter editor George Murphy at:
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Tech Tips

My 1996 500SL does not run well with the E-10 gasoline now found almost every where. Where can I find out which stores sell REAL gasoline?

You are not alone in experiencing poor performance with the ethanol-laced E-10 gasoline sold widely. As MBCA Technical Committee chairman, that is one of the most frequent inquiries I receive.

You can go to this web site: <http://pure-gas.org/> to find stores in your state that sell real gasoline.

My windshield wipers are always noisy and streak the glass even with new rubber – is there a good practice for wiper care?

Windshield washer fluid – this feature is usually neglected until it rains – then you have no fluid available to clean off road grime, dust and rain. Operating the wipers with a dry windshield can cause scratching of the glass and rapidly wear out the rubber blades. You can usually find washer fluid in one-gallon bottles at most convenience stores or mix your own like I do:

To one gallon of plain water, add one tablespoon Ivory liquid dish soap or equivalent (not dish washer soap) plus four ounces of rubbing alcohol to prevent freezing.

Keep the reservoir filled so you always have plenty of fluid for those sloppy days in heavy traffic that really challenge your view through the windshield.

Clean windshield and wipers and headlights every time you refuel – most places have windshield cleaning tools and paper towels. After cleaning the glass, raise each wiper blade and clean the glass where the wiper parks when off. Then use the damp portion of a paper towel to wipe off the rubber part of the wiper that touches the glass. Your wiper blades will last longer and there is less chance of scratching the windshield with a dirty wiper blade

To get a really clean windshield, make a paste of Tide laundry detergent and rub it on the glass - it will remove the silicone that builds up on the glass from rainy day driving in traffic mist which carries the silicone from cars that have gone through the car wash with the "SHINE" or "WAX" button selected – this action sprays silicone on the car to make it shiny. Then in heavy rain, the stuff washes off and ends up on your windshield.

Rinse off the Tide and clean the glass with any good glass cleaner or simply use vinegar and water mixture until it is squeaky clean. Wipe off your wiper blades with wet paper towel after cleaning your windshield EVERY TIME you fuel up so wiper rubber stays clean. Otherwise, the first wiper swipe on a rainy day carries accumulated dust and debris across the windshield and causes minute scratches.

After you've scratched your windshield with dirty or worn wipers, there is not much you can do to remove the scratches other than replace the glass.

It seems that after so many years, the glass becomes pitted from the thousands of small rocks and sand particles that bombard the glass over time, so glass replacement is the only option.

For a new glass, I would use ample amounts of glass wax to help reduce pitting, but eventually even that wears down . . .

George Murphy
MBCA Technical Director