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2013 Christmas Party at the Pitzen Haus

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Schulenburg Show and Shine with BMW CCA

January 25 , 2014

Schulenburg, Texas





The Lone Star members flocked into Walburg Biergarten to help each other celebrate Valentines 2014! [Arno Pitzen](#) and [Ginny Sanchez Pitzen](#) put together a wonderful jam-packed event. Some members started by meeting at Mercedes Benz of Austin to convoy and took a scenic route towards Walburg Texas. The drive was breathtaking and to top it off, the main bridge - which was less than 1 mile from the biergarten was OUT! Needless to say, we had to take another scenic route so we can get to our destination in time for the Walburg Band to play!



Great food, great cold beer, and most of all- great attendance by the Lone Star section members! It was so well attended that the restaurant couldn't accommodate the late comers. Great showing folks - make sure to sign up early for the next event!



From Classics to Contemporaries —
You and Your Mercedes-Benz are WANTED Here!

5th Annual

LEGENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN® 2014



*“Legends of the Autobahn has arrived! —
Now a Monterey ‘must visit!’”*

MercedesHeritage.com 10.23.13

Concours d’Elegance

MBCA’s “Competition of Elegance” is open to all Mercedes-Benz classes; 1994 model year and older. Vehicles are judged on a 100-point scoring system. Previous award winners range from a 1967 250SL to a 1988 560SEC.



2014 CLA

Corral

Don’t want your vehicle judged?
Enter the MBCA corral where
vehicles of ANY age are displayed
for spectator viewing only.

Register for Concours or Corral
at www.motorsportreg.com.
Scroll to “August 15” then to
“MBCA – Legends of the Autobahn”

Music | Food & Beverage Tents
Local Media | All-Day Fun!



Date: Friday, August 15, 2014
Time: 9am-3pm
Venue: NEW event location to
be announced soon!



1966 250SE Coupe | Bob Gunthorp, Owner & MBCA Member since 1974

For more information, go to www.legendsoftheautobahn.org and click on the MBCA logo
or “Mercedes-Benz” or contact Laura Simonds at 650.592.7613 or simonds1@pacbell.net

CANADIAN MEMBERS – RECEIVE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL \$1,500 OFF A NEW MERCEDES-BENZ

Mercedes-Benz Canada Corporate Sales rewards MBCA's loyal Canadian Members with up to \$1,500 off the purchase or lease of a new Mercedes-Benz

1. Take this ad to your local authorized Mercedes-Benz Dealership in Canada and negotiate the best price for a new 2014 Mercedes-Benz. Tell the Dealer you are eligible for the 'New Car Discount Program' and present your current/valid MBCA membership card.
2. Your Dealer will automatically deduct the respective amount from the price (see chart at right). The Corporate Sales discount is stackable with current retail, finance and lease offers.

2014 Models	MBCA Discount (Canadian Members Only)
B-Class	\$750
CLA-Class	\$750
CLA45 AMG	\$500
C-Class	\$750
C63 AMG	\$500
E-Class	\$750
E63 AMG	\$500
SLK-Class	\$750
SLK55 AMG	\$500
CLS-Class	\$1,000
CLS63 AMG	\$500
SL-Class	\$1,500
SL63/65 AMG	\$750
S-Class	\$1,500
S63/65 AMG	\$750
CL-Class	\$1,500
CL63 AMG	\$750
GLK-Class	\$750
ML-Class	\$750
ML63 AMG	\$500
GL-Class	\$750
GL63 AMG	\$500
G-Class	\$750
G63 AMG	\$500
smart fortwo Ice	\$500
smart fortwo Edrive	\$500

Note: Dealership sales consultants only contact Brandon Page, Mercedes-Benz Canada at mbc_national_fleet@mercedes-benz.ca or 416.847.7534.

Questions? Call the National Business Office
800.637.2360
Mon-Thurs 8am-4:30pm
& Fri 8am-4pm Mtn Time



More Than a Car Club. We're a Community.™

Baby You Can Drive My Car And Still Save \$500

Mercedes-Benz USA and authorized U.S. Mercedes-Benz Dealerships continue to offer MBCA Members \$500 off the purchase or lease price of a NEW 2013 or 2014 Mercedes-Benz.

Questions?

Go to www.mbc.org and click "Membership." Look for complete details under the "All Benefits" tab or Call the National Business Office of MBCA at **800.637.2360** Mon-Thurs 8am-4:30pm & Fri 8am-4pm Mtn Time



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Learn more at mbca.org

Take Advantage of ALL Your Member Benefits



What Your Low-Cost Membership Fee Buys	Price
✓ 12-month membership in MBCA (2 and 3 year memberships also available). See 'BECOME A MEMBER' postcard in this issue for details	Included
✓ 12-month Associate membership for your spouse or partner (18 years of age or older, living in same household)	Included
✓ Receive one month FREE membership for every new Member you recruit	Included
✓ Time to renew your membership? Renew for 3 years, get 3 months FREE. Renew for 2 years, get two months FREE. See 'RENEW TODAY' postcard in this issue for details	Free Months Included
✓ NEW! 45% off plus FREE ground shipping on car, boat, furniture covers and more from empirecovers.com	Included
✓ Subscription to our award-winning bi-monthly magazine, The Star®	Included
✓ Instant savings off the purchase or lease price of a NEW Mercedes-Benz (for current Members after 12 consecutive months of membership). Discounts & conditions vary	Included
✓ Instant savings on parts, service and accessories at participating Mercedes-Benz Dealerships and independent shops	Included
✓ FREE technical advice, 24/7, to help you maintain, service, condition or repair your vehicle. If you have a question, our online Tech Talk experts will have an answer	Included
✓ 15% off parts from Mercedes-Benz Classic Center	Included
✓ Discounts on car rentals, auto insurance, Sears® Craftsman tools, and more	Included
✓ Representation by a legal official (ombudsman) who will investigate and assist you with a complaint about your Dealership, should you ever have one	Included
✓ Access to local, regional & national car shows & events	Included
✓ Defensive driving classes, performance driving schools & technical seminars for every level of driver — beginner to advanced	Registration fee may apply
✓ "Safe Drivers, Safe Families" driver education for teens and novice drivers taught by experienced members of MBCA's Educational Foundation	Registration fee may apply
✓ Resources for enthusiasts, including: an email directory to pre- and post-war brand experts; a calendar of car shows and auctions; access to Mercedes-Benz book authors; a listing of automotive museums and more	Included



ONLY
\$49 or \$59*

*\$49/year U.S. Members; \$59/year Canadian & International Members



Members, Officers, Volunteers & Enthusiasts Order Your MBCA Business Cards!

Introduce your friends, co-workers, mechanics or ANY Mercedes-Benz enthusiast to MBCA with these high-quality business cards

- Designed in the Club's official brand colors (PMS 282 blue & white)
- High-quality 14-point coated card stock
- National membership benefits & contact info on back

Price

\$75 for 500 or
\$65 for 250

Back

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 Subscription to award-winning Club magazine, The Star®
 Defensive & performance driving
 Technical seminars & driving schools
 Local, regional, national car shows
 Discounts at participating Dealerships
 Repair & maintenance advice from brand experts

Learn more @ 800.637.2360 | mbca.org

To Order

Call or email Debbie Gonzales,
Membership Services Associate,
at the National Business Office



Debbie@mbca.org
or 800.637.2360
Mon-Fri 8am-2pm Mtn Time

Congratulations,

Brenda Holt of the Kansas City Section!

Grand Prize winner of MBCA's Fall 2013 Raffle

Brenda earned a pre-tax cash prize
of just over **\$92,000!**



"I usually buy two MBCA Raffle tickets but this year, on a whim, I bought 20. I've never won anything in my life! If I can win, anyone can!"

Brenda Holt, MBCA member since 2004

Members, look for MBCA's Spring 2014 Raffle ad in this edition of *The Star*® and on the home page of www.mbcakc.org. You could be our NEXT winner! *"You can't win it if you're not in it!"*



Start Your *Summer* in a New SL!



Enter to Win a 2014 Mercedes-Benz SL550
Valued at \$106,700 Plus \$26,000 Cash!
In the Mercedes-Benz Club of America Member-Only Raffle

Details

- One Grand Prize – A 2014 Mercedes-Benz SL550 plus \$26,000 cash
- Open to MBCA Members ONLY: 18 years of age and older
- Cost per Raffle ticket is \$50 US. No limit to number of tickets you can purchase
- A minimum of 4,550 tickets MUST BE SOLD to award the Grand Prize. Prize of \$106,700 US will be awarded in the form of a check to an authorized Mercedes-Benz Dealership of winner's choice (where winner will shop for his/her vehicle). An additional check, in the amount of \$26,000, will be awarded as partial Federal withholding.
- If fewer than 4,550 tickets are sold, the Grand Prize will be one-half (50%) of the gross Raffle ticket sales – less Federal withholding of 25%, or at least \$25,000 (less withholding) – whichever is greater.

Deadline

Last day to purchase tickets is June 3, 2014. Grand Prize ticket will be randomly selected on June 17, 2014. Winner will be announced on mbca.org and in The STAR®

Vehicle featured in this ad is representative ONLY. Odds of winning dependent on total number of tickets sold. Ticket buyers and Grand Prize winner MUST be a current Member of MBCA at time of purchase and day of prize drawing. Members may attend live drawing (not required to enter or win). 100% of net Raffle proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to the lawful purposes of MBCA International Stars Section.

Tickets On Sale Now

Click: www.mbca.org/raffle for complete rules and credit/debit card purchase instructions

Mail: Check your mailbox for an official mail-in order form

Call: 800.637.2360 weekdays, 8am-4:30pm Mon-Thurs and 8am-4pm Fri-Mon Time



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LEGENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN® TURNS FIVE By Laura Simonds



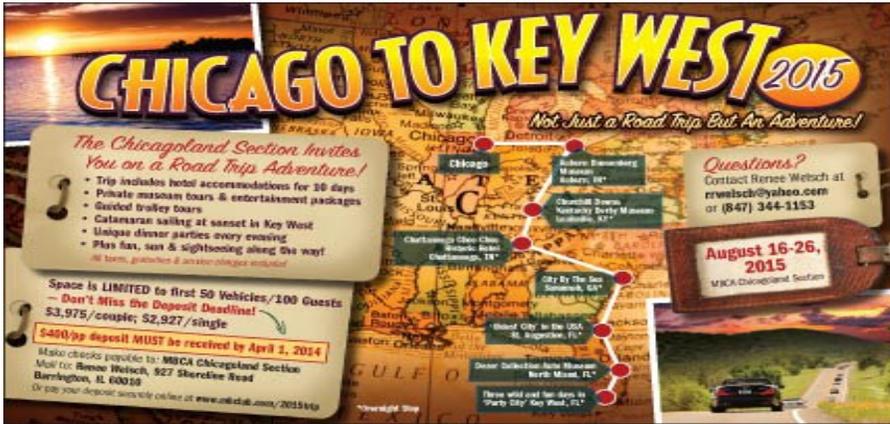
5th Annual Legends of the Autobahn®! In five quick years, to quote MercedesHeritage.com, “Legends is certainly no longer ‘the best kept secret’ of the Monterey week” and “has the gravitas of an established Monterey event.”

On Friday, August 15, Legends of the Autobahn 2014 will feature the finest examples of Mercedes-Benz’s magnificent vehicles. Co-hosted by MBCA, BMW Car Club of America, and Audi Club North America, this one-day MBCA national special event puts the spotlight on distinctive German marques. To keep things fresh, you’ll notice a few new changes to the event. A new event location will be announced soon, and for the first time, a unified theme will be jointly celebrated by all three car clubs. In addition to mingling among precision German cars, there will be food and beverage tents, display, club and vendor booths, and more.

Registration is now open on www.motorsportreg.com. Scroll down to “August 15” then to “MBCA—Legends of the Autobahn” (not BMWCCA or ACNA). You can also get a link to register on www.legendsoftheautobahn.org (click MBCA or the Mercedes logo). All event details and information can be found on both websites.

A \$75 registration fee will apply for entries in the judged Concours for 1994 and older vehicles. A \$40 registration fee will apply for entries in the “for display-only” Corral (Mercedes of any age). Gourmet buffet lunch, VIP lunch, and event polo shirts are optional. The discounted “early bird” registration deadline is August 1, and all registration closes on August 8.

Questions or need more information? Contact MBCA event chairman Laura Simonds, (650) 592-7613, simondsl@pacbell.net.



Don't Miss the April 1st Deposit Deadline!

Want to experience a once-in-a-lifetime drivingvacation? **You CAN, when you reserve your space in the Chicago to Key West 2015 Road Trip Adventure August 16-26, 2015!** This fun-filled trip includes magnificent hotel accommodations for 10 days; private museum tours and entertainment packages; guided trolley tours; catamaran sailing at sunset in Key West; unique dinner parties every night; plus fun and excitement every mile of the way. **All this for \$3,975 per couple; \$2,927 per single.**

See page 93 of the January Star® magazine for details



Deposits for this 2015 adventure are due this year, on April 1, 2014.

Limited to first 50 vehicles/100 guests. Bring your friends (including non-Members); EVERYONE is welcome in Margueritaville!

Contact Renee Welsch at rwwelsch@yahoo.com or 847.344.1153 or visit www.mbclub.com/2015trip



\$49



Membership This Valuable Has Never Been So Affordable

You Have Arrived. Enjoy the Rewards.

Congratulations. The purchase or lease of your Mercedes-Benz vehicle has propelled you to a higher level of influence. At the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA), our goal is to help keep you there. We'll enhance your brand experience with 24/7 technical advice, a global network of brand enthusiasts and a North American continent-full of local, regional & national events. And that's just for starters.

Club Benefits: Year 1

Discounts, driving programs & special access your first 365 days of membership:

INSTANT savings on parts, service & accessories at participating Mercedes-Benz Dealers and Independent shops. Many offer discounts of 5% to 20% off when you present your MBCA card. Do the math. If you spend \$500 at your Dealership and your Dealer gives you a 10% MBCA discount, you'll save \$50 in a single visit *and earn-back your one-year membership fee*

FREE subscription to our bi-monthly Club magazine, The Star®, winner of 17 medals for excellence

FREE membership for a second adult in your household

FREE guidance on Mercedes maintenance, service, conditioning and repair from the Club's "Tech Talk" pros

15% off parts from Mercedes-Benz Classic Center

5% to 50% off electronics, Craftsmen tools, appliances & more through Sears Commercial

DEFENSIVE driving classes, performance driving schools & technical seminars for every level of driver — beginner to advanced

ACCESS to local, regional & national events (many with no-fee admission)

And more ...

Club Benefits: Year 2 & Beyond

From your 366th day of membership & beyond, you're considered a "loyal" Member. You'll continue to receive all of your first year benefits and now, you're entitled to even more ...

U.S. Members

Save \$1,000 on the purchase or lease price of a NEW Mercedes-Benz. To qualify, you must be a current MBCA Member with uninterrupted membership of at least 12 months.

Call or visit your local authorized Mercedes-Benz Dealer for details. Negotiate the best price for your new car, then present your MBCA Loyalty Rewards Certificate available at www.mbc.org. Restrictions apply. Offer and/or discount may be discontinued at any time. Always read online rules carefully before you buy.

Canadian Members

Save up to \$1,500 on the purchase of a NEW Mercedes-Benz. To qualify, you must be a current MBCA Member with uninterrupted membership of at least 12 months. Restrictions apply. Offer and/or discount may be discontinued at any time. Always read online rules carefully before you buy.

Call or visit your local authorized Mercedes-Benz Dealer for details.

Membership Application Lone Star Section

Visit mbca.org. (Click "Join" button at top of home page) or

Call 800.637.2360 Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm Mtn Time or

Mail this completed application in the postage-paid envelope provided (please allow up to 4 weeks for processing)



Primary Member Dues (U.S. residents) **Associate Member* FREE**

3 Years \$139 Best Value 2 Years \$95 Better Value 1 Year \$49 Great Value

Canadian & International Member dues: 3 Years: \$169 2 Years: \$115 1 Year: \$59

Primary Member (please PRINT in blue or black ink)

First Name _____ Last Name _____ (Suffix Jr./Sr./II)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____
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Email Address _____ Daytime Phone _____ Is This (circle one) Home Work Cell

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

First Name _____ Last Name _____ (Suffix Jr./Sr./II)
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Email Address (if different than Primary Member's email) _____ Daytime Phone _____ Is This (circle one) Home Work Cell

If you were referred by an existing Member, please tell us their name so we can thank them

Anthony _____ Atencio _____
First Name _____ Last Name _____ Membership # (if you know it)

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

Payment Options

The MBCA has over 80 local Sections, or chapters, throughout North America. You will be assigned to a single Section according to your postal code **unless you request an alternate**, below. You may also join (up to) four additional Sections for \$15/year each. Visit www.mbca.org/local-clubs-sections or contact the National Business Office at 800.637.2360 for details.

Membership Fee \$ _____ + Additional Section Fee(s)* \$ _____ - Total Payment \$ _____

(Associate Member FREE) *(\$15/year for each add'l Section you join)

- Please auto-select my Section according to my postal code **OR**
- Please assign me to the following *alternate* Section _____
- Name of add'l Sections I'd like to join _____
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- Charge my Visa MC Amex Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV security code _____

Billing Address (if different from above) _____

Signature _____

For more information
visit mbca.org or
call 800.637.2360

(Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm Mountain Time)



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