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Message from the President - Gary Goodman

Volunteers Needed!

As the Western Reserve Section continues to grow (we are now over 300 members!), there is a need for volunteers to assist our hard-working board members to continue to improve our section. We are looking for people to...



Gary Goodman,
President

- Assist with photography (taking photos at our events for publication in the newsletter and on our website)
- Ideas for new events
- Help to coordinate event details
- Marketing / sponsorship (helping to develop a marketing and advertising program for the section)

Can you devote a little time and energy to help our section? If you are interested in offering your talents and efforts, please contact me or any of our board members.

Have some fun with your Mercedes-Benz

Our event calendar has a great selection of events scheduled for the spring and early summer that will give you an opportunity to get rid of the winter doldrums and to have some fun with your Mercedes-Benz. We are very fortunate again to have tremendous dealer support for the Western Reserve Section.

Mercedes-Benz of North Olmsted, Mercedes-Benz of Bedford, Coppus Mercedes-Benz, and Fred Martin Mercedes-Benz have either sponsored an

event or committed to sponsor an event in 2010. Thanks to all for your continued support and enthusiasm for our section!

Visit our website www.benzclub.org for the latest updates on our events and activities as well as some exclusive web-only content. I look forward to seeing you and your car soon.

Are you a history buff?

The board members are in the process of planning events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our section. If you know some history that we can publish, we would really like to hear from you. You can send it to any board member or **Mary Alice** or **Sue** at the email addresses in this publication. We hope you will be able to participate in many of the events that will be available. Watch for announcements.

Improve your driving skills

For the fourth year, **Coppus Motors Mercedes of Tiffin** is sponsoring our defensive driving and autocross at Sandusky High School on May 16. Expanded this year to a Benz Fun Day, Chairman **Fred Gesell** has added a "fun" car show. If you prefer to just come and show off your car in a relaxed setting, this is the place for you. We hope you will also take advantage of the instructional time of defensive driving and the autocross where you will have the opportunity to improve your safe driving skills. More information will be sent in a flyer. Please join us.

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National and Regional News....

MBCA'S Premiere Event, Starfest

Starfest will be held September 24-29, 2010 in Winchester, Virginia and will be hosted by the Greater Washington Section of MBCA. Check out the website at www.StarFest2010.org or on twitter at www.twitter.com/StarFest2010 for more information.

Join other members of the Western Reserve Section as we caravan to Winchester for great fun with MBCA members from around the country. Check the website, benzclub.org in August for more information on the caravan or contact a board member.



Frank Cozza,
National Events Chairman
Great Lakes Regional Director

Mercedes-Benz USA Rewards Your Loyalty

MBUSA has generously continued the Loyalty Program until December 31, 2010. This program is another great reason to continue your membership in MBCA. Be a member for 1 year. Buy a new or pre-owned Mercedes-Benz and receive a gift card from Mercedes-Benz valued up to \$1500. Use the card towards parts, service, personal or vehicle accessories at any Mercedes-Benz dealer. For more details and an application, go to the MBCA website. (www.MBCA.org)

Can't win without a ticket

Imagine what you could do with a \$62,160 cash prize, or for that matter, even second place prize of \$49,930. By now you should have received information on the Spring raffle which has a deadline of June 15, 2010. Save time and call 1-800-637-2360 to buy your raffle tickets now.

Back by popular demand

Mark your calendar for the annual Spread Eagle brunch and ice cream social. **Fred Martin Mercedes-Benz** is again sponsoring the event, helping us keep your cost down. Fred is quite excited to again be part of this event, and we appreciate his participation. On July 18, those who wish will gather in Streetsboro to caravan to the historic Spread Eagle Tavern in Hanoverton. Others will come from Pennsylvania and the Canton areas. After a tour of the tavern and a delicious brunch, participants will drive the short distance to the Guilford Lake home of **Frank and Mary Alice Cozza** for boat rides, ice cream, an informal car show, and a wonderful afternoon of camaraderie. After many years, this event continues to be a very well-attended favorite. Mark July 18 on your calendar and join us for this fun day. A flyer will be sent with the information.

Member Update

Welcome New Members – November - February

John Kastelic, Don Howard, Peter Sedlak, Robert Young, Lou Workman, Andrew Shaffer, Cesare Avallone, Stan Burson, Eugene Pallas, Ronald and Louise Welch, Stephen Baumgarten, Geza Balassy, Robert Erickson, William Shelton, David, Naftzinger, Victor Fisher, Ralph and Cheri Christ, Wes Mc Bride, Sondra Wyand, Frank Omerza, Craig and Laura Thompson, Wade and Sharon Sperry, David and Lani Hack

Anniversary Renewals – November - February

Robert Eckley, Patrick Rice, Frank and Madelyn Daniels, Nicholas Wanchik, Jean Gregor-Wanchik, Paul Barrett, James Kennelly, Klaus and Ingrid Kitzler, Doanld and Judy Brehm, Thomas and Peggy Hudson, Nicholas and Ruthie George, Donna Simon, P. and Shawn Kumar, Richard C. Harrington, Robert and Kathy Starr, Dawn M. Neff, Ellis Young and Margaret A. Lovell, Thomas Barratt, Fareed and Laura Siddiq, Michael and Carole Weinhard, Peggy Mosely, Stephanie Mosley, Gary Stevens, Mark Botham, Jeffrey Hilderbrandt, Warren and Margaret Barr, Kurt Von Leyser, John and Susan Morrison, Laurence and Margarita Lengyel, Anthony Mikolich, Christopher Harris, William Gerken, James and Susan Haas, Catherine Bellante, Jack Kline, Kenneth and Melissa Bartizal, Neil Weimer, Lawrence Shafer, Willeasa and Daniel Orha, Raymond Vehovec, Anthony Dunne, Ron and Karen Mihalek, Nary Alice Cozza, Louis Jaksetich, Charles Deeds, J. Robert and Nancy Arther Jr. Jeff Payton

Member of the Year

The Western Reserve Section Board of Directors is proud to honor

Priscilla Gwinn

as our section
Member of the
Year for 2009.

Priscilla has been
a tireless
contributor to the
section for several
years. She serves
as the Editor of
our quarterly

newsletter, "The Crier," and as webmaster, has been instrumental in the revision of our website. Her contribution is even more remarkable considering that she spends the majority of the year out of the area yet continues to work long-distance to better our section. Section president **Gary Goodman** presented Priscilla with a commemorative plaque on behalf of the board in December. Congratulations Priscilla and thanks for a job well done!



Priscilla Gwinn and Gary Goodman

Western Reserve Section lost a valued member

Al Calandra passed away recently. Al and his wife Lea became section members in September 1961 when they were the proud owners of a 219 sedan. Both Al and Lea were very active in the early years of our section, serving as officers and board members, helping to organize section activities, growing



membership, and bringing fun and entertainment to our events. Several members who knew Al and Lea have offered remembrances. These can be viewed on the web site at www.benzclub.org.

At the Holiday Party, Mary Alice Cozza gave longevity membership pins to Ron Good, 5 years, Jean Adamcik, 15 years, and Dr. Jim Johnston, former section president, 35 years.



Celebrating at Glenmoor Country Club

by Sue Morrison

About 45 members and guests gathered in the awe-inspiring “Chapel” of the Glenmoor Country Club in Canton. Cocktails and hors D’Oeuvres were served at 6:30 followed by a delicious dinner. The facility had at one time been a seminary and a boy’s school for high school aged boys planning to be priests or brothers. The Chapel had truly been the chapel for the facility. The beautiful room was breathtaking with its ornate ceilings, tile floors, stone fireplace, and alcoves with high back chairs and tables.



Magician Matt Neidermeyer shows Jocelyn Goodman many different card tricks.

Member **Rod Tucker** brought his DJ equipment for background music and had it going the entire evening. People were mingling, catching up with old friends, and there was a lot of dancing. As the group finished dinner, each table was visited by **Matt Neidermeyer**, an outstanding magician found by **Brian** and **Tracy DiPasquale**. He performed card tricks, tricks with foam balls that multiplied with no help, and other tricks that left his audience gasping with surprise and asking for more. He even stayed longer than the contract and did another round of the tables.

President **Gary Goodman** emceed, explained the crossword puzzle competition, and passed out door prizes. Glenmoor provided a picnic basket complete with service for two of plates, cups, silverware, a corkscrew, a blanket, and two tickets to the Glenmoor Gathering held in September. The first ticket drawn was put into Gary’s pocket as other door prizes were passed out. The excitement grew as the names were called and yours had not been. That meant you were still in the running for the basket. When all other door prizes were distributed, Gary pulled

out the winner of the basket, and the winner was **Ted Gottfried** (who also provided some door prizes.) Cincinnati member (and second section Western Reserve member) **Eric Goodrich** brought 3 wonderful door prizes to be added to the table. The guests were having such a good time dancing and visiting that most were unaware of the time. We finally had to close down and call it a night.

The next morning, a plated breakfast was served in another dining room followed by a power point presentation of the history and structure of Glenmoor by **Dan Kirby**, director of security (at the suggestion of member Priscilla Gwinn.) Many of the attendees had already realized that they needed to drop corn when traveling from one place to another because of the number of turns, etc. Dan explained that we had only seen a small portion of the building. His presentation lasted about a half hour, but people lingered and asked questions for at least another half hour. His presentation was so interesting. The facts and figures about the history and the construction were amazing.

Mary Alice and **Sue Morrison** had made the initial contact with Glenmoor and did the planning with their coordinator. Gary reviewed contracts and added input. As you can see, the list of contributions by members is long. One of the exceptional qualities of our section is the cooperation and sharing of responsibilities. Details were discussed in board meetings with the input of all members considered, respected, and implemented. The result was a well-planned, fun, unique weekend that appears to have been enjoyed by all.



Eric Goodrich, Frank and Mary Alice Cozza, Ed Yungbluth, and Beverly Deinhart are enjoying the evening.

A closer look at the new "green" hybrid technology

Nearly 80 members of the Western Reserve Section attended the Cleveland Auto Show held at the IX Center. The Cleveland Auto Show is the fifth largest in North

America and features most makes of cars as well as part of the collection from the Crawford Auto Museum.

Highlights for Mercedes lovers

were the presence of the new SLS AMG, the E-Class Cabriolet, and the SL65 Black Series.



Checking out the new SLS AMG Gullwing at the auto show

Mercedes-Benz of North Olmsted provided the admission tickets for the event which is appreciated by the attendees. Participants arrive any time during the day and enjoy the show at their own pace. At 6:30, all participants gathered at the Mercedes venue and went to a private room for dinner and a program.

Robert Daschil, MBUSA Retail Performance Specialist, presented information about the new "green" hybrid technology and the new electronic technology in the all-new E-Class. Robert has been with MBUSA for 15 years, following in his father's footsteps as a representative of Mercedes-Benz USA. Robert's enthusiasm of the marque is the best MBUSA could ever hope to hear. He is a true ambassador and lover of the car which was evident in his power point presentation including new, updated features of the models. Again, thanks to Mercedes-Benz North Olmsted and Robert Daschil for an enjoyable event for all.



Steve Morrison tries to convince dad, John Morrison, to buy him the 2010 GL.



Western Reserve Section members have been invited to attend the Grand Opening of the Mercedes-Benz of Bedford Classic Repair Center

Date: Saturday, April 17th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Location 18122 Rockside Rd., Bedford, OH 44146
RSVP: By April 10th to Kristen (440) 359-1499 or
kkolesar@penskeautomotive.com

This event is a great opportunity to learn about the all-new Mercedes-Benz Classic Center program available exclusively at Mercedes-Benz of Bedford. The program offers important benefits for Mercedes-Benz vehicles over 10 years old. Activities include:

- Exclusive parking area for club members
- Complimentary lunch and refreshments
- Program details presented at 10:30
- Raffle prizes for pre-registered guests
- The opportunity to talk to Mercedes-Benz technicians
- Not an enthusiast or owner of an older Mercedes-Benz?? No problem—there will be a great selection of current models (including the all-new E-Class) for you to experience!

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT!! But as a courtesy to our hosts,
PLEASE RSVP so they can complete their planning for this special event.

MBCA Schedule of Events

April 6	Monthly meeting	D'Angelo's - Twinsburg
April 17	Grand Opening	M-B of Bedford Classic Center
April 22-24	MBCA National Meeting	
May 4	Monthly meeting	D'Angelo's - Twinsburg
May 16	Defensive Driving and Autocross	Sandusky High School Sponsored by Coppus Motors
June 1	Monthly meeting	D'Angelo's - Twinsburg
June 5	BeaveRun Carfest	
June 27	Horse Country Tour	
July 6	Monthly Meeting	D'Angelo's - Twinsburg
July 18	Spread Eagle Tavern Ice Cream Social	Sponsored by Fred Martin Motors The Cozza's

Flyers will be sent for specific club events. Check the website www.benzclub.org for more information. National events will be advertised in the STAR and on the www.MBCA.org website.

Check out the Western Reserve Section website at benzclub.org

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