

# Tri-Star News

*Mercedes-Benz Club of America Triangle Section*

January, February, March 2010



## Triangle Section Holiday Lunch - Raleigh, NC

On Saturday, December 5th Triangle Section members Terry and Nancy Crawford hosted fifty members and guests for a wonderful Holiday Lunch at the beautiful TPC-Wakefield Plantation in Raleigh, NC. Triangle Section members were treated to a scrumptious buffet of grilled beef medallions and roasted chicken along with various seasonal vegetables and delicious sides.



MBCA Triangle Reception Committee TPC Wakefield 2009 L-R: Juel Duke, Nancy Crawford, Debbie Watz



TPC Wakefield 2009 L-R: Richard Corley, Martha Reichert, Terry Corley, Kathy Corley, Garland Corley Back row: Dave Waters, Tom Lewis, John Bryne, Marty Watz

There also was a dessert bar complete with an ice cream sundae station and all of the fixings.

After everyone had their fill at the buffet the door prize drawings began with the able assistance of Master Miles Pitulle, who reached into a bag and selected the winning numbers. Because of the generosity of Leith Mercedes-Benz of Raleigh we had many mugs, hats, shirts and golf balls to hand out to members.

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## Hello Triangle Section

Reminder: Please be sure you bookmark [www.mbca.org/triangle](http://www.mbca.org/triangle), as all newsletters beginning in 2010 will be soft copy only and posted under the Tri-Star News section of the website.

We have big plans for 2010!

First though, let me give you the results of last year's election of officers. Treasurer - Marty Watz, Secretary - Mike Dowdy, Vice President - Tom Lewis, and I remain as Section President. The Officers and Directors work throughout the year to assure your Section remains active and fun. I for one truly appreciate their efforts.

As for upcoming events, we will kick off the New Year with a technical session held in February at A Better Wrench in Chapel Hill. Mike Dowdy will be organizing this popular event again this year, so please plan to attend and get your mechanical questions answered.

The annual Pinehurst Brunch will be held on April 11, followed by an open-house at Sports Leicht Restorations, Inc. hosted by Bjorn Nordemo. Be sure not to miss this special opportunity to see classic restorations in process.

We are also planning another historic road rally for sometime in June. If you would be interested in helping organize this fun event please contact Tom Lewis.

The Shelton Vineyard tour August 28 will be special this year.

Ed Shelton has become a member of our Section and has invited us to be part of Shelton Vineyard's tenth anniversary celebration. We are asking members to plan on attending the event and displaying their cars in a clean car show at the Vineyard. For those of you that missed last year, please come this time. It is a great event and promises to be lots of fun. We are also inviting neighboring Sections from NC and VA, so we want to have a good representation from the Triangle! Be looking for more details as August draws near and contact me if you would like to help.

While I am on the topic of helping, we are still looking for a newsletter editor. If anyone out there has experience with compiling and formatting a newsletter and would be willing to spend a few hours every other month helping the Section, please contact me.

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We will also be working on gaining new members and retaining the ones we have, as well as enhancing our dealer relations.

The next business meeting will be January 12 at Lone Star Steakhouse off of Glenwood Ave in Raleigh. As always, I know your time is valuable and I continue to promise business meetings will follow an agenda, start and end on time. Please consider attending. It is, after all, your club!

Regards,  
Terry

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Santa also managed to sneak in some special gifts for the children in attendance.


Speaking of special door prize gifts, Triangle Section members John and Patty Byrne brought a pleasant surprise with them. Being the mayor of nearby Fuquay Varina, John donated a case of Mayor's Choice Barolo private labeled for the Triangle Section. These were highly sought after door prizes indeed. Thank you John and Patty!

During the Holidays we support one of our favorite charities, Toys For Tots. Each member attending brought a new unwrapped toy for donation to a needy child. Our collection was so large this year that Marty and Debbie Watz had to volunteer the roomy interior of their R500 to store and eventually deliver the toys to Leith Mercedes-Benz of Raleigh, an official collection agency.

Everyone agreed this was a wonderful way to start a the 2009 Holiday Season!

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Section President Terry Crawford (left) and newly elected Section Treasurer Marty Watz (right) delivered the contributed toys to the Leith Group collection point for Toys for Tots.

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**Pinehurst Brunch**  
Sunday, April 11, 2010  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pinehurst Country Club  
Pinehurst, NC

The annual **Triangle Section Champagne Brunch** at the beautiful and historic Pinehurst Country Club will be held April 11. The cost to MBCA-Triangle Section members and spouse (or one guest) will be only \$30.00 each. Children 4 -12 years old will be \$12.50. Children 3 and younger, free. The price for all additional guests is \$40.00 each.

Advance reservations and payment are required, as is a jacket for gentlemen.

As in the past, following the brunch we are invited to view classic Mercedes-Benz at a tour of Sports Leicht Restorations, Inc. Driving directions will be available at the brunch.

**Directions to Pinehurst Country Club:**

**From Chapel Hill/Durham:** Take 15-501 South to the Pinehurst Traffic Circle, and then take the exit to Pinehurst (Hwy 2).

**From Raleigh:** Take US Hwy #1 south and exit at Midland Road (Hwy 2 West) in Southern Pines. Turn right onto Midland Road and follow to traffic circle. When you enter the circle, follow the signs to stay on Hwy 2.

**Then From Hwy 2:** Follow to Carolina Vista. Before the next traffic light turn left in to the Pinehurst Country Club. The parking lot is on the right, or valet parking is available at the door.

A caravan to the event will be leaving the parking lot of The Ocean Stars Seafood Restaurant located on the corner of Hwy #1 and Hwy 55 in Apex. If you wish to travel with the caravan please make sure to arrive by 11:15 a.m. **The caravan will pull out at 11:45 a.m.**

**Complete the form below and mail it with your check.**

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Please print:

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00

Spouse or Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00

Children name(s) age 4 thru 12: \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.50 X EA = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of other guests: \_\_\_\_\_ \$40.00 X EA = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT: Member phone number OR email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check made payable to Triangle Section MBCA**  
**(Sorry, no refunds)**

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** **Your check must be received before April 2, 2010**  
Marty Watz  
9912 Homestead Lake Drive  
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## FEBRUARY EVENT -- TECHNICAL SESSION

Since we had such a lot of positive feedback on our "OLD & NEW" Technical Session last February, we are happy to repeat the same type of session this year. This year's tech session is scheduled for February 27th.

Again this year, "A BETTER WRENCH", one of our oldest advertisers and long time major supporter of our section, has stepped up and volunteered their facilities and personnel for this event.

We will meet at their facility at 9:30 AM for refreshments and then move to the shop for a very informative session. The event will end at 12:30 PM. We hope to see you there!!!

Date: February 27th

Time: 9:30 AM

Place: A BETTER WRENCH

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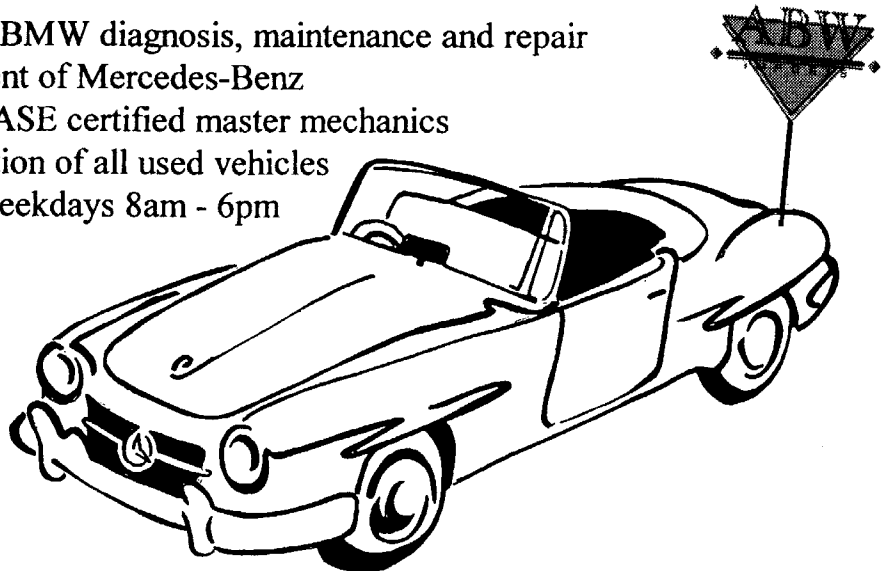
### Directions:

From I-40, take exit 266 (Hwy 86) and travel east on Martin Luther King Blvd. towards Chapel Hill. After approximately eight stop lights, turn right on to Northfield Drive. A BETTER WRENCH is located on the right.

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# 2010 EVENTS CALENDAR TRIANGLE SECTION MBCA

**ALL BUSINESS MEETINGS START AT 7 PM & END BY 8:30 PM**

**Meet us at 6 pm for dinner and socializing**

JAN	12	BUSINESS MEETING	LONESTAR GRILL, RALEIGH
FEB	27	TECH SESSION	A BETTER WRENCH, Chapel Hill, NC
MARCH	9	BUSINESS MEETING	CUTTING BOARD - BURLINGTON
	12	NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE	
APRIL	11	PINEHURST BRUNCH	PINEHURST COUNTRY CLUB
MAY	11	BUSINESS MEETING	BAY BREEZE SEAFOOD - SANFORD
JUNE	5	ROAD RALLY	Starting point & route to be announced
	17	NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE	
JULY	13	BUSINESS MEETING/PLANNING SESSION	GREGORY'S RESTAURANT, CARY NC
AUG	28	SHELTON VINEYARDS	DOBSON, NC
SEPT	14	BUSINESS MEETING	TBD
	17	NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE	
OCT	16	OCTOBERFROST	MAPLE VIEW FARMS
NOV	9	BUSINESS MEETING including ** ELECTION OF 2011 OFFICERS **	Tir na nOg, Moore Square, Raleigh
DEC	4	HOLIDAY BRUNCH TPC	TPC-PGA WAKEFIELD - RALEIGH
	18	NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE	

**ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AT ALL EVENTS**

