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President for more info.



The cars line up at MB North Orlando for the Sanford Fun Rally - Nov '18

## Welcome to 'the Monthly'

Welcome to the new monthly newsletter. Although you may miss the normal format, not to fear! They will still be released quarterly; this layout is short, concise and delivered at the end of each month. This gives you the vitals so you're in tune with the heartbeat of the section.

## Ace Cafe November

Last month we had the numbers, but Porsche club must have mobilized, because this month the ratio was about 5:1 Porsches to Mercedes. Some new additions showed up for the Mercedes crew, a sporty '08 E350 4Matic, and the ultimate sleeper, a '98 E300 Turbo Diesel. Other member cars that showed were an '08 CLK350 and an '82 300SD. Of note on the Porsche side was a 914 with a massive V8 engine.

## November Sanford Fun Rally

Our Section recently had its first road Rally since the club reboot, and on every level it was a success. Even with a only a little time for Members to register, we still had eight cars turn out. Ten in the morning was the time to meet at Mercedes Benz of North Orlando in Sanford, 20 members in fact. Two hours and 90 beautiful miles later, we ended our 'maiden voyage' at Hollerbach's Willow Tree Cafe. Thanks to Jay Hixson and Bob Hartmann who organized the Rally, and of course our gracious host at MB North Orlando, Kris Arrowsmith, and Theo Hollerbach at the Willow Tree; always a great time. Stay tuned for upcoming driving events; we've got a lot of great ideas cooking and looking forward to a lot of fun!

## Welcome New Members

We're so glad to see you've joined and can't wait to meet you at our next event.

Vero Beach  
Robert C.  
William E.

Hastings (near Palatka)  
Dennis D.  
Orlando  
Yannick M

## Upcoming Events

1. Sunday, December 9  
Holiday Party, Noon-4pm  
Mission Inn  
Howey In The Hills, FL

A. Mon, December 17  
6:00p, Dinner at 7pm  
Ace Cafe Orlando Meetup

M. End of December  
Evening Club Meeting (business)  
Stay tuned for time and place.

A. Mon, January 21, 2019  
6:00p, Dinner at 7pm  
Ace Cafe Orlando Meetup

4. Sat-Sun, Jan 26-27  
Rolex 24 Hour Endurance Race  
Daytona Intl Speedway

M. End of January  
Evening Club Meeting (business)  
Stay tuned for time and place.

5. Sun, February 10  
Mercedes, Manatees and Pancakes  
9:30am DeLeon Springs State Park

A. Mon, February 18, 2019  
6:00p, Dinner at 7pm  
Ace Cafe Orlando Meetup



Our Sanford Rally ended at Hollerbach's Willow Tree Cafe. Oh the tales that will be told!



# A Special Events Update

The Mercedes Benz Club of Central Florida invites you!

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January 26-27

March 24

March 7-10

## **Rolex 24 at Daytona**

@ Daytona International Speedway

An increasing number of Mercedes are racing in this annual event. You are on your own for this one but several members will be in attendance. If its anything like last year, expect MBUSA to show up with drivable G-Klasses in an obstacle course and a huge AMG-hosted interactive tent. This 24hr endurance race is the kickoff of the IMSA 2019 season; expect to be impressed!

February 10

## **Mercedes, Manatees and Pancakes**

@ Deleon Springs State Park

Enjoy The Spanish Sugar Mill and Griddle House, ECO Boat tour and view the manatees. Arrive at the restaurant, 601 Ponce Deleon Boulevard, Deleon Springs 32130. Arrive at 9:30 at the restaurant for an extraordinary pancake breakfast and an educational and breathtaking view of the park replete with manatees grouping in the warm springs to escape the cool weather.

Ponce Deleon rediscovered his youth here, in a place inhabited by indigenous people for more than 5,000 years. Breakfast and tour are \$35.00 per person, (an entry fee to the park is \$6.00 and will be paid separately upon arrival at the gate. Make your check payable to MBCA, mail to Larry Barnes, 2708 Phillips Park, Ct. Winter Park, Fl 32789, or register online (details to follow).

## **Mercedes in Mount Dora**

@ the Lakeside Inn - Mercedes Benz aficionados from around the state are invited to participate in a car show at The Lakeside Inn in the heart of historic Mount Dora and nestled between landscaped grounds that sweep down to the white shoreline of Lake Dora. Built in 1883, Lakeside Inn is the oldest continuing operating hotel in Florida and it has only gained in charm and appeal over the years. The town of Mount Dora is a haven for artists, antique lovers, and water sports. Arriving in your new or vintage Mercedes Benz will add to the established class of the town for that day! Make a reservation at the hotel now for this special event. We look forward to making new friends from other parts of our State!

Our cars will be on display for both the towns' people and tourists and club members to enjoy! We will partake in a bountiful lunch in one of the hotel's historic dining rooms and a grand prize will be awarded for "BEST IN SHOW", as judged by the town's people, tourists and participants. There will be no cost for entry into the show --- just for an extraordinary lunch @ \$40/person. In the meantime, mark your calendars NOW... and reserve a room at the most historic hotel in Florida!

Don't allow these opportunities for camaraderie and fun pass you by!!!

## **Amelia Island**

### **Concours D'Elegance:**

Ranks as the top US car show long with Pebble Beach and Hilton Head. Members usually choose to stay at the Country Inn and Suites, 135 Lakes Boulevard, Kingland, GA. The event takes place on the exclusive Amelia Island, Fl, which happens to be the northernmost point in Florida. Although this is not a local Section event, this is a major National event, and will be worth your while if you're able to make it!

<https://www.ameliaconcours.org/>

April 18

### **Mercedes @ Majors Motors**

Social gathering with many other central Florida European car clubs at the fabulous M Motors, 2000 N. Orlando Avenue, Orlando. Be prepared to view the most exotic collection of vintage cars and memorabilia anywhere! 6:00 - 9:00 PM Complimentary parking for all guests. Individuals will be responsible for their own bar tab. No food - just camaraderie and fun!

<https://www.majorsbar.com/>

## **We need your help**

If you, or someone you know, would like to help with the club, we are in need of some folks that are able to volunteer a handful of hours each month.

Current open positions:

Vice President - assists the President with club business and can stand in when needed.

Assistant Secretary - able to attend monthly business meetings and take meeting minutes, and general support for our Secretary.

Photography - someone with a good eye for painting pictures with a digital lens and can use a computer.

Please write the President if you are interested at [Hartmann.r@att.net](mailto:Hartmann.r@att.net).

*The Lakeside Inn at Mt Dora - A beautiful backdrop for our upcoming car show.*

*Tell your friends in other MBCA sections across the state, they're all invited.*

