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"Roscoe" on Display

Steve Redwine with "Roscoe" at Mercedes-Benz of Durham.

by Steve Redwine, photo by Alma Friedrich

This 1938 Mercedes-Benz 170V Roadster, affectionately named "Roscoe," won the Chairman's Award in the Car Club Showcase at the 2019 Hilton Head Concours. Owner Jack Vanstavern, 88, allowed me to trailer and show "Roscoe" at Hilton Head on his behalf.

In 1955 as a 25 year-old stationed in Munich, Germany with the military, Jack purchased the roadster for \$250. Today, his 170V Roadster is estimated to be one of only 12 remaining worldwide. Jack, a longtime member of MBCA, has enjoyed a six decade love affair with this remarkable vehicle which he had restored in the 1970s returning it to the original factory colors. A Mercedes-Benz expert and judge at Hilton Head felt the upholstery on the front seat is the original leather - unbelievable for a 81 year-old vehicle. This car runs and drives well; an excellent example of quality and longevity built into Mercedes-Benzenes.

Only 271 Roadsters were built during its production over five years. It was considered the "jewel of the line" among 170V Mercedes. ■

President's Message



As 2019 winds down, I encourage you to reflect on the fun events and activities we experienced together in Triangle Section throughout this year. Hopefully, many of you took advantage of the numerous opportunities to spend time with fellow members and meet new members at our various events.

While a common love of Mercedes-Benz initially brought us together it is the camaraderie that continues to unite us. So, if you have never taken full advantage of your membership by participating in a club event, make it your New Year's resolution to get involved. Warning: participation will become addictive. After all, who can resist sharing time and space among good friends and beautiful Mercedes?

Check the 2020 events calendar in this newsletter. Even better, print out the calendar and put on your refrigerator. I look forward to seeing lots of familiar and new faces at our 2020 events. Make the most of your membership, participate and get involved.

As I wrap up my first year as your Triangle President I wish each of you the best of holidays and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Thank you,
Bill Faison

In Spirit of Giving, Triangle Continues to Step UP



Photos above and right by Alma Friedrich

Members and donated toys surround “Roscoe” at Mercedes-Benz of Durham where Bill Faison presented a check for the Methodist Home for Children to Noor Nasser, public relations manager. Below: Bonnie Gramling, general manager of Mercedes-Benz of Raleigh, accepts Triangle’s check on behalf of the Raleigh Rescue Mission.



Photos by Steve and Pam Redwine

Prior to the Christmas luncheon on December 7 members gathered at Mercedes-Benz of Durham to see “Roscoe” (newsletter, front page) plus donate to the dealership’s Holiday Toy Drive for Methodist Home for Children. Following luncheon some members headed to the Marine Recruitment Center where Triangle President Bill Faison presented CPL Mangum and SGT Elmore with a check (photo above) and toys for their Toys for Tots drive.

The following Saturday, December 14, in spite of cold and misty rain, Triangle members attended Cars & Coffee at Mercedes-Benz of Raleigh where Bill presented a check donation of \$470 for Raleigh Rescue Mission. Triangle Section members provided more than \$1,700 and dozens of toys in the spirit of giving for those less fortunate in our communities. Triangle Section members donated nearly \$2,200 to charity this holiday season.

MBCA national board awarded Triangle its 2018 National Service Award for the section’s charitable support. ■



Dave Waters, Bill Faison, Lisa Winston, Bonnie Gramling, unidentified but satisfied customer, Steve Redwine in Mercedes-Benz of Raleigh showroom after Cars & Coffee and check presentation on December 14.

Chris Smith Named Eastern Region Officer of the Year

Photo by Alma Friedrich

The last Pinehurst Concours d' Elegance in 2017 was a lucky year of participation by Triangle Section. During the MBCA Village Green Car Show and the Fairway Club at the Concours, Triangle signed up 22 new members including Chris Smith, this year's recipient of the **Eastern Region Officer of the Year** award.

Chris immediately got involved in the club, first with Sandhills Area Mercedes - SAM - a subsection of Triangle created as the result of an expanded number of Triangle members residing in that area. Chris, who owns Convergent Systems in Pinehurst, is Triangle's go-to tech expert. He developed and maintains Triangle's web site, and helped with the coordination and development the first Sandhills Motoring Festival (as a replacement for Pinehurst Concours d' Elegance) for 2018.

"Chris is willing to do whatever he's asked," states Steve Redwine, Triangle past president. "When we wanted to hold a Hagarty's Youth Judging at the new Sandhills Motoring Festival, I asked Chris if he would head up that effort. Chris didn't hesitate. He contacted his married friends with kids and brought a small contingent of boys and girls aged eight to 12 to be judges at the event, and did so again in 2019."

In presenting the Officer of the Year award during the Christmas luncheon December 7, Triangle President Bill Faison emphasized how important Chris's contributions are to Triangle Section, stating, "We are so fortunate to have Chris in our section and continue to benefit from his expertise and willingness to always help with whatever the need."

Chris is the third Triangle officer awarded Eastern Region Officer of the Year. Steve Redwine and Bill Faison held those titles for 2016 and 2017, respectively. Triangle was named as the national 2017 Section of the Year and the national recipient of the 2018 Service Award. ■



Christmas Luncheon Includes Good Food and Ugly Sweaters

This year's annual Christmas luncheon brought together 40 Triangle members to enjoy family style dining at Maggiano's Little Italy in Durham. Thanks to President Bill Faison's challenge, some members sported an array of unattractive attire in a bid to win title of "Ugliest Christmas Sweater." While there were some good contenders, the undisputed honor went to Steve Redwine, in photo seated left at the table. Proceeds from a silent auction of Mercedes memorabilia generated additional donations to charity.

A brief business meeting to wrap up 2019 followed the luncheon with Bill thanking members for their participation throughout the year and encouraging even greater involvement in 2020. ■



Annual OctoberFest at Lake Montague - a Success In Spite of Wet Weather

Article and photos by Tom Reedy

On a cool, overcast Sunday, October 20, the Triangle Section of the MBCA joined the Hurricane Section of the PCA to host the annual OktoberFest car show. Although the weather was not great, the car show was. There were approximately 125 cars in the show including Porsches, Mercedes-Benzes, an Audi, a Miata, and maybe one or two others. Since the show is limited to 125 cars plus a few spectators, it was easy to get close to all the cars and talk with the owners. A hearty lunch was served about 2:30 and it was outstanding, bringing everyone back for seconds. This is a great show every year. If you would like to see a wide variety of beautiful cars and have easy access to the owners, you should put OktoberFest on your calendar and *plan to show your car in 2020*. ■



OctoberFest attracts up to 125 exhibiting European models and 200-plus spectators to its annual event at Lake Montague. While the car show features primarily Mercedes-Benzes and Porsches, all European makes are welcomed. One had to wonder how a Miata got in the mix?

Sandhills Members Tour N.C. Potteries



Article and photos by Tom Reedy

On a beautiful October Saturday 14 members of Triangle Section's Sandhills Area Mercedes subsection climbed into our beloved cars and headed for North Carolina's pottery community that surrounds the town of Seagrove. The sun was bright and the backroads were inviting.

Our pottery tour began at Ben Owen Pottery. Ben, a third generation Owen to earn a living as a potter, demonstrated how to throw pots and began to craft a large artwork destined for Sandhills Community College. Pots begin as clay and its the vision and skill of the potter that transforms clay into practical pots, expensive art forms and everything in between. Ben has a worldwide reputation as an artist in clay. The vessel he was working on will be five feet tall and weigh 150 pounds when completed. Following his demonstration, many members found lovely pots in the showroom for purchase and brought them home for display and use.

After visiting Ben we went to the renowned Seagrove Butcher Shop and Fish Market for a leisurely lunch where we had an opportunity to sit and relax and enjoy our friends. After lunch some of us visited several of the other 100 potters in this area; others returned to Ben's to see if the large vessel had been completed;



and a few put convertible tops down and wandered the delightful backroads.

On the way to Ben Owen Pottery Pam and Steve Redwine stumbled onto Southern Supreme Gourmet Specialties, known for its famous fruitcakes and cheese florets. It was an open house weekend and mobbed, but definitely worth visiting. On recommendation, we've added Southern Supreme open house to our list of potential events for 2020. Let's keep driving! ■

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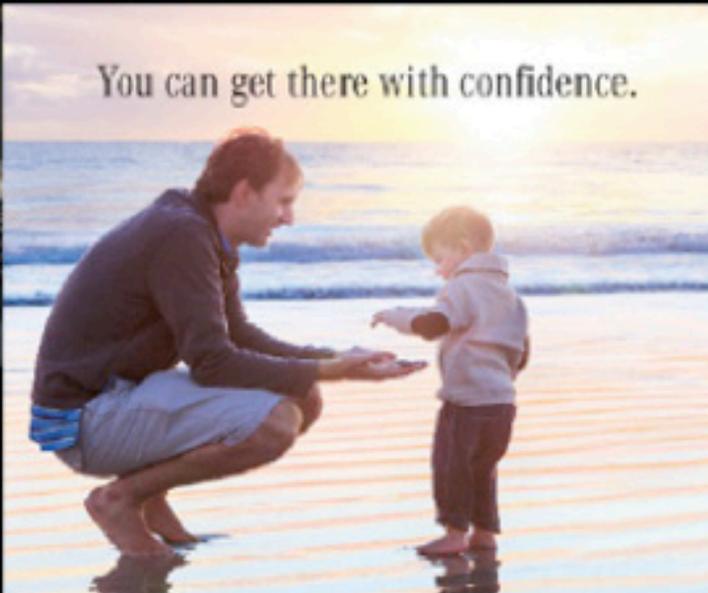
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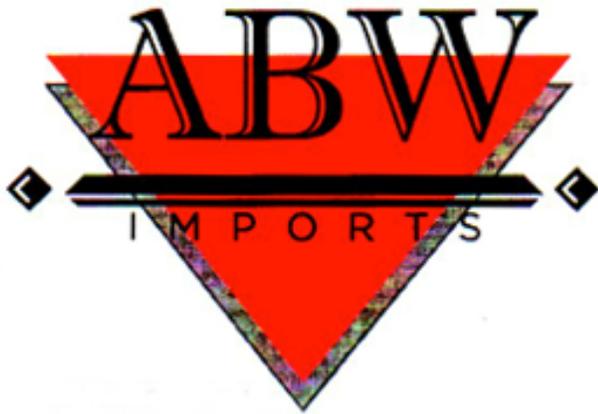
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New Members

WELCOME to the following new members who joined Triangle Section between Sept. 24 and Dec. 11.

Walter Settle	Newport	Hank Van Dorp	Washington
Daryl Gousby	Fayetteville	Gregory Dudak	Fayetteville
Todd Hancock	Raleigh	William Foley	New Bern
John Synan	Durham	Gregory Stanley	Leland
Jennifer Revson	Wake Forest		

Loyalty Members

THANK YOU to these members who renewed their memberships between Sept. 24 and Dec. 11. Date in parentheses is member's join date. **Highlighted names represent 25 or more years of MBCA membership.**

Charles Sawyer (2007)	Raleigh	Bill Faison (2010)	Cary
Herb Patterson (2015)	Chapel Hill	Jim Carter (2011)	Durham
Joseph Hall (2009)	Charlotte	Joseph Vucich (2018)	Morrisville
Dr. Kenneth Ray (2015)	Cary	Samuel Addison (2016)	Boone
Chad Johnson (2010)	Raleigh	William Joerger (2010)	Sunset Beach
Robert Eberhardt (1999)	Mebane	Stuart Bradley (2017)	Apex
Robert VanDewoestine (2012)	Durham	Jeanne Shinn (2009)	Wilmington
Brenda Dillard (2017)	Raleigh		

ATTENTION MEMBERS of SANDHILLS AREA MERCEDES TRIANGLE SUBSECTION

MESSAGE FROM TOM REEDY

Here is a list of possible activities for 2020. We plan to have a **kickoff dinner** in **January** where we will review the calendar for 2020. The location, date and time is yet to be determined. **We welcome your input on these potential activities.**

Cars and Coffee

- Our own every second Saturday from 8 to 10 in the Village sand parking lot. Convenient to The Roast Office and The Villager Deli.

Tours and Tech Sessions

- Champion Car Wash and Detail Center (with lunch/dinner at 195)
- SCC Automotive Technology Center (with lunch at SCC or at PIK 'n PIG)
- Mercedes-Benz of Fayetteville new facilities (including lunch at Mission Barbecue)

Auto Shows

- Sandhills Motoring Festival 2020 Car Corral (Steve Robinson setting this up)
- House in the Horseshoe reenactment with our six+ cars and lunch

Socials

- Kickoff dinner in January
- Ice cream social in Pittsboro at S&T Soda Shop
- Social on Lake Pinehurst in September
- Drive and lunch at Bridge Tenders, Wilmington



2020 Calendar

**Members receive e-mail updates
about events added during the year.**

Listed events are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Listings may include **Sandhills Area Mercedes (SAM)** which is a subsection of Triangle. **SAM** events are open to ALL Triangle members.

For more information about the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Triangle Section, visit trianglembca.org or contact info@trianglembca.org.

JAN

18 Business meeting, Der Biergarten, Cary (snow date, January 25)

FEB

TBD Tech Session

MAR

5-8 Amelia Island Concours d' Elegance, Amelia Island, Florida
TBD Hendrick Car Collection and Museum Tour, Concord

APR

4 Cars & Coffee, Morrisville
18 Business Meeting, Pine Crest Inn, Pinehurst

MAY

2 Cars & Coffee, Morrisville
22-24 Sandhills Motoring Festival, Pinehurst

JUN

6 Cars & Coffee, Morrisville
20 Rally for the Durham Rescue Mission, Mercedes-Benz of Durham

JUL

11 Business Meeting, S&T's Soda Shoppe, Pittsboro

AUG

1 Cars & Coffee, Morrisville
21-23 Shelton Vineyards Mercedes Car Show and related events, Dobson

SEPT

5 Cars & Coffee, Morrisville
19 Members' Appreciation Luncheon, Maggiano's, The Streets at Southpoint, Durham

OCT

3 Motors 4 Minds, Fuquay-Varina
10 Business Meeting and 2021 Planning Session, Mercedes-Benz of Cary
11 or 18 PCA "OctoberFest" German Car Show, Lake Montague, Cary

NOV

6-8 Hilton Head Concours d' Elegance, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
7 Cars & Coffee, Morrisville

DEC

5 Christmas Luncheon, Pinehurst Country Club, Pinehurst

SHOUT-OUT

New Year's Resolution No. 1

**Attend more
MBCA Triangle
Events in 2020**

AND start with our

LUNCH and BUSINESS MEETING

**Saturday
January 18**

*Who can resist enjoying good
beer, pretzels, brats and
Schintzel with our Mercedes
friends?*

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