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The BenzScene

The newsletter of the MBCA International Stars

Forward Ramblings: Notes from your President, Peter Williams

Welcome to the 21st Century Communications Revolution; it is here, and it is now!

It's been almost ten years since we've been in the 21st century. In fact, we're about to start our *second* decade of this century. Our club, the MBCA, is on the threshold of joining the present day with a new state of the art website. If you haven't visited www.mbca.org lately, you will be really surprised how much better it is. (Thanks to Adam Lumsden and his team.)

The new website, launched on August 31, contains all the information we are used to seeing and more. The engine that drives it and the way that it is presented is much more user friendly and definitely less clunky than the old site. At this point, the main MBCA site is mostly completed. There will be enhancements as the months go by. It is a work in progress.

One of the really exciting enhancements will be the individual sections ability to link from and to the main MBCA site. Think of it as MBCA being the mother ship and the sections being the little boats around that mother ship with lines of communication back and forth. Administrative reports and databases will be able to be used and updated by the sections and selective individual updates will be allowed. It's quite a leap!

There is a need for you to do a little bit to register on the website. Once you get to the www.mbca.org main page, you need to get started by setting up your "LOGIN" (upper right of the opening page). Next you'll be taken to the "User Account" page where you can enter either your full email address or your member number. Under "password" you enter either your MBCA forum password or your MBCA member number all in CAPS (as in A000000). Associate members

type in the suffix letter "A" (associate) (as in A000000). After entering your username and password you will be taken to the "Profile page". Please update the information including current preferred email address, cars owned, and a digital photo of yourself. If you can't log in successfully click on the tab "Request New Password". If the MBCA database has your correct email address on file, you'll be emailed a one-time password reset link within minutes of your request.

What's out there *right now*? All of our up-coming section events and flyers - all at a click of a mouse. We have some event reports and pictures there as well.

What's *going to be* out there? In the next few months we will actually have a real website where we can house our newsletters (STARS News and Benz Scene) events and calendars. We will send you an email to let you know when new things are posted. You will be able to periodically check the site to see if there are any updates. No more lost flyers or information! It will all be there for you... and it will be in COLOR.

I never thought we'd be this far along or have accomplished as much as we have this year. We did a lot and had some fun along the way. Join us. The 21st Century is here NOW! Embrace it and sign on and join the communication revolution! We can't get there without you.

Come out and play with us. Have some fun. Relax, kick back! Enjoy the monthly events we have. We do it for you.

Always the best,

Pete Williams

Show and Shine New Members Party September 11, 2010

September 11 was a gloomy day which threatened to drench our spirit. Three Cedars farm provided a large tent for our gathering. Due to the weather, we quickened the usual leisurely pace of the event and started cooking early. The beer oaked brats were delicious as were the salads. We stopped before dessert to judge the cars before it started to rain. Cars were judged by color and acclamation. Young Sorin Brown was the "chief judge". Winners were: Grey-'82 280SL Ron Kadykowski, Green-'78 240D Ed Biernot, Red- 2010 GLK 350 Pete McCarthy, Black- '85 380SL Ed Zobotny, White- 2010 GL450 John and Lisa Brown, Blue-'55 180 Ponton Mike Mangrum. We had a few laughs and Sorin had to make the tough decisions. The dessert variety was wonderfu. When the rain came, we broke camp for home. All in all it was a great event. The following members attended: Ron Kadykowski, John, Lisa, & Sorin Brown, Ron Zarowitz, Mike Salemi, Mike & Mary Ann Mountain, Pete Williams, Ed & Lucille Zobotny, John & Trish Briggs, Wally & Lynn Semrau, Pete McCarthy, Cindy Potter, Ed Biernot and Jacob Gilbert. Sorry if I missed someone. Many thanks to hosts Mike and Mary Ann Mountain for finding, this unique venue and running the event. There was a lot to do there and we would have done more if it wasn't for the intense rain. But, we had fun! Also thanks to every one who provided the food-YUM! Left over food was donated to a grateful food pantry.

Thank you for Renewing!

International Stars would like to thank the following members who have renewed as of 9/1/10: James Lee, Stan Worswick, Stephen Cerovsky, Jeffrey Varilone, Richard Herbel, Rick Semack, Brenda Reaves, Johnny Carson, Jr., Athear Alrawi, Woodrow Wilson, William Adcock. If you renewed after this time, accept our apologies as we don't have complete access to the records yet!

2010 Monthly Meetings

The MBCA International Stars Section holds its monthly meetings generally on the first Tuesday of the month. We hold them at *The Crash Landing Restaurant*, a casual dining restaurant located on the east side of Dequindre just north of I-696. It is very easy and convenient to get to from all areas. **The Crash Landing** Restaurant is at 26620 Dequindre Road, Warren, MI 48091-3938 (586) 751-4444. They do not charge us for the meeting room. As a courtesy to our hosts, we *suggest* that attendees consider ordering a meal.

Remaining meetings for 2010 are: November 2, December 7. In order to encourage our membership to attend our general meetings, the meetings for the rest of 2010 will feature the **dinner raffle**. Just show up and you get a ticket. AT THE CONCLUSION of the meeting, we'll draw a ticket--if you win your *dinner only* will be paid for by the Club. You must be present to win of course, and you must actually *buy a dinner* in order to make it of any significance!

We will present and finalize our 2011 meeting calendar at the November general meeting. Our meetings are open for all members!

Dinner Raffle Extended: July-December 2010!

CLASSY-FIEDS FOR SALE:

• 4 Blizzaks off of a E320, on 15" after market Mercedes rims. Used only one season. \$300 takes all. Call Steve Mahac 810-326 4565
• Hardtops to fit any 107 body. Many colors to choose from. I need garage space. Call Rich Reed @ 810-252-1761
• NOS W115 Grille P/N 115 880 05 83 New and has never been on a vehicle, however the horizontal trim on the left side has a small ding where it looks like something was set on it. They are not very noticeable unless you look at it just right. \$200
• Contact Adam Lumsden - adam@lumsdenlive.com

Meadow Brook Concours Regional Event Review

On Sunday, July 25th, MBCA members from around the Great Lakes region met at the Meadow Brook Concours. While we had participated in past years in the club section, this year we turned it into our own "event" with our own fun concours, with meal and driving. It was successful enough that for 2011, we will expand the event and hope to attract a larger number of MBCA members from the area to drive for the show. Also, let us remind you that the elegant Concours is now known as the **Concours of America**, and the new venue is located at the Inn at St. Johns, located at 5-Mile Road and Sheldon in Plymouth. It is convenient to I275 and M14. We hope to see you there in 2011.

Check out the MBCA Forums!
www.MBCA.org

**Lunch and Antique Show
August 14, 2010
Event Review**

The August 14 Lunch and Antique Show was a success. While the weather prediction was for heat, humidity and heavy thundershowers, we were fortunate to miss the rain. We met at Zingerman's Road house, just off 94. Since the restaurant is very busy after noon, it was a good thing we got there at 11 AM so we could put some tables together. The following members were there: Karl & Clara Bekemeier, Ed and Lucille Zablotny, Bob Zinke & Tracy Peruzzi, Mike Mangrum, Pete Williams, Jan & Nub Turner... with Matt putting in a cameo appearance, and Resi Feil. Lunch adjourned at 12:30 PM so we could make our quick trip to the Antique Show. The Ann Arbor Antique Show was housed in a large tent and several of the fair ground buildings. There were many vendors there. It was very hot and humid... but there were treasures to be found.

Summer or Winter Home?

Take your MBCA membership with you. Join a second section for \$15, and enjoy the benefits at your second home, too!

2010/2011 National Events

The MBCA National Event Schedule is always found at the mbca website, under the OUR COMMUNITY-UPCOMING EVENTS tab. There are a variety of means to select and highlight events. All MBCA members are encouraged and invited to attend these events.

Aside from the National Board Meeting in St. Louis in November, the National Events are concluded for the 2010 season.

The 2011 Calendar has not been finalized, but there is a National Event already scheduled that comes into our section. This is the Lake Huron Mille, a driving tour around Lake Huron that encompasses Ontario and Michigan. The event is scheduled for September 24th, 2011 and lasts until September 30th. More details will be available on the national website as they happen.

We hear that there might be a Gemuetlichkeit in the Cleveland Section in 2011 as well.

International Stars Upcoming Events

October 16: Pumpkin Tour to Hell (Michigan).
Lunch in Hell.

November 20: Pre Thanksgiving Pot Luck

Dinner, event description and flyer
<http://www.mbca.org/event/2010-11-20/prethanksgiving-pot-luck> Hosted by Trish and John Briggs at their home in Brighton. See flyer enclosed.

December 4: Progressive Dinner Holiday Party

<http://www.mbca.org/event/2010-12-04/progressive-dinner-holiday-party> See the flyer. We are trying a "progressive" dinner party, starting at the Fieldstone Winery in Rochester. Once there, other stops will only be minimal driving!

Note that events come up quickly on occasion, and we ALWAYS email flyers and information!



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**TWO EVENTS RE-
 MAINING FOR 2010
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WELCOME

We welcome the following NEW members to the

MBCA and International Stars, as of 9/1/10:
 Peter Curtin, Ypsilanti; Gregory Preston, Carmel, IN; William Rogers, South Lyon; Rick Csurgo, Madison Heights; Felix De La Iglesia, Ann Arbor; Lorraine Goodrich, Bloomfield; Raymond Thompson, Waterford; Eric Hoover, Pontiac; Pete Toriello, Fenton.

If you joined after 9/1, we do not have access to these records yet! Bear with us as we work through the new database.

All new members, please, make an effort to attend an event or a monthly meeting. We'd love to meet you, and we want to see your cars, too!

EMAIL IS OUR PRIMARY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION!