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### About Us

The MBCA Triangle Section serves the greater Raleigh, Central Carolina, and Sandhills area of North Carolina. We also host a number of events throughout the year including car shows, road rallies, charitable events, tech sessions, and section socials.

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C.D.Smith, Editor-in-Chief

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Second Quarter, 2021



Bill Faison  
Section President

Now that major Covid 19 restrictions have been lifted we need to Relaunch our Section!

We already have several events on our calendar beginning with a Business Meeting on July 17th at Garibaldi in Fuquay-Varina, NC.

See Page 12 for more details and <http://msreg.com/TriBMGari> to sign up!

Then in August we have our annual Mercedes Benz Showcase at Shelton Vineyard in Dobson, NC. This is always a great event and a wonderful venue you don't want to miss.

More information is on Page 6 <http://msreg.com/shelton2021> to register

November bring Mercedes-Freude "The Joy of Everything Mercedes" November 2 – 5 in Hilton Head Island. MBCA events and activities will run through Friday evening, Nov. 5. Saturday, Nov. 6, will be the kickoff of Legends of the Autobahn

East Coast, which will be held on the Port Royal Golf Course. On Sunday, Nov. 7, will be the Hilton Head Island Concours d' Elegance, also held at Port Royal.

Read more about this event on Pages 3 and 8.

On Saturday December 4th we will be holding our annual Christmas Luncheon and charity toy drive at the Pinehurst Country Club more on this event will be coming.

I hope to see all of you at one of our events enjoying your car and your club.

Bill

## Welcome to our new members who have joined in 2021!

John Babson  
Jeff Daniels  
Benjamin Ealy  
David Eveleigh  
Mike Hardin  
Eric Jenkins  
Jeff Leck  
Sid Munshi  
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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 your 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](mailto:rick.siefert@att.net)

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## SANDHILLS MOTORING FESTIVAL RECAP



Christopher Smith  
Section Vice President



The 2021 Sandhills Motoring Festival was a phenomenal success! After a harrowing 2020 filled with postponements and cancellations for any and all events, Memorial Day Weekend was a much needed and much welcomed time with thousands for auto enthusiasts flooding the streets of the historic Village of Pinehurst. We are pleased to announce that our goal of raising \$10,000 for the Sandhills Community College Automotive Technologies program doubled to a whopping \$20,450! This money will be used as an endowment to the College to provide financial assistance to students in the Automotive program with the goal of helping them achieve their educational dreams.

The weekend kicked off with a special Happy Hour by Hagerty that took place across the street from the SMF host hotel, the Pine Crest Inn. Dubbed the "Hagerty House" one of the primary SMF sponsors hosted a cocktail event for Hagerty Driver's Club members and SMF VIPs. Immediately following, the signature Automobiles and BBQ kicked off with excellent southern style BBQ, chicken, and sides. A live band provided the music, and Foreign Cars Italia provided the eye candy on display in the closed off street. While the dinner officially ended at 9pm, revelers were heard until the midnight hour talking about car culture and how wonderful it was to be back gathering at car events.

Saturday morning began with the SMF Road Rally, commissioned by yours truly. We launched over 40 cars for the rally which took drivers and their navigators over a 55-mile course throughout the Sandhills. Participants were provided with a list of questions to answer along their route, proving the need for keen observation skills, thinking caps, and a little bit of old-fashioned luck. The winners of the Road Rally were local couple (and soon to be MBCA members) Nick and Gillie in their 1982 Mercedes-Benz 300D. Upon completion of the Rally, entrants dined in the Pine Crest Inn for lunch to discuss how many questions they thought they answered correctly.

Saturday also featured a Pottery tour to Ben Owen Pottery, led by Past President, Steve Redwine. Participants traveled to Seagrove along the Pottery Highway and learned about the nuances and intricacies of pottery making.

Saturday evening wrapped up with the SMF Hangar Party at the Moore County Airport's main hangar. Featuring a low country boil for 200 guests, the hangar was stocked with exotic cars and airplanes. A storm off in the distance along with a welcome drop in temperature provided the perfect backdrop for this signature event.

Sunday's Concours in the Village got off to an early morning start as entrants were eager to find their parking spaces. A light mist shrouded the Village as the event began, and as I walked down the main street of Pinehurst with Steve Redwine, we turned around to see droves of spectators flocking to the beautiful display of automobiles. Over 130 cars lining the streets set against the lovely Pinehurst scenery, it was truly a sight to behold. As the skies cleared and the sun came out, you could feel the electricity and excitement in the air as entrants and spectators alike were smiling from ear to ear at the wide variety of autos. The crowd was full of awe and gasps as the winners across the Concours classes were announced.

The weekend wrapped up with the SMF Awards Dinner at the scenic Country Club of North Carolina that featured an Italian style buffet, a live auction MC'ed by Ramsey Potts which raised over \$5,000, and an evening filled with stories of the weekend. If those walls could talk!

The entire SMF team is very grateful for the support of MBCA and it's members, along with all of the sponsors, entrants, and guests of the weekend. We are already planning our improvements for SMF 2022!

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William L. (Bill) Parrish, Jr., President  
Mercedes-Benz Club of America -  
Tarheel Section  
parrishwl@retired.appstate.edu



Everyone is excited to be gathering again, reuniting with old friends and meeting new ones. And where better than the Mercedes-Benz Showcase at Shelton Vineyards in Dobson, NC. <https://www.sheltonvineyards.com>

The Hampton Inn & Suites at 150 Charlestowne Drive, Dobson, North Carolina will be our host hotel. A block of rooms at a reduced rate has been arranged. You need to call the hotel directly to get this rate; ask for the Mercedes-Benz Club rate. Phone 336-353-9400

There will be a Friday August 13 drive leaving the hotel around 10 AM that will take us up into the Yadkin Valley Wine Country and return us back by mid-afternoon, with a lunch stop-over somewhere along the route.

Friday night there will be an optional dinner at the Coach's restaurant adjacent to the hotel. When you register your car, please indicate whether you will attend the dinner and how many in your party.

The main event will be the Saturday

August 14 showcase of Mercedes on the Shelton Vineyards grounds from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Judging will again be done by the Shelton staff of their favorite 12 cars and a best of show. Award recognition at 2:00p.m.

We will also be offering Silver Star Preservation judging for Mercedes over 25 years old. For information on Silver Star, see <https://www.mbc.org/enthusiasts/silver-star>

On Sunday August 15, there will be an MBCA Eastern Region Presidents Meeting for Section Presidents and Officials at the Hampton Inn in Dobson, NC. More information about this event and registration at <http://msreg.com/shelton2021>

Registration is required, but is free. The fun is worth millions! So come join the fun!

Looking forward to seeing you there!







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## SANDHILLS MOTORING FESTIVAL REVISITED



Steve Redwine  
Past President



By all measures, Sandhills Motoring Festival was a tremendous success and well worth the two year wait!

It also gave the SMF team the extra time to plan a three-day event that was stepped up in terms of the level & quality of the cars, the number of people attending, the various events throughout the weekend and all of the sponsors and vendors involved. This year was special because every event either started or finished in beautiful Pinehurst, NC.

The weekend started off Friday afternoon with a block party in front of the Pine Crest Inn and the Hagerty House across the street. The spectators were treated to some excellent and rare cars in the street. A good ole North Carolina BBQ dinner was served to over 300 guests under a tent next to the Pine Crest Inn. The food was great, the atmosphere was exciting and had everyone anticipating the weekend ahead.

<https://www.sandhillsmotoringfestival.com/smf-block-party/>

Saturday morning started out with the SMF Rally. Rally participants enjoyed a 55-mile course through the Moore County and Sandhills area and they were provided with a list of questions to answer during their drive. The questions are designed to challenge the participants about landmarks, local flavor, and other items that are along the roadways of their morning adventure.

<https://www.sandhillsmotoringfestival.com/road-rally/>

Also, on Saturday a drive to Seagrove, NC and the pottery area included a special treat. Ben Owen III did a special pottery demonstration to include not only how he makes his pots, but the thought that goes into them and whether it is a commissioned piece of art or an evolving project that he wants to do. In addition to giving us a history lesson on the Seagrove area and how the special clays in the area were used, he also showed us how he uses the kilns to fire his creations. This SMF tour is designed to introduce SMF participants to unique areas of North Carolina and the beauty and culture in our state!

<https://benowenpottery.com>

Saturday evening, the SMF Hangar Party featured special display cars, at the Moore County Airport's Main Hangar along with a catered low country boil, exotic cars, and airplanes on display. Also, 36 members of MBCA gathered at the Ironwood restaurant for dinner, great conversation and getting caught up after more than a year of being apart.

On Sunday, "Concours in the Village" started off chilly and misting, but as soon as the concours cars were in place and ready for judging, the clouds went away and the 4000 spectators, concours participants and sponsors & vendors were treated to a fantastic array of rare, classic, racing, exotic, super cars, motorcycles, and special interest automobiles against the backdrop of the quaint village of Pinehurst! It just doesn't get any better... until next year!

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Steve Redwine  
Past President

The Amelia Island Concours came late this year, just in time to see major Covid restrictions lifted. Do you think Bill Warner has a lot of connections or just got lucky! My thought is neither. He knew his best chance to have it would be late May, but Memorial Day weekend was taken by Sandhills Motoring Festival and he didn't want to compete against that! JUST JOKING! Amelia Island Concours was held on May 20-23. It was the last major concours held in 2020 and the first major concours held in 2021!

If you have never gone to Amelia Island Concours, you need to treat yourself and see one of the best concours in America. It has something for everyone. The automobile auction houses like RM Sotheby's are full of all types of classics to exotic automobiles. <https://rmsothebys.com>

Friday was a full day at Porsche Werks! Two huge fields of everything Porsche. From the exotic and rare to "well kept" daily drivers. It is worth the trip to Amelia by itself!

Our own MBCA member, Jeff Files, won 1ST Place with his just completed 1959 356 Porsche Outlaw! Now, I do have to report that while we were attending the Porsche Werks, someone found out that we were also MBCA members and immediately had the local police arrest us and remove us from the field!

<https://www.werksreunion.com/amelia.cfm>

Saturday morning, the Cars & Coffee was a lot of fun. Got to visit with old friends in the Mercedes-Benz area and see some great cars visiting the other car clubs!

<https://www.ameliaconcours.org/cars-coffee.aspx>

Saturday afternoon, we toured the famous Brumos collection in Jacksonville, FL. What a terrific collection of racing automobiles, complete with interesting facts and innovations.

<https://www.thebrumoscollection.com>

Sunday, as always, is the Amelia Island Concours! There are different ways to see the entire show, but this year, Bill Faison and I decided to treat ourselves to viewing it from the Amelia Club. It gives you earlier entry (that's even earlier than EARLY) entry! Plus, a covered viewing area of the presentation field. Plus, breakfast, lunch and anything you like to drink. Just don't try to drink enough to get your money's worth, because you will never make it to the end to see "Best of Show"! It is hard to describe everything you see at Amelia because there is just so much to cover, but I can describe how you will feel when you see a car that reminds you of your childhood and it takes you back to another place and time. Or, when you see a race car that you saw win at Indy or another race a few years ago. There are usually several themes on display, like GM Show cars from the 50s or winning Porsche's at Sebring in the 60s. Bill's best friend, Wayne Carini, Showed and won with a special interest, futura Corvair.

For a great preview of the Amelia Island Concours weekend, click below

<https://www.jacksonville.com/story/business/automotive/2021/05/14/26th-annual-amelia-island-concours-has-240-classic-cars-may-23/7389733002/>

For more of what happened at Amelia, click below

<https://www.ameliaconcours.org/news.aspx>



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Lunch at 12:00 pm  
Meeting Starts at 12:30 pm

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This is a no cost event to register it is pay for your own lunch but you need to register on Motorsportreg.com so we can get an accurate head count seating may be limited.

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<http://msreg.com/TriBMGari>



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