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**About the Newsletter**  
The Smoky Mountain Section, Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Inc. publishes this quarterly newsletter.

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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.

<b>Join the Club</b>	Call 800/637-2360
One year	\$45
Two years	\$87
Three years	\$127

**Moving?** Send address change to:

MBCA, 1907 Lelaray Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80909  
or call 800/637-2360 or [www.mbca.org](http://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.

#### Trip Routing Service

MBUSA offers a free trip routing service for MB owners regardless of the age of your car. You must provide your complete VIN. Call 800/367-6372.

#### 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.

### In Memoriam

John Fleishman passed away Friday, August 21, 2009. He was a long time member of MBCA and Smoky Mountain Section and actively participated in our Section meetings and events. He will be missed.

Memorial services were held Sunday, September 20, 2009 at 4 p.m. at Tellico Village Community Church. Click Funeral Home of Lenoir City was in charge of arrangements.

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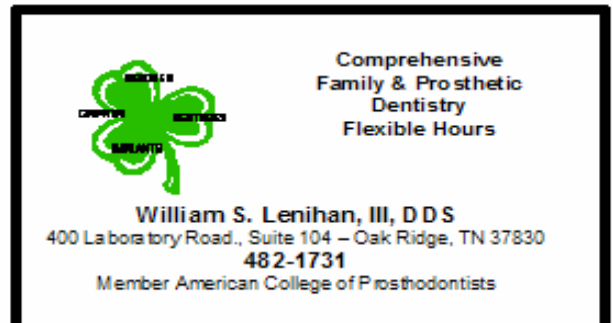
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Advertising Rates – Newsletter – 6 issues

Full page – 8½ x 11 \$150 Quarter page – 4¼ x 5½ \$50  
Half page – 8½ x 5½ \$100 Business card \$25

Our Smoky Mountain Section newsletter reaches about 150 Mercedes-Benz owners in East Tennessee from Chattanooga to the Tri-Cities. Send ad copy and check to: George Murphy (perfanalysis@comcast.net)



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**Directions to SMS Oktoberfest at 246 Briarcliff Avenue in Oak Ridge:**

**From Knoxville** – take Pellissippi Parkway to Oak Ridge. When you see tall Y-12 Credit Union bldg on your right, go right on to Lafayette Ave (4 lane). Go to second traffic light and go right again on to Emory Valley Road (4 lane). Follow EMR to second traffic light and turn right on to Briarcliff Ave. Follow Briarcliff Ave to Briarcliff Community Club on the left. (OK to park on the grass or in Briarcliff Park parking lot off Deerfield Ave).

**From North Knoxville** – take Clinton Highway (25W) north to light at Edgemoor Road just past Red's Auto Parts. Go left at the light on to Edgemoor Road. Cross bridge at Bull Run Steam plant, then turn right and follow Melton Lake Drive to Emory Valley Road (see marina on the right). Go left on to EMR to first traffic light (Briarcliff Avenue) - turn left on to Briarcliff Ave. Follow Briarcliff Ave to Briarcliff Community Club on the left. (OK to park on the grass or Briarcliff Park lot off Deerfield Ave)



## Report on **Mid-America Caravan**

### **Topeka, KS**

Many hours of planning came together August 15th – 18th for the Mid-America Caravan, a national event of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America - hosted by the Kansas City section. The venue for this gathering was the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Heartland Park Topeka in the capitol city of Topeka, KS.

### **Concours d'Elegance**

Silver stars were shining brightly as beautifully detailed Mercedes-Benz vehicles were staged for professional photographs then carefully directed into the display area. Three local cars from area Topeka residents were "among the stars" and a highlight of the show. These classics included a '51 220A, a '55 Gullwing, and a '56 190 SL. Concours judges, under the watchful direction of chief judge Jon Bernardi, carefully reviewed the cars - grading components on authenticity, condition and cleanliness. Local artists from the South Wind Gallery were on hand to capture a glimpse of the Concours on canvas.

### **Tech Seminars and Demonstrations**

Representatives from Bud's Benz and Alloy Wheel Repair were onsite to discuss restoration tips and wheel repair. Mercedes-Benz **National Technical Director George Murphy** was also on hand dispensing technical advice for our vehicles.

### **Awards and Entertainment**

Concours winners were announced during Sunday evening's banquet with sparkling trophies awarded. Afterwards, the audience was serenaded with western music by Judy Coder and Cowgirl Swing. At the closing awards banquet, the prestigious MBUSA award was presented to Terry Kiwala. Congratulations Terry!

### **Track Events**

A brief downpour Monday morning only caused a slight delay, but did allow us to get in some wet weather driving practice on the track. Overall, vehicle safety inspection, driver meetings, defensive driving, autocross, acceleration runs and time trials went as planned. Lots of fun and enjoyment was had by all, as evidenced with smiles on every face. **Smoky Mountain Section member George Murphy** scored a first place in his C43 class for Time Trials, second place for Acceleration Run and a third place in the long and complicated Autocross event.

### **Historic Tour of Topeka**

About twenty participants toured area points of interest, including the 150-year-old First Presbyterian Church, Old Prairie Town, the Ward-Meade home, the Governor's mansion, and Roy Frey's Western Store. Stay tuned for more details in the next edition of The Star. Submitted by Jeffrey Klepac, Kansas City Section



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**Date: October 17, 2009 .**

**Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm**

**Appointments available on every ten minutes.**

**Please arrive at your scheduled  
appointment time...Space is limited.**

We would like to invite you to one of the most popular events for our Mercedes-Benz customers. This annual "Thank You" includes a comprehensive evaluation of your vehicle to help you keep it operating safely and efficiently. We will also provide a **complimentary exterior car wash; food and door prizes** (must be present to win).

As we perform your inspection, please check out the ALL NEW REDESIGNED 2010 E-CLASS! Space is limited, so please RSVP today to David at **865-777-2266** or [dmarkley@mercedesofknoxville.com](mailto:dmarkley@mercedesofknoxville.com) or go to <http://www.mercedesofknoxville.com/>

It is that time of the year, when we gather together with old friends, taste the wine, eat wonderful German food, drink some beer, sing, dance, and laugh . . .

## **OKTOBERFEST 2009**

**This year, to accommodate the football schedule, we are having our OKTOBERFEST on Saturday, October 24 at 4 p.m. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Thanks to the efforts of George Murphy we have the use of the Briarcliff Community Club pavilion at 246 Briarcliff Avenue in Oak Ridge.**

**We will be under cover in case of rain and in the shade in case of hot weather. We can accommodate 36 party-goers. It is a beautiful facility.**

**We expect to start the celebration at 4:00 PM**

**Our menu will consist of:**

**Bratwurst  
Weiner schnitzel  
Red cabbage  
Sauerkraut  
Hot potato salad  
Apple strudel  
Beer, Wine, Soft drinks**

**For all of this the cost is only \$10.00 per person. At this price we expect an overflow crowd, but we can handle only 36, so get your reservation in early. First come first served. Please send reservations, with check, to:**

**Walter Myer, Burgermeister  
932 Laurel Hill Road  
Knoxville, TN 37923**

**For questions call 865-357-6937 or 865-850-9175 (Murphy cell phone)**

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### **Reservation Form – Oktoberfest 2009**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**No. in party** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$10 each = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

(Enclose check made out to MBCA Smoky Mountain Section)

## 2009 NEARBY MBCA FALL Events ~ *Carolinas Section*

### OCTOBER 9-10-11: ~ *Carolinas Section Event* ~ Hickory, N.C. 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Rallye - Hickory, N.C.

**Headquarter Hotel:** Hampton Inn - Reservations (828) 323-1150

1520 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive, SE ~ Hickory, N.C. 28602

(Interstate 40, Exit #125 ~ South to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive, S.E.)

**Fri, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 4 - 6-pm:** **Meet & Greet Social Time** – Hampton Inn Lobby

Your Meet & Greet Host: **Hendrick Motors** – Hickory, N.C.

**Fri, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 6-pm - till:** **Oktoberfest** and Dinner in Downtown Hickory

**Sat, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 9-am:** 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Rallye – Meet in Hampton Inn Lobby

**Sat, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30-am to 4:30-pm:** To the Rallye **START LINE** – You are OFF!

Now Enjoy Rallying thru the scenic and colorful mountains of N.C.

**Sat, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 4:30-pm – till:** 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Rallye ends at a FUN place

Social time: **Happy Hour** and **Awards Dinner** at Rallye ending **Special FUN Place**

**Sun, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>:** Farewell Breakfast in Lobby of Hampton Inn – Hickory, N.C.

**Sun, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00-am:** **GOLFERS** ~ **Must Pre-Register** ~ **Contact Fred Harris\***

Meet in Lobby - Travel to '**Rock Barn Golf Club**' - Home of the Seniors Invitational

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**\$25 Rallye Fee** ~ **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mountain Rallye REGISTRATION** ~ **\$25 Rallye Fee**  
Hotel, Meals, Drinks, etc. are at Member's Expense ~ Awards provided by Section

Driver: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail#1: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail#2: \_\_\_\_\_

\*PHONE Registration TO: Fred Harris at (704) 871-1669 ~ Pay \$25 Fee at Start Line

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\*E-MAIL TO: Fred Harris at [mbcacarolinas@bellsouth.net](mailto:mbcacarolinas@bellsouth.net) ~ PAY \$25 Fee at Start

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### OCTOBER 16-17-18: ~ REGIONAL Event ~ Euro Auto Festival ~ Greer, S.C. BMW Plant, Museum & Test Track ~ 1400 SC Hwy 101 ~ Greer, S.C.

(Interstate 85, Exit #60 ~ Follow signs North on Hwy-101 to BMW and Euro Festival)

Check it out ~ [www.euroautofestival.com](http://www.euroautofestival.com)

### OCTOBER 31st: ~ REGIONAL Event ~ Car Club Jamboree ~ Hilton Head, S.C.

The **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Club Jamboree** is a Shine & Show competition exclusively for Car Clubs. Space is limited and *Carolinas Section* entries are "by Invitation only". To apply for an "Invitation", visit [www.hhiconcours.com](http://www.hhiconcours.com), **REGISTER** your Mercedes at Car Club Jamboree tab.

### NOVEMBER 1st: ~ NATIONAL Event ~ Concours d'Elegance ~ Hilton Head, S.C. Mercedes-Benz is the HONORED Marque of the **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hilton Head Concours**

If you have a Concours-quality pre1980 Mercedes, this is the year to SHARE it with the world!!

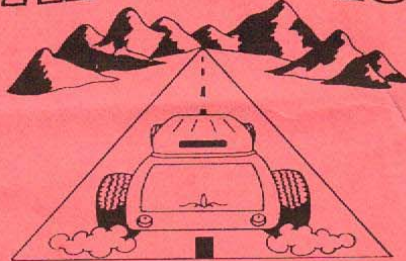
**REGISTRATION:** [www.hhiconcours.com](http://www.hhiconcours.com) – Concours d'Elegance tab ~ (843) 785-7469

Mail: Hilton Head Concours ~ #1 Cardinal Place, Suite-17 ~ Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29926

Our own Smoky Mountain Section Treasurer Jerry Poats invites all to come to Athens Saturday, October 17 for a great car event – have your MB inspected at MB of Knoxville and then head for Athens - show starts at 3 pm – if you like cars, you'll love this great show! - GM



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**October 17, 2009**



## *Entry Information*

**Fee: New Unwrapped Toy or \$20.00**  
**Time: 3:00 pm - ????** Rain or Shine!!!  
**Location: Downtown Athens, TN**  
(I-75 to exit 49 ~ Hwy. 30 East to Jackson Street.)

With A \$1 donation for Toys for Kids you will be registered for great prizes at the show!

## **TOP 25 TROPHIES**

BEST OF SHOW	BEST MOTORCYCLE	CLASSIC LADIES CHOICE
CAR 1969 & PRIOR	BEST PAINT	CLUB PARTICIPATION
CAR 1970 TO PRESENT	BEST INTERIOR	RATTIEST RAT ROD
TRUCK 1969 & PRIOR	BEST ENGINE	
TRUCK 1970 TO PRESENT	BEST RAT ROD	

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