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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This is almost my last President's message and newsletter. In just a few days I hit the 3/4 century mark and it is time for new blood. There are still a few who would like to see the Section consolidated into other sections. I can assure you that is not going to happen.

This Section remains financially strong. The biggest challenges will probably always be putting together great events and attracting new members to promote the Mercedes brand. Those are both issues that members can be a great help in accomplishing.

This is a great issue with coverage about member's attending a benefit concert to help a cause to advance a Cultural venue. Next comes coverage about a rain soaked but successful Annual Mercedes Day at Shelton Winery by our Assistant Newsletter Editor Sam Melwani.

Our Treasurer's wife Vickey Deiber gives a great account of their attending the September Germany MBUSA's tour for MBCA members.

September drew one of our largest Groups for a Sunday Brunch and tour of the Gramath glass sculpture displays during the 20th Anniversary of the 110 acre Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens in Belmont SC. A lot of good things to read.

Thanks to Louise and Sam taking their time to consistently put out a top notch Newsletter on top of getting out monthly Event e-mails and reminders.

Welcome our new members and transfer ins, especially when you meet them at events. **Take note of the dates of the upcoming events** through Feb. 2020 and mark your calendars. Watch for your invite to the Annual meeting.

You'll find some interesting information under "There's More". Am also reading information about the new compact Mercedes SUV, the GLB. It is just 1.7" shorter than the GLC, not as plush, but will offer a 3rd seats!. Watch for more information.

And what is the question I get asked most? How do I get name badges? Here is the link again: <https://mbca.org/name-badge>.

Hoping to see you soon,

Nick

This is a large issue – put those phones down! Best read on your computer.

About MBCA | Established in 1956, MBCA has approximately 26,000 active members and 9251 additional household members in 12 regions which are comprised of 80+ local sections throughout the United States and Canada. Each region is administered by a regional director who is responsible for assisting and inspiring the sections in the region. The regional director also fosters the formation of new sections, coordinates regional activities and represents the constituents as a member of the national board of directors. Hundreds of events are organized by sections, from social gatherings to tech sessions, from car shows to driving events. Most sections publish a newsletter of information and events and each section has its own officers and bylaws.



A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Diana Hardy	Summerville, SC
Kenneth Andersson	Tryon, NC
John Davis	Matthews, NC
Richard Harvey	Columbia, SC
Marc Lozano	Mt. Pleasant, SC
Johathan Crook	Fletcher, NC
Steve Meckler	Charlotte, NC
Rod Scogin	Newberry, SC
Charles Saleh	Charlotte, SC

Transfer Ins:

Mark Ibenthal	Kansas City
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John Stitzer	Delaware Valley
John Seaton	CT. Westchester

And thank you for your renewals!

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 apt to attend more events and get the most enjoyment out of the Club.

New members can get name badges via <https://mbca.org/name-badge>. They are a help at events so other members know who you are and where you are from.

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 of our past local Newsletters are archived there. It is also a good place to learn about technical issues and to ask questions about your car.

Login for Communities is simple, Your e-mail address and whatever password you select.

Once you do a 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.**

As a member you can also place free ads here for your car, part, or accessory in The Star magazine at no charge.

So again, Welcome to MBCA and the Carolinas Section. Do not hesitate to contact any of the Officers listed in the issue for any Club help.

New as well as existing members can access previous newsletters at: carolinas.mbca.org/section-newsletters

MBCA CAROLINAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOR ADVANCE PLANNING, PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDARS!

These are the planned events for the next 6 months as of this date.

OCTOBER 12 - Taylor's SC - Lunch and Trains: You have recently received two e-mails about this low cost fun event. Deadline for payment is 10/2.

For those interested: **The Annual Eurofest car show** in Greenville, SC is Oct. 18 & 19. The featured marque this year is Bentley. See www.euroautofestival.com for info.

NOVEMBER 1-3 - Hilton Head Concours: You have received information in prior Newsletters regarding this major car show event. The link is <https://www.hhiconcours.com/>. If you have not registered, please contact our membership Chair Michele Stine at mps783@aol.com for information on Club activities and to see if any are still open.

DECEMBER 7 - Annual meeting and Business dinner - Aiken SC. You will receive the formal invite in just a few days. Watch your e-mail.

JANUARY 11, 2020 - Pineville, NC - Open Board meeting - Meet the President. Club subsidized luncheon at the Waldhorn restaurant. 11:30 AM to 2 PM.

FEBRUARY 22 - Northlake, NC Meet & Greet and luncheon event at Northlake Mercedes.

MARCH - We are currently working on several local events for mid to late March.

For those interested March 5 - 8 is the Annual Amelia Island Concours, FL. Information is at <https://www.ameliaconcours.org/>

Have an idea for a Club event? Send it in and we will see if we can do it. Open months currently are May, July, Sept. and Oct. 2020.



MBCA Goes Cultural!

On July 7th, despite it being a Holiday week-end, almost 30 members, family and friends went cultural for a benefit piano concert in the new Cultural Arts Center in Lancaster, SC followed by a post concert reception at the historic Craig house, which is on the National Register.

We attended a piano concert by Dr. Pamela Howland, a Fulbright scholar and World renowned Steinway concert pianist specializing in Chopin. Ours was a real departure from her usual totally classical performances, including with Symphony orchestras.

This concert was a medley of 400 years of music with a slant to America. It started with our ancestors Celtic Medley to some spirituals that would have existed during Colonial times including some by Black gospel music of the times. We moved on to some Civil War music and then to Gershwin. From there we moved on to the Beatles, followed by a few Polish pieces. Finally on to US movie themes. Dr. Howland ended with an unexpected sing A long to "Take me out to the ball game". We had fun! She also stopped numerous times to educate us on the history of many of the pieces she played.

At the end she got a standing ovation from this sell out crowd twice! Right after the concert associate member John Craig gave us a 20 minute historical talk on what went into the restoration of the former original Church and conversion to a Cultural Center for the City and its' purpose.

He covered the history of the building and adjacent cemetery which is primarily Civil War era. General Sherman even used the Church as a stable for his horses! The first thing they had to do in restoration was to literally remove an actual ton of bat poop!

While John was giving his talk, our Harriet, her sister, and member Johannes Tromp, Innkeeper of Kilburnie B&B rushed out to set up the food and bar for our reception at Craig House that they had prepared before the concert. When the rest of us arrived we found a bar full of wine and beer, shrimp galore, salamis, cheeses, meatball sliders, fruit, nuts and more! Even Mercedes cookies! No-one left hungry.





During the course of our time there member Johannes took our members on a tour of the exterior gardens, and of the House itself which was started in 1773 and has had several additions since then. It is quite a House! And what a new kitchen. Dr. Howland and her husband joined our group. What a pleasure they were to spend informative time with.

At 6 PM President Nick called the group together. He presented gifts to Dr. Howland and Club members, Johannes and John for partially funding this event and making our Party possible. Then on to a few door prizes. Members were then able to continue partying and socializing with other members.

All the members I spoke to enjoyed the day very much and we were able to generate \$1,000 towards the much needed expansion of the Cultural Arts Center. We had such a good time we will no doubt do this again. Thanks to all who attended.



The 25th Anniversary MBCA Trip to Germany 2019

A significant Other's Take

By Vickey Deiber

People who know me know I am not a “Car Gal”. I enjoy the privilege of driving, our choice of vehicle has been delegated to husband Rick for most of our 40 years together and as long as it meets certain criteria (safe, reliable, easy to get in and out of), I am good. We joined the Mercedes-Benz Club of America with the purchase of our first ML back in the early 2000s and that’s when Rick first learned there was a trip to Germany to visit the Mercedes-Benz plants. Rick is a Mercedes-Benz lover since his High School years. He enjoys the brand and enjoys sharing stories with other such enthusiasts. It was only a matter of time....

On September 9, 2019 we were in Germany and ready to experience whatever Mercedes-Benz had to offer us. We are excited to begin (even me) and It turned out to be plenty.

Our accommodations were at the Maritim Hotel in Stuttgart and in a small restaurant within was the location of the Welcome Dinner. Jim O’Sullivan is our tour organizer and a past MBCA President and Milan Chudoba, our MB Host, introduced themselves. Both gentlemen are veterans of many such trips and unknown to most of us this is the 25th Anniversary Year for MBCA’s Trip to Germany. The members were from all over the US we numbered about 28 and anxious to learn our itinerary for the coming days. Spoiler alertWe experienced a non-stop jam-packed agenda.

Each person/couple introduced themselves and shared some of their Mercedes car history. Our itinerary each day was verbal. We learned of the next day’s schedule at dinner, punctuality was underscored and we traveled in style via a Mercedes-Benz Motor coach. Prior to our arrival in Germany we received a dress code of sorts. No t-shirts or jeans, no sneakers but stressed nice casual attire and comfortable walking shoes which was a must as there were lots of “steps” ahead. Apart from being punctual, we were informed that taking photos were not always permitted and why in certain places within a venue.

We really lucked out on the weather, it was beautiful. Cool mornings needing a jacket and warmer afternoon and evenings, with no rain to speak of.

Tuesday Day 1 was a full day. With our Name Badges in full view, we started at the **AMG plant in Affalterbach**, after a lovely drive through the countryside. We had a guided tour through the assembly portion of the AMG engines. The precision computer guided assembly with scanning of parts and equipment used during the build by a certified technician was very impressive. The “book” about the car to be produced starts here. It’s the beginning of the “one man one machine” motto. Unfortunately, those members with AMGs, who had hoped to meet their signature engine assembly technician were out of luck as none were working that day. Specifics about the training, apprenticeships, daily production



Mercedes EQC Electric SUV to be Produced at New Assembly Hall In Singlefingen MB GT Convertible Produced at Singlefingen



numbers, quality control procedures, customer specific orders and newest technologies in engine design were fascinating. A good way to start the visit for those unaccustomed to just how Mercedes-Benz cares about its brand and reputation. And what AMG stands for. Do you know?? Time to shop in the Customer Store followed by a trip to **Schorndorf** for lunch and a visit to Gottlieb Daimler's birthplace with museum. Schorndorf, a quaint German village overflowing with gorgeous flowers on the streets and in window boxes offered a nice respite to walk and just enjoy a small German village, then to the **Mercedes Classic Car Center in Fellbach**. Also known as the Golden Nugget, the Center is the place to totally restore your Mercedes-Benz vehicle to new — as if it just came off the assembly line. Restored cars with a history of being found after years of neglect have been restored and are now for sale or cars whose owners want the just off the line beauty and performance once again come here. I was not aware that Mercedes-Benz has a record of every car, so that every inch of any car can be restored down to the exact car color, engine type, upholstery color and everything in between. Dinner was at the Schlachthof and Pig Museum back in Stuttgart. Though we were not able to visit the swine museum, the restaurant held nothing back as decorating with pigs goes. Pig statues everywhere not to mention “when pigs fly” painted on the ceiling.

Wednesday Day 2 happened to be the 18th Anniversary of 9-11. A moment of silence was observed remembering all who perished and others who are still fighting health battles as a result of being a first responder.

Our destination today was the **Technical Museum in Sinsheim**. It was over an hour's drive and Milan, our MB host, used this opportunity to answer some questions such as: what is the meaning of the 3 point star, how an employee of Mercedes-Benz buys a Mercedes-Benz, what does “Young star” mean and pointing out places of interest along the way. Jim described this museum as a “collection of stuff”. I would agree, very interesting “stuff” with ample time to wander and ponder what was exhibited before you, above you, around you and I asked myself ... do I want to climb up into that roof mounted

Concorde and walk up its aisle ... yes. Two Halls filled to the brim with everything from early Mercedes, other European Cars, vehicles of Wartime, uniforms, dress of the day, vehicles from toys to a Panzer Tank (not restored but menacing all the same). Bikes to Motorcycles, Stock cars (with a video loop of Charlotte Motor Speedway) to Formula-1, machines to plow the fields and transport the masses. Planes of all types hanging from the ceiling — crop dusters to gliders. I, myself, really enjoyed this as a WW II European Theater buff. The Mercedes that carried around important people of the day, to see the aftermath of what a shell shot from a Panzer did to some very thick armor plating. We lunched here before heading to the bus and on to Ladenburg the site of the **Dr. Carl Benz Automuseum**. Housed in the original factory and restored as an exhibition hall (a photo pass was required in order to take pictures) it goes through time and the Benz Family as a family. Though the Timeline in the middle of the main floor was all in German, I got the gist of what it represented — a walk through Dr Benz's motoring achievements, family history and the worlds history. Individual displays did have an English translation. Beautiful cars and memorabilia and a car Carl Benz build himself in 1906. Dinner was delightful at UNSERE KUCHE (Our Kitchen) hosted by the owner and Chef Bernd Jaschutschik. A dinner buffet preceded by an Onion Tart with “new wine”, dessert and pear schnapps or brandy. I appreciate Chef sharing his Onion Tart recipe with a few of us and getting a tour of his kitchen before we said Good bye.

Thursday Day 3 a trip through the countryside and to **Kienle Restoration Shop**. A family owned business specializing in high quality classics restorations such as the SL 300 and famous Mercedes-Benz 600s and more. We had a guided tour of the different shops that make up this complex. This is where I heard the phrase “it's only original once” where mechanically the engine still runs well but the





body isn't a "work of art" and the body work stays as it arrived at the shop. They are very organized in their approach to the restoration; they would have to be. Some restorations take up to 3 years depending on the customer specifications. No pictures were allowed in most areas due to confidentiality. Except for the chrome work and painting everything else is done, for the car, here. We got a look in the 600s Garage where one car in particular had a story. A neglected 600-in the jungle for 20 years-termites feasted the wood trim, it is in the process of restoration with a long way to go. It will be a stunner, with a story, when the restoration is finally completed. And we are off to the Mercedes-Benz Museum where we were the Guest of Marcel Shue MB Overseas Club Manager and Ambrose Kluyskens (Milan's predecessor). A very lovely luncheon and a delicious cake was enjoyed by all. **The Mercedes-Benz Museum** is not just a beautiful state of the art building with hardly any steps to navigate but it is a history capsule. Starting with the horse and ending with prototypes for future automobiles coming from Mercedes-Benz ... think electric. Ample time for strolling and picture taking as you descend level by level experiencing each chapter or division in the Mercedes and World history. Ask your guide, if you should go, to explain the Emergency System in the building. You can shop at the Gift Shop and received 20% discount with your MBCA Membership. Dinner was in Stuttgart at Carls Brauhaus overlooking Schosspatz then a leisurely walk back to the hotel.

Friday Day 4 was the day Rick had been waiting for, we were on the way to **Sindelfingen and the Center of Excellence**, the site where most of our Mercedes were born. Starting at the Customer Center and a chance to shop, then back on the bus after our guide gave us goggles, a neon orange vest and some overview of the complex and where we would visit on the tour. A place where S, E, GT, GLA and Maybachs are produced. Our guided tour included the body shop, the pressing of parts (think "How it's Made") and the assembly. No paint shop though. "Black boxes" attached to chassis have the specifications for the car to be made. Robots number about 5200, we learned about their longevity and maintenance. They are mesmerizing to watch. Quality control is ever present. Production numbers are impressive and though it was not announced we saw the finished cars coming off the line and being driven by employees out of the factory. Great job to have.

Out for Lunch to Boblingin Brauhaus and back for our introduction to the **Center of Excellence**. A luxurious location for ordering your luxury Mercedes-Benz with all the specifics you desire and eventually taking delivery here. The day ended at **Motor World** a former airport during the war years and transformed into Hall of Showrooms, a restaurant, the V-8 Motel and high-end gift shop. Some of the restored Classic Cars were behind glass and in a climate-controlled environment stacked in two levels-hard to see for the most part. However, there were plenty of other restored classics of all brands to appreciate. Ample time was given for perusal and then off to dinner at a restaurant close to the hotel called Hotzenplotz where many of my fellow travelers ordered delicious Hamburgers with fries.

Saturday Day 5 was a free day. An option to visit the **Porsche Museum** was offered as an extra attraction. Many members took a tram over to the Museum while others found Art Museums, the Library, shopped or experienced the Pedestrian Walk where a Saturdays Farmers Market was in full swing and full scent. Baked goods, herbs, flowers, fruits and vegetables, dried fruit and nuts and regional Wines. Our final dinner together was at the Paulaner Brauhaus, a short and pleasant 15 minute walk from our hotel. We had a private room and a wonderful last meal together. Be brave and venture outside your meal choice comfort zone ... I gave up a chance to try Pig Knuckle. In his closing Jim remarked how well our group meshed because there was never any quiet meals or bus rides. Each of us received a name badge size tag for our car dashboards with our name and "2019 MBCA Germany Trip."

Our Mercedes-Benz Host Milan was the jack of all trades. Milan is a pleasant and most hospitable host and guide who helped with dinner order translations, sharing histories of the city and company, assisting in public transportation for the group and even tracking down a bakery for a special type of German cake someone was interested in finding.

Sunday many of the group were departing for home, to visit other cities in Germany or elsewhere. I know we all enjoyed our time together and the experiences shared. The **Frankfurt Auto Show** was the destination for most of our participants. More Cars ... really?? It happened to coincide with the end of our week on Germany. A huge thank you to Jim and Milan, to MBCA and its staff in the information and planning and to Daimler AG for allowing us to share in this experience. Last but not least a very special shout out to a potent liquid adhesive (inside joke).

Asides from our trip:

- (1) I travel with my IT guy but you might need to check on Sim Cards, International phone plans, what your phone plan offers, Wi-Fi and hot spot spotting ... ask anyone under 30.
- (2) I down loaded Goggle Translate on my iPhone ... it helped some.
- (3) There are often stairs to navigate ... be aware
- (4) German food can be calorie dense (thanks Linda). Salads and protein are offered on many menus.
- (5) We had great weather, but I packed for layering and it worked well
- (6) Plenty of places to shop near hotel if you forgot something ... TK Max, H&M
- (7) Rewe, Lidl and Aldi...for water and snacks. DM for health & beauty aids. Apothecary for more medicine- type needs.
- (8) Sunday only cafes, restaurants and Museums are opened
- (9) Saturday is the big shopping day

Keep a journal to help with the details of where you've been and what you did.



2019 SHELTON VINEYARDS CLASSIC CARS SHOW

By Sam Melwani

Shelton Vineyards Classic Car Show — Saturday, August 24th 2019 — a date I marked on my calendar months in advance for what has now become one of my favorite Classic Mercedes Benz events of the year.



Shelton Vineyards Winery is located in the heart of North Carolina's Yadkin Valley, tucked away in Dobson, NC and right off of interstate 77. The surrounding large green meadows, on-site restaurant, and numerous small picnic tables make it an ideal venue for a Classic Car Show. When I woke up early that morning and looked out the window, I saw what felt like a cool and rainy fall morning rather than a summer one. I consider my Old Benz "retired". He only comes out when the days are nice and warm and the sun is shining. Even though he hasn't seen rain in the last 16 years, I thought to myself that a rainy day in the old Fintail is better than staying at home. Half of the fun is getting there and back, so an hour later I found myself cruising down the motorway and shifting into 4th gear. Classic 80's music crackling through the Becker Europa stereo and a nice warm cup of coffee to keep me company as I fiddled with my small windshield wipers that struggled to keep up with the rain drops.



Soon after we parked, the skies opened up and the rain drops came pouring down, bringing the temperatures down with it. Not only did it rain substantially, but the temperatures dropped enough to warrant a nice warm jacket in the month of August! Even though the rain dampened the car show, it did not dampen the spirit of the event. Despite the rain, we had a pretty good turnout in number of attendees and cars with an approx. grand total of 50. Everyone huddled up under the large canopy to gather, socialize, and purchase custom-made Mercedes Benz Shelton Vineyards wine glasses until the rain passed. The rain finally stopped around 12:30pm giving everyone the chance to wander out and take a look at the wide array of cars on display. From a 1950's Ponton and a 60's Fintail to a more modern 2020 Mercedes GLE, there was something there for everyone to see.



After lunch, the gracious hosts of the Shelton Vineyards gave out several awards to the attendees. The Best of Show award went to the 1959's Mercedes Ponton 190 belonging to Owen Hughes. For the Top 12 Best of Show awards, we had 2 that went to members of our Carolinas Section. First off, our President, Nick Pasquine, was given an award for his 2012 Mercedes E350. The second one to win was yours truly with an award for my 1963 Mercedes Benz 190c w110 Fintail.

Even though I had my doubts earlier that morning due to the weather, I am really happy I decided to head out with my classic. I feel like that is what the car was made for: to be driven on the open road and enjoyed rather than sitting in the garage. Meeting all my fellow MBCA club members and enjoying their company and their cars made it even more special. Shelton Vineyards remains one of my favorite locations for a car show.





SEPTEMBER 15TH - A UNIQUE CLUB EVENT!



It was a hot rain free day (no rain!!!). 60 of our our members and Assoc. members signed up for our unique September event. We met at 10:45 AM at Lilly's Bistro in Lake Wylie, SC. We took every inside table the restaurant had. The owner Jeff, who is a Mercedes SLK owner and soon to be member, cleared a few tables and set up an extensive buffet to help speed up our luncheon. The food was very good. We had planned on 2 hours but things went so smoothly we were able to get to Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens early and start our tours a 1/2 hour early. President Nick offered arriving members in the large parking lot some chilled water bottles as it was quite warm.

We then met in the large reception building at the Garden. Pres. Nick did introductions and then we had 3 drawings for \$30. Commemorative books about the Glass event. We then broke out into the 3 groups. Our 3 tour guides started us out on 3 different spots so that we all finished about the same time. Our tour started in the Main building with an explanation of some of it's features and displays. From there we toured a couple of small formal Gardens often used for weddings.



In fact one of Treasurer Rick Deiber's daughters was married here. From there we headed out into the main gardens to see the unique glass sculpture displays by Glass Artist Gamrath. There were about 40 of them spread out over the gardens and the large greenhouse for the Garden's 20th Anniversary.

The Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens covers 110 acres. We limited our guided tours to one hour which hit the highlights of the Gardens, the very large Greenhouse and ALL of the large glass floral and plant sculptures, which were amazing.

After our tours some members headed back to the main Pavilion for a cold beer, or a wine and some more socializing. It was a great day. The Gardens gave us discounted tickets and the Club subsidized part of the ticket cost, the sales tax, the giveaways and the cost of the tour guides. It pays to participate! The photos are just a few of the many taken. Enjoy!





AND THERE'S MORE...

Did you catch the article on our member Paul Harman's million plus mile 240D in the July August issue of The Star? Some of us got to see this great car up close and meet Paul at our June Rafaldini and Shelton events.

Here's a pretty creative photo:



Here is a link sent by a member who attended our Mercedes & Muskets Trip.

Pretty informative and bit of a different slant by this woman. October and early Nov. an idea time to visit. Cooler and no Holiday mobs.

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Reported by Autoweek on 9/8:

Among other luxury brands, volume rose 7.2 percent at **BMW**, 25 percent at **Mercedes-Benz**, 14 percent at **Porsche**, 3 percent at **Audi** and 187 percent at **Genesis**. August deliveries dropped 14 percent at **Jaguar** and 8.5 percent at **Land Rover**.

Healthy job gains and steady economic growth continue to support sales, analysts say, even as rising new-vehicle prices discourage some buyers.

www.thedodo.com/close-to-home/dog-crashes-mercedes-car-into-wall

Beachside members - Happy to say as far as we know they pretty much escaped Hurricane Dorian. Past President Dunbar and Katherine report little flooding. Mostly a debris cleanup.

Lancaster Cultural Arts Center - For those who attended our concert and made a donation: just to let you know that the ground breaking for the expansion was held on Sept. 5th and construction will be starting soon. Thank you for your help!

Also the next performances in Lancaster are:

Oct 27th - Ethan Uslan Ragtime Classical Pops (fun!)

Dec. 15th - The Charlestons Acappella Classical Christmas Concert
Both are just \$15 pp. Tickets available thru lccarts.net.

Save \$500. We still have members who have never gone to the MBCA website and looked at Member benefits, so they don't know about this. Once you are a member in good standing for a year, and you purchase or lease a new Mercedes, you download a form off the MBCA website, and send it in with a copy of your sale to get \$500. back. Alone worth about 9 years of current dues.

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