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**Mercedes-Benz Club of America
Indianapolis 500 Section**

Oct/Nov 2013

Huber's Restaurant & Huber Winery

Come join our MBCA 500 section for our (not quite annual) trip down to Huber's Restaurant, and the Huber Winery, in beautiful Starlight Indiana. Good food, Good wine (to bring back home, don't drink and drive), and good company. This will be probably our 4th or 5th trip down there, and its always a good time. Family style dining at Joe Huber's restaurant, along with his market etc., and then we will scoot over to the Huber winery, for their winery, ice cream shop, farmers market, and many other diversions.

Mike Doughty, who grew up in the area, will meet us and take us in the scenic "Back Way" around the Knobs, so make sure to bring your cameras.

Date, Sunday, November 3rd. (colts are playing away)

Meet at the Starbucks, at 3925 E. Southport Rd, (exit 103- I65 S) promptly at 10 AM just west of 65, next to LA fitness.

This is about a 2 hour drive, and we will stop at a rest stop on the way down. (Make sure your car is filled up prior to leaving Starbucks)

If you have any questions, Call Kevin Williams @ 317-514-7070 or Ken Salter @ 317-695-5835

Hope to see you with us!
RSVP to Kevin Williams, RKW50@me.com,

Annual 500 Section Holiday Party at Maggianos



As the extensive menu has not been finalized, if there is something special you would like to see on the menu, please contact Kevin Williams at rkevwill@mac.com. As last year, dinner will be served buffet style. You will not leave hungry!



Keep the date open, on December 8th, at 1pm for our annual 500 Section Holiday party! Because the feedback was so positive, and the quality of service was so superb, we are again having it at Maggianos. This year, we are having it in a much larger room, so everyone will have a bit more elbow room.

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A classier S class

Mercedes refines safety and comfort features on flagship sedan



The S class's styling hasn't been radically changed but the shape is more modern.

Michael Specht

Automotive News Europe

September 20, 2013 06:01 CET

TORONTO -- Mercedes-Benz has added new technological and comfort features to the S class to help its flagship remain the world's top-selling luxury sedan.

"Our aspiration was to build the best car in the world," said Thomas Weber, the brand's development boss. The S class achieves that goal by setting new benchmarks in safety, driving comfort, efficiency and interior quality, Weber said at the car's press launch here.

Safety and driver-assistance packages on the S class have been combined into a function called Intelligent Drive. They include systems to help prevent collisions, a pedestrian-recognition feature and lane-keeping, parking, distance-control and night-vision assistance.

An impressive feature is the Magic Body Control that uses a camera to scan the road ahead and adjusts the suspension so the car glides over bumps.

Interior comfort equipment includes a hot-stone massage function, leg rest on the front passenger seat, armrest heating and thermo-cupholders.

Mercedes said it focused development of the S class on the long-wheelbase version, which is popular in China where executives are driven by chauffeurs. The aim was to ensure rear passengers travel in first-class comfort. With that in mind, one optional seat configuration allows a passenger to nearly lay flat.

Mercedes will offer the S class with a gasoline engine and two diesel engines, as well as gasoline- and diesel-electric hybrid powertrains. The automaker will also add a plug-in hybrid S-class variant next year with fuel consumption of 3 liters per 100km (94 UK mpg/78 U.S. mpg) and CO2 emissions of 69 grams per kilometer.

In Europe, Mercedes expects the 258-hp V-6 diesel variant to account for 70 percent of S-class sales. It has CO2 emissions of 147g/km. This model will not be sold in the United States or China.

Last year, Mercedes sold 65,128 units of the S class worldwide, making it the best-selling upper-premium sedan.

THE BASICS

Launch date: July (Europe); October (China, U.S.)

Base price: 79,790 euros (Germany)

Platform: MRA (Mercedes-Benz Rear Wheel Architecture)

Where built: Sindelfingen, Germany

Annual sales: 80,000 (industry forecast)

Main rivals: BMW 7 series, Audi A8, Lexus LS, Jaguar XJ

FAST FACTS

Target buyers: High earners seeking luxury and the latest technology.

What's good: Magic Body Control adds a new dimension of driving comfort.

What's bad: No Internet access without a smartphone; no head-up display.

New technology: 360-degree all-round vision; first car to use full-LED lighting.

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2013/2014 EVENT SCHEDULE

For the latest event information see our website - www.mbca500section.com

<p>OCTOBER 2013</p> <p>Louisville Concours d'Elegance West Baden, IN</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 2013</p> <p>Huber Winery Starlight, IN Sunday November 3rd</p>	<p>DECEMBER 2013</p> <p>Holiday Party Magianno's Keystone at the Crossing Sunday, December 8th</p>
<p>JANUARY 2014</p> <p>Board Meeting</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 2014</p> <p>Valentine's Day Brunch Location Open</p>	<p>MARCH 2014</p> <p>Board Meeting</p>
<p>APRIL 2014</p> <p>Tech Session</p>	<p>MAY 2014</p> <p>Indianapolis 500 Event(s)</p>	<p>JUNE 2014</p> <p>Defensive Driving/Autocross Center Grove High School 2117 S. Morgantown Road</p>
<p>JULY 2014</p> <p>Open</p>	<p>AUGUST 2014</p> <p>Show n' Shine Carmel Clay Park West</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 2014</p> <p>Open</p>



2011 GELÄNDEWAGEN
 WITH 350 BLUETEC DIESEL ENGINE

PHOTOGRAPH BY AXEL CATTON

Hilton Head Concours

Motoring Festival and Concours d'Elegance November 2 - 3, 2013

Hilton Head Island, known best for its white sandy beaches and, what seems like, its infinite number of golf courses, its something else that takes center stage on the tranquil barrier island the first weekend in November - world class automobiles. Plan to attend the annual Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance as it moves this year to its new location at the Port Royal Golf Club. This event combines the incredible destination of Hilton Head Island and nearby Savannah with some glorious events. Those who attend will be treated to a fantastic weekend.

Playing host to some of the country's finest collector automobiles, Hilton Head Island sets a beautiful backdrop with its majestic live oaks and draping Spanish moss. With everything from jaw-dropping classics to two-wheeled machines to wooden boats to amazing beach mobiles, Hilton Head Island brings out the car lover in all of us. Saturday, the Car Club Jamboree will be held, car clubs traveling from throughout the U.S. will participate. The Car Club Jamboree offers an eclectic mix of cars from the 1940s to current vintage including muscle cars, hot rods to European sports cars.

Saturday evening we have secured the upstairs at the Old Oyster Factory www.oldoysterfactory.com for dinner where we will have a beautiful view of the marsh. (Please note that there is no elevator serving the upper floor, if we are notified by September 13th that you wish to attend but are unable to navigate stairs, we will be able to move this event downstairs) You will be able to pick from the menu and pay at the dinner. We will need to let them know how many will be coming so registration is required. There will be a drawing for door prizes, only MBCA Peachtree members who register by October 20th will be eligible to win prizes. You may register with the event planner (Daryl Williams) via Motor Sports Registration (our new registration website) Hilton Head Concours Dinner, mail, e-mail or phone call. The old Oyster factory is located at 101 Marshland Road.

The Sunday Concours, will honor Porsche as the featured marquee. Cars from the brass era through the early 70s will compete for prizes within their class as well as people's choice and best of show.

It is not too early to secure your lodging. Many use time shares or rent condos or for hotel lodging you may wish to consider:

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Tickets for the Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance and Car Club Jamboree can be purchased on their website in advance at www.hhiconcours.com or at the gate on the day of the event.

Questions? Please contact event planner: Daryl K Williams e-mail dwilli3038@aol.com 678-425-5171 for more information or directions.



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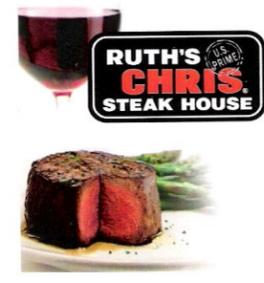
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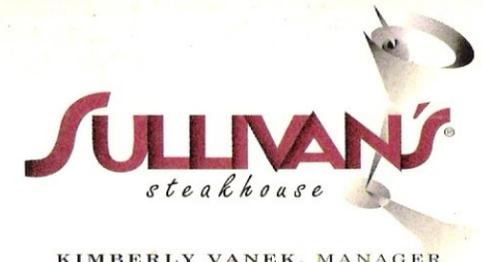


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Huber Winery Tour

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To the Mercedes-Benz Enthusiast:

TECH TALK

Winter's Coming Is your car ready? by Gary Anderson

With winter on the way, in the colder climates you need to prepare your car for safety.

If you'll be driving the car in cold, snowy, or icy conditions, start by checking the tires. If you drive on icy pavement and in the snow, seriously consider changing to winter tires with tread and rubber that suit the lower temperatures and slick conditions. In any case, make sure that the tires, including the spare, are inflated to the pressures indicated on the label on the door jamb or fuel-filler door.

Check your coolant, belts, and hoses. With the greater difference between ambient temperature and engine temperature, the cooling system will be under greater stress. Make very sure that your coolant/antifreeze mixture is balanced properly.

Vision is important. Replace your wiper blades if you haven't done so this year. Make sure your windshield washer fluid reservoir is full with the recommended fluid. Make sure your heater, defroster, and screen warmer are all working properly.

Check the battery(ies) to make sure the posts and cables are clean of corrosion. If the battery is three years old or more, consider replacing it. At the very least, check the charging system to make sure it's working properly. Cold starts and running the heater stress the battery, and you don't want to find yourself stranded without the ability to start the car or run the heater.

Pack an emergency kit in the car, including a blanket, extra boots, gloves, and a change of warm clothing. A good ice scraper and brush should be easily accessible. Flares and a flashlight with fresh batteries are important. High calorie snacks and drinking water should be included if you'll be outside the urban area. Make sure your cell phone works. An additional cell phone battery is a good idea as well.

If you're driving in snow conditions, pack a set of chains, and make sure you know how to install them. Practice in your driveway now so that at night in a snowstorm you'll know what to do.