



Q1 2015 TriStar Newsletter

Triangle Section

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2015 Calendar of Events

- March 10, 2015. 6:00, Dinner and Business Meeting at Bay Breeze Restaurant in Sanford
- March 21, Tarheel Section Tech Session at Shineshop Automotive at 4909 Bartlett Street, Greensboro, 9:30am-1:00pm
- April 18, Visit to Bruce Adams 190SL restoration shop in Southern Pines – mid-morning start
- May 2, Pinehurst Concours (See next page)
- June 6 Road Rally - TBA
- June 12-14, StarTech in Cincinnati
- June 20, Wake Forest Car show
- August 22nd, Mercedes show at Shelton Vineyards
- October 9, Mercedes at Art in the Evening at NC Art Museum

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President's Message

Hello Triangle Section,

I would like to thank Terry and Nancy Crawford for their tireless effort and support of the Triangle Section for the past eight years. Terry has led the club with openness and inclusion while making sure every member's voice was heard and acted upon. That has led to increased member participation and a better club experience for all of the members.

My goal for 2015 is to build on that foundation and to not only increase membership, but to increase member participation in the planning and execution of events throughout the year. This is "our" club and it is up to "all" of us to get involved on whatever level we can and have fun with our cars and each other. I read this statement on another club's website and it made a lot of sense to me. "Our cars bring us together, but it is the members that keep bringing us back."

Our first meeting of the year at Mercedes Benz of Cary was very encouraging. Not only did a lot of members brave the weather and show up, but the level of involvement in planning our events for the year was amazing. Several members suggested new venues and ideas for events or business meetings and volunteered to lead those events as well. I encourage all of you to check out the "Calendar of Events" in this newsletter and plan on attending the events that interest you. As these events get closer, I will send out an email to everyone giving more details.

As you can see, 2015 is shaping up to be a banner year with plenty of activities to choose from. So, let's get involved and have fun!

Steve

New Safety Feature for M-B Cars

Mercedes-Benz is introducing Rescue AssistSM as a safety feature for all new cars starting November 1, 2013 and one that can be retrofit to cars made back to 1990. A QM code sticker is generated for each model and year that can be scanned by any portable device with a camera and that has



downloaded the appropriate App. One sticker is applied to the "B" pillar on the driver's side and another inside the gas filler cap.

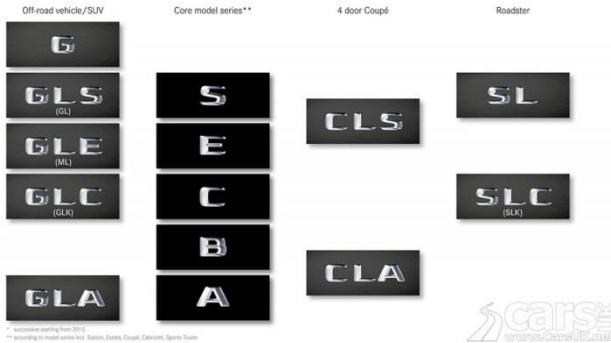
An example of the sticker is shown here. To try this



function, go to the App store for your device and download the QR reader of your choice. A first responder can scan the QR code and get images of the locations of batteries, air bags, gas tank and fillers along with structural information on the particular vehicle in the accident. This information allows a rescue to be performed with more safety for the responders and potentially faster for the vehicle occupants. Owners of cars without this feature can stop at any Mercedes dealer and have stickers generated for their vehicle.

Names Changing for Mercedes-Benz Car Lines


There has been an ongoing and sometimes even successful attempt to make the nomenclature for the various Mercedes models relate to their type, size, engines and other features. The chart below shows the new naming system with previous designations in very small print under the new names. The core model letters are not changed, but all SUV's and crossovers now begin with "G". The SLX roadster becomes the SLC.



In addition there is a small letter that indicates the particular technology that is used to power the vehicle (except for 4MATIC which remain the same).

Current	New	Examples
Natural Gas Drive	c for "compressed natural gas"	B 200 c
BlueTEC	d for "diesel"	E 350 d
CDI		GLA 200 d
PLUG-IN HYBRID**	e for "electric"	S 500 e
Electric Drive		B 250 e***
Fuel cell	f for "fuel cell"	B 200 f***
HYBRID		S 400 h
BlueTEC HYBRID	h for "hybrid"	E 300 h
4MATIC	4MATIC	E 400 4MATIC

* Introducing starting from 2013
** plug-in diesel engine
*** type classification number not final



The expectation is that the new system allows more flexibility for introducing new models with nomenclature that is both consistent and understandable. We shall see.

Mercedes Club at the Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance

The Pinehurst Concours will take place on Saturday May 2nd this year. Triangle Section members of the MBSA have been invited to display their cars on the same day as part of the Fairway Club section of the Concours event. Ten slots are available for a fee of \$105.89 including tax. The fee includes two tickets to the Concours show field and a window sticker for your car to access the Fairway Club parking area. Here is the link to follow for registration. Put Bill Faison's name in as the car club designee and let him know that you registered (drcbill@aol.com) https://events.cuetoems.com/pcde_2015/OnlineTicketSales.aspx?l=mercedes15

Tech Session at Mercedes-Benz of Cary

John Byrne arranged for the Triangle Section's annual tech session to take place on February 14th at Mercedes-Benz of Cary dealership. The hosts for our club were Peter Hanson, General Manager, Marty Hayes and Evans Horne the Service Manager.



While conditions in the area were still on the edge of winter, three section members had brought their cars for display.



While conditions were tolerable on the Saturday of the event there was still residual snow around. About 35 members attended the event which started mid-morning with a buffet breakfast in the showroom and an introduction by the dealership hosts.



Members were given several talks on detailing, repair capabilities, new model nomenclature, Rescue Assist and a tour of the maintenance shop area. M-B of Cary has a very experienced service staff with several service technicians having thirty years on the job. Thus they are in a position to do work not only on newer cars, but also the cars that are achieving classic status.



The service area at the dealership had about 25 lift positions for working on cars. Almost all had the lifting columns below floor level for less obstruction while doing car servicing.



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The dealership provided lunch and a can of cleaning supplies for each attendee to help us keep our cars at their best.

After lunch was a business meeting attended by about 30 members. At the meeting Steve Redwine, our new section president, recognized the multi-year effort leading the section by Terry Crawford. Terry was awarded a president's pin, plaque and Mercedes-Benz jacket. Accepting the awards was Nancy Crawford who has also contributed greatly to the Section. Unfortunately Terry was not able to attend the event due to illness.



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