



## December 2009 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.

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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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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 2010, 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.

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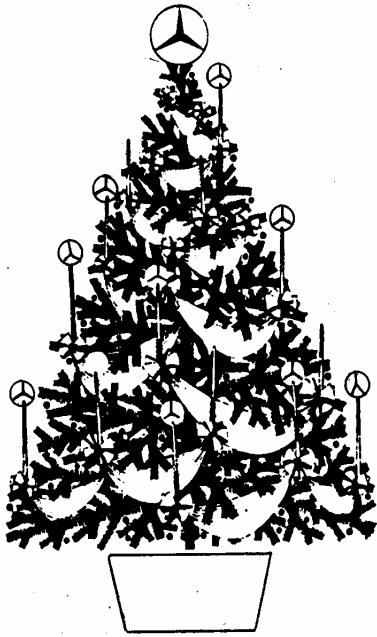
This wish is warranted to perform as expected within the usual application of good tidings for a period of one year, or until the issuance of a subsequent holiday greeting, whichever comes first, and warranty is limited to replacement of this wish or issuance of a new wish at the sole discretion of the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

Oh well . . .Merry Christmas everyone! - GM

# Smoky Mountain Section Holiday Party

**The Chop House  
9700 Kingston Pike  
(Across from Harper Jaguar)  
Knoxville 37922**

**Saturday, December 19, 2009  
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 \$5 per person for wine and dessert

Questions? Call George Murphy at (865) 482-9175 (d)

## **COME TO THE HOLIDAY PARTY!**

Please mark your calendars for Dec 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm for the MBCA Smoky Mountain Section Holiday party. All members, family and friends of the Club are invited. We will gather at The Chop House for dinner. **Members are responsible for the cost of their dinner**; Smoky Mountain Section will provide the desserts and wine.

For planning purposes, The Chop House needs to have a count of attendees and their menu choices. Please make you dinner selection from the menu below and indicate on the reservation form.

- 1. RIBEYE – marbling creates a juicy, tender cut of beef, 10 oz. .... \$18**
- 2. FEATURE TENDERLOIN – grilled filet medallions, 6 oz.....\$21**
- 3. COWBOT-CUT PORK CHOP – 14 oz bone-in cut, jumbo sweet potato, orange marmalade... \$16**
- 4. BAKED BOSTON SCHROD with dill caper sauce, parmesan creamed spinach.....\$13**

**Please mail your check by December 15, 2009 to assure your reservation**

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Reservation form – MBCA SMOKY MOUNTAIN SECTION HOLIDAY PARTY  
(Make check out to MBCA Smoky Mountain Section)

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose \$5 per person – Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Menu choices:

1. *RIBEYE* \_\_\_\_

2. *FEATURE TENDERLOIN* \_\_\_\_

3. *COWBOT-CUT PORK CHOP* \_\_\_\_

4. *BAKED BOSTON SCHROD* \_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: George Murphy  
233 Briarcliff Avenue  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

## Invitation to all car nuts!

**Saturday December 5, 2009 – Cars & Coffee at European Auto Garage**

227 Sherway Road. Knoxville

**European Auto Garage**

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Auto Garage  
[www.europeanautogarage.com](http://www.europeanautogarage.com)

It's about that time again!

Please join us for our last Cars and Coffee of 2009 this coming Saturday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 12 noon.

The October gathering brought out 175 cars and we've gotten commitments from car enthusiasts that are traveling from Memphis, Nashville, Atlanta and the Tri Cities to join us on Saturday. The weather forecast is for a clear crisp morning.

We'll supply a hot cup of coffee, you supply the cars. See you there!

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**Scenes from Oktoberfest 2009 in Oak Ridge – delicious German food and fellowship with a great bunch of Smoky Mountain Section members . . . (Photos by Tom Sayres)**

