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2005 Annual Bluebonnet Rallye Report

Well, at least we got the weather right! however, the Bluebonnets were once again a bit of a rare sight. In their place however, were dense fields of Indian Paint Brush flowers, whose proper name is *Castilleja linariaefolia*. The weather really just couldn't be better though.

This year we started the path away from I-10 in Sealy, where we got onto FM 1094 and headed northwest to Warrenton to get to the Sterling McCall museum. Along the way we had to stop in Fayetteville to modify our route. It seems that we coincided with a little bike ride called the MS150. Oops. The unplanned stop did end up serving us well though, as some went for refreshments, some to the restroom, and some went shopping for in the town square.

Sterling McCall Jr. began his collection with a 1927 Model T that was, believe it or not, traded in for a new 1979 Toyota Corolla. It was such a rare car to get that he decided to keep the car and he took it to his farm outside of Houston. That was the first of a list of cars that were traded in that he decided to keep, including a 1941 Buick convertible, a 1948 Lincoln Continental convertible, and others of interest. After doing additions to his garage a couple of times, he was finding that he was running out of room. Having enough cars to build a museum, he did exactly that in Warrenton, 3 miles from his farm. It now has over 130 cars such as V8, V12, and V16 Cadillac sedans and roadsters, Duesenburgs, boatail Auburns, Reo Sedans, Stutz sedans, Model T's, Model A's,
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Vice-President's Message

Technical Sessions and Memorial Day Do Not Mix!!!!

An obvious oversight scheduled our spring Technical Session on Memorial Day weekend. With almost everyone planning trips, family gatherings, outings with friends, it was decided to re-schedule the Technical Session for Saturday, June 4, 2005 at Casari's.

This Tech Session is going to be one of our best ever! Ever wonder how someone can take car crunches and make them look like new? We are pleased to announce a Paint and Body Technical session.

Everyone interested in the right way to maintain the exterior of a Mercedes Benz cannot afford to miss this get together with other Mercedes Benz owners. This session will cover a variety of topics.

Did you know that only Mercedes Benz paint specifically blended and mixed to the exact factory specifications can be used on your car's exterior.

George Casari has a full day planned complete with a tour of the body shop, paint rooms and the equipment used to mix Mercedes Benz paint. Believe it or not there is dedicated equipment just for blending and mixing our Mercedes' paint.

We will see a painting technician take a component, prepare the metal for painting, spray the primer, apply the paint, the clear coat, and bake the paint onto the component.

Have you ever wondered the best way to preserve the paint's exterior. We are going to be shown the proper way to Detail a Mercedes Benz on one of our member's cars.

How about those nicks and that pepper the front and hood of our prized possession? George will teach us the correct way to apply touch up paint to make it look like new!

This is one Technical Session not to miss! Everyone who wants to keep their car looking like the day it came off the showroom floor cannot afford to miss this meeting.

Come one, Come all and enjoy some very useful information, have a bite to eat and meet some new friends. Why there's even a rumor that after our enjoyable meeting at Casari's there will be a late afternoon trip to Harbor Freight or Northern Tools, so come join in on the fun!

Charles T. Wyatt - Vice President
MBCA - Houston Section

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Kaisers, Studebakers, Triumph TR3's, Austin Healey 3000, even La Salles. The museum has been enlarged twice and it's quite a find and worth the trip, especially considering that you think you're in the middle of nowhere.

Even though there were so many impressive concourse conditioned automobiles to see, hunger beckoned us onward to our destination in Round Top, so we really didn't have as much time as some of us wanted to see each automobile in great detail.

In Round Top, TX, we went for lunch at Klump's, an eating establishment in an original building in the middle of town. Saturday was barbecue day, so most of us had an assortment of standard barbecue fare such as ribs, sliced beef, sausage, and a good selection of side orders.

After lunch, some of us headed home, and some of us stayed in Round Top to hit the antique stores that are in the town square. The area that is now Round Top was originally named "Townsend Settlement" in the early 1830's. Where Round Top got its name from no one knows for sure, but its use began in the late 1840's. Originally founded by mostly Anglo-Americans, eventually German immigrants came into the area and are still there today. The local Lutheran Church was established in 1866 and it, along with the original organ, are still in operation. That makes it one of the oldest continuously operating Lutheran churches in Texas.

Today Round Top gets much publicity from its large antiques and crafts events that occur on the first full weekend of April and October. The events bring in around 50,000 to 60,000 people to town. Those, along with the Round Top Herb Festival and the Round Top Arts Festival are making Round Top the small town arts and crafts capital of Texas.



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While most of us were calling it a day, the Lotus car club drove in. There was still lots of good weather curvy scenic roads to enjoy.

Harry Ramirez - Houston Section



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MBCA will be celebrating its 50th anniversary throughout 2006. In addition to a number of events in the founding sections (New Jersey and Chicago, IL), a National Route 66 Tour, a possible new StarFest, and a European Tour of key places around Stuttgart, such as the DaimlerChrysler factory and new museum (opening in 2006), we are producing a **50th anniversary commemorative book about MBCA**.

Here is a grand opportunity for **you** to be a part of our 50th anniversary book by:

- Submitting information, historical records, stories, and photos from the earliest days of MBCA to more recent special activities that have defined MBCA.
- Look through your files for interesting information that might be a part of this limited edition, custom-made book about MBCA, its people, its history, its relationship with Daimler-Benz / DaimlerChrysler / Mercedes-Benz USA / and others that were important to our development as a club.
- Making a commitment now to purchase a copy (or copies) of the book prior to its release in June 2006. (The more copies that are pre-sold, the more pages our book will have. The more pages we have, the more specialized stories and content we can include. You can own **the definitive book** about the club that we all enjoy.)
- Participating in this once-in-a-lifetime celebration of 50 years of MBCA by owning *the* book that will capture information not available in any other single resource.

Bruce Adams has agreed to be our MBCA Editor, is currently gathering information about the early history of MBCA and is working to get new material, interviews with early club members, photos and articles from *The Star*, and lots of special content that will celebrate a half-century of club history.

Bruce has already made arrangements to include **MBCA People & History**, such as information about Dr. Milton Allen, founder of MBCA in New Jersey in 1956; Donn Wald, first full-time MBCA Business Manager; Bob Nitske, author of many books on Mercedes-Benz and MBCA National President; and more. He plans to include information about **MBCA Awards** and their recipients, plus some **History of Mercedes-Benz** (including early history in the United States).

Information about how to submit materials and pre-order your special, limited-edition book about MBCA are included in this brochure. Please consider how important this is and what a special book it will be in your own personal collection of Mercedes-Benz and MBCA history.

I'm looking forward to this special time in our club's history. Thank you for being a part of it.

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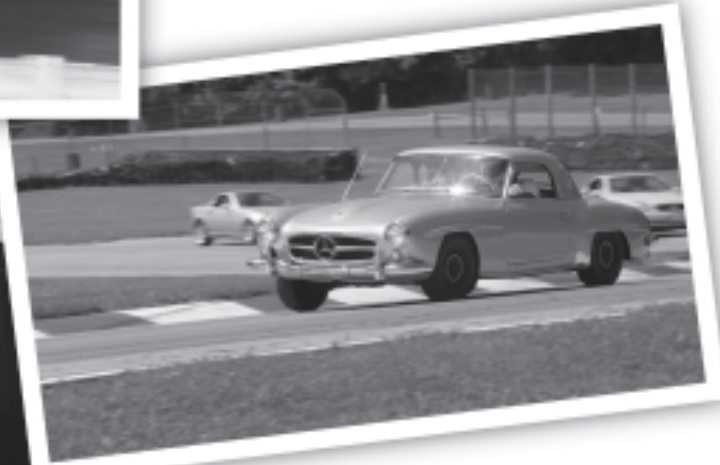
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For Sale: 1967 Mercedes-Benz 230S. Anthracite with red interior. Excellent original condition with repaint about twenty years ago. The interior is beautiful. The car has an automatic transmission, power steering and a Kuhlmeister air conditioner. All accessories work except the clock. I have owned this car since August of 2002 and have found it to be extremely road worthy and reliable. Helmut Holder has adjusted the carburetors (original Zeniths) and other minor items to bring it into spec. The radiator was recored early last year. The 90,000 mile service (D and Z) has just been completed by Helmut. An extensive collection of spare parts is available although the car needs nothing. Check collector Car Trader and other websites. Sixties era fintails can be had for \$2,000 to \$4,000 on any day but they are tired, worn and rusted. One could not bring them to the condition of this car for twice what I am asking, \$10,000. Please call James at (713) 818-1581. If there is no answer leave a voice message with a phone number and best time for me to return your call.

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