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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

Third Quarter, 2021



Bill Faison  
Section President

We are up and running again!

The third quarter in July we held our first in person business meeting in 16 months with a great turnout. My main goal was to restart or stalled section and we successfully accomplished that!

In August we had our annual gathering at Shelton Vineyards with a great turn out of members from the Triangle Section in attendance. Read more on Shelton on Page 6.

On September 11th, we held our Members Appreciation Cookout at Montague Lake in Raleigh, it was a perfect day with great weather and all who attended had a great time. Read more on this event on Page 4.

There was all Cars and Coffee events the first Saturday of the month in Morrisville and on the first Sunday of the month in Pinehurst with Sandhills Motoring Festival. Read more on page 9.

Coming up on October 16th, we will hold our business meeting and planning session for 2022 at Mercedes-Benz of Cary.

November brings Mercedes-Freude  
"The Joy of Everything Mercedes"

### November 2 – 5 in Hilton Head Island

Friday November 5th:  
MBCA events and activities will run through Friday evening.

Saturday, November 6th:  
This is the kickoff of Legends of the Autobahn East Coast, which will be held on the Port Royal Golf Course.

Sunday, November 7th:  
The Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance, also held at Port Royal. Read more about this event on Page

Save the date for November 13th!  
I'm in the final planning stage for a guided tour of the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Southport, NC and a group lunch at one of the great on the water restaurant in Southport.

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

It was great to see all of you at events the past few months and enjoying your car and your club.

Bill

## Welcome to our new members who have joined in the 3rd Quarter, 2021!

Jesse Branch  
Harry Braxton  
Samuel Buell  
Lee Durham  
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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!  
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## MEMBERS APPRECIATION COOKOUT



Christopher Smith  
Section Vice President

On Saturday, September 11th, members of the Triangle Section gathered at Montague Lake for our annual Members Appreciation Luncheon. The weather was perfect with Carolina blue skies and a beautiful lakeside venue. It was a great day all around as over forty members in attendance, we were able to gather together, catch up with each other, and enjoy the enthusiasm for all things automotive and Mercedes.

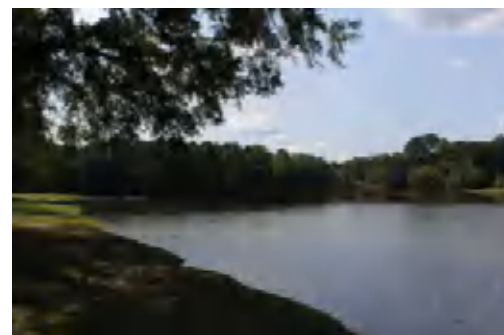
Our Mercedes-Benz line up was most impressive and everyone's car was looking nice and shiny on this beautiful day. Members gathered around their vehicles to discuss their latest adventures and plans for the future.

Before our lunch got underway, we paused for a moment of silence to remember those who were lost twenty years ago on September 11th. Their

sacrifices and heroism on that tragic day will always be remembered and never forgotten.

President Faison then took the time to recognize and appreciate our long standing members of MBCA. From members with five year anniversaries all the way up to forty years, members received a certificate and pin for their continued membership and support of the club. We thank you all for being an integral part of MBCA and we wish you many more years of membership!

Our luncheon was a good old fashioned cookout provided by Layton's Catering with hamburgers and hot dogs along with all of the fixings, sides, and desserts that we all love. Summertime comfort food at its finest!



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## Taking Place at Shelton Vineyards

William L. (Bill) Parrish, Jr., President  
Mercedes-Benz Club of America -  
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Well THAT Was Fun! And YOU made it so!

At the 2021 Mercedes-Benz Showcase at Shelton Vineyards we had 57 Mercedes on the field, and an additional 10 more that were not entered into the show. We had almost 100 Mercedes owners in attendance, coming from five states and Washington, DC. The cars were simply amazing, and the people were all engaged in stimulating fellowship, renewing friendships and making some new ones. The cars represented five states, with the farthest distance driven by MBCA National Director at Large Dr. Jim Roberts of Alabama and his 1978 280 SE. In addition to Dr. Roberts, we had several other dignitaries participating, which including the Presidents of seven MBCA Sections, as well as MBCA Eastern Region Director Doug Geganto from Gainesville, GA.

Exhibitors gave valuable time and contributions to the Mercedes Showcase. Mercedes-Benz of Winston-Salem, NC exhibited a beautiful 2021 S63 Cabriolet, with Sales Coordinator John Worney showing the vehicle and its impressive features. John also greeted several of his sales and service customers who were in attendance. Our host, Shelton Vineyards was represented by GM Travis Dale and Special Events Manager Rebecca Reese, who along with their staff at the tasting room, Harvest Grill, and the vineyard tour went above and beyond to help make this event special. Carol Huff and her son Patrick represented long-time exhibitor Hagarty, helping folks to understand the special factors involved when insuring special, classic and collectable vehicles. Shine Shop Automotive founder & CEO Scott Connor could not attend as planned due to unforeseen circumstances, but has supported this event for several years.

Kicking off the event was a relaxed and enchanted 18 car and scenic drive through parts of the Yadkin Valley and along a portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway, stopping for lunch at The Bluffs, the only

restaurant on the entire length of the Parkway. Thank you Barry and Doris Huff for planning this experience.

Now, on to the winners . . .

One tradition of the Mercedes Showcase at Shelton Vineyards is for the staff to select the Shelton Top Twelve. This is conducted solely by Shelton staff, who consider simply their twelve favorite cars. These judges do not have in-depth knowledge of Mercedes, or cars for that matter. No do they have any understanding of trends in automotive markets. This has been a distinctive and popular approach to this event, and has resulted in greater distribution of recognitions. In other words, those cars that are selected are often not the ones that may be expected to win by frequent show participants. Alternatively, our Best in Show is a People's Choice, determined by those individuals who registered cars, each of whom receive one ballot to vote for one car.

So, dems da rules, and here are the Shelton Top Twelve winners:

Stu Bradley - 1988 560 SL  
Tommy Couch - 1970 280 SL  
Mark Elvin - 2020 AMG GT  
Fred Hayes - 1995 E 320  
Everett Martin - 1993 500 E  
Connie Spencer - 2018 AMG GT  
Mary White - 1961 190 SL  
Gregg Woodcock - 1984 380 SL  
Pedro Campuzano - 1985 300 TD  
Jim Ballheim - 1971 280 SE Cab.  
Jeff Hoots - 2016 550 SL  
Brad Purvis - 1988 560 SEC

And now, for the Best in Show, we present

Jim Ballheim - 1971 280 SE Cabriolet

Congratulations to all the winners and Thank You All for making the 2021 Mercedes Showcase at Shelton Vineyards such a success !!!



## MERCEDES-BENZ SHOWCASE

### Taking Place at Shelton Vineyards

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### The Star Magazine

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Local Club Sections produce and send Club members a fun and informative newsletter which features classified advertising.

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## MORRISVILLE CARS & COFFEE



Steve Hammelly  
Section Treasurer

The Morrisville monthly Cars and Coffee event was attended in September by Section Treasurer, Steve Hammelly, who was able to raise our new section MBCA flag high!

Enjoy these photos and be on the lookout for more to come!

The Morrisville Cars and Coffee event draws thousands of auto enthusiasts from all over the Triangle and state, they operate the first Saturday of every month from 8am until 11am, located at 5425 Page Road in Durham.

It would be great to have more Triangle members come out for this free, local event. Our thanks to Dave Waters for helping to organize and host this event!







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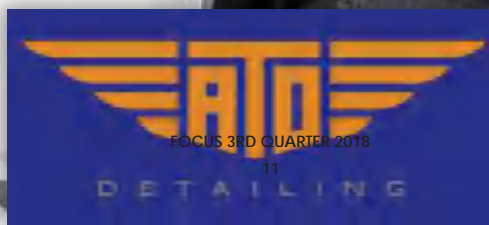
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## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 4th, 2021

### **MBCA Triangle Section Christmas Luncheon & Toys for Tots**

Location:  
Pinehurst Country Club

Further details will be coming soon and registration will open via Motorsportsreg once the details are finalized.

An e-blast will be sent to your inbox about this upcoming event, we hope to see you there!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

We will also have other events lined up for this festive weekend, including Cars & Coffee on Sunday 12/5 in the Village of Pinehurst with the Sandhills Motoring Festival!



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Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Associate (Spouse or Partner) Member. Anyone 18+ years of age living in the Primary Member's residence. Associates receive all benefits of the Primary Member minus an additional subscription to The Star<sup>®</sup> and voting privileges.

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### Mercedes-Benz Vehicles You Currently Own/Lease (list years & models)

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