The Enchanted Star

New Mexico Section

November 2016

A NOTE FROM JO

The NM Section annual election took place during our October board meeting. I am pleased to announce a couple of changes to the Executive Committee for 2017. Scott Brinkley will assume the duties of President, and I will replace Paul Phipps as Secretary. Paul will remain a director on the board. We welcome Mark Axe back to the board and Dick Blinzler who volunteered to become a member for 2017. It has been my pleasure to serve as president for the past year and a half. Hope to see you at our 2017 events … and the holiday party, of course!

We are currently working on events for 2017 and have some fun and exciting things planned … one being a regional event supported by our national business office … a leisurely drive down to San Antonio, NM in November for lunch at the well known champion cheeseburger place, The Owl Café, followed by a tour of the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.

In the meantime we look forward to seeing you at our annual holiday party being held at the Albuquerque Country Club. It will be a fun time to include some recognition of our members, and a wonderful dinner with entertainment. Remember that adult guests are very welcome ….. and please don't forget that toy for the USMC Toys For Tots program.

We encourage all of you to send us your ideas and suggestions, and to participate is 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 dealers
- 15% discount on parts from the MB Classic Center
- 2015 Loyalty Rewards Program
- Airstream Loyalty Program
- Additional discounts at mbca.org/member-benefits

2016 Ballon Fiesta Report

Mother Nature provided a perfect morning for the mass ascension on Saturday morning, October 1st ….. the opening event of the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Fifty-seven NM Section members and their guests enjoyed New Mexico style breakfast burritos, muffins, and drinks provided by our gracious hosts, *Mercedes Benz of Albuquerque* ….. located directly across I-25 from Balloon Fiesta Park. It was the perfect venue to take advantage of great photo ops. There were new special-shapes balloons this year. They are always fun to track across the sky. Make a note to come join in the fun in 2017.

Enter for a chance to put this in your driveway this holiday season.

Details & Dates

- Grand prize: 2017 S-Class Cabriolet
- Total Prize Value - $131,400
- Tickets are $50 (US) each
- Last day to purchase tickets is Friday, December 2, 2016
- Grand prize drawing is Wednesday, December 14, 2016
- For more information and to purchase tickets, visit raffle.mbca.org, call the NBO at 800-637-2360 or check your mailbox for an official mail-in order form

Open to MBCA Members ONLY. Must be 18 years of age or older. No limit on the number of tickets a Member may purchase. The Grand Prize winner will choose an authorized US Mercedes-Benz dealership where a check in the amount of $98,550 (US) will be delivered. The winner will shop for his/her package at the dealership of their choice. If fewer than 5,255 tickets are sold, the Grand Prize will be one-half (50%) of the gross raffle ticket sales less Federal withholding of 25%, or at least $5,000 (less withholding), whichever is greater. Vehicle featured in this ad is representative ONLY. Odds of winning depend on total number of tickets sold. MUST be a current Member of MBCA at the time of purchase and day of prize drawing. Members may attend drawing (not required to win). 100% of net raffle proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to the lawful purposes of MBCA International Stars Section. Void where prohibited by law. Michagan raffle licence number R38707.

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MESA VERDE REGIONAL EVENT

Twenty-six people from four states, three regions, and four sections enjoyed a fascinating visit to Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado on September 10, 2016. The NM Section was represented by Scott Brinkley, Jo Chase, and Tricia & Albert Deimer. The weather was perfect, and there was much socializing with other members at two gatherings, plus a delicious Saturday evening dinner.

The shortest one-way drive was about 260 miles from Albuquerque, the longest just shy of 1,000 from San Antonio. It proved to be a memorable event for all. Mesa Verde NP is well worth adding to your bucket list.

BUDDY WALK

Scott Brinkley & Jo Chase participated in a mini-car show, held at Balloon Fiesta Park, to benefit the Rio Grande Down Syndrome Network Buddy Walk in late September. The event was sponsored by *Mercedes Benz/Porsche/ Audi of Albuquerque.*

PAGODA SL GROUP

Paul Phipps has provided information regarding an organization called the *Pagoda SL Group*. It is for Mercedes Benz SL owners world-wide. They publish a magazine called *Pagoda World* about 4 times per year ….. a very nice magazine, not as many pages as *The Star*, but very well done. There will be an article about Paul's 230SL in the December issue.

Check it out at sl113.org.

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!

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

- **December 4** Holiday Party

2017 UPCOMING NM SECTION EVENTS

- **Tech Session – February**
- **Dealership Appreciation Lunch – March**
- **Bosque del Apache Regional Event – November**
- **Annual Holiday Party – December**

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

TO ACCESS THE MBCA NM SECTION WEBSITE

newmexico.mbca.org