



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Road Star Section

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September 15, 2012



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Coming Events

October 21, 2012
Business Meeting BBQ &
Member Appreciation Day
Elections for Board of
Directors and Officers
Paul & Sherry Rodecki home

December 16, 2012
Annual Christmas Party
Barry & Linda Paraizo home

February 16, 2012
Annual Valentine's Day
Concours
Mariner Sands Country Club

The President's Message

This will be my last "President's Message" to you; as stated many times previously, it's time for a new President for our group, and at our event on Sunday, Oct. 21 we will elect one!

I've had an enjoyable time as your President for these past few years. I hope that you feel that the club has met your expectations during my tenure, and maybe even improved a bit during that time.

During our last event a few members asked me if they could "contribute" to the cost of our next event (the "Member Appreciation" event at our home on Oct. 21) and it struck me that perhaps a lesson in "where the money comes from" would be of interest to all members.

It's a relatively simple process: we all pay annual dues to the national organization in Colorado Springs, CO. That money pays for the support and maintenance of the National Business Office, as well as providing a world class magazine to each member every other month!

At the local level (the Road Star section, for example) all officers and Board of Director member are voluntary positions, without any monetary remuneration (except for valid expenses!)

In order to help sustain the local sections, the National Business Office provides an annual rebate of \$11 per member. Those funds are to help each section defray operating expenses (printing and mailing costs for newsletters and other brochures, as well as other expenses that occur each year like corporate registration fees, etc.). Those funds are also used to help pay for various member events... like the upcoming "Member Appreciation" day on Oct. 21!

You may ask "Why do we have a nominal charge for most events?" That nominal charge is primarily used to offset the costs of some of our "door prizes" at our events. Sure, the "T" shirts and ball caps cost only \$15 or so each.... but some of those jackets and gym bags cost three or four times that!

At times the funds from the NBO have helped offset costs for some events. In some cases the "\$22 per person" may not be the real cost, and the section adds a couple of bucks per head to insure an outstanding event!

So, to those of you who volunteered to contribute to the "Member Appreciation" event... well, thanks a bunch... but we've got it covered! Come and enjoy!

Best to you all, and I hope to see you at our next event!

Paul Rodecki

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Palm Beach Classics is a Mercedes-Benz restoration and maintenance facility specializing in classic Mercedes-Benz cars. The company is owned and operated by Road Star section member, Mr. Sydney Vallon. His company not only sells classic Mercedes-Benz automobiles but also provides services that include finding cars for various customers both here and overseas and restoring them to whatever level the customer might desire. In addition, he provides various maintenance services. Being a customer focused and high quality service provider, the company will provide most any service related to classic Mercedes Benz automobiles. In addition, Sydney also sells various other antique and classic items that range from Mercedes-Benz documents to luggage to a genuine M-B typewriter.

Sydney spent a couple hours explaining what his company does, answering any questions that the audience had and giving us all a tour of the facility. The enclosed pictures will give you some idea of the range and quality of the cars on site. The Road Star section would like to thank Sydney for hosting us. The visit was enjoyed by all the attendees and was followed by a great lunch at Park Avenue BBQ & Grille that was punctuated by a flooded parking lot.....two members had to move their vehicles before it became obvious they wouldn't be able to if they waited much longer.





Folks,

Below is from Ron Harshman, a fellow **MBCA** member from Michigan.

In the past, Ron has organized a few "tours" of the Midwest, and does an excellent job! Sherry and I participated in his "Mille Michigan" tour a few years ago, and had an absolute "ball"!

Not only do you get to see great parts of our country, but you get to meet folks from ALL OVER the country. We met folks from Pennsylvania, Alabama, Kansas, etc.!

A truly fun time was had by all!!

I strongly encourage you to consider participating in this tour! Depending on what's happening with our restaurant, Sherry and I will definitely be looking forward to this tour!

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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 Niagra 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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