



Carolinas

April 2021



**Planning More Action for 2021
Mercedes-Benz of Hilton Head, SC**

President's Message

Spring is finally here in the Carolinas, so it's time to get outdoors and enjoy the weather and our beautiful cars! After the isolation from COVID, it's just like a bear coming out of hibernation – looking at all of the trees and flowers coming to life and enjoying the sun – when it has been able to come out from behind the clouds. What a great feeling it is to have activities to look forward to and put on your calendars. They have been empty for too long!

Your Board has been working on our events for the year, which started with the Breakfast and Benz's in Hilton Head. Check out our list of upcoming events. Isn't it wonderful to have something where you can drive your car and then socialize with other members? There are still a few events that are in the preliminary planning stages, but we are hoping to have something for everyone. We always welcome suggestions for events, so contact Mark McFadden, Director of Events, with any ideas or if you would like to assist in planning an event. We welcome any and all assistance from our members. Working together is what makes our Section great!



*Jane Martinez, President
MBCA Carolinas Section*

I hope to see each and every one of you at an event this year! Don't forget to register early!!



The Carolinas Section includes
Asheville & Charlotte, NC, Hilton
Head, Charleston, Myrtle Beach,
Columbia & Aiken, SC and
surrounding areas

**Jane Martinez, President
MBCA Carolinas Section**



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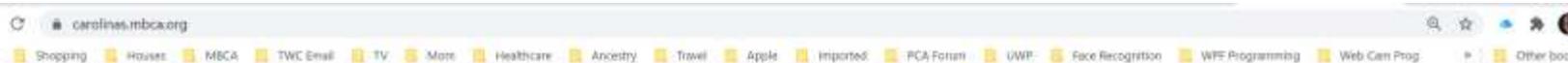
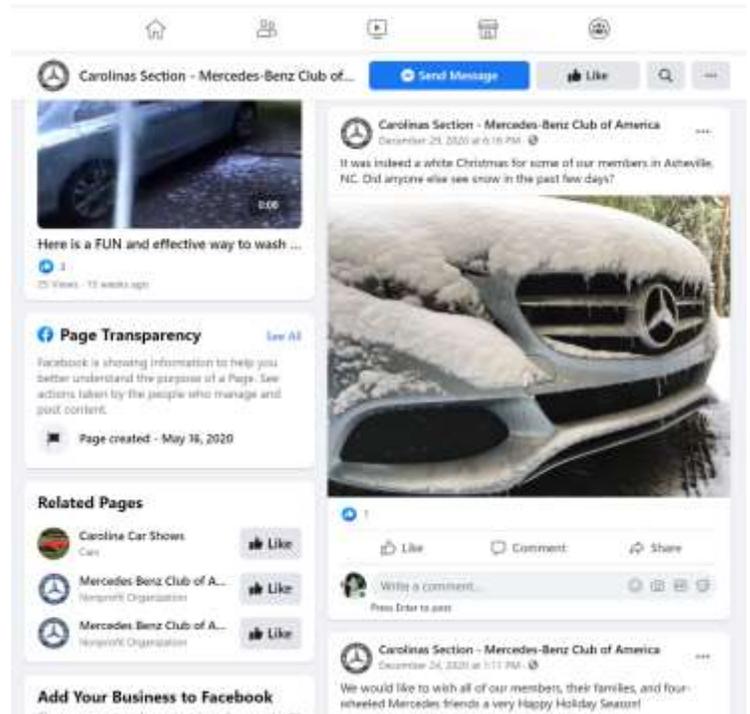
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Carolinas Section Website and Facebook Page

You should really look at our [Facebook page](#) and explore the [Carolinas Section MBCA website](#). We also have a YouTube site. Frank Towson, Social Media Director, and Tony Martinez, Webmaster, have been working during the past months on getting these sites updated and full of interesting items for our members. If you have any interesting suggestions or ideas, please let Tony know at mbcacarolinas.webmaster@gmail.com.

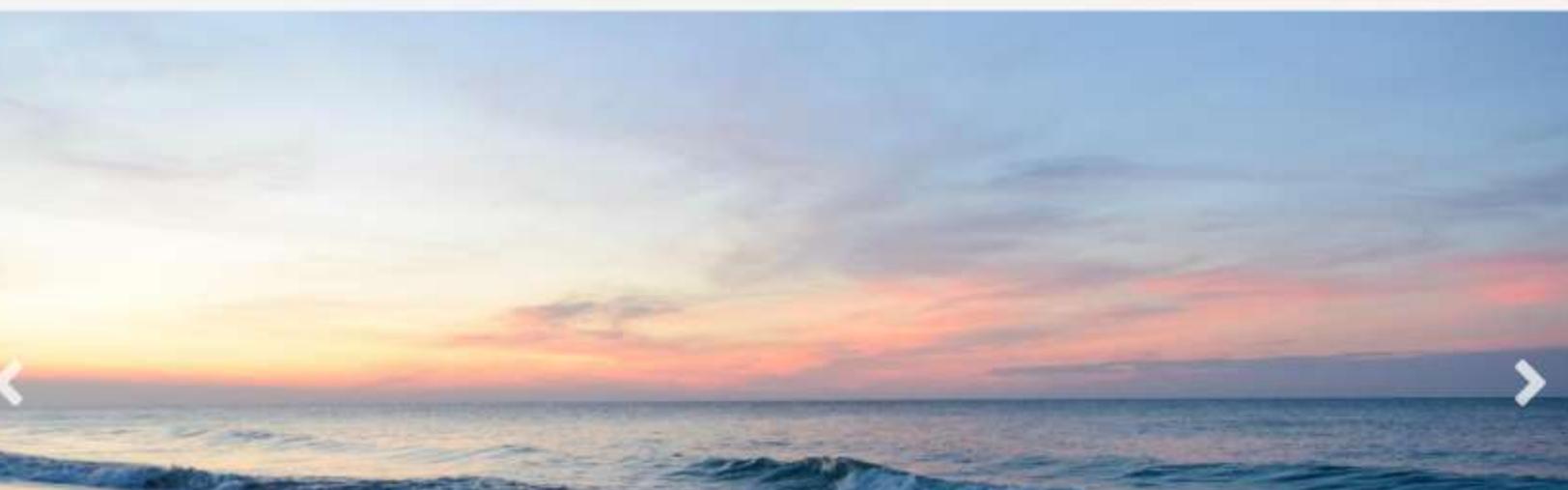
These links should be the place to go to find out the latest news about the Carolinas Section!



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Carolinas Section



Carolinas Section Calendar of Upcoming In-Person Events

April 24 **Photography of Cars using your iPhone or digital camera** *(joint event with Peachtree Section; Michele Stine and Cheryl Hecker Edwards)*

Every wonder why the picture you took did not come out the way you saw it? Spend the weekend of 24th and 25th April in Greenville, SC where we'll focus on improving our photography skills.

Saturday morning, starting at 10 am at the Hampton Inn & Suites Riverplace, we'll have a session on photography focusing on composition and the use of your smartphone camera, presented by amateur photographer Cheryl Edwards. We will order lunch from [Rick's Deli](#). After lunch, we will visit the [Carlton Motors Mercedes](#) dealership, and then we will have time to tour Greenville or to practice photography. Saturday evening we'll meet for dinner together at the [Schwaben House Restaurant](#) at 7:15 pm for some authentic German-European food. On Sunday morning, those staying at the Hampton Inn will be able to meet for breakfast and share photos and discuss what we've learned.

Register for the Event [HERE](#) by April 17. Registration will be required for lunch and dinner attendance to get an accurate count for the restaurant reservations (meals will be paid by member). Fee for the photography session will be \$15. If you only want to attend the dinner, please contact Michele Stine at mps783@aol.com for information.

Apr 30- May 2 **Savannah Spring Fling Weekend** *(Presented by Peachtree Section)*

Plan to arrive early on Friday afternoon which will give you an opportunity to make the short drive to historic Fort Pulaski, which is just outside the city, or drive on to Tybee Island to explore a favorite Georgia vacation spot, or you can choose to visit the historic Savannah Riverfront. Dinner on Friday will be on your own. After dinner you could also take a leisurely evening stroll through one of the many squares located in the downtown district. [Register at this Link](#). Registration deadline is April 24, 2021.

May 2 **Detailing Clinic at Lake Norman State Park** *(Presented by Joe Clemmer, Tony Martinez, and Frank Towson)*

Come and join us on Sunday, May 2, 2021 for a safe, outdoor and socially distanced event! Joe, Frank and Tony will lead a discussion and give you their tips, techniques and products used to take care of your Mercedes or any other car you own. Want to keep your car looking its best and like new? Want to get your car ready for a show? We got you covered! Give your tired exterior a fresh and new look? We got that too! Want to learn and share what you do to make your car look its best? Please join us!!



Calendar of Carolinas Upcoming Events (continued)

The event will be at the Heron Picnic Shelter in Lake Norman State Park near Troutman, NC from 10:30 am – 2:00 pm. Park at the Visitors Center and take a short walk to the Heron Shelter behind the Visitor Center. Bring a chair and your lunch. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

COST:

- Presentation Attendees - \$15
- Guests including children 13 and older - \$10
- Children under 13 are FREE

Register at [THIS LINK](#). **Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 21, 2021.**

[Lake Norman State Park](#) is a family friendly environment near Troutman, NC. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the park while the attendees participate in the presentation. Guests and attendees will all meet back at the Heron Shelter at 12:00 noon to enjoy your lunch. After lunch we will finish our presentation/discussion and conclude with Door Prizes at 2:00pm. Feel free to enjoy the rest of your day at the park until closing at 8:30pm.

May 15 Performance Driving at Talladega Grand Prix Raceway (Presented by Alabama –NW Florida and Peachtree Sections)

Alabama – NW Florida and Peachtree Sections have arranged for this 1.4 mile 5-turn road course with very wide runoff areas and 3 straights long enough for easy overtaking. It is great for novices and challenging for experienced drivers. We will have classroom sessions and expert instructors to help you learn the techniques of Performance Driving in your own car. This is not a race, but you will learn the skills that are not only effective on a track, but they will also help you be smoother and safer on daily driving while gaining greater appreciation for your wonderful Mercedes-Benz or AMG. Price is only \$265. We have also arranged for a discounted rate of \$110 at the beautiful hotel Filial in Anniston, AL

For more information contact Jim Roberts jertoosaver@bellsouth.net Tel: 205-529-0071

May 20-23 Amelia Island Concours D'Elegance, Amelia Island, Florida

Now in its third decade, the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance is among the top automotive events in the world. "The Amelia" draws more than 300 rare vehicles from collections around the world to The Golf Club of Amelia Island, The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island for a celebration of the automobile like no other. For more information, click on [this Link](#).

On Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22, Alabama-NW Florida and SW Florida Sections have arranged an informal dinner for MBCA members and guests at the Jacksonville Airport Doubletree. For planning purposes please make reservation for Saturday with Jim Roberts jertoosaver@bellsouth.net Tel 205-529-0071 Be sure to state Fri, Sat, or both.

The Jacksonville Airport Doubletree is offering us a MBCA discounted rate of \$132/night including their \$18 breakfast, free parking, and car washing facilities.

Calendar of Carolinas Upcoming Events (continued)

May 28-31 Sandhills Motoring Festival – (Presented by Triangle Section/SMF)

The Sandhills Motoring Festival will take place Memorial Day Weekend, 2021 from Friday, May 28th through Sunday, May 30th. A variety of events are lined up all culminating in the Sunday Car Show taking place in the historic Village of Pinehurst from 9am until 3pm. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Sandhills Community College Foundation. Many members of the MBCA Sections will be attending many of the events, and even some of them will be showing their cars. It is definitely an event to attend! For more information and to register for this event, [go to this Link](#).

May 31 – Fontana Mountain Drive (Presented by Peachtree Section) June 4

Escape to the Mountains!: Join the MBCA Peachtree Section for a long Memorable Memorial Day Weekend in the North Carolina Mountains. Drive some amazing mountain roads, go to the Cherokee casino, maybe ride the Great Smokey Mountain Train, visit unique shops and eat at some amazing rural restaurants all while staying at the Fontana Village Resort.

The escape will begin with you and your Mercedes arriving at [Fontana Village Resort](#) Sunday May 30th. We'll stay at the Fontana Village Resort for four nights; you will be provided a listing of activities and information for suggested mountain drives and other sightseeing activities for each day. Each day, you will chose your adventure; go solo, or join up as a group thereby allowing for comfortable social distancing and/or friendly personal groupings.

Selected excursions will require pre-paid reservations on www.MotorsportReg.com (MSR) so we can get a firm number of participants. Details will be sent to those who register for a room at Fontana Village Resort. **Make a room reservation now at the low rate of \$116.39!** Your room reservations must be made individually, by calling Fontana Village at 800-849-2258, tell reservations you are with the Mercedes-Benz Peachtree Section 2021 Group and sign up for the number of days you will be joining the group. You are free to arrive early and or extend your visit. **Our room rate is guaranteed until we book 25 rooms.** For questions e-mail events@MBCAPeachtree.com

June 11-13 Weekend in Western North Carolina- Highlands Motoring Festival and Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort in Asheville, NC (Coordinated by Frank Towson – Ambassador for Asheville Area)

Our members can arrive and check in at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort in Asheville Friday afternoon. You can check out our Asheville guide to explore this charming town Friday night before our FUN begins Saturday morning. After you have had a good night's rest, we will meet at 8:30 am in the lobby and leave by 9:00 am to begin our scenic drive to Highlands, NC where we will take in the Highlands Motoring Festival and town of Highlands.

While in Highlands, you can see all of the 100 or so classic and exotic cars on display in the show. You may also wish to explore the wonderful boutiques and specialty stores in Highlands. Another attraction not to be missed is the FreeWheeling exhibit at the Bascom Center for the Visual Arts in Highlands. This exhibit will feature automotive artwork from many famous artists, in addition to three cars of significance – one of which is Clark Gable's Jaguar XK120!

After returning to Asheville, we will then meet at 7:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza for a plated dinner, served in their outdoor, covered veranda. The meal will consist of salad, your choice of two entrees,

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and choice of dessert, including fresh rolls and coffee or tea. A cash bar will be available. The dinner will cost \$57.50 per person.

There may be time on Sunday morning to take in a round of golf or a visit to the Spa at the Crowne Plaza Resort before everyone has to head back home. A 10% discount will be available for those staying at the Resort.

We have reserved rooms at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort at a special rate of \$179.00 per night for a double-queen room. To reserve your room at the special rate, you can call 844-330-0296 and mention Mercedes-Benz Club. You can also click [HERE](#) to book online. Please book your room no later than May 12, 2021 to guarantee room availability and to take advantage of the special rate.

For any additional questions, please contact Frank Towson, Asheville-Area Ambassador at ftowson@gmail.com or 828-775-1740. Register for the event and/or dinner at [MotorsportReg link](#) by June 4, 2021.

August 7 **NASCAR Hall of Fame Tour and Simulator Ride** *(Coordinated by Jane Martinez)*

The NASCAR Hall of Fame is filled with classic and present-day cars as well as interactive experiences, realistic racing simulators, highlights of your favorite drivers' most electrifying moments and so much more. The history and passion of NASCAR comes alive through ever-evolving exhibits and stories from legends who embody NASCAR's most memorable moments. Discover exhibits and artifacts you can't see anywhere but the Hall; a visit to the NASCAR Hall of Fame is sure to deliver an unforgettable experience.

Attendees will be offered a tour of the Hall of Fame, as well as simulator rides. Family and friends are invited to attend. Registration will be available soon.

August 21 **Shelton Vineyards Mercedes Benz Car Show** *(Presented by Tarheel Section)*

Always an enjoyable car show and event at Shelton Vineyards in Dobson, NC. More information will be provided at a future date.

Sep 10-12 **Myrtle Beach Grand Strand Tour Weekend** *(Coordinated by John Hameline – Ambassador for Myrtle Beach Area)*

Our weekend will start with a visit to [Palmetto Academy for Learning Motorsports \(PALM\)](#) on Friday afternoon. It is the only motorsports high school in the United States. We will then continue our event at the Litchfield Beach & Resort with a Welcome Reception with delicious hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar in the Courtyard. On Saturday, we will caravan through Pawley's Island, have lunch in historic Georgetown, ride through the Plantersville Scenic Byway where many plantations existed years ago, and end in Murrell's Inlet the seafood capital of the southeast. We may even be able to visit a plantation or two! On Sunday, our day starts with a 'Pop-up Mercedes Showcase' event in the renowned Brookgreen Gardens, a tour of the scenic gardens and brunch/lunch at the Austin Garden Restaurant. Discounted Event Registration fee of \$45 ends on May 14, 2021. Your credit card will not be charged until May 15, 2021. Discounted rates at Litchfield Beach & Resort end on July 31, 2021. To register for this event or get more information, go to the [link for the Grand Strand Tour](#).

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Oct 15-17 Charleston Harbor Cruise and Cars on Kiawah – Charleston and Kiawah Island, SC *(Coordinated by Michele Stine and Bill King – Ambassador for Charleston Area)*

Join the Carolinas Section for a weekend on the coast. We will start with a sunset cruise on Charleston Harbor on Friday, October 15.

On Saturday, October 16, we will drive down to Ocean Park, on beautiful Kiawah Island, South Carolina, and see the incredible array of automotive history. Cars on Kiawah showcases the evolution of the automobile from the early 1900s through present day. Over 250 cars make up the display including everything from eye-catching concours-level cars and sleek supercars to classic muscle cars and outrageous rat rods. They have bathrooms onsite, great food and drink options, and wonderful vendors to peruse. Our Featured Collector display for 2021 is from Dr. Michael Grosso's collection. This will be another eclectic display of interesting rolling art from a long time Low country enthusiast and collector. If you want, you could even plan to show your car! Registration is scheduled to open spring 2021.

That evening, we will regroup at a restaurant in the Charleston area. More information will be coming soon for this great event.

Nov 2-7 Mercedes Freude “ Joy of Everything Mercedes” - Hilton Head Concours and MBCA National Event

Combining the best and most-popular activities of both StarTech & StarFest into one fabulous Gathering! The MBCA National event will include a welcome reception, historic rally, driving events, tech sessions, MBCA Concours/Cars & Cocktails, MBCA Banquet, and a Special Limited Attendance visit to the Robert Jepson Collection Tour. It will be an event not to be missed. Registration information will be available soon.

Dec 3-5 Holiday Weekend and Dinner *(coordinated by the Board members of the Carolinas Section)* *The Board of the Carolinas Section is actively pursuing several venues around our area to find the perfect spot for this year's Holiday weekend. Mark the date on your calendars! More information will be available soon.*

Look for additional events added as the year progresses. And the future looks bright!

The Board is already starting to plan events for 2022. It's time to get out and get active again. Our cars are for driving, so let's GO and have some FUN!

MERCEDES FREUDE

“The Joy of Everything Mercedes”

Ctrl + Click here to [Watch a video about the event...](#)

**MBCA's newest & greatest
National Event EVER!**

Combining the best and most-popular activities
of both StarTech & StarFest
into one fabulous Gathering!

Location:

Omni Hilton Head Oceanfront Resort,
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Along with our MBCA Event, we will be able
to experience the kickoff of Legends of the Autobahn-East,
as well as the renowned HHI Concours d'Elegance.

Dates:

Mercedes-Freude - Tuesday, November 2nd - Friday, November 5th, 2021

Legends of the Autobahn East - Saturday, November 6th (@Port Royal Golf Course)

Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance - Sunday, November 7th (@Port Royal Golf Course)

**Enjoy the comraderie of being together with old and new friends alike!
Mark you calenders NOW for a NOT-TO-BE-MISSED event!**

Further details coming your way in the near future!
Rick Siefert - National Events Chair - rick.siefert@att.net



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HHI Concours d'Elegance

Preliminary Agenda for Activities at the Mercedes Freude Event

Included in the Registration Fee:

On Tuesday, November 2, MBCA members will arrive during the day and receive their registration information. Included in their registration packet will be maps of the areas, recommended restaurants, and other local information. That evening we will have a welcome reception with light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Meet and mingle with your fellow attendees.

On Wednesday, we will meet in the morning with some local MBCA members for suggestions of places to visit and available tours on Hilton Head Island, including Dolphin Watching Cruises, the Coastal Discovery Museum, local boutique shopping as well as other local activities. Carpooling can be arranged at that time. (Also see the Technical Session Add-On below.)

On Thursday, November 4, plan on spending the day in Savannah, Georgia. Directions and map will be provided for a scenic drive to historic Savannah with a special reserved parking site. Another option would be to take the [ferry](#) to the Savannah Riverfront (purchase tickets on your own). Tours and other activities are available in Savannah. (Also see the Robert Jepson, Jr. Car Collection tour below.)

Friday will be the day for exploring the Lowcountry. For the competitive driver and navigator that want a challenge, a [TSD rally](#) will be offered. **TSD (Time-Speed Distance)** emphasizes staying on-time and arriving at each checkpoint at precisely the correct time. Awards will be given to the winners at that evening's banquet. For those that want to just enjoy the scenic area, a historic leisurely cruise (caravan) will stop at some historic locations within the surrounding area. A local historian will be at one of the stops to give a brief overview of the history of the area. Both driving events will culminate at the [Fish Camp](#) for lunch (on your own) in this historic waterfront setting.

Later that day, a Cars & Cocktails will be held to show off the Mercedes that our members will be bringing to the Omni. Attendees will be voting for the People's Choice awards, which will be awarded at the MBCA Banquet that evening.

Friday night, join the attendees at the MBCA banquet at the Omni Shorehouse Pavilion. The meal will include a Lowcountry Boil with a cash bar, where the awards for the TSD rally and People's Choice at the Cars & Cocktails will be presented.

TECHNICAL SESSION ADD-ON:

Plan to attend the technical sessions on Wednesday, November 3. We will have several speakers for you to choose from, including:

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Dale Moss, a Carolinas Section member and Concours judge, will present a session on how to detail your car for a Concours Event. He prepares the cars for Concours events for Robert Jepson, including his 1938 Mercedes-Benz 540K Cabriolet that won Best of Show at the 2019 Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance.

Ramsey Potts from RM/Sotheby's, will give an informative session on the current state of the collector car market, focusing on Mercedes Benz vehicles.

Peter Lesler, a Southwest Florida Section member and Concours judge, will present a session on the specific details on Concours judging, which attendees will be able to appreciate when they attend the HHI Concours on Sunday.

Jim Fekete, a member of the Peachtree Section, will introduce TSD rallies to our members and give tips on how to win this type of rally. (Note: attendance at this session is not required to participate in the rally on Friday).

Bill Faison, President of the Triangle Section - Entering My Car in an MBCA Judged Event

George Murphy - noted MBCA Technical Information Expert

Bob Platz - Renowned 190SL and other MB vehicle restorer

Jeff Zurschmeide - The Star Editor, Special Interest, Birds of a Feather Session (Section Newsletter hints, etc.)

Additional speakers will be added to the list, which will provide you many topics and options to choose from at the event. Information about the additional speakers will be provided when they are official.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS:

Robert Jepson, Jr. Car Collection will be available for a complete tour on Thursday morning. This will include a caravan drive to Gregorie Neck Plantation, a beautiful 6,000 acre venue located in nearby Jasper County, refreshments at the venue, as well a complete tour of his car collection and wonderful facilities.

Saturday evening a BBQ feast will be held at the Omni Shorehouse Pavilion for MBCA attendees, as well as the other car clubs in the Legends of the Autobahn – East. Enjoy a wonderful meal and mix and mingle with others to discuss the cars seen at the event on Saturday afternoon at the Port Royal Golf Course.

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Reduced tickets for the Saturday Car Club Showcase and Legends of the Autobahn-East and the Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, November 7. **As a registered attendee** of the Mercedes Freude national event, you will be able to purchase discounted tickets to the Saturday and Sunday events at Port Royal Golf Club.

Deadlines for Registering for Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 17 – Photography Event and Dinner in Greenville, SC

Wednesday, April 21 – Detailing Clinic at Lake Norman, Troutman, NC

Monday, May 10 – Sandhills Motoring Festival in Pinehurst, NC

Wednesday, May 12 – Hotel Reservations at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort, Asheville, NC
for the Weekend in Western North Carolina

Saturday, May 15 – Discounted registration fee for Myrtle Beach/Grand Strand Weekend

Friday, June 4 – Registration for the Weekend in Western North Carolina Event

Saturday, July 31 – Hotel Reservations at the Litchfield Beach Resort for the Myrtle
Beach/Grand Strand Weekend

Monday, Aug 9 – Registration for the Myrtle Beach/Grand Strand Weekend

Calendar of Carolinas Upcoming Events (continued)

Most of the events on the preceding pages have links to websites that enable you to register online. For those of you who prefer to register via US Mail, you can complete the form below. If the event has limitations on the attendance, your reservation will be considered when it is received.

IF YOU PREFER TO REGISTER AND SEND A CHECK FOR ANY *CAROLINAS SECTION* EVENT PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL BEFORE DEADLINE OR AT LEAST TWO (2) WEEKS EARLIER THAN EVENT DATE TO:

Marsha Wilmot, 737 Salerno Circle Unit F, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579
Make check payable to **Carolinas Section - MBCA**

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH EVENT

Event Name _____

Names of members attending: _____

Names of guests attending: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Number attending _____ x \$ _____ = \$ _____

Additional
information _____

NOTE:

THIS FORM CAN ONLY BE USED FOR CAROLINAS SECTION EVENTS. EVENTS HOSTED BY OTHER MBCA SECTIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS MUST REGISTER FOR THEIR EVENTS PER THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome these new MBCA Carolinas Section members. See how you can order a personalized MCBA name badge on the following pages.

NEW MEMBERS ... January 1 – March 31, 2021

Wayne Andrews Jr.....	Myrtle Beach, SC
Ian Asplundh.....	Charleston, SC
James and Mary Anne Atkison.....	Prosperity, SC
Betty Bernardo.....	Spartanburg, SC
Andrae Brooks.....	Summerville, SC
Cheryl Bryson.....	Clinton, SC
Daniel Cappell.....	Isle Of Palms, SC
Mark Elvin.....	Hilton Head Island, SC
Frank De Feo.....	Garnet Valley, PA
Jeff Fotta.....	Hilton Head Island, SC
Kenneth Loveless.....	Chapin, SC
Charles Mclain 3rd.....	Marion, SC
Sherrod Morehead.....	Bluffton, SC
Mac McClelland.....	Summerville, SC
Ralph Mobley.....	Hilton Head, SC
James O'Boyle.....	Beaufort, SC
Rob Pyrock.....	Indian Trail, NC
Michael Ruff and Joshua Ray.....	Asheville, NC
George (Tommy) Saunders.....	Charlotte, NC
Eric Schanno.....	Fort Mill, SC
Chad Schmidt.....	Charlotte, NC
Guy Smith.....	Hilton Head Island, SC
Tom Uhde.....	Mount Pleasant, SC
Dale Weiler.....	Tryon, NC
Steven Wishnow.....	Mount Pleasant, SC

Welcome New Members (continued)

TRANSFERS ... From Other Sections during this quarter

	<i>Transferred From:</i>
Terry Beers.....	Triangle
Wallace Cairns	Keystone
Dan Culp	San Diego
Michael Egelston	Minnesota
Pamela Evans	San Francisco Bay Area
Frank De Feo.....	Delaware Valley
Patrick Duggan.....	Finger Lakes
Frank Kovary	Northeastern Pennsylvania

And thank you for your renewals to all 376 current Carolinas Section memberships!

Some people join for the dealership discounts, some join for socializing with other Mercedes owners, and some want access to The Star magazine. We find that those who attend local events are most likely to attend more events and get the most enjoyment out of the Club.

New members should also try to spend a little time on the extensive National MBCA website, www.MBCA.org. For starters check out the many benefits under [Membership](#). Then check out all the information under [Communities](#). All our past local [Newsletters](#) and upcoming events are located in the [Carolinas Section](#). It is also a good place to learn about [technical issues](#) and to ask questions about your car.

[Login for Communities is simple](#): Enter your e-mail address and whatever password you select. Once you login your profile will come up. Verify your personal information. Is it all correct? Is your associate member listed? Is your car(s) listed? Simple to correct them right there. Note that for security reasons none of your information is stored locally. So again, welcome to MBCA and the Carolinas Section. Do not hesitate to contact any of the Officers for assistance.

How to Get MBCA Name Badges ... Just \$13 Each

Click this link to order your name badge ... <https://www.mbca.org/name-badge>

Name badges are available from the MBCA Club Store in two types of backing (magnetic or safety pin) and can be ordered in blue, silver or gold. Costs range from \$13.00 for two lines to \$14.00 for three lines (25 characters maximum per line) and includes mailing costs.

You may also order through the MBCA website by going to www.mbca.org. From there, you must then log into your account. After logging in, choose **Store** from the main menu, choose **MBCA Event Equipment Store** from the next window, scroll down to **Name Badge** and make your selection. Perfect for socializing at MBCA events!!!



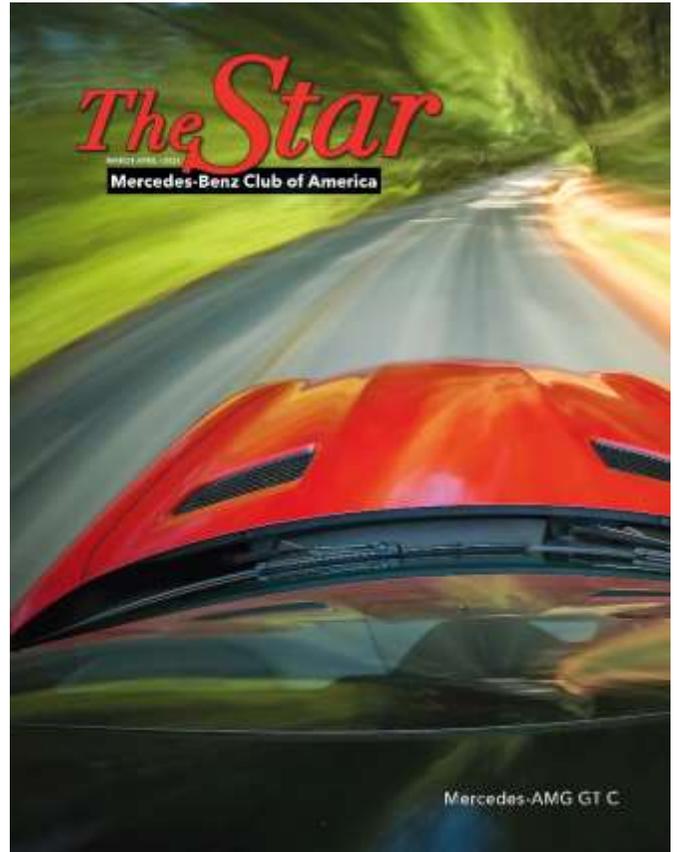
In the News

Click [here](#) to read the March - April 2021 online edition of the Star Magazine.

Why not choose a new AMG – GT R?

An obsession with driving performance. That's the mark of Mercedes-AMG. From the vicious speed of the GT R to the rugged power of the G 63 to the all-out ambition of the AMG ONE hypercar, each vehicle is built to stir the senses.

The engines are robust. The details are exact. Because when it all adds up, the thrill of the drive tells you that it's worth it.? ...



See the latest news from Mercedes-Benz [View in a web browser ...](#)



For Sale by Owner - Mercedes-Benz

Additional Classifieds

See additional classified ads on the MBCA website at <https://www.mbc.org/classifieds>

There are about 75 cars now available for sale.

TRADING POST

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Submit ads to:
www.mbc.org/create-classified-ad

SLs for Sale

 <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">1967 230SE Silver / Blue. 68,000 miles. Always garage kept. Minor chips and wear, but very good condition overall. Owned since 2005, at time in MBCA events. Both tags included, new softtop. \$40,000. Gary Wallick: (302) 270-9161 gwallick1@yahoo.com (DC)</p>	 <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">1975 450SE Blue Gold Metallic / Parchment. 68,721 miles. Auto. PS, PB, AC, 2 top convertible, power windows, cruise control, electronic fuel injection, disc brakes, heated rear window, fog lights. \$16,900. Diana Humphries. 506-761-8452 (NH)</p>	 <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">1976 450SE Silver / Red. 47,777 miles. Silver/Red Leather Interior. Low mileage (57,777). Original Owner. Always garaged. Dealer Serviced, A/C updated. Excellent Condition. \$21,900. Jeff Bergren. 404-515-1514 jbergren@coxinternet.com (GA)</p>
 <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">1970 280SE Firemist Red Metallic / Black. 100,000 miles. German Specs including replacement engine, ZF 5-Speed, Restored 2005, not driven since. Tool kit, orig. discs, use manual for ZF Gearbox, many new parts. \$108,500 USD. Douglas Munroe: 861.838.8826 SL_280_ZF_5sp@hotmail.com</p>	 <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">1970 450SE Red / Tan. 150,000 miles. Completely refurbished in 1992 w/ parts & receipts showing work. Driven only 6,000 since. Zero rust/bodywork ever, all original including radio. Garage kept, AZ car. Placed 2nd in MBCA show. \$8,900. OBO Vincent Lomas. 602-721-8212 (AZ)</p>	 <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">1978 450SE C Metallic grey / Beige. 118,000 miles. Bought in Belgium in 1983 with unique Zender bumper package. Excellent condition always garaged, winter seats, A/C, sunroof, new M-B transmission, all service records. \$4,900. Albert Rannica: 814-466-4115 kas1140@comcast.net (PA)</p>
 <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">1970 280SE White / Black. 63,000 miles. Restored by Ben/Bern. With black softtop and hardtop with winch, storage cart and cover. Considers class winner. Drives beautifully! \$49,500. Rob & George Ireland: 436-786-9400 rodb@rogers.com (OR)</p>	 <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">1970 450SE red / black... owned since 1998, garaged, hard/soft top, new battery, good condition, automatic. Tires in very good shape and includes 2 extra tires. \$7,900. Janet Wight. 920-627-6744 netlone@yahoo.com (WV)</p>	 <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">1978 450SE Silver / Blue. 89,900 miles. Hard top and soft top. No Bings or Bents in good condition. \$14,000. Pevoy Taylor: 762.733.8130 (NH)</p>
 <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">1972 350SE 1.1 Blue / Dark Blue. 122,000 miles. New paint, softtop, tires, brakes, trunk liners, antenna, compressor, interior rebind. Always covered and garaged. Hard top with heater, AC, power windows, everything works. 2nd owner. \$12,900. Tom McNamee: 864-464-6082 tommy71@gmail.com (SC)</p>	 <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">1977 450SE Black / Tan. 130,000 miles. second owner (25 years) leaving country, absolutely must sell this member of the family. \$30,900 (local features/options). Full documented. James Graham: (250) 507-0832 mtgrrty@yahoo.com (BC)</p>	 <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">1979 450SE Dark Maroon/Camel. 90,000 miles. Hard/soft top. Recent tires, driver window regulator, belts, antenna motor battery. Needs fixing: washer fluid pump, cruise control. Means new leather, trunk/hardtop seals. Drives beautifully. Lila Diane Mueller: (911) 217-5539 ilidmueller@hotmail.com (TX)</p>
 <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">1972 350SE Light Blue Metallic / Blue. 137,500 miles. Selling family SL purchased new when I was 12 and well-maintained. US model with sun style headlights + rear bench seat. 1 Place original parts. New soft top. Matching hard top. \$15,500. Rick Ruff: 803-643-8000 ruffr@aol.com (NH)</p>	 <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 5px;">1978 450SE White / Red. Complete restoration. 2500 miles on new engine. One small chip on right rear quarter panel. New soft top, hard top needs headliner. Hagerty evaluated and insured for \$27,500. \$12,500. Tom Ritt: 360-720-9190 saltypaul@frontier.com (NH)</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 10px;"> <h3 style="margin: 0;">If Your Car or Parts Don't Sell</h3> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">within 60 days after you first post the ad, be sure to renew your ad in order to keep it active. Unless renewed, ads automatically are removed from the website 60 days after they were first posted. Ads can be revised or renewed by visiting the website and clicking on your profile to change your ad.</p> </div>

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Benefits of Volunteering -- Join the Volunteer Team

The Greek philosopher Aristotle once said that the essence of life is “to serve others and do good,” and it seems an increasing number of us are starting to wake up and see why volunteering is important. People are starting to understand how the benefits from serving and helping each other and different communities are not just beneficial for others but for ourselves, too.

Volunteering is beneficial for a whole host of reasons:

- To utilize your skills or learn new ones
- Gain confidence
- Make a difference
- Meet people and make new friendships
- Be part of a community and work on a like-minded team
- Take on a challenge and build a real sense of achievement
- Reduce stress, combat depression, and reduce the risk of Alzheimer’s

Purpose and collaboration result in mental health improvements, adds years to your life, and gives you a better outlook on life. However, the best part, and often overlooked is that **volunteering is just plain fun.**

If you are ready to make friends, improve your mental and physical health, and maybe develop new skills along the way, start volunteering. You can change your life and the lives of others when you do. Don’t overlook the benefits of volunteering. Embrace them! Sign up for one of the following positions!

Sponsorship Chair—Coordinates and contacts dealerships and other businesses to promote sponsorships for our Section. Will work with Ambassadors. This person is a Board Member.

Ambassadors—Since we cover a wide geographical area, these volunteers will be the contact for the portion of the area where they live (approximately a 50 mile radius). We still need an ambassador for Greenville, SC. Ambassadors will:

- meet and mentor new members from their designated area
- work with dealerships and other businesses in their designated area
- set up and host local “Meet & Greet” events at restaurants or other venues
- attend “Cars & Coffee” events in their designated area
- recommend and assist with Section events in their area

Hospitality Committee Members—Responsible for greeting new members at events and making them feel part of our Section. Just a fun position at our events!

Contact Jane Martinez at mbcacarolinas.president@gmail.com if you would like to get more information or volunteer for one of these positions.

Helpful Web Links

New QR Code for the [Carolinas Section Website](#) ...

Here's a new QR code you can shoot with the camera on your phone that takes you to the Carolinas Section website.

Try it now and see ... or, you can just click on it to follow the link. The site has been recently renovated and updated, so if you haven't visited recently, you should check out all the new updated content.



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Supplementing our inventory of new Mercedes-Benz models is an impressive selection of high-quality pre-owned vehicles. A certified pre-owned Mercedes-Benz model is an excellent way to gain access to all of the impressive capabilities these vehicles offer with used car pricing.

Selling cars is just part of what we do at Mercedes-Benz of Hilton Head. If you already own a capable luxury car, Mercedes-Benz of Hilton Head can help you take care of it. Our service center specializes in the Mercedes-Benz lineup. We can help keep your car in the best condition possible, handling all of your routine maintenance needs, as well as more substantial repairs.

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*Marc Galassini
General Sales Manager*

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General Sales Manager, **Marc Galassini**, has been in High-Line Automobile sales and management for over two decades. He started selling BMW and Rolls Royce products in the 80's and his experience includes stints with Lamborghini, Porsche, Audi, Acura and has been with Mercedes-Benz over 12 years. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, physical fitness, working around his house, and most importantly, time with his family.



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