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CALENDAR REMINDER

The next meeting of the general membership is scheduled for ***Saturday, August 25, 2012***. The meeting will be held at ***The Egg & I 6909 Menaul Blvd. NE (between Chili's & The Sheraton Hotel) beginning at 10:0AM***. Some agenda items include:

- Welcome of new members year- to-date in 2012
- Review and vote on amended bylaws
- Financial review
- Review of 2013 election process

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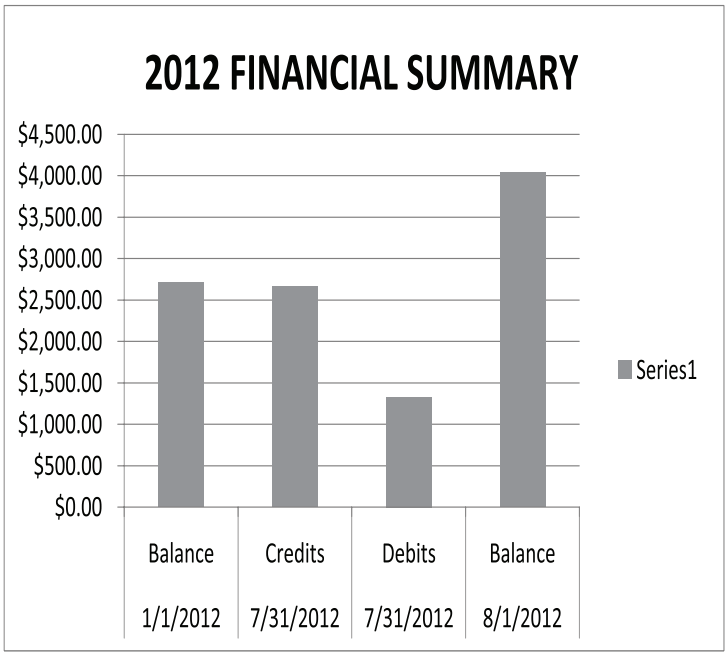

Car Stuff

Dates to Remember

Concours du Soleil, Albuquerque, NM www.seehotcars.com	September 14-16
Santa Fe Concorso, Santa Fe, NM www.santafeconcorso.com	September 28-30
Starfest 2012 Phoenix, AZ www.starfest2012.com	September 28 – October 3

NEW MEXICO SECTION FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2011

1/1/2011 checking & CD with Wells Fargo	$9,847.25
Deposits:	
Rebates/event funds from MBCA	$2,282.00
Newsletter income	$445.90
From events	$1,373.11
Donations for Autism	$1,725.00
Other income	$41.10
Total Deposits	$5,867.11
Disbursements:	
Newsletter expenses	$1,041.45
Gift check to Autism Society	$1,725.00
Event expenses	$7,023.10
Audit report	$214.00
Irregular expenses	$3,012.74
Total Disbursements	$13,016.29
12/31/2011 ending balance at Bank ofABQ	$2,698.07
12/31/2011 ending blance at Wells Fargo	$10.12
GRAND TOTAL	$2,708.19

OUT OF THE PAST

Drawing by John "Jack" Suttman

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

It's time for the annual nominations for members of the MBCA NM Section board for 2013. If you are interested in serving as a board member, please submit your name by the August 31, 2012 deadline. After the close of nominations, an election ballot will be sent out to the general membership for approval of the candidates. Please submit your nominations to any member of the nominating committee:

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Paul Phipps	505-299-3151	pfphipps@comcast.net
Tom Curry	505-275-5713	tomcurry31@gmail.com
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Nominations may be made by telephone, mail, or e-mail. Nominations should include the nominee's membership number. In addition to the executive committee (officers), there are slots for "at large" board members, as well as "honorary members." These board members typically serve on event committees, or have special talents/skills they are willing to share for the general good of the Section.

After the ballots have been received and tabulated, the elected board members will convene and elect the executive committee (officers) consisting of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The announcement of the new officers and board members will be communicated to the general membership in the Fall newsletter. If you have provided your email address to National with your other personal data, you will receive the announcement as soon as it is determined.

New Mexico Section Calender of Events

We Want YOU to Participate…….Come on out and have some fun!

August 25
General Membership Meeting & New Member Welcome The Egg & I, 6909 Menaul Blvd. NE (between Chili's & The Sheraton Hotel)

September 22
Oktoberfest Celebration & German Car Show Rio Rancho, NM

October 6
Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta Morning Launch Party – Albuquerque Mercedes Benz Dealership

December 8
Holiday Brunch for Members & Guests – 11:30AM Albuquerque Country Club (Flyer with reservation form will be mailed in early November)

BYLAWS of the New Mexico Section

MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

APPROVED by votes of the general membership of the New Mexico Section on _____ .

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

A. Members shall be classified in the following manner as shown in the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Inc. (MBCA) bylaws:

1. Active/Family Members (adult family members). In voting by Active/Family Members, only one vote per Active/Family membership is allowed (*i.e.*, one vote per MBCA member number).

2. Honorary Members shall be ***limited to four and shall be voted on annually by the Board of Directors.***

B. Membership in the Section is open to anyone who is in good standing with MBCA and who requests MBCA to have their membership affiliated with this Section.

ARTICLE II: SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member or members not in good standing with the MBCA shall automatically have their Section membership suspended until such time as they are restored to good standing in MBCA. Any member or members who have had their MBCA membership revoked shall automatically have their Section membership revoked.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The Officers of the Section shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. One person may hold more than one office at a time, except that no person may simultaneously hold the offices of President, ***Treasurer*** and Secretary.

B. The Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Board. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to manage the affairs of the Section between meetings of the Board of Directors.

C. The number of Directors of the Section shall be determined by a majority vote of the Executive Committee

D. The Board of Directors shall be elected ***every year*** by the Active/Family Members. The election process is as follows:

1. A Nominating Committee shall be established, chaired by the Immediate Past President, consisting of up to four other members of the Section in good standing appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board of Directors at the third quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors to be held in the month of July. If the immediate Past-President is not available to serve as Chairperson of the Committee, another Chairperson shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board of Directors.

2. The Nominating Committee will promptly begin its search for candidates who agree to serve on the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee will notify the Section membership of its nominations no later than August 15th. Further nominations may be made by an Active/Family Member in good standing to the Secretary of the Section no later than August 30th.

3. All elections shall be by secret ballot of the Active/Family Members. Such ballot will be distributed in September, usually in the Section newsletter. To be counted, all ballots must be received by the Secretary of the Section no later than September 30th.

4. That number of Directors to be elected who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected.

E. Each member of the Board of Directors has voting rights in any matters that come before the Board of Directors.

F. Officers of the Section shall be elected by the Board of Directors from among the members of the Board, by majority vote at its fourth quarterly meeting to be held in the month of October.

G. Officers serve for the term of ***no more than three years***. The term of Officers shall commence at 12:01 a.m. on November 1st and terminate at midnight on the following October 31st.

H. Any Officer or Director of this Section may resign, provided that any such resignation is made in writing and delivered to the Section President or Secretary. Unless any such resignation is, by its terms effective on a later date, it shall be effective on delivery to such Officers, and no acceptance by the Board of Directors of this Section shall be required to make it effective.

I. Any Officer of the Section may be removed at any time with or without cause, by the recommendation of the Executive Committee and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Section; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may take such action even if a recommendation for removal has not been made by the Executive Committee. The Officer in question shall be notified and given a reasonable opportunity for a hearing before the Board of Directors prior to such action being taken.

J. Any Directors of the Section may be removed at any time with or without cause only by the Active/Family Members by a two-thirds vote (of those voting).

K. Any vacancy in an Officer position shall be filled by appointment by the President with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. Any vacancy in a Director position shall be filled by the vote of remaining Directors.

L. The Officers shall provide reports as required by the Internal Revenue Service, authorities of the State/Province in which the Section has been formed, the National Business Office of MBCA, and other authorities as required by law.

M. The Section may limit the liability and provide for the indemnification of the Officers and Directors as provided by law.

N. Duties of Officers:

1. ***The President shall preside at all meetings and he/she shall also sign all instruments in writing requiring his/her signature and perform such other duties as may be required of him/her from time to time.***

2. ***In the absence of the President or in the case of his/her inability to act, the duties shall be performed by the Vice-President, who in that event shall exercise any of the above powers of the President.***

3. ***The Secretary and the Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors and keep a full and accurate account of these proceedings.***

4. ***The Treasurer shall keep a full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements of the Section. He/she shall deposit all monies and other valuable objects in the name of the Section in such depositories or safe-deposit vaults as may be designated by the Board. A report of the finances of the Section shall be made by the Treasurer whenever requested by the President, and a report of like character shall be submitted by him/her at any annual meeting of the Members. He/she may be required, by the Directors, at any time to give such bond as the Directors may designate. Checks and other orders for the payment of monies in the name of the Section shall be signed by the Treasurer or the President.*** **The Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget for the forthcoming year and present it to the Board for their approval.**

ARTICLE IV: ACCOUNTS

A. The fiscal year of the Section shall begin on the 1st day of January and terminate on the succeeding 31st day of December.

B. The financial records shall be maintained by the Treasurer to reflect receipts, disbursements, balances, and assets of the Section ***and a yearly financial statement shall be included in the first newsletter of the year.***

C. The funds of the Section shall be deposited in a bank under the Section name. The bank will be designated by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer may recommend a bank based upon the best appraisal of the benefits the bank has to offer.

D. Checks and other orders for payment of monies in the name of the Section shall be signed by the Treasurer or the President of the Section, or by the signatures of both if the Board of Directors shall establish a policy for dual signatures.

E. No one member may bind the Section. The Board of Directors must approve all disbursements by vote by a minimum of four Directors and must include the President and the Treasurer. Votes can be made by email, if required to meet the quorum of four Directors. Disbursement will require receipts.

ARTICLE V: SECTION MEETINGS AND EVENTS

A. The Section shall hold an annual meeting (and such other periodic meetings as the Board of Directors may establish) for the benefit of its members and their guests.

B. Notice of such events shall be announced in the Section newsletter at least one month in advance of the event so that Active/Family Members will have time to submit their reservations and payments for the respective events.

C. The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly (and more frequently as the Board of Directors may establish) to manage the affairs of the Section.

D. The Executive Committee will meet on a schedule to be established by the Executive Committee. In addition, the Executive Board may be called into a special meeting by any Officer when an urgent matter requires attention.

E. At meetings of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, a quorum shall be a majority of the members of the Board or the Executive Committee, as the case may be. If a quorum is present, action may be taken by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

F.. All events of the Section shall be limited to Members of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Incorporated, and their invited guests, and all motoring events shall be limited to Mercedes-Benz automobiles.

G. The Section shall produce and mail to each Active/family member a newsletter least once a quarter.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

A. Notice of proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution or Bylaws of the Section must be presented to the Active/Family Membership at least 30 days prior to a vote on such amendments.

B. Such amendments may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of all Active/Family Members voting at a membership meeting or returning their mailed ballots.

ARTICLE VII: COMPLIANCE WITH MBCA NATIONAL BYLAWS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Section shall abide by the MBCA National Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures.

Approval of the Bylaws by the MBCA is requested on behalf of the MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA, INC., NEW MEXICO SECTION.

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Date

_____
MBCA Executive Director

_____
Regional Director, Rocky Mountain Region

_____
MBCA National Vice President

Article VIII: Approvals

I hereby verify that votes by the members have been counted and have approved these bylaws

_____ Date_____
President

_____ Date _____
Secretary

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NOTE: *We are working on the website so additions will be made weekly. We will have the upcoming calendar of events, newsletter copies, local event information, etc., as well as general news bulletins. Ads may also be placed on the website. There will also be links to businesses that support the NM Section.*