



# Old Dominion Star



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## President's Note

Dear Central VA Section:

As this is my first message to you as President of the Section, I would like to introduce myself quickly and then move on to the goals for the section that we on the Board have for the next few years. I had been Secretary of our section for several years before stepping in for now Regional Director Greg Magnus; I joined MBCA when I was 15 years old, a year before I could even (legally) drive my first car, a 1970 280SE sedan. Fifteen years and many Mercedes-Benz cars later, I'm pleased to have such a role in Central Virginia's section.

That said, I'd like the section to focus on more collaboration in the future with neighboring sections, like the Greater Washington and Virginia (Williamsburg/VA Beach area) sections, to include more hands-on technical events and some driving events, in addition to rallies and social visits to historic sites and other places of interest. In February, I joined the Greater Washington section to tour a collection of Tucker automobiles and paraphernalia in

Alexandria; see some images in this newsletter. Also, our recent Technical Session at Brown Mercedes-Benz in Charlottesville drew a varied crowd from multiple sections, the perfect opportunity to promote our next upcoming event, a scenic rally and picnic on the water at Urbanna, which promises to be well-attended (see registration form in this newsletter). In addition to that, I'd like our Central VA section members to start thinking about possible locations for holding technical sessions, whether at your favorite independent technician's shop, or in a member's driveway.

For example, how many members could benefit from a driveway session in which we replaced a power window regulator, or learned to trace a vacuum leak? Something to think about.

Also, we as a section might think about large, empty parking lot locations for holding an autocross-type driving event, whether in Charlottesville, Richmond, Fredericksburg, or someplace in between. I know there are Central VA section members who would like to wear a few miles off of their tires while exploring the dynamics of their cars. Our neighboring sections have graciously offered to help us coordinate such an event; we would be remiss not to take them up on such an offer.

Please feel free to contact me with event ideas or locations, and I look forward to meeting and visiting again with you soon.

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## Event Reminder

### July 8

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Tour Agecroft Hall and then rallye with us to the river! We invite you to a day on the Rappahannock River for a "Crab & Fried Chicken Picnic" including boating, games, lounging on the pier and meeting new friends from several Mid-Atlantic Region sections. Central Virginia Section Directors, Robyn & Gary Tyer, have graciously invited us to their home - registration form and additional details inside.

### Please Note

We publish an enhanced version of this newsletter electronically. To receive the email version, please make sure MBCA has your email address: 800-637-2360 or [www.mbca.org](http://www.mbca.org) to update your contact information.

Members receive the email newsletter usually a week or so before the snail mail. You'll also receive last minute event updates.



Tech Session at Brown Mercedes Charlottesville, VA



Tech Session - Brown Mercedes

## Central Virginia Section Events

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We'll meet at Agecroft Hall for a tour of the historic site in the morning and then rallye to the picnic in Urbanna where other section members will join us. See page 4 of this newsletter for registration information.

## Mid-Atlantic & National Events

### **Celebrate MBCA's 50th Anniversary**

Several unique events are planned throughout the year including a Historic Route 66 Tour, a Chicagoland 50th Anniversary Gala, and a dinner party at the MBUSA Classic Center in Irvine, CA. Please visit [www.mbca50th.org](http://www.mbca50th.org) for infor.

### **June 9-11 June Jamboree Montvale, N.J.**

An expanded NNJS 43rd Annual June Jamboree Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of MBCA. Concours, party and more. Plus a Safe Driving Seminar and Autocross at Mercedes-Benz USA Headquarters in Montvale, NJ. Contact [JosephGrattan@aol.com](mailto:JosephGrattan@aol.com) for additional information.

### **June 15-16 Performance Driving Event VA International Raceway**

(w/Audi and BMW clubs)  
Virginia International Raceway is located in South Boston, VA. For more info, contact Joe Wozney at 703.437.7866 or via email at [JoeWozney@aol.com](mailto:JoeWozney@aol.com)  
Web: [www.GWS-MBCA.org](http://www.GWS-MBCA.org)

### **August 20 GWS Annual Picnic & Concours d'Elegance**

(Rain date is August 27)  
Cost for the picnic is \$15/person (\$20 at the gate). Call Eric Wagner for info: 703-549-5261.

### **September 12-15 East Coast Drive to Chicago**

For start of 50th Anniversary Route 66 drive. Contact Doug Ochwat at 908-850-9643 or via email: [daocatswamp@yahoo.com](mailto:daocatswamp@yahoo.com)

### **October 1 - 5 StarFest 2006**

Las Vegas, NV  
National MBCA event. Contact Don Loyd, Las Vegas Section, for more information: 702.253.0407; or visit: [www.mbca-lasvegas.org](http://www.mbca-lasvegas.org)

### **Editor's Note**

For a comprehensive listing of events for the Mid-Atlantic Region, please visit this website: [www.mbca.org/mid-atlantic/](http://www.mbca.org/mid-atlantic/) (go to the bottom of the page and you'll see the link)

## Welcome New Members

The Central Virginia Section welcomes all its new members. We hope you will join us soon at one of our upcoming events. Please call any officer for information on our activities and find out how you can get more involved.

Our next board meeting will be held immediately following the Urbanna Rallye & Picnic event (all members are welcome).

## Cruising the Web

**Central Virginia Section**  
[www.mbca.org/cva/](http://www.mbca.org/cva/)

### **MBCA Club Forums**

<http://mbca.cartama.net>  
Tech Help, Vintage Talk, Club Events, etc. (*Editor's Pick*)

**Mercedes-Benz Club of Am.**  
[www.mbca.org](http://www.mbca.org)

**MBCA 50th Anniversary**  
[www.mbca50th.org](http://www.mbca50th.org)

**Greater Washington Section**  
[www.gws-mbca.org](http://www.gws-mbca.org)

**International 190SL Group**  
<http://190slgroup.com>

**M-B Classic Ctr USA**  
[www.mbusa.com/classic](http://www.mbusa.com/classic)

**Mercedes Shop**  
[www.mercedesshop.com](http://www.mercedesshop.com)

**Mercedes-Benz AG**  
[www.mercedes-benz.com](http://www.mercedes-benz.com)

**Daimler-Benz AG**  
[www.daimler-benz.com](http://www.daimler-benz.com)

**MB Dealer Network**  
[www.mercedes-net.com](http://www.mercedes-net.com)

**Autobytel** [www.autobytel.com](http://www.autobytel.com)

**Edmunds** [www.edmunds.com](http://www.edmunds.com)

**Hemmings** [www.hmn.com](http://www.hmn.com)

**Kelly Blue Book** [www.kbb.com](http://www.kbb.com)

**AutoWeek** [www.autoweek.com](http://www.autoweek.com)

(Add websites to this listing, contact our editor at: [greg@eoecho.com](mailto:greg@eoecho.com))

## Classified Ads

**SLK230 Early Edition 1998:** Yellow/charcoal leather. 66k miles. All factory options plus aftermarket options. Excellent condition, \$22,000 Call Mike at 610-274-8611, or mwazie@comcast.net

**600 SL, 1998:** Black/gray. 28K miles, panoramic roof. AMG wheels. Collector quality. All services up to date. Possible trades. Garaged & covered. \$48,000. Call Richard 410-827-3200.

**300 SL, 1990:** Silver gray/navy leather. 54K miles! One owner for past 11 years. Two tops, CD player, factory phone, perfect paint & interior. Looks new, runs great. Four new Michelin Z-rated tires, garaged. \$14,000, contact Joe at 703-256-3930 for more info.

**560 SEC Coupe, 1989:** Black and tan beauty. \$87k when new. Fuel injected, dual air bags, anti-lock brakes, sunroof, plus every option. 117K miles. Great shape. \$7,500. Call Hugh at 202-216-2229, or email honeill@jwidc.com

**450 SL, 1977:** Bronze/tan leather, mint condition. 106K miles, 2 tops, V-8. Garage kept, original owner. Asking \$10,900. Call Judy at 703-620-9091.

**280 SL, 1970:** Silver/red leather, 93K original miles, auto, 6-cyl. fuel injected, hard & soft top,

jumpseat, AC, Original tool kit, owners & parts manuals. \$30,000, call Tom 410-414-8014 or email sdhyatt15@aol.com

**220 S Sedan (Ponton), 1958:** Rebuilt engine; owned since 1976, last driven 1986 (garaged). Many extra parts (e.g., transmission, grille, etc.). MB shop manuals. Minimal rust. Leather upholstery shot. Needs paint. Runs rough on 1986 gas. Best offer. Call Harold at 703-361-7334 or email devnull2@earthlink.net

**Tires:** Four 205/55R16 ContiTouring Contact tires removed from a 1999 CLK320. Three are fair; one is nearly new—\$100; Eight "Bundt Cake" alloy wheels, 14/6.5" ET 30—\$23 each. These wheels have a W126 part number but fit a W123; Headlights for a W116—\$125. Contact Ted at 703-893-3030.

**New Deluxe Custom Fit Car Cover for 560 SL:** Kimberly Clark's newest film barrier fabric stops dust particles but still allows moisture vapor or heat to escape. Tan. \$150. Also selling dark blue hard top (for '73-'89 560 SL). Mint condition. \$500. Call Jim at 410-476-5274.

### MBCA National Bus. Office Needs Your Email Address

Over the last few years, we have been able to add "extra," last-minute events to our schedule. The newsletter is not the most timely method of notifying you of something new or updates.

MBCA rules are very clear: your addresses will not be sold or otherwise distributed. The National Business Office (NBO) currently maintains a list of members' email addresses. The list is only used to send notices, electronic copies of the newsletter and reminders. Don't miss out on a single event, call 800-637-2360 to update your information.

### Address Changed?

MBCA headquarters manages all member addresses. Please do not send address changes to the *Old Dominion Star*. Your contact information for address changes is:

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# Join us for a Rallye and Picnic in Urbanna

## ~ July 8, 2006 ~

On July 8, 2006 the Central Virginia Section invites our neighboring sections to join us for a wonderful day on the Rappahannock River. Our journey will begin at 10:00 AM at Agecroft Hall, a 15th century English Manor House which was disassembled and brought piece by piece to the banks of the James River in 1925 as a private residence.

After touring the beautiful gardens we will receive our maps and set out on the scenic route to the river. By 12:30 we will arrive at the home of Robyn & Gary Tyer, ready to welcome our other guests.

There will be boating, fishing (bring your rod), swimming, croquet, water skiing, tubing and of course, fine dining and making new friends. We have ordered Judy's homemade fried chicken from the Urbanna Café along with her famous coleslaw, baked beans and bread pudding with vanilla sauce. AND... for the crab lovers, we will have fresh from the river steamed crabs. Your favorite beverages will also be provided, and feel free to bring what you like.

Please join us for the rallye or simply meet us at Urbanna at your leisure. We will have a professional photographer available for photos of your automobile and friends against a picturesque river backdrop.

To join us in Richmond for our rallye to the picnic, please meet us at Agecroft Hall; directions at magquest.com (Agecroft Hall Zip Code is 23221) or call Robyn or Gary at 804-358-8380 for additional information.

Please fill out the registration form and mail it with your payment as soon as possible. We have several people signed up already. We hope you can join us!



### Directions to the picnic location:

#### From DC:

1. Take I-95 S to US-1 / Rt 17 South, just past Fredericksburg
2. Continue to follow US 17 South - about 67 miles
3. When the VA Raceway is on your right you are < 1 mile to next turn
4. Turn left onto Water View Rd/US 640 (Big John's gas station at corner)
5. After about 1 mile the road will fork. Stay to your left, on Rt. 640
6. After about another 3 ½ miles you will pass the fire house on left
7. Go ½ mile and road will turn sharply left then right again
8. Turn left at 2nd dirt road - Oyster House Lane
9. Approx. the 7th house on right (new ones pop up fast).

The house has a white fence around the entire yard with "Tyer" at entrance. Keep the Crepe Myrtle trees on your right and come straight down the drive. Look for a 1920's white clapboard house with black shutters. WELCOME!

#### From Va. Beach

1. Take I-64 W toward Richmond for about 25 miles
2. Merge onto US-17 via exit 258B toward Yorktown and go about 48 miles (do not follow signs into Urbanna)
3. Turn right onto Water View Rd / US 640
4. Pick up from direction #5 above

## Urbanna Rallye & Picnic Registration Form

(Please register as soon as possible or by June 26)

**When:** Saturday, July 8, 2006  
**Meet at:** Agecroft Hall (10:00 A.M.) or at picnic location (Noon)  
**Caravan to:** Urbanna (caravan leaves at 11 A.M. sharp)  
**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mem.#** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**No. Attending** (\$15 / person): \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Will you join us at: Agecroft Hall: \_\_\_\_\_ or meet us at  
 Picnic location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:** "MBCA Central VA Section"

Please mail a copy of this form with your payment to:

Robyn Tyer  
 4308 Cambridge Rd., Richmond, Va 23221  
 5100 Monument Avenue, Ste. 1009, Richmond, VA 23230

Phone Robyn & Gary Tyre if you have questions: **804-358-8380**

## Out & About With My MBCA Friends

*So much asphalt, so little time.*



An annual event - and a favorite club event for many - the Tech Session once again was a great success this year thanks to Brown Mercedes in Charlottesville.

Year after year members gather in the service garage to learn about their automobiles and benefit from the technical inspection provided by the areas top Mercedes-Benz mechanics. But that's not all.

Members also enjoy discounts on parts, learning about other makes and models, technical demonstrations, and the commroderly of fellow members during the days activities.

This is one event many members just won't ever miss.



It was an overcast day as members gathered at the Monticello Visitor's Center, but tops were down when the caravan left for Scottsville, VA; destination Gilbert Somers' Farm.

After a spectacular drive through the countryside, we arrived at Gil's farm to find barns filled with an eclectic assortment of automobiles. A Mercedes here, a Model-T over there. Dozens of cars everywhere.

Several cars were meticulously restored; others dust covered diamonds in the rough. Gil shared colorful stories for each and every car.



By early afternoon, the grills were smoking and the air filled with "my first car" stories. Memories, pleasant conversation and more adventure in store.

We deflected the current of thought and walked over to Gil's stained-glass restoration studio for a rare treat. Delicate works of art gingerly rested on work tables and large church windows hung on the wall. We pondered the artist's craft as we glanced at pencil drawings scattered about.

To top it off we enjoyed delicious, mouth watering treats; everyone brought their favorite dessert.



Photo rally, winery tour, holiday party, and the list of local events goes on. And, if you want more there are literally hundreds of events held throughout the country ever year. One of my personal favorites is the Greater Washington Section's Annual Picnic held in Potomac, MD (August).

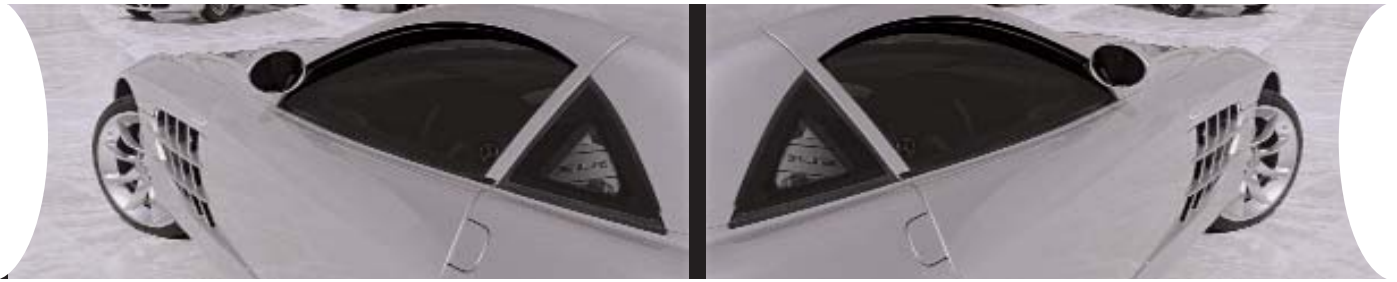
Other favorites include national events such as Starfest (this coming October in Las Vegas) and regional events such as the leadership meeting - held this past February at the Mercedes-Benz Vehicle Prep Center in Baltimore, MD.

We hope to see you out and about with your MBCA friends.



MBCA and Turner Publishing Company are pleased to announce a new and unique book highlighting the MBCA as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary. This commemorative book features a large collection of never before published photographs and memorabilia that highlight the first 50 years of the MBCA. The author of this quality-crafted book is MBCA member Bruce Adams.

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