



## Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Road Star Section

### Welcome New Members

Robert Linck  
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## 2012 Annual Road Star Holiday Party Sunday, December 16, 2012



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### Coming Events

Valentine's Day Concours  
Mariner Sands Country Club  
Stuart, FL  
February 16, 2013



## **President's Message**

Wishing all our members Happy Holidays and a wonderful, healthy and prosperous New Year...

Finishing the 2012 year with our annual Holiday Party brought joy to all the attendees...We had a full front yard of Mercedes-Benz parked on the lawn guided by our expert parking attendants Vito and Darl under our Mercedes-Benz Banner. This event spiffs up the neighborhood as neighbors drive by stretching their necks around looking at all the beautiful autos...

We had a beautiful assortment of food brought in by the members and judging by the amount of beer and wine we went thru everyone seemed to enjoy themselves ! Coggin Mercedes-Benz of Fort Pierce came thru again with a fine array of gifts which we raffled off with Les and John handling the details right down to the last prize being a \$100.00 gift certificate for dinner at Peter's Steak House in Jensen Beach. Everyone enjoyed our annual sing along of holiday carols with percussion instruments passed out for everyone to join in. Warren stepped up to the infamous "GUT BUCKET" and added a fine base line. Speaking of base line thanks again to Rod playing bass guitar and Kevin on drums....

We are looking forward to a busy 2013...

On the schedule "save the date" Feb 16<sup>th</sup> is our annual Concours d' elegance at

MARINER SANDS COUNTRY CLUB in Stuart, Fl.

Peter and Martha have made the arrangements and you don't want to miss this one...  
The ambience of this event is wonderful, from the showing of the cars to the first class banquet.

Your Board is working diligently to have an event every 2 months so we are working on an event for April as we speak...Summer becomes very hot so we probably will skip July and August but we'll keep you posted...

Looking forward to a busy 2013 and, as always, your Board and I are open for suggestions and ideas from all members.....so don't hesitate to call on us...

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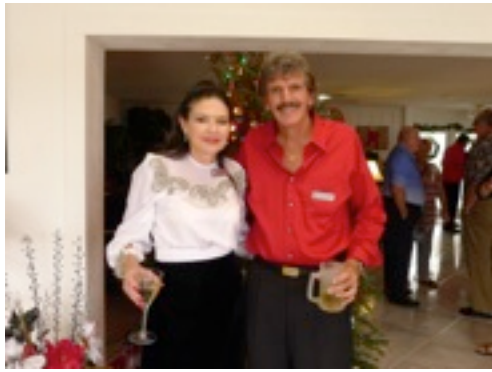
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## From some of our friends.....

from John Payson, Hobe Sound, FL

I've been involved in the local political scene so am busy doing catch-up, but I can offer you the following as an example of the fun I have with cars. I did write one article for STAR several years back when I ran my '95 S Coupe 7 Litre RENNtech monster car in the old Forze Mille rally for 12 cylinder cars. I still have that car, now reserved for touring and a few shows, but in 2008, I acquired a new E 63 AMG sedan, and again took it to RENNtech for some messaging which included a new chip, and better breathing through a less restrictive exhaust and intake systems. As I planned to do some track work in the car, I also had them upgrade the brakes.

I'm the events coordinator for a small group, The Gearheads, one of whom was a young widow of a collector of Porsche racing cars who had given his wife lessons on the track. The lady and I are both members of Brian Redman's Targa 66 lapping days club, and she sent me an email that she had just acquired a new Shelby Mustang 500 GT, and requested that I kindly stay out of her way at the coming Targa meet at PBIR. Now I felt this showed great disrespect to one of her elders, she being, I believe, around forty, and me then being 70. I took the Benz back to RENNtech for a tune up, and appeared at the track in fine fettle. I made sure I followed her onto the track, and after a few warm up laps, put the hammer down and passed her on the back straight pushing 140 mph. I paid a visit to the attendant photographer and found a shot of our two cars, right after I had made the pass, clearly showing my plate, MAUL 2." I had them frame it nicely, and when the lovely lady remarried the next year, I sent it to her as a wedding gift.

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from Ron Harshman, Coloma, MI

Hello Everyone,

Just a quick message to give you a heads up that I will be doing a tour of Lake Erie [September 28 - October 4, 2013](#), starting from Cleveland, Ohio. Highlights will include a visit to Tony Packo's or *MASH* fame, the *Automobile Hall of Fame* and *Henry Ford* in Dearborn, RM Classic Autos and Restoration in Ontario, a stop in London, Ontario for an opportunity to attend a play, two nights in Niagara Falls, Ontario, a stop at the Pierce-Arrow museum in Buffalo, and concluding night at the lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio. Along the way we will be passing some of the premier sites in North America for viewing the fall migration of raptors and song birds. The tour is being sponsored by the Western Reserve Section of MBCA. My preliminary estimate for the cost is \$310 per person which includes three dinners, two boat cruises, and admission to the RM Exhibit. I am in the process of finalizing the budget and itinerary. Please contact me if you are interested in receiving further information.

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