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An Overview of the Club

Established in 1956, MBCA has more than 22,000 members in over 80 Sections across the nation. These local Sections organize hundreds of events each year, ranging from social gatherings to specialized technical sessions. MBCA is a non-profit organization.

Join the Club Call 800/637-2360
Enroll as a member in MBCA:
One year \$45
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Moving? Send address change to:

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or call 800/637-2360 or www.mbca.org

Local Activities

Your dues include membership in the Section of your choice. Each Section

publishes a newsletter with news of its activities and their year-round calendar of events, including rallies, defensive driving courses, car shows, and dinner meetings. Many Sections host special events such as StarTech, our national technical meeting and StarFest, our National Convention. Any MBCA member may attend any Section, Regional or National event.

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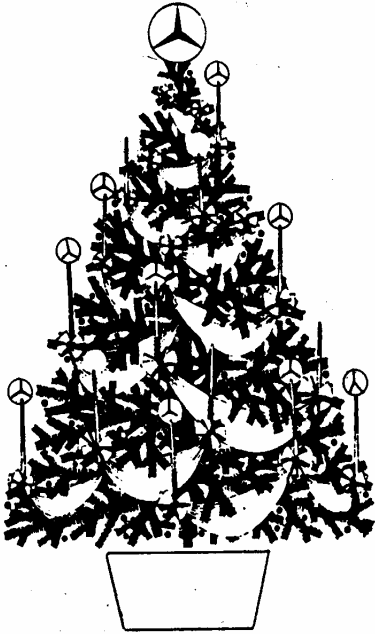
The STAR

A subscription The STAR, MBCA's award-winning national magazine is included with your membership. Each issue includes technical information, a historic feature car in color, and the latest news from Daimler-Benz and MBUSA, articles on restoration, new car road tests, and advertisements from companies providing products and services for your car, plus free classified ads to members.

Smoky Mountain Section Holiday Party

**Dan and Rosemary Cap home
2038 Angus Blvd
Maryville, Tennessee**

**Saturday, December 27, 2008
6:00 p.m.**



All Smoky Mountain Section members and their guests are invited. Come and meet the interesting people who enjoy what you enjoy – your Mercedes-Benz automobile . . .

Cost is \$25 per couple; \$12.50 single

Questions? Call George Murphy at (865) 482-9175 (d)
Or
Dan Cap at (865) 233-4206

COME TO THE HOLIDAY PARTY!

Please mark your calendars for Dec 27th starting at 6:00 pm (until whenever) for the MBCA Smoky Mountain Section Holiday party. All members, family and friends of the Club are invited. Dan and Rosemary Cap will host the party in their new home at **2038 Angus Blvd** just outside of Maryville in Blount County. There will be a plethora of holiday decorations and for entertainment there will be holiday socializing, pool table, foosball table, card table, numerous games, TV sitting area, music, (dancing?) and anything you may want to bring along to play. An array of delicious hot and cold appetizers and finger foods will be served throughout the evening. Soda will be provided and for something stronger or different please “Bring Your Own Bottle”. The evening promises to be fun and festive.

Dan and Rosemary’s home is so new that the street address is not part of most online map services so here are directions:

Traveling South from Maryville on Hwy 411S, turn left just past the new Wal-Mart (Murphy Gas) onto Fairview Drive. Fairview dead ends into Old Niles Ferry Road. Turn right onto Old Niles Ferry Road and go one mile to the first stop sign, which is Mint Road. Turn left onto Mint Road and go about 3.1 miles to McGhee Road - there will be a party marker on the corner. Turn left onto McGhee Road for ½ mile to Angus Blvd, watch for a Subdivision sign for “Valley View”, then turn right. Follow Angus Blvd. to the left, the house number is 2038.

The evening will be \$25.00 for couples and \$12.50 for individuals, see attached form. Please RSVP to Dan and Rosemary by Dec 17th so food, seating and utensils may be coordinated appropriately. Their phone number is 865-233-4206 and Dan’s E-mail address is dan@ngiwax.com.

Be sure to mail this form and your check by December 17, 2008 to assure your reservation

Reservation form – MBCA SMOKY MOUNTAIN SECTION HOLIDAY PARTY

NAME(S): _____

Enclose \$25 per couple; \$12.50 individual – Total \$ _____

(Make check out to MBCA Smoky Mountain Section)

Your phone number: _____

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Please send your address to newsletter editor George Murphy at:
perfanalysis@comcast.net

Finally – to assure no one is offended this holiday season . . .

Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit my best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low stress, non-addictive gender neutral, celebration of the winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most enjoyable traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, or secular practices of your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all.

We also wish you a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling, and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2009, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make America great (not to imply that America is necessarily greater than any other country or is the only "AMERICA" in the western hemisphere), and without regard to the race, creed, color, age, physical ability, religious faith, or sexual preference of the wishes.

By accepting this greeting, you are accepting the following terms:

This greeting is subject to clarification or withdrawal. It is freely transferable with no alteration to the original greeting. It implies no promise by the wisher to actually implement any of the wishes for her/himself or others, and is void where prohibited by law, and is revocable at the sole discretion of the wisher.

This wish is warranted to perform as expected within the usual application of good tidings for a period of one year, or until the issuance of a subsequent holiday greeting, whichever comes first, and warranty is limited to replacement of this wish or issuance of a new wish at the sole discretion of the wisher.



The usual Smoky Mountain Section suspects at MB of Knoxville Service Clinic Nov. 1 . . .

Below: lineup of members' cars on the "hill" at MB of Knoxville . . .



SMS cars shown on the "hill" in front of MB of Knoxville . .