



Triangle Section

President's Message

Hello Triangle Section

We are continuing to reduce cost for the newsletter publication and have gone away from the more costly template to a generic template that allows us to format and produce the newsletter ourselves without the need to hire outside contractors. Please bear with us as we struggle to find the right look and feel. Also, if anyone of our members has experience in producing a newsletter, please contact me. As you can tell, I sure could use your help.

We kicked off the summer with a well attended road rally held in June at Hillsborough. Fred and Cathy Hayes organized the event, and selected the perfect blend of rural and city driving. Judging from the comments I received during and after, it was a rousing success!

The annual Shelton Vineyards tour was held on August 28, with the addition this year of a clean car show in honor of the Vineyard's tenth anniversary. Members of the Carolina Section and The Gullwing Club joined us on the near perfect weather day to show-off our Mercedes-Benz on the beautifully manicured winery grounds. We had over 40 cars participate, along with many new models supplied by Hendericks Mercedes-Benz of Charlotte.

Triangle Section member Fred Hayes took overall Best of Show with his beautiful Gullwing and the category of Oldest Mercedes went to Triangle Section member Bob Beckmann for his 1912 Benz.

Section member Ed Shelton has invited us to make this an annual event at Shelton Vineyards. I am sure it will not be hard to convince members to do just that!

Please look for a Constant Contact email with details of the upcoming Octoberfrost on October 9 at Maple View Farm and the November 6th road trip to Williamsburg, VA accompanied by a tour of Anheuser-Busch Brewery. We are planning this joint overnight event with the Virginia Sections and have invited our Carolina Section friends to join us as well. Please try to attend. Marty Watts is organizing this fun weekend for us and you will need to RSVP to Marty by October 16.

Our Holiday Lunch will be December 4 this year at the TPC-Wakefield. Please look for the details and ticket form in this newsletter.

Your leadership team will continue to enhance the way we conduct the Section's activities and your comments are always welcomed.

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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Triangle Section Events

October 1, 2010

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Shelton Vineyards Tour and Clean Car Show www.sheltonvineyards.com

The Triangle and Carolina Sections participated in the celebration of Shelton Vineyards' tenth anniversary by holding a Mercedes-Benz clean car show. In the past we have held a driving event culminating in a tour of the winery and lunch at the Harvest Grille. This year, we added a "Clean Car Show" so visitors to the winery could take pleasure in looking at our vehicles and give us a chance to show-off our pride and joys! (All while we enjoy the music, food, and drink being offered at the birthday bash.)

Attendance was fantastic and the show was a success! I would like to thank Odette Sigler of the Carolina Section for all of her help in organizing this fun event.

If you missed this one, Ed Shelton has informed me that he would like this to become an annual event. So, you should mark your calendars now for next year.

Those of you that have been there in the past already know that the Vineyard owns the nearby Hampton Inn and it is a fantastic place to spend the weekend while enjoying all the area has to offer. I recommend you try it!



Wishful thinking, Nancy??



2010 Shelton Vineyard and MBCA car show!

2010/2011 Calendar of Events

- October 9th - What is an Octoberfrost you ask? It is an event designed to show off our cars, recruit new members, and have some refreshing ice cream made at Maple View Farm in Hillsborough, NC.
www.mapleviewfarm.com.
- November 6th Driving and over-night event to Williamsburg, VA with tour of Anheuser-Busch Brewery.
- November 6th Business Meeting – (Business Meeting and Election of Officers) to be held at Williamsburg, VA.
- December 4th Holiday Lunch Wakefield TPC Country Club –Raleigh
- January 11, 2011 – Business Meeting, Café Luna, 136 E Hargett St, Raleigh, NC (919) 832-6090 Dinner at 6:00p.m., Meeting starts at 7:00p.m.
- February TBD, 2011 Tech Session
- March 15, 2011 – Business Meeting, location TBD

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Road Rally through the beautiful North Carolina Countryside

On June 5th, a group of 14 members of the Triangle Section met in Hillsboro, NC to begin an afternoon of fun driving through the countryside.

Rally Masters Fred and Kathy Hayes had devised a route that took us in and around quaint small towns and pastoral landscapes, all while we followed a well prepared route description.

For the directionally challenged among us, they even provided an escape envelope with the final destination and Fred's cell phone number listed! How thoughtful of them.

They even arranged a midway stopping point at a lovely winery called Rock of Ages. It was a last chance to stretch your legs and catch your breath before heading out on the final and longest portion of the journey.

The afternoon ended at The Western Sizzlin Steakhouse in Henderson where this year's winners were given awards for matching Fred's calculation of required distance traveled and driving time.

Congratulations to all!



Fred and Cathy Hayes get everyone in line.

Rally Masters Fred and Cathy Hayes check in cars and give out detailed instructions for the three hour long Road Rally.

As can be seen in the above photo, drivers were anxious to get on the road. Fred and Cathy's route took us on some of the more scenic back roads in the area. Thank you Fred and Cathy for a Rally well done!

Where do we go from here?

Left, the group develops a strategy for conquering the Road Rally!

If you missed this great event you can always join us next June for another challenge.

Special Event

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Pictures of the 2010 Shelton Vineyards Tour and Car Show.

Oldest M-B Bob Beckmann



Best of Show-Fred Hayes



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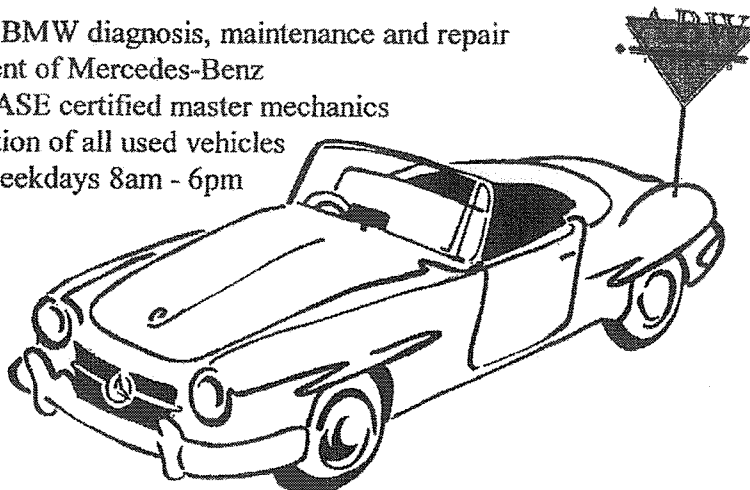
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**MBCA-Triangle Section
Election of Officers and Board Members Ballot
November 6, 2010**

Slate of Officer Candidates

President – Terry Crawford	Y	N
VP – Tom Lewis	Y	N
Treasurer – Marty Watz	Y	N
Secretary – Mike Dowdy	Y	N

Write-In Candidate(s) for any of the above positions:

Slate of Board Member Candidates

Larry Murray	Y	N
John Byrnes	Y	N

Write-in Candidate(s) for Board Member:

NOTE: Election will be held on November 6, 2010 at the Business Meeting in Williamsburg, Va. You do not need to be present to vote. Send your nominations and/or vote to Terry Crawford prior to the Business Meeting to be included.



Kick off the Season at
The Triangle Section Holiday Luncheon Buffet!

Saturday December 4, 2010
Check-in at 12:00 noon (meal begins at 12:30)

Wakefield TPC Golf Course Clubhouse, 2201 Wakefield Plantation Drive, Raleigh, NC
(Just off Falls of Neuse Rd, 4.9 miles north of I-540/Northern Wake Expressway)
\$15.00 each for member, and spouse or one guest
Reduced price for Children under age 10

Due to limited seating, reservations will be restricted to 60 persons.
So respond early! Reservations will be taken on a **first-come-first-served basis.**

Full buffet with choices of salads, meats, vegetables, breads and desserts
– a genuine Holiday Feast!!!
Cash bar available.

Please bring an unwrapped toy for the MBCA Triangle Section **Toys-For-Tots** gift donation.

*\$15.00 price of admission will get you a meal valued at \$35.00
Come on out for a good time!*

Complete the form below and mail it with your check. All payments due in advance.

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IMPORTANT: Member phone number OR email: _____		

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