



Mercedes-Benz Club of America | International Stars Section

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STARS News, November, 2010 The inside scoop on the MBCA | International Stars

2011 Coming Attractions

It's always fun to think about the events which were a success in the the months that have just gone by. It's also fun, for me at least, to think ahead to what our events could be next year. I've started a partial list. I'd like you to be a part of it. Do you have some ideas for events that we haven't tried? Are there some places (locally) that you'd like to visit? Let me know your ideas. Even if your thoughts are somewhat sketchy, who knows... This year some of those idea stems turned out great.

Give it a try. Supplement what I've presented below. Give me some more ideas. Do you like doing these kinds of things or not? There are a lot of opportunities to expand on what I've presented below. Here's the first cut...

- January: Dinner – Dining with the STARS
- February: Antique show – Southfield with food
- March: Lunch / Tech Event (George Murphy?)
- April: Tech Event or Spring Driving Tour
- May: Driving Event: Nichols Arboretum
- June: Car Show Participation (Cars R Stars)
- July: MBCA Regional Event 2 days in Plymouth area July 30: Defensive Driving / Auto Cross, July 31: Mini car show in the parking area of the Concours D' Elegance of America (formerly Meadow Brook) at the new location.
- August: Ann Arbor Antique Show & Lunch
- September: Show / Shine / New Members party at the Shooting Club – Auburn Hills
- October: Pumpkin Color Tour with other car clubs
- November: Pre Thanksgiving Pot Luck
- December: Progressive Holiday Party

In 2011 I'd like to have everyone stretch just a little more and perhaps help out with an event. Perhaps you or a friend have a garage that has several fine collectible vehicles in it. They don't all have to be Mercedes-Benz. It's often the unusual or not often seen cars that are most appreciated. Dust them off. Let us know about them and we'll set up a fun garage tour. Getting there is half the fun!

Remember that while it would be especially nice if you drove your show car to all our events, we understand that it's not always necessary or practical. Please recall that being a member doesn't require owning a Mercedes. One can be a member and aspire to own one.

We're ending the year with several big events. The Pumpkin Color Tour was a huge success. I think the Pre Thanksgiving Pot Luck and the Progressive Holiday Parties will present unique opportunities to have a great time.

Join in on the fun! Come to our events! Help a little here or there! The more the merrier! Pete

New MBCA Website?

What's out there right now?

Have you looked at the new MBCA website yet? www.mbca.org It's got a lot of new things in it. Did you know you can look up other members after you signed in and find out what kind of cars they have?

We are currently using it to house our events. Both upcoming event information and previous events reports will be housed there.

Right now we have event announcements as well as flyers. We also have two event reviews with a collages. Since you are viewing this in Acrobat, just click on the links below.

Our STARS News will change a little bit as a result of the new website. We are going to provide a little introduction in the STARS News and then provide a link to the articles and flyer which will be found on the MBCA website.

If you want to navigate to the "Upcoming Events" page on the MBCA website click on the following link: <http://www.mbca.org/upcoming-events> Then on the right side of the screen input "International Stars" (without the quotes) and the system will sort to all events for our section. You won't see everything unless you click on the links.

New MBCA Website – Coming Events

The following two events are coming up November 20 and December 4. Please click on the direct link below to read the article and see the flyer for the respective event.

1. Pre Thanksgiving Pot Luck event description and flyer: <http://www.mbca.org/event/2010-11-20/pre-thanksgiving-pot-luck>
2. Progressive Dinner Holiday Party description and flyer: <http://www.mbca.org/event/2010-12-04/progressive-dinner-holiday-party>

New MBCA Website –Event Reports

The following event reports are posted on the MBCA website. Please click on the direct link below to read the article and see the flyer for the respective event.

1. Pride in Product September 27 event review <http://www.mbca.org/event/2010-09-27/daimler-financial-services-pride-product-day>
2. Pumpkin Color Tour event review and pictures. <http://www.mbca.org/event/2010-10-16/pumpkin-tour-hell-michigan>

Did you find a picture of yourself there?



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International STARS EVENTS FOR THE ENTHUSIAST

October 21: Mercedes-Benz of St. Novi 3-8 PM **Open Haus Guest Appreciation** New Cars, appetizers and refreshments certificates. [See Pop-Up Events Below](#)

October 28: Mercedes-Benz of St. Ann Arbor 5-8 PM **Open Haus Guest Appreciation** New Cars, appetizers and refreshments certificates. [See Pop-Up Events Below](#)

November 20: Pre Thanksgiving Pot Luck party at Trish & John Briggs home in Brighton, Mi.- Time 6:30 PM
<http://www.mzca.org/event/2010-11-20/pre-thanksgiving-pot-luck>

December 4: Progressive Holiday Party 5:30 PM - Fieldstone Winery – Rochester, Mi. Subsequent destinations to be revealed at the first stop.
<http://www.mzca.org/event/2010-12-04/progressive-dinner-holiday-party>

Pop-Up Events Drive over and see them.
Open Haus - Mercedes-Benz of Novi 3 PM - 9 PM, Thursday October 21, 2010. \$1,000 certificate towards a new Mercedes. View and enjoy the new cars. See Eric Wheeler 248-426-9600. Appetizers & Refreshments Link: <http://www.mzca.org/event/2010-10-21/open-haus-mercedes-benz-novi>

Open Haus - Mercedes-Benz of Ann Arbor 5 PM - 9 PM, Thursday October 28, 2010 \$1,000 certificate towards a new Mercedes. View and enjoy the new cars. See Mike Bruegar 800-589-0936. Appetizers & Refreshments Link: <http://www.mzca.org/event/2010-10-28/open-haus-mercedes-benz-ann-arbor>

If you do buy a car this year (new or certified pre owned) and you've been a member in good standing for 12 months, you will also be eligible for the MBCA Loyalty rewards program. When you lease or buy the vehicle and sign up using the Loyalty Rewards form in the STAR you will get a debit card worth either \$1,500 or \$750 (new or certified pre owned) which can be used in the MBUSA store for Service or Parts. If you lease the vehicle you have to apply within the stated time frame at the beginning of your lease.

Pre Thanksgiving Pot Luck

Come and join your fellow MBCA | International Stars friends and celebrate Thanksgiving just a little early. Trish and John Briggs are our hosts at their Brighton, Mi. home Nov. 20, 2010. The event starts at 6:30 PM. This is a Pot Luck so [read the flyer](#) to see what you need to bring. John and Trish are cooking the turkey and potatoes. BYOB. Walk or Drive your Benz or your every day car for some good food and fun. RSVP by Nov 12 to johnrb@comcast.net or call 810-299-2732. Limited seating. Call early!

Click on this link for the event information and the flyer <http://www.mzca.org/event/2010-11-20/pre-thanksgiving-pot-luck>

Progressive Holiday Dinner Party

MBCA | International Stars is having a different kind of holiday party this year. Rather than hiring a hall and having an event at just one location, we decided to have an intimate, affordable Progressive Dinner Holiday Party.

We will start with wine tasting and appetizers at Fieldstone Winery in Rochester, Mi. Then we will proceed to Ann and Scott Lumsden's home for the main course. Finally, we will travel to our last destination for dessert. **We will sample the dessert you bring.** The final course is going to be a surprise because you never know what someone else will bring. This party is still in the planning stages. The date will be December 4. Look for a future announcement for the evening start time.

RSVP by November 22 to Pete Williams - pwmzca@aol.com or 586-293-0935.
The flyer will be published shortly.

Click on this link for the event information and (later) the flyer <http://www.mzca.org/event/2010-12-04/progressive-dinner-holiday-party>

Pumpkin Color Tour Review – See the article and pictures at this link: <http://www.mzca.org/event/2010-10-16/pumpkin-tour-hell-michigan>

Pop-Up Event: Open Haus Guest Appreciation, Oct. 12
We participated in the Open Haus event at MB – SCS on the evening of October 12. It was fun and we met many new people who were interested in our club. The event report and pictures can be seen at the following link: <http://www.mzca.org/event/2010-10-12/mercedes-benz-%E2%80%93-st-clair-shores-dealer-open-haus>



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International Stars Section MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Go to this link: <http://www.mbca.org/section/international-stars>

The monthly board and membership meetings are usually held at **6:30 PM** the first Tuesday of every month at the [Crash Landing Restaurant](#). November 2, December 7.

Please forward any agenda items to: Pete Williams, President, MBCA International Stars: via email, phone or by mail: 1-586-293-0935 or 15561 Sherwood, Fraser, Mi. 48026 **Location:** Crash Landing Restaurant - 26620 Dequindre Rd, Warren, MI 48091-3938, 586-751-4444 (Just North of 696)

Any current, new or prospective member is welcome to attend. We usually have a business meeting which is interrupted by a short dinner. We have always had a policy which allowed our attending members to either order – or not – a meal at our monthly board / general meeting. In order to promote attendance a motion was passed at our March board meeting to initiate a Spring Special Meeting Dinner Raffle. At the end of our May meeting a motion was passed to extend this event for the rest of the year. The way it works is that a member is given a ticket when they arrive. If their number is drawn, their single dinner will be paid by the club. Not transferrable to a future meeting. Must be present to win. The drawings will be at the end of the meeting. October. was won by Mike Mountain. [Come to a meeting, have some fun, and maybe you'll be the one to win. Only 2 more months of the Meeting Dinner Raffle](#)

Shortened flyers. Click on the respective link to see the full flyer for each event. RSVP needed.

Limited Seating for each event!



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Pre Thanksgiving Pot Luck

November 20, 2010, 6:30 PM RSVP needed from you

See the rest of the information at: <http://www.mbca.org/event/2010-11-20/pre-thanksgiving-pot-luck>

Progressive Holiday Dinner Party

*December 4, 2010,
5:30 PM*

\$25 Each

Reservations are already being accepted.



*Starting At
Fieldstone Winery
223 S. Main
Rochester, Mi.*

RSVP by 11/22 needed from you See the rest of the information at: <http://www.mbca.org/event/2010-12-04/progressive-dinner-holiday-party>