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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



Bill Faison
Section President

Happy New Year!

The highlight of the fourth quarter was our annual Christmas Luncheon held at Pinehurst Country Club. Our members supported Toys for Tots charity drive with a multitude of toys and generous donations totalling \$850.00. At the event our bake sale and silent auction raised \$455.00 for our section. I am always impressed with how charitable our members and I thank you for your generosity.

Other events that took place in the Fourth Quarter:

Morrisville Cars and Coffee takes place the first Saturday of the month

Sandhills Motoring Cars and Coffee takes place the first Sunday of each month in the Village of Pinehurst

In October we held our business and planning meeting

For November, the new Mercedes-Freude took place at Hilton Head Island Concours.

Also in November, our section toured the North Carolina Martine Museum in Southport, NC and held a group lunch.

Going forward in 2022, our first event will be a business meeting at Garibaldi in Fuquay-Varina on January 22nd (rescheduled to February 5th due to winter weather)

Other events coming in 2022 will be: Amelia Island in March, Tech Session at ADT also in March

Cars & Coffee put on by Leight Motor group in April

Sandhills Motoring Festival over Memorial Day Weekend in May

Shelton Vineyards get together in August Members Appreciation Cookout at Montague Lake in September

In November Hilton Head Concours takes place

Our Christmas Luncheon in December

We plan on more for 2022, please stay tuned for details!

It was great to see all of you at events the past few months and enjoying your car and your club. I hope to see all of you at our events in 2022.

Bill





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SANDHILLS MOTORING FESTIVAL UPDATE



Christopher Smith
Section Vice President

Preparations for the 2022 Sandhills Motoring Festival have been underway since the start of the Fourth Quarter and great strides have been made to improve and expand upon the Memorial Day Weekend events. The Festival kicks off on Friday, May 27th and runs through Sunday, May 29th.

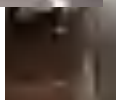
The Concours in the Village, the capstone of the Festival, takes place on May 29th from 9am until 3pm, in the historic Village of Pinehurst.

Applications for the Concours are now open, please visit the Concours Application page to apply:

<https://www.sandhillsmotoringfestival.com/smf-concours/>

There are two Mercedes-Benz classes this year and we look forward to hosting MBCA member automobiles, be sure to apply today!

If you live in the Pinehurst area or have plans to visit, be sure to join the Sandhills Motoring Festival for their monthly Cars and Coffee that takes place the first Sunday of each month, rain or shine, from 9am until 11am. The Roast Office in the Village provides excellent coffee and breakfast foods, and the event usually draws over 80 cars from around the region.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

February

5th Cars & Coffee Morrisville, NC
5th Business Meeting Garibaldi Fuquay-Varina 11:30 am to 1:30 pm
6th Cars & Coffee SMF Pinehurst, NC
Date TBD Tech Session

March

5th Cars & Coffee Morrisville, NC
6th Cars & Coffee SMF Pinehurst, NC
3rd – 6th*Amelia Island Concours Amelia Island, FL
13th Tech Session ADT Garner, NC

April

2nd Cars & Coffee Morrisville, NC
3rd Cars & Coffee SMF Pinehurst, NC
9th Legith Automotive Cars & Coffee Cary Auto Mall
16th Business Meeting Pine Crest Inn Pinehurst, NC

May

7th Cars & Coffee Morrisville, NC
8th Cars & Coffee SMF Pinehurst, NC
27th – 29th - Sandhills Motoring Festival Pinehurst, NC *

June

4th Cars & Coffee Morrisville, NC
5th Cars & Coffee SMF Pinehurst, NC
Date TBD Rally for the Durham Rescue Mission at Mercedes Benz of Durham, NC

July

2nd Cars & Coffee Morrisville, NC
3rd Cars & Coffee SMF Pinehurst, NC
Date & Location TBD Business Meeting

August

6th Cars & Coffee Morrisville, NC
7th Cars & Coffee SMF Pinehurst, NC
26th- 27th Mercedes Showcase at Shelton Vineyards Dobson, NC

September

3rd Cars & Coffee Morrisville, NC
4th Cars & Coffee SMF Pinehurst, NC
17th Members Appreciation Cookout Montague Lake, Raleigh, NC

October

1st Cars & Coffee Morrisville, NC
2nd Cars & Coffee SMF Pinehurst, NC
Date TBD Business Meeting and 2023 Planning Mercedes Benz of Cary, NC
Date TBD PCA "Oktoberfest German Car Show" Lake Montague Raleigh, NC

November

5th Cars & Coffee Morrisville, NC
6th Cars & Coffee SMF Pinehurst, NC
3rd-6th Hilton Head Concourse

December

3rd Christmas Luncheon Pinehurst Country Club Pinehurst, NC

NEW EASTERN REGION DIRECTOR

Diana Quinn, Eastern Region Director



First, let me introduce myself to you. I am the new Eastern Region Director who is succeeding Doug Geganto who was recently elected as Director-at-Large for MBCA. Doug was also elected as your new National Vice-President serving on the Executive Board with Julie Bruggner as National President, Charles Woods as National Treasurer, and Cliff Ryle.

I have been a member of the club for twenty-five years and I have served as President of the Chicagoland and Peachtree Sections. Additionally, I have served in many different capacities including Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Membership Director, and Concours Chair. I have assisted with several National Star Fest and Star Tech events over the years. I will continue to also serve on the Peachtree Board of Directors as the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. I am very passionate about the club and about the Mercedes-Benz marque. My daily driver is a 2007 CLS550 and I also have a 1995 E320 Cabriolet. My husband Jim drives a 2002 ML500. Prior to my retirement two years ago my professional career included over 30 years as an IT professional designing and implementing corporate software solutions. In addition to IT, I worked as an accountant for ten years, and I hold a CPA certificate.

I am pleased to serve as your new Regional Director. I am committed to you and to your Section Leadership to be transparent about the operations of the club as I can be. Membership growth is a key to keeping our club financially solvent.

Each Section has a Membership Director or in some cases a committee, but they cannot do it alone. It is all our responsibility to pass along why we belong to this organization and to share the benefits of membership with potential new members.

Planning of several Regional Events for 2022 has already begun. The first Regional Event of the year will be a High Performance Driver Education at Talladega Gran Prix Raceway in Mumfords, Alabama on Saturday, June 11, 2022. This is a joint event coordinated by the Peachtree and Alabama/NW Florida Sections. In addition to the Driving event watch for news for the possibility of a Factory Tour at the MBUSA plant in Tuscaloosa, AL and/or a visit to the Barber Museum in Leeds, AL.

An additional two to three other Regional events are in their early stages of development and as soon as those plans are confirmed we will announce the details.

If you have any comments or suggestions my email box is always open at mbcadirectoreasternregion@gmail.com or by phone at 847-867-0620.

All the best, and Happy safe Mercedes-Benz motoring.

Diana Quinn
Eastern Region Director



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As planning proceeds, we will also try to include other events such as a Mercedes Factory tour and a Barber Museum tour if possible. For questions contact Gary Edwards at performancedriving@mbcapeachtree.com

We are also planning a caravan from Gettysburg through the Smokey Mountains for our members to reach the area Contact Jim Roberts jertoohsaver@bellsouth.net

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