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**"More Than a Car Club.
We're a Community!"**

Breakfast Meetings, 9 AM

Ft. Myers area...Perkins @ 41 & 6 Mile Cypress Pkwy.
2nd Saturday every month.
Next Meetings - December 14th, January 11



Naples area... Perkins on Pine Ridge Rd.
4th Saturday every month.
Next meetings - November 23rd, December 28th

President's Perspective



Changes:

As year-end approaches, our local SW Florida section of the Mercedes-Benz Club looks forward to seeing our snowbird friends from the north. 'We missed seeing you for a few months', but hope to catch up when we get together at Breakfast meetings or perhaps at our annual Holiday Party on the first Sunday in December being held at Talis Park.

More than likely, we'll exchange what has transpired and listen to what if any *changes* have been made in their lives. I've always enjoyed hearing from some of the enthusiasts saying: "I sold my old SL and bought a new Mercedes" (various models and years). Some of the members were very active in the *change* of cars, like Dick Davis. Always doing something...trading one model for another, giving one to the family, Dick has always showed his enthusiasm for Mercedes Benz and always caught my attention. Our interesting conversations have brought up costs of upkeep as well as values of different years and models. But alas, he recently confided that he is now content with his stable and will not be changing in the future. Other members have sold and bought or traded in (*changed*) their auto for a variety of reasons. Tom Starrett has had several models before landing on his luxurious "S" model. Barb Nolan traded in her high mile, 'hard to get in/out' of SLK for her dream of a 4 passenger blue Mercedes convertible. Tom Harruff over the years has changed various models, and no sooner had he acquired a retro Olds 442 convertible from his neighbor up north, he then gifted it to his family in Ohio. Chet Young has had several interesting Mercedes over the years, older diesel models that were timeless. But *change* sometimes means being practical as he has settled on a more modern version. Some of the Lady members have discussed with me moving into a newer model, usually trading in their older one.

Change to them meant peace of mind with warranties and maintenance costs. And of course, Mario: he is constantly changing cars as he is in that business! His choices of buying and selling rare and iconic Mercedes are always a topic of conversation and awe. And, he is a big AMG fan. Some of his deals are shipped across the globe! For me, I've *changed* several cars over the 10 years that we've been in Florida. I miss that big white modified 126 Coupe!

Just goes to show that "change is inevitable" -nothing is promised forever. And it applies to all of life: our aging, health, relationships, homes, and cars. Our leadership of this club will be changing also. If you would like to be a part of the club's future and can volunteer some of your time, recognize your strengths and interest and please submit your name for consideration. This would be for social activities and car events, to becoming an officer of the club. Don't worry about the details, *change* your priorities and perhaps the direction of the club!

All the best,

Ron



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Mercedes Benz Club of America, Southwest Florida Section

SWFL Ladies of Mercedes Event



Return to Shangri-La Springs!
 27750 Old 41 Road Bonita Springs, Florida
 Street parking is available on Kentucky Street.
 239-949-0749
 Saturday, January 11, 2020 11:00 AM

Ladies and Gents, please join us to experience the beauty of Shangri-La Springs. Learn the history of those who walked the magical grounds before you while admiring the botanicals on the historic 8.5-acre property.

After your tour, indulge in a delicious, prix fixe lunch from our farm-to-table restaurant, Harvest & Wisdom, with ingredients from our onsite organic Garden.

If you are not up to the walking tour you are still welcome to join us for lunch at 12:15 PM.

\$38 pp (includes tax & gratuities) for Tour & Lunch! \$23 pp for lunch only. There was a GREAT response to this event last time. Seating is limited.

Advance reservations and payment are REQUIRED.

Payment deadline is Nov 20, 2019! Menu is attached.



~ SWFL MBCA Ladies of Mercedes Shangri-La Tour & Luncheon~
 Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 11 AM

Send this form with entrée choice(s) and your check payable to SWFL/MBCA to:
 Monica Cordeau 12969 Turtle Cove Trail, North Ft. Myers FL 33903

Member(s): _____ Phone: _____

Guest(s): _____

No. for Tour & Lunch _____ x \$38.00 = \$ _____ No. for *Lunch Only*. _____ x \$23.00 = \$ _____

*** Please indicate entrée choice from attached Menu and any dietary restrictions ***

Entrée _____

Entrée _____

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OR

Grilled Cheese

Muenster | Gloucester | Tomato | Cress | Crispy Potato

OR

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with Cup of Soup OR Petite Salad

OR

Cup of Soup | Petite Salad

With one of the following Petite Salads

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Heirloom Salad

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Peter Blackford has once again made arrangements for our club to participate at the 2020 Amelia Island Concours!

DATES FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT ARE MARCH 5TH—8TH 2020

Peter has contracted for a block of rooms at the Doubletree Hotel Jacksonville Airport. Cost is \$134.00 per night.

As always, Peter will conduct a caravan from Naples/Fort Myers to the site, scheduled to arrive on Friday the 6th.

Limited participation is available at the annual "CARS AND COFFEE" on Saturday the 7th, with the main show event to be held on Sunday, March 8th.

Space is extremely limited so, if you are interested in joining the group please contact Peter ASAP @

priuspete@gmail.com

INAUGURAL CARS & COFFEE AT REVS October 26th | 7:00 am - 11:00 am

Revs Institute
2500 South Horseshoe Drive
Naples, FL 34104

Contact us for more information
Email: info@revsinstitute.org
Phone: (239)-687-7387
www.revsinstitute.org

VENDORS

- Paved parking is limited
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On October 26th members of the SWFL MBCA participated in the inaugural Revs Institute CARS & COFFEE. A limited number of patrons also were able to tour this iconic Collection of superb automobiles!

Immediately thereafter, we held our usual Monthly Naples meeting at

Wahoo's Restaurant a short distance from the Institute.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!

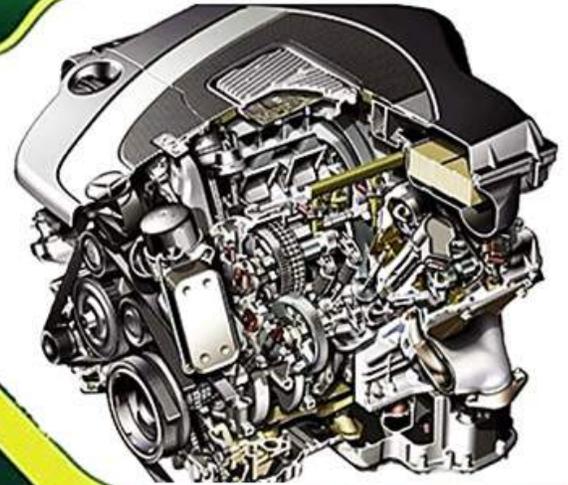


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Editorial...

So, here we are. The November/December issue of the Sunshine Star. Another year in the books. Another moment, yet again, to ask "where did it go?"

Indeed, where *did* the time go? Before you know it, it will be time for our annual farewell picnic at Lakes Park and it will be back to our summer routine. But, until then, we all have the opportunity to enjoy the many functions and fun things our club has in store. First up is our Christmas Party at Talis Park. This is always one of the highlights of the year, and easily the most participated event on our calendar. But not to be out done, we have many worthwhile functions for our members to look forward to. What is shaping up to be an annual tour and luncheon for the Ladies of Mercedes at Shangri - La Springs,

Tech sessions at Renn-Tech, the annual Amelia Island Car Show, our very own car show at Mercedes Benz of Fort Myers, theater nights at the Broadway Palm, anticipated driving events to places like Muscle Car City. There has even been talk of visiting Sebring Raceway for the 24 hours at Sebring.

My point in mentioning all of this is that here, as we approach our two favorite Holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas, we have a lot to look forward to, and a lot to be thankful for. Let us all take a moment to "take stock" of our lives, our future, and our club. It's a great club, and we are all blessed to be in possession of the prime ticket into that club, the passion, love, and in most cases, ownership of a Mercedes Benz automobile!

These cars of ours represent something.

They represent who we are, how we feel, what we've accomplished, what we value, and both where we have been, and where we are going. Think about that for just a minute. In this completely chaotic world, you have opted to "join in" with nearly **400** other like-minded people here, in our little corner of Southwest Florida. We have all said, "this is where I want to be, and this is who I want to be with." There is a certain profound value in that. And what better time to contemplate on it than right now, over Thanksgiving and Christmas.

So, this year, amid all the festivities that the holidays bring, take a moment to smile and reflect on how great it is to be part of a group of individuals, all brought together by a mystical piece of technology called a Mercedes Benz.

Tom S



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The Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) is the largest Mercedes-Benz enthusiast organization in the world. As a non-profit 501(c)(7) organization, the Club proudly serves close to 30,000 Members who belong to one of 85 MBCA Sections throughout North America. MBCA's mission is to provide Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts with unique access to casual and competitive car shows, cash savings on new Mercedes-Benz vehicles, 24/7 online technical advice, parts and accessory discounts at participating Mercedes-Benz Dealerships, performance driving events, safe driver training, plus world-class membership conventions not available elsewhere. A subscription to the Club's 100+ page magazine, *The Star*, is delivered to Members every other month and is included with annual membership dues of \$55/ U.S.; \$65/Canada & International.

MBCA's national business office is headquartered in Colorado. For more information about membership and member benefits, please visit www.mbca.org or call 800.637.2360 weekdays 8am-4:30pm Mtn Time.

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Upcoming Events 2019

Southwest Florida Section, Mercedes-Benz Club of America

November 23rd	Breakfast Meeting NAPLES; Perkins, Pine Ridge Rd. 9:00am
December 1st	Annual Christmas Party Talis Park Naples. 6:00pm to 10:00pm
December 14	Breakfast Meeting Fort Myers; Perkins, Corner of US 41 and Six Mile Cypress 9:00am
December 25th	CHRISTMAS. Merry Christmas to all!
December 28th	Breakfast Meeting Naples: Perkins on Pine Ridge Rd 9:00am
January 11 2020	Breakfast Meeting Fort Myers; Perkins Corner of US 41 and Six Mile Cypress 9:00am
January 11 2020	Ladies of Mercedes luncheon and tour; Shangri-la Springs 11:00am
January 25	Breakfast Meeting Naples; Perkins on Pine Ridge Rd. 9:00am
March 5th – 8th	Amelia Island Concours



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Talis Park

16980 Livingston Road
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6:00 pm Cocktails - Credit Card only

7:00 pm Dinner

VALET PARKING

HOLIDAY ATTIRE

SPACE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED. RESERVE TODAY!!

Your Participation Includes Choice of the following:

6oz Filet Mignon w/port wine demi glaze

Chicken Marsala w/mushrooms and Marsala wine sauce

Herb Crusted wild Salmon filet w/lemon—thyme sauce

Vegetarian option available

All entrees include Rolls, salad, rosemary red potatoes, seasonal grilled vegetables

Tiramisu for desert

\$45.00 per person for Members; \$60.00 per person for Non-Members and Guests



Member(s): _____ Guest(s): _____

Members _____ X \$45.00 # Guests _____ X \$60.00 TOTAL Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: MBCA SWFL (Payment in advance required to hold reservation)

and mail to: Monica Cordeau 12969 Turtle Cove Trail, N Ft. Myers, FL 33903

Please mark your entrée choice(s) below and return with your payment:

Filet Mignon: # _____ Chicken Marsala: # _____ Wild Salmon: # _____ Vegetarian # _____

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