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January 29th
10:00am - 2:00pm
Tech Session
European Star Motors
4519 Spring Cypress Rd.

February 19th
6:30pm - til...
New Members Dinner
King Fish Market
11335 Katy Freeway



2004 Holiday Brunch - Sunday December 5th at The Woodlands Marriott Convention Center

This years annual Holiday Brunch was held on December 5th at The Woodlands Marriott Convention Center and Hosted by our own Jeff Evans & Norma Kilway.

This place is enormous... I still cannot get over how large this convention center is, or how much this entire area has, and continues to develop. Needless to say, they were more than capable of meeting our needs in every way.

This years brunch was a joint effort (with Jeff and Norma doing most of the work!), but once the planning was done and the event began, we all reaped the benefits!!! As

always, it was nice to spend some time just socializing with old friends and new ones alike.

The Event began with coffee and drinks, but the trained eye could spot the subtle glances towards incoming gifts, which ones "clinked", which ones smelled like coffee, etc... But such curiosities would have to wait... after everyone arrived and got settled in we were treated to a wonderful buffet, and they even accommodated my own vegetarian needs rather well.

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President's Message



Another year goes by... and yet our MB's keep rolling along. I have spent the past month breaking in a new engine in my 1966 230SL and had *almost* forgotten how fun that car is to drive... within minutes the car and I were one. I hope each and every one of you are as happy with your MB's as I am with mine...

We recently had our annual Holiday Brunch on Dec. 5th at The Woodlands Marriott Convention Center (details on pages 1,3 & 4), and are looking forward to our second tech session at European Star Motors on January 29th. This will be our first chance to see Stefan's new shop in operation, and should be interesting. We will also be holding our annual New Members Dinner on February 19th at the King Fish Market on the Katy Freeway.

On page 9 you'll see one of our more interesting endeavors... Board Member Alberto Gomez-Rivas and I have been experimenting with mapping out the locations of our local section members in order to help our Board of Directors to plan events in locations that are best suited for the majority of our members. While the map shown has been limited to the Houston Metro area, it gives us a very good idea as to which areas we should try to schedule events near. eh... I thought it was cool...

Don't forget, we're always looking for pictures and stories about our members cars for the cover page... Please forward pictures and info on your favorite MB to me at the address listed on the back page.

Mike Haney
President
Houston Section



The Heart and Soul of my 1966 230SL, freshly restored by our own Helmut Holder.

Holiday Brunch

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Soon, the food was gone and the crowd was once again eyeballing the gift table. So, I took advantage of the moment and presented the prestigious "Member of the Year" Award to our newsletter publishing wizard Richard Wilkins, and our "Officer of the Year" to our Treasurer and "Advertiser Wrangler" Marjorie Russell. Congratulations to both Richard and Marjorie, you've both done a great job and we all appreciate your work.

Once I was done with the administrative part of the event, our in-house Santa aka; Marvin Boyd took the stage and explained the rules of our much beloved game of treachery and thievery known as "The Gift Exchange" Basically, when your number is called you either pick a gift off the table or steal one that someone else has, then THEY have to find another gift... each gift can only be stolen twice and while this all seems rather simple, it takes both planning and luck to make it out the door with something everyone likes.

The story of how I got home with one of only two highly coveted "Starbucks Gift Packs" will be a good example of how this works. First Jeff gets his hands on one, then Marjorie gets one... so, I steal Marjorie's knowing that she will steal Jeff's... Jeff of course will then steal mine... still with me? ok, at this point, they've each been stolen once... so I go back to Marjorie and steal the one she stole from Jeff which is now stolen twice and therefore MINE. Simple right? Luckily it's all in good fun and everyone has a good time... and the lucky (and crafty) among us went home with some nice gifts...

Thanks to Jeff and Norma for putting this together, to Marvin for handling the Santa chores, and congrats again to Richard & Marjorie. I hope everyone had a great time and I look forward to see you all again soon.

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Holiday Brunch

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Santa Marvin begins the Gift Exchange. Let the games begin!!!



Laura Fulkerson opens a gift she'll soon lose to another. But, the girl caught on quickly and stole a CD wallet from someone else...

Jeff Evans examines his highly coveted "Starbucks Gift Pack" which he'll lose, recover, lose again? I don't recall who ended up with the second one, all I know is I got mine!!!



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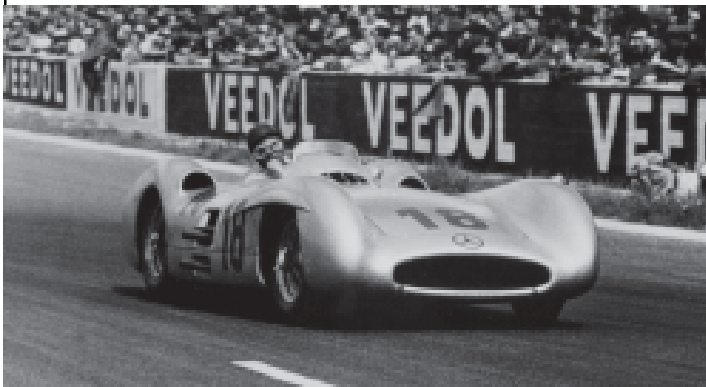
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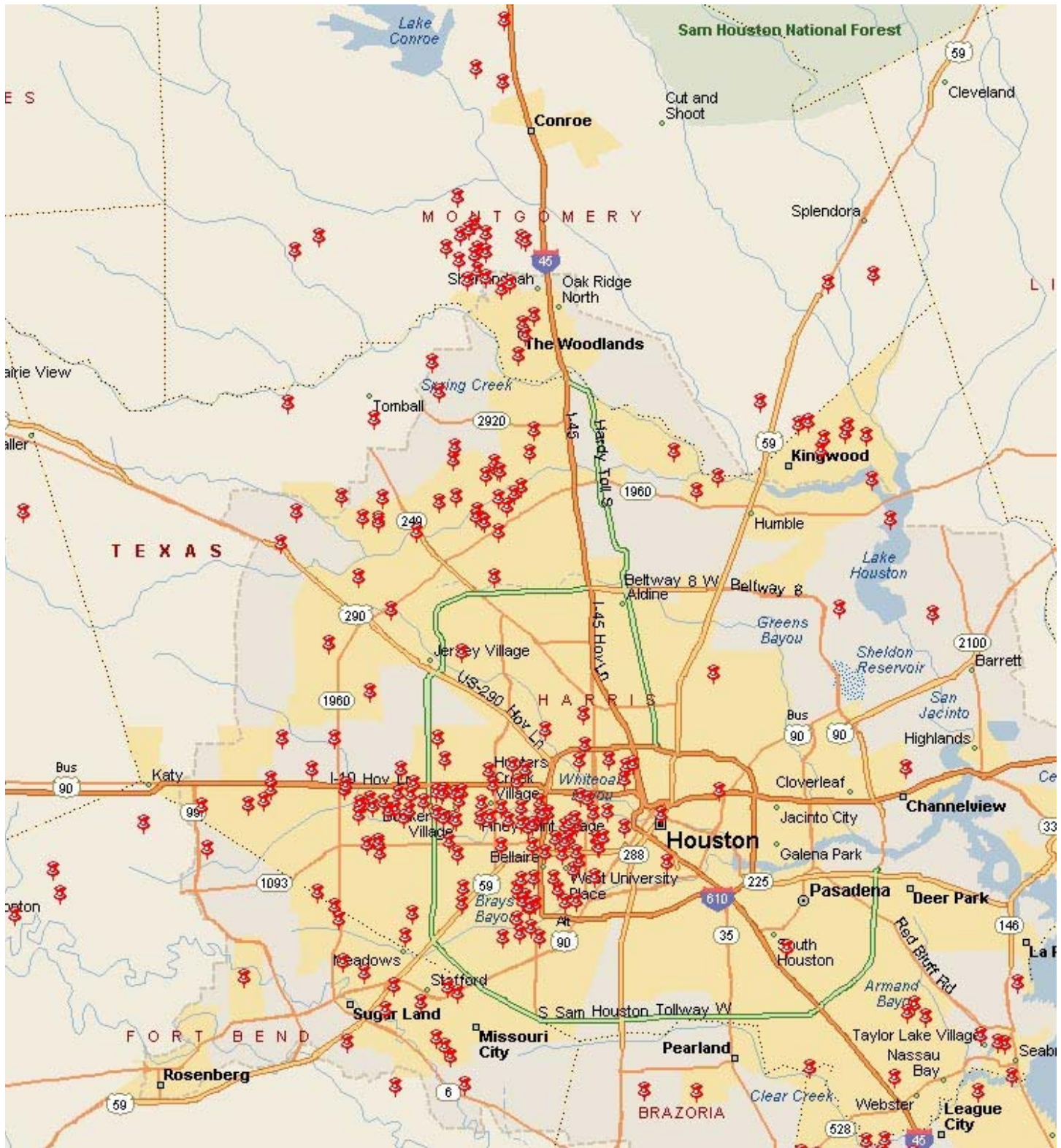
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You're Invited to a Welcome Dinner!

Join us on Saturday, February 19, for a welcome dinner at King Fish Market, 11335 Katy Freeway. This is an annual event the club has held for many years to welcome all those new members that joined the club over the last year. If you're a new member, plan on attending and meet the old members (and believe me, some of us are gettin' old)! If you're an old member, come out to welcome the new folks.

Watch your February newsletter for finals details but plan on attending this fun event! A cash bar will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner following at 7:00 p.m. We even have a guest speaker lined up! If you just can't stand the suspense, call Marjorie Russell at (936) 321-2475 for more details!



Map of Houston Area MBCA Members

Ever wonder how our membership is distributed throughout the area? So have we... the map above shows the primary concentration of our 300 or so members in the Houston section of the MBCA. We have many members in outlying areas not shown on this map, but data such as this helps us to plan events in areas that are convenient to as many members as possible.

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