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Ace Cafe at the first Mercedes-Benz only night.
Feb 4, 2019. Great turnout!

President's Address

Fasten your seat belts folks, as the month of March holds a plethora of local Mercedes-Benz motoring events. While it seems that most of the cold weather is gone for this year, it's still appropriate for top down or windows open adventures. March 4th kicks off with our monthly Mercedes-Benz get together at Ace Cafe, sponsored in part by Mercedes-Benz of South Orlando. The weekend of March 9-10 sees the start of the classic car show year with another edition of the Amelia Island Concourse de Elegance, held at Amelia Island, Florida. Saturday's Cars & Coffee will feature enthusiasts and their cars from around the country, while Sunday's main event highlights rare and priceless automotive icons. And if that were not enough, on March 24th we'll be holding our second Mercedes-Benz Car Show at the historic Lakeside Inn in beautiful Mt Dora. Display spaces are still available, but even if you don't want to show off your pride and joy, make it a point to join us for this fun event and share your passion with other Mercedes-Benz owners. Until then, travel safe and follow that three-pointed star. -Hartmann

Ace Cafe February

History has been made! Monday February 4th was the first Mercedes-Benz only night. We had all classes represented except B, V and X (yes, A was included) and AMG with a count of over 30 cars. Mercedes-Benz of South Orlando provided a handful of new models to display along with a drawing for some awesome door prizes: First place was an 'A service', second was a wheel alignment, third was \$100 in parts. A great big thanks to Ivan Delgado for arranging those goodies. Not only that, but Ace Cafe also had two \$25 gift card give-aways (Thanks Tara Bush).. One car of note was a spectacular gullwing AMG SLS 6.3 with Montana plates. For more pics, [see here](#). A big thanks to the Porsche club of Central Florida for hosting us and allowing us to share their night for 2018. We are forever grateful. -Douglas

Upcoming Events

1. Mon, March 4, 6pm
Mercedes-Benz Night w/ MBSO
Dinner at 7pm
[Ace Cafe Orlando](#)
2. March 7-10
Amelia Island Concours D'Elegance
www.ameliaconcours.org
3. Sat, March 9, 10am
Owner's Clinic
[MB of Orlando \(Maitland\)](#)
4. Sat, March 16
Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring
[12Hrs of Sebring 2019](#)
5. Thurs, March 21, 6pm
Club Business Meeting
[MBar Orlando](#)
6. Sun, March 24
Mercedes in Mt. Dora Car Show
Register Now!
[Lakeside Inn, Mt Dora](#)
7. Mon, April 1
Mercedes Night, Dinner at 7pm
[Ace Cafe Orlando](#)
8. Sat, April 13, 10am
Owner's Clinic
[MB of Orlando \(Maitland\)](#)
9. Wed, April 17, 6pm
European Car Social
[MBar Orlando](#)



Getting to know your Mercedes-Benz at the
MB Orlando Owner's Seminar - check club
calendar for future seminars.





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March 7 -10

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/> -Bohl

April 17

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/> -Bohl



Central Florida Section hangs our flag at Ace Cafe every first monday of the month!

March 24

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. Mark your calendars NOW... and reserve a room at the most historic hotel in Florida! Pricing is as follows: \$40.00 Car Registration (incl. one (1) lunch). \$25.00 Additional Lunch [\[read more\]](#)

Three awards will be available:

1. People's Choice: voted by non-participants and attending public.
 2. Best in Show: voted by participants.
 3. Vintage Dream: '85 and prior eligible. Voted by special committee of the Central Florida Board. (Rolle, Hedary and Hartmann)
- Benno and the Backhaus will also be contributing a cake for the oldest car.

-Mt Dora Committee: Deifel, Bohl, Hixson and Villanueva.



Trimmed out brand new A class @ Ace Cafe Feb' Thanks Ivan and MBSO for the great cars!

Did you miss it?

Since the last newsletter, we checked off the following events:

1. Mon, February 4, 6pm
Mercedes Night, Dinner at 7pm
Ace Cafe Orlando
[Our first Mercedes only night!](#)

2. Sat, February 9, 10am
Owner's Clinic
MB of Orlando (Maitland)

3. Wed, February 27, 6pm
Club Business Meeting
Ace Cafe Orlando

Looking for a high-quality newsletter (re)print delivered to your door?
Gazettes - \$10, Monthly's \$5, 12 editions \$50

Keys for your Car

Although a key tumbler change is inevitable on a classic, there are things you can do to keep your car starting time after time until then. If you're like me and like to have a 10lb key chain, it's time to break the chains! Lighten your load and use as few keys at a time when running your car. This may involve getting rid of the rabbit's foot and 'church' key to lighten the load, but something like a carabiner and a handful of keyrings, for each key/car you have can work wonders. Also, if your keys are worn, visit your Mercedes-Benz dealer and provide your VIN number and they'll cut you a new key; this will help keep the ignition working as it should. And what if you just have a keyfob? Well then, ignore everything I just said and instead add a Classic to your stable! -Douglas

Welcome New Members

02-01-19 to 02-28-19

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

[Vero Beach](#) - Ronald L.

[Winter Haven](#) - Tim A.

[Mims](#) - Charles A.

[Leesburg](#) - Allen S.

[Lakeland](#) - Gregory S. ('96 E320)





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Section Swag is coming

The Section has been working on getting a logo together and some embroidery done. Duane Jackson has taken the point on this and we will be advertising how to get your own swag very soon!

-Jackson & Douglas



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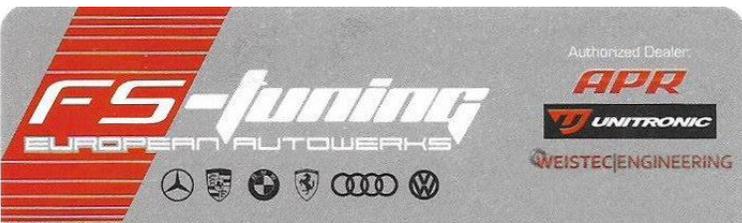
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