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Forward

Welcome to the June edition of our Newsletter. Remember to join us at Ace Cafe on the first Monday of the month, and our Ormond Loop Rally. -J..Douglas

Treasurer's Address

Larry Barnes

Allow me to first introduce myself; I am Larry Barnes, MBCA Central Florida Section Treasurer since October 2018. I have been with this Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Central Florida Section since we revitalized it back in September of 2017. I moved down here from Kansas City back in May of 2017 where I was with the MBCA Kansas City Section for 20 years, so as you can see, I didn't waste any time getting involved to help revive the club down here.

As with many of you, I truly enjoy driving my Mercedes-Benz and I am really looking forward to the upcoming Ormond Scenic Loop Cruise on June 8 (see more details in this newsletter). Since I am a relatively new resident of Central Florida, this type of cruise really peaked my interest which leads me to the message that I would like to touch on here in my inaugural address.

Driving events and social activities are the backbone of many car clubs and ours is no different. Many of you club members have been here in Florida a long time and some maybe not so long. Whichever the case, I am sure that somewhere along the line you have taken a scenic drive that overwhelmed you, visited a special town with unique interests, eaten at a one-of-kind restaurant or visited an unparalleled winery that you thoroughly enjoyed. Because there is so much this area has to offer when it comes to things to do and see that we are probably not aware of, this is where we can use your help. As one of the board members of this club, we only have so much manpower available that we can draw upon to try and uncover these hidden treasures. (cont on pg2)

Upcoming Events

1. Mon, June 3, 6pm
Mercedes-Benz Night
[Ace Cafe Orlando](#)
2. Sat, June 8, 10am
Owner's Clinic
[MB of Orlando \(Maitland\)](#)
3. Sat, June 8, 10am
Ormond Loop Rally
4. Wed, June 26, 6pm
Club Meeting at Ace Cafe
[Ace Cafe Orlando](#)
5. Mon, July 1, 6pm
Mercedes-Benz Night
[Ace Cafe Orlando](#)



Ace Cafe May

What a great turnout in May. About a dozen cars total, but it was complete and total enthusiasm for the brand. A V12 SL600, two E55 AMGs, and a immaculate W126 were among the special visitors. The weather and the company were perfect. Some months have more cars, some months have more enthusiasm; this month had the right mix of both. -Douglas



Fantastic time first monday of May at Ace Cafe



MBar Rooftop, April '19





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June 8

Ormond Loop Rally

Come join us on a fun cruise around the Ormond Loop. Talk about photo opportunity and memories galore! We start in DeLeon Springs (north of Deland), over to Bunnell, then to Ormond Beach, then a tour through the Rockefeller mansion, ending all with a tasty lunch. Cost is \$25, [See flier here](#) Douglas & Hixson

Treasurer's Address (cont)

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We are constantly trying to think of things to see and do to keep the club fun and informative for everyone, so if you would like to share any of your experiences, feel free to contact any of us listed in this newsletter. I am not suggesting that anyone must organize an event, even though you can certainly help if you want, but to simply to provide us with a brief scenario and we can take it from there. It would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you all very much and I hope to see all of you at the Ormond Scenic Loop Cruise! -L.Barnes

Welcome New Members

03-31-19 to 04-30-19

- We're so glad to see you've joined and can't wait to meet you at our next event.
- The Villages - Kenneth M. (GLC300, SL500)
- Lakeland - Rick G. Titusville - Thomas P.
- Ormond Beach - Robert M. (SL550, ML350)
- Polk City - Michael C. (SL500)
- Orlando - Janemarie B, Dave S. (450SL)

Extra special thanks to all you who renewed membership!



Petronas F1 helmets are rad - Photo by Lewis Hamilton

May Sanford Zoo Outing

Jay Hixson, John and Peggy Bohl, John Sponza, Merry Jane Blankenship and the Bohl's son and grandson spent a fabulous day at the Sanford Zoo and Botanical Garden. We were impressed by the varied collection of reptiles, primates and mammals housed in a beautiful setting of Florida fauna. Our picnic on a shaded space on the zoo grounds was relaxing and gave us a chance to discuss many things and especially our cars!

The goal of this scheduled event was to encourage members to attend, have fun and to attract new members. Despite only a few members responding, we certainly achieved our goal. We enjoyed our experience and, most of all, enjoyed newly formed friendships and had a lot of fun.

John and MJ (MBZ 560 SL) have already signed up for the Ormond Loop extravaganza on June 8th in their maroon classic! Details to follow. We will rally together to the winter home of John D. Rockefeller and then have lunch at a fabulous restaurant...and afterwards, I shall go to the beach! -Bohl



We caught Jay Hixson asking a stumped George the Giraffe a knock-knock joke

Did you miss it?

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

1. Mon, May 6, 6pm Mercedes-Benz Night [Ace Cafe Orlando](#)
2. Sat, May 11, 10am Owner's Clinic [MB of Orlando \(Maitland\)](#)
3. Sat, May 18, 10am Outing at Sanford Zoo [Central Florida Zoo](#)
4. Thurs, May 24, 6pm Business Meeting at MBar [MBar Orlando](#)

October Elections

Coming up this October, we have Section Elections. Positions up for election are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Current office holders include Bob Hartmann (Prez), Jon Douglas (VP), Tom Quinn (Sec) and Larry Barnes (Treas). If you would like to drop your name in the hat and feel you have the commitment, drive, and most of all devotion to the brand, then write the section mailbox and let us know what you'd like to do and why you feel you're qualified.

Other chairs are normally appointed, but one that is opening in October is Newsletter Editor.

Stay tuned for more details...

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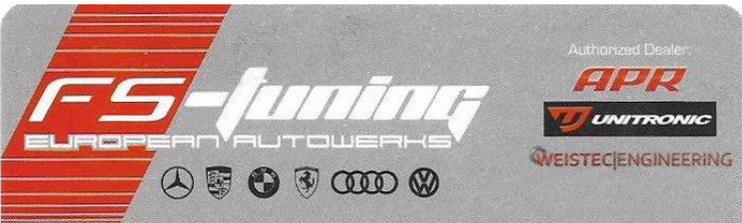


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