



Triangle Section



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President's Message

Hello Triangle Section

You may have noticed a little change in style for our newsletter. We are continuing to reduce cost for the publication and have gone away from the more costly template to a generic template that allows us to format and produce the newsletter ourselves without the need to hire outside contractors. Please bear with us as we struggle to find the right look and feel. Also, if anyone of our members has experience in producing a newsletter, please contact me. As you can tell, I sure could use your help.

We started off the New Year with a well attended technical session held in February at A Better Wrench in Chapel Hill. Mike Dowdy organized this popular "Old vs. New" tech session, and Max Scroggs and staff once again graciously hosted the event. Judging from the comments I received during and after, it was a rousing success!

The annual Pinehurst Brunch was held on April 11, followed by an open-house at Sports Leicht Restorations, Inc. (SLR). The weather was near perfect and the food at the Pinehurst Country Club was, as always, fantastic. The visit to SLR revealed several classics in various stages of restoration. Of particular interest was the 1956 190SL won on the game show of the era Twenty-One, by scandalized game show contestant Charles Van Doren. If you don't know the story a little Internet research will bring you up to speed. A special thank you is in order to our host Bjorn Nordemo for arranging such a great day.

June 5th is the date for another historic road rally. Fred Hayes and Tom Lewis are cooking up a fun and challenging route. Tom promises he will not have any cartoon character questions during this year's rally.

Another very special event is The Shelton Vineyard tour August 28. Section member Ed Shelton has invited us to be part of Shelton Vineyard's tenth anniversary celebration. We are asking members to plan on attending the event and displaying their cars in a clean car show at the Vineyard. For those of you that missed last year, please come this time. It is a great event and promises to be lots of fun. If you are planning on staying over at the award winning Hampton Inn you better be making your reservations. I have been told rooms for that weekend are rapidly disappearing.

I have received many positive responses on the use of Constant Contact as our new email marketing tool. Your leadership team will continue to enhance the way we conduct the Section's activities and your comments are always welcomed.

As always, I know your time is valuable and I continue to promise business meetings will follow an agenda, start and end on time. Please consider attending. It is, after all, your club!

Regards,
Terry

Triangle Section Events

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April 11, 2010 Pinehurst Brunch and SLR Open House.

The weather cooperated with the Triangle Session's Pinehurst Brunch! It was a beautiful spring day and made driving to Pinehurst that much more enjoyable.

A small caravan of vehicles headed south from Raleigh and arrived to find an MBCA crowd already waiting inside the clubhouse.

We were treated again this year to a bountiful buffet of delicious fare. Members enjoyed made-to-order omelets, carved beef, and sinfully good desserts.

After members had enjoyed the buffet to the fullest, everyone headed over to Sports Leicht Restorations (SLR) for an Open House tour provided by owner Bjorn Nordemo.

Among the classic Mercedes-Benz on display was the 1956 Charles Van Doren 190SL, won by him on an early TV game show, called Twenty-One, December 5, 1956. It was later discovered that Van Doren had been involved in a cheating scandal that brought him before a Congressional hearing.

You can be assured seeing this great looking 190SL did not cause a scandal among Triangle Section MBCA members.

As a side note, Bjorn also displays the original Mercedes-Benz Star that was placed by the auto at the 1956 NY World's Fair.



Blanche Bahamonde enjoys Charles Van Doren's 190SL at the SLR Open House, one of many beautiful M-B examples on display.

2010 Calendar of Events

- May 11th Business Meeting - Bay Breezes Seafood, 1385 N Horner Blvd, Sanford, NC 27330. Telephone (919) 708-6911. 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Dinner at 6:00 for those wishing to eat.)
- June 5th Road Rally – Rally Masters Fred Hayes and Tom Lewis will lead us through a fun and challenging road trip. Contact Tom at (919) 418-5095 for details.
- July 13th Business Meeting - Gregory's, 111 Shannon Oaks Circle, Cary, NC 27518. Telephone (919) 535-8821 Business Meeting and 2011 Planning Session.
- August 28th Shelton Vineyards and Winery Tour - Mid-summer caravan and tour of Shelton Vineyards and Winery in Dobson, NC. Tour of the winery will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch on the property at the Harvest Grill at 12:30 p.m. and member clean car show. www.sheltonvineyards.com
- September Business Meeting TBD

Triangle Tech Session at A Better Wrench of Chapel Hill.

On February 24th, a group of 24 members of the Triangle Section met in Chapel Hill, NC at “A Better Wrench” for a very informative tech session. As was the theme last year, we covered both old and new cars. All those members I talked to seemed to have come away with knowledge they didn't arrive with.

I would just like to thank Max Scroggs for making his shop available for this tech session and for sharing some of his knowledge with us. Allen Beeker, one of his technicians, helped out and we were even surprised with a visit from fellow club member and owner of “Beckman Technologies”, Bob Beckmann. Bob's company supplies electronics for a lot of our Mercedes Benz.

For those that attended, thanks for coming and I hope you got something out of the session. For those who could not make it this time, we will try it again. See you there.

Mike Dowdy
Secretary, Triangle Section



Mike Dowdy Holds Class.

Mike Dowdy shared his in depth knowledge of older vintage Mercedes-Benz during the “Old vs. New” Tech Session held at ABW of Chapel Hill.

As can be seen in the above photo, Mike had an eager group of enthusiast looking for tips and suggestions to apply on their own vehicles.

Max Scroggs discusses M-B Computers

Left, the group that crossed the aisle to the “New” tech session given by Max Scroggs, owner of ABW. Max's session covered on-board computers.

If you missed this great dual session you can always contact either Mike or Max the next time a technical problem has you stumped.

Shelton Vineyard Tour and Car Show.

Please mark your calendars for August 28, 2010. The Triangle Section has been asked to help Shelton Vineyards celebrate their tenth anniversary by putting on a "clean car" show. So, drive your favorite Mercedes to Dobson, NC and enjoy a tour of the winery, good food and music while other guests get a chance to enjoy our lovely Mercedes-Benz that will be parked around the Vineyard.

Our host, and Triangle Section member, Ed Shelton is planning on plenty of activities for the week-end long event. You may want to consider making reservations at the award-winning Hampton Inn near the Vineyard and make a night of it. Many members have already booked rooms, so come and enjoy the fun!



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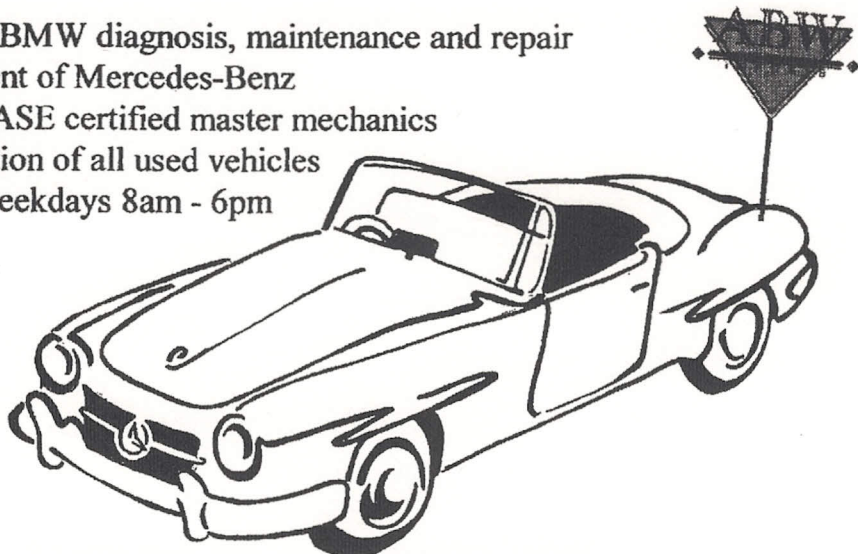
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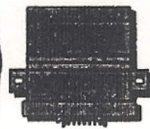
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