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L-R: Renny Keener, Secretary, Damon Stith, President

Good times at MBCA | Houston Section's Fall Social and Election Dinner at Benjy's

By: Joseph Middleton

The faithful few Houston Section members assembled at Benjy's on Washington for the annual Fall Social and Election Dinner on Sunday, September 19. The numbers may not have been as high as anticipated, but everyone had a good time anyhow. For the 2010-2011 year, Damon Stith was re-elected for a second full term as President. Newcomer Renny Keener took the position of Secretary from Joseph Middleton, who gave up the position after two full terms to become Membership Chair. Board member Gerald Grogin took the previously vacant position of Treasurer, while Vice-President stood vacant and the other roles of Newsletter Editor and Club Historian stood unchanged. There was one departure from the Board of Directors. Richard Wilkins stepped down from the Board of Directors so he could become an active member. Though he no longer has a vote, he's made it known that he will continue to attend board meetings.

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President's Message

Hi MB Enthusiasts,

Finally, nice cool, well, cooler weather out there. One of the few times you feel like polishing up your favorite set of wheels and go on a nice drive either around town or to the hill country (worth the trip!!). Last week I was invited by the BMW club to visit Messina Hof Winery in Bryan, TX. It was a nice drive up some of the back roads that actually curved and were hilly, there really is beautiful countryside in TX. Thanks to BMW for inviting us to join their group for lunch, wine tasting and a tour of the Winery (unfortunately it rained) of Messina Hof. If you haven't gone, do so. The staff is incredible with knowledge and welcoming, plus the number of events held are again worth the trip. Thanks for coming to the Fall Social dinner at Benjy's on Washington (see inside). The food was excellent and plentiful, I'm still full. Kudos to Joseph Middleton for suggesting an helping arrange a great event.

Upcoming Events: The usual Cars and Coffee at uptown square Sat. (10/2/10). Be sure to get there early, spaces fill up quickly and watch your speed coming and going. Police have increased presence since this event has grown. The Antique Car Show at Grace Car Center of Cypress Sun (10/3/10). They still need a few 1914-1970's vintage vehicles. Contact Lil Butler at 832.457.5657 if interested. Oktoberfest at TGA Sat (10/16/10), please note, due to low number of attendees at the Fall Social, we're going to save the raffle of the SLK Wheels and Tires until this event. (Mercedes-Benz of Sugarland Oktoberfest on 10/23/10. -Ed.) Fall autocross on Sun (10/24/10).

Keep bringing those event ideas.

Happy Motoring,

Damon Stith | President | [Mercedes-Benz Club of America](#) | Houston Section

MBCA | Houston Section welcomes the following new members to the Club!

James C. Day of Sugar Land, TX

Justin Farley of Humble, TX

Michael Feuerbacher of Kingwood, TX

Thomas Kranjcevich of Houston, TX

Larry Nicholson of Houston, TX

Henry Evangelista Ruiz of McAllen, TX

Janice Taylor of Houston, TX

Welcome!

Willkommen!

MBCA | Houston Section thanks these loyal Club members

Sam Abboud of Houston, TX

Robert and Lucia Alanis of Rosenberg, TX

Charles Day of Humble, TX

John George of Sugar Land, TX

Othon Guillen of Houston, TX

Tor Haugland of Houston, TX

Leon Hulon of Spring, TX

Joseph Lavigne of Houston, TX

Vidar Lindmoen of Houston, TX

Melvin K. and Dorothy L. Lofton of Houston, TX

Eric Mc Anelly of Houston, TX

Kerry and Loretta Muldrow of Houston, TX

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Fall Social and Election Dinner

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As for the dinner itself, it was wonderful. For the start, we were treated to a salad with iceberg lettuce, feta cheese, buttermilk ranch dressing and dried cranberries. For our entrees, we had a choice of either a grilled salmon dish, or a pecan and pistachio crusted chicken dish of nice portions. For dessert, most of us had the chocolate cake with vanilla ice cream, though there were vegetarian and vegan options available for some of our guests.

There was to be a raffle at the dinner, but due to our attendance numbers, it was decided that the raffle would be held over until the Oktoberfest at TGA or the Holiday Brunch. So, those of you who missed out on the dinner got lucky. You'll have yet another chance to snag those SLK rims and tires!



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MB of Sugar Land Oktoberfest

Mercedes-Benz of Sugar Land is having an Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 23. It's currently in the planning stages, so information will be sent to members via e-mail as it becomes available.

Keep an eye on your inbox for the announcement!

Fall Autocross 2010

It's time for one of MBCA | Houston's most anticipated events...

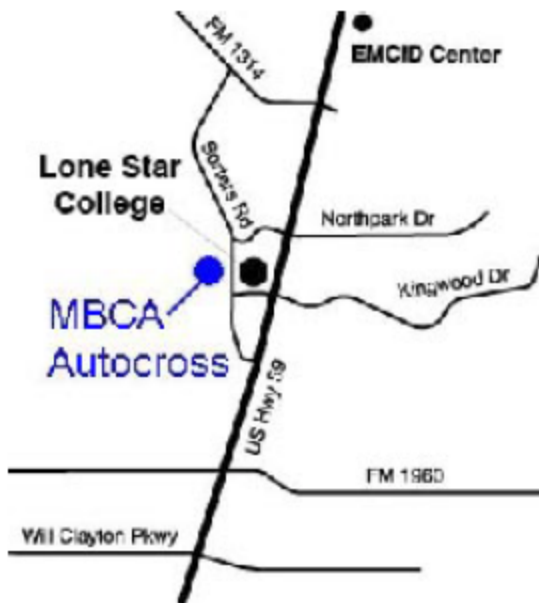
Fall Autocross 2010!



Family Fun!



Good food!



Most of all, good tire screeching fun!

The autocross will be held on Sunday, October 24 at Lone Star College-Kingwood. Drivers should arrive by 12:30pm for lunch and a pre-event briefing, and the event begins at 1:00pm. Bring your family, blankets, lawn chairs and enjoy a BBQ lunch and some hands on automotive fun! Cost is \$10 per driver. Helmets will be provided, or you can bring your own helmet. To RSVP with the number of guests in your party, and/or for more information, contact Mike Haney at mhaney@3dtriad.com, or at 713-298-4580.

Technical Q & A

Question: In the trunk of my 82 300D I always find water in the sides after it rains or I wash the car. I don't see any obvious leaks. Where could it be entering from? Thank you.

Answer: Water could be entering your trunk due to a leak in one of rubber seals, such as the trunk seal, fuel filler neck seal, taillight seals, or the antenna seal. It could also be entering where the trim is secured to the body, although this is less likely if the trim is not damaged. Check all of these areas by pouring water on each of them and observing for wetness in the trunk.

If you have any questions, please send your requests to the *Houston Star* or contact me directly. I can be reached at Saleem@JohansenUSA.com or call me at 281.883.3792.

Join us for Oktoberfest at TGA

What will be at this year's Oktoberfest you ask? German food, German beer, German music and German cars. What more could you ask for? Oh yeah, door prizes, a raffle for SLK parts, rims and tires, and a Tech Session! If this suits your fancy, come on out to the 16th consecutive Oktoberfest hosted by Hans Richter, owner of Texas-German Autohaus (TGA) on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 10am. TGA is located at 3417 Edloe St., between Westheimer Rd., and Richmond Ave. Admission is \$5. For more information, contact Chuck Wyatt at ctwyatt@sbcglobal.net, or at 281-469-7428.



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Grace Care Center of Cypress Antique Car Show

Antique Car Show



Cars from 1914 to 1970's

Grace Care Center of Cypress

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October 3, 2010

1-3 p.m.

Door Prizes



Food



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30's to 70's**

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MBCA Fall Raffle 2010



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Second Prize
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\$2,500 Cash

(5) Fourth Prizes
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(5) Fifth Prizes
\$500 Cash

For more information, please see the link below:
<http://www.mbca.org/sites/default/files/reference/raffle-2010b-flyer.pdf>

Deadline is December 1, 2010. Winners to be announced on mbca.org on/about December 15, 2010.

Maybach Not Dead: Will Get Five Models Including 4-Door Coupe, Large Convertible

By: Colum Wood of AutoGuide.com



With just 300 units sold globally per year, it was expected that the dawn of a new S-Class in 2012 would see the demise of Mercedes' ultra-luxury Maybach brand. Not so says a new report by Automobile Magazine.

According to this latest info, Maybach will use the new S-Class architecture to produce as many as five new models. Included in that list are some less-traditional cars like a 4-door coupe (similar to the Mercedes CLS), as well as a long-wheelbase convertible – inspired by the Ocean Drive Concept.

The 6.0-liter V12 engine will soldier on, but getting a 7-speed transmission (rather than the current 5-speed unit) to deliver improved acceleration and fuel economy. There's also the possibility that a hybrid option could be included, delivering an extra 20-hp and a 10-mile emissions free driving range. Maybach models might also eventually get a planned 9-speed automatic transmission.

The plan is to build Maybach back up into the brand it was supposed to be, competing with rivals like Bentley and Rolls-Royce.

See the following link for more info:

<http://www.autoguide.com/auto-news/2010/09/maybach-not-dead-will-get-five-models-including-4-door-coupe-large-convertible.html>

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2010 Upcoming Events

Oktoberfest at TGA

October 16

Mercedes-Benz of Sugar Land Oktoberfest

October 23

Fall Autocross

October 24

Holiday Brunch

December 2010

Board of Directors Meeting

November 2

Board Meetings are open to all **MBCA | Houston Section** members. Board Meetings are held every 1st Tuesday of odd numbered months at 5:30 PM in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at Mercedes-Benz Greenway, 3900 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77027.

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