

The Enchanted Star



New Mexico Section

August 2016

A NOTE FROM JO



Summer is flying by. The annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Saturday launch breakfast hosted by *Mercedes Benz of Albuquerque* is scheduled for Saturday October 1st and I've already begun menu selections for our annual holiday party ... assembling some fun door prizes and soliciting input from the members. The evening will include a brief general meet-

ing to present the results of the 2016 election, and to announce the 2017 NM Section leadership. With your participation, it will be a fun and entertaining evening to include some member recognition ... so mark your calendars for Sunday, December 4th.

We have said farewell to another long-time member of the NM Section, Van White, who passed away at the end of May. Lore and Van gave their all in enhancing the New Mexico Section. They will be long remembered for all of their contributions. They have reached their final resting place at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. They leave behind beloved family members and Putter the dog.

We encourage all of you to send us your ideas and suggestions, and to participate in as many events as possible. Remember ... you can access our website at newmexico.mbca.org to review all event details.

Benefits of the MBCA Membership

- The Star magazine
- 10% discount on parts and service at Mercedes Benz of Albuquerque and other participating dealerships.
- 15% discount on parts from the MB Classic Center
- 2016 Loyalty Rewards Program
- Airstream Loyalty Program
- Additional discounts at mbca.org/member-benefits

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

- Larry Mailliard
- Karen Schwartz
- Shuping Xiao

GRUET WINERY BRUNCH & CAR SHOW



Thank you to Scott Brinkley & Marie Haycock for doing such a great job in organizing the Gruet Winery brunch and car show.

Thirty-six New Mexico Section members gathered at world-renowned Gruet Winery in Albuquerque, NM the morning of July 23rd for hors d'oeuvres, brunch with mimosa bar, and a Mercedes-Benz car show. By a wide margin, members awarded Section Secretary Paul Phipps' masterfully repainted 1966 230SL First Place. Darrel Gustin's W124 500E, the rare and now highly sought after sport sedan resulting from a late-1980s Daimler-Porsche collaboration, took Second. Third Place went to Andrew Schultz's 220S, a fine example of Heckflosse-era S-Class with brightwork in remarkable condition. Special thanks to *Mercedes-Benz of Albuquerque* for furnishing door prizes and an example of the beautiful and technology-laden W213 E-Class for display at the event.





Celebrating Raymond Sinwell's (our treasurer, or "keeper of the privy purse" as he prefers!) birthday at the July board meeting.

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10% DISCOUNT

Mercedes Benz of Albuquerque offers 10% parts and labor discount with any service! Show your membership card for discount.

Be sure to let MB of Albuquerque know how much you appreciate their support for the Club!



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR –
MBCA A REGIONAL EVENT**

SEPTEMBER 9-11, 2016

Mesa Verde National Park & 4-Corners Monument.



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In Memory of Lore & Van White - Mr. & Mrs. Mercedes Benz of New Mexico



The New Mexico Section has lost two of its most dedicated and long-tenured members with the recent passing of Van on May 29, 2016. Van was recognized as recruiter extraordinaire. He had been known to stop in an intersection to hand off a membership application to a Mercedes Benz driver. His recruiting efforts were recognized many times over the years. Van's motto was, "Everyone's a prospect until they buy or die!" That motto served him well, both in business and with his involvement with the New Mexico Section.

Van was very involved in his community and was a member of several organizations. He helped found the Executive Association of Greater Albuquerque (EAGA), and the New Mexico Section of the MBCA. He was one of the founding sponsors of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, and was a member of the Albuquerque Country Club, 100 Club and the Elks.

Lore passed away on February 27, 2015. She had served as NM Section President for many years. Lore possessed a special talent for organizing events and was relentless in encouraging members to participate in the various events. Lore was proud to serve as a board member of many local organizations in Albuquerque.

She served on the oversight building committee for the Albuquerque Convention Center, and was president of the local Goodwill Industries for three of the twenty-three years she spent with them. She served on many boards such as The Santa Fe Opera, The Pilot Club, The Navy League, Better Business Bureau, and the Albuquerque Little Theatre.

Lore & Van were longtime members of the Albuquerque Country Club where Lore, being an avid golfer, was a member of the Women's Golf Association, serving both as a board member, and president in 1984.

Van joined the Army Air Corps in 1941 and was part of the 8th Air Force, 303rd Bomb Group, stationed in Molesworth, England from 1942 to 1945. His time in the service was very significant part of his life, remaining life-long friends with his comrades in arms. He was so devoted to the 8th Air Force, he helped form the New Mexico Chapter of the 8th Air Force Historical Society, and was instrumental in the establishment of the National Museum of the Mighty 8th in Savannah, GA. A true patriot, he never missed a reunion.

In a private ceremony, Lore and Van will be interred at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

GET FREE MONTHS OF MEMBERSHIP

Current members who refer a friend to MBCA are rewarded with one **FREE** month of membership for each friend who joins the club. The more people you recruit, the more **FREE** months you receive (no limit). You can also receive **FREE** months of membership you renew: Renew for two years and get two months **FREE**; or renew for three years, get three months **FREE**.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

We want YOU to participate... Join us and have some fun!

Remember members may invite guests to any event!



2016 UPCOMING NM SECTION EVENTS

- **September 9-11** Mesa Verde/Four Corners Regional Event
- **October 1** Balloon Fiesta Launch Party
- **December 4** Holiday Party

Additional details will be provided in future newsletters and flyers .. so mark your calendars now.

TO ACCESS THE MBCA NM SECTION WEBSITE

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