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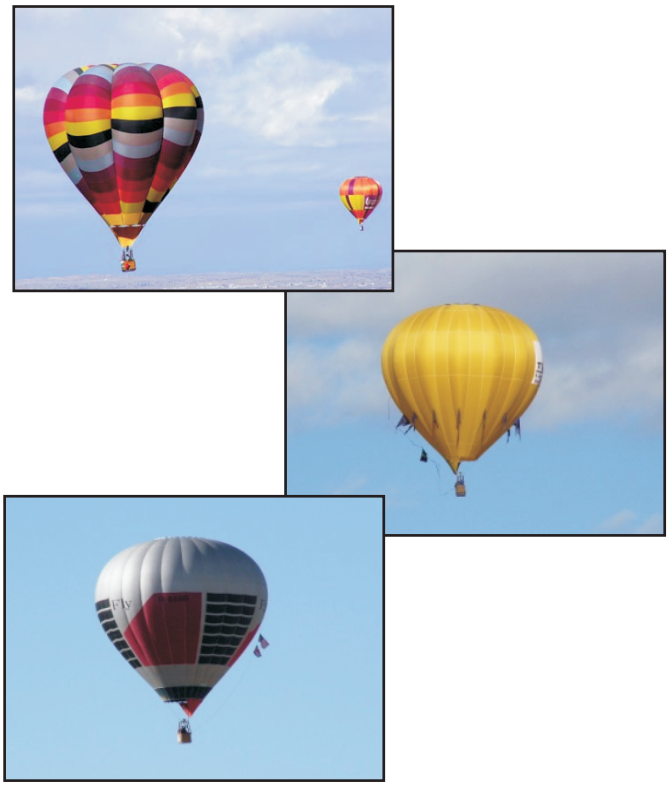

Another successful launch at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. The MBCA NM Section enjoyed another burrito breakfast hosted by our Albuquerque Mercedes Benz dealership. The dealership has hosted this event for several years, and many members and their guests have enjoyed the early morning launch, bringing their chairs and enjoying the "birds' eye" view from the dealership parking lot, as well as the great food provided by Mercedes Benz of Albuquerque. A big THANK YOU for their continued support.

2013 GENERAL MEETING RECAP

The NM Section met at Mimi's Café in Albuquerque on Saturday, August 24th. Twenty-six members and guests were in attendance. After a tasty breakfast the meeting convened at 10:00A with general introductions by Jo Chase, President. The financial review, prepared by Raymond Sinwell, Treasurer, was presented, as well as a review of upcoming events.

We bid a very fond farewell to Tom and Tomoko Curry and wished them well on the next adventure in their very active lives. They will be relocating to LaJolla, CA in late September.

Three members in attendance were recognized for long tenure with the MBCA: Karl Schreiner, 15 years; Chuck Romero, 35 years, and Paul Phipps 45 years. We think Paul actually has been a member for over 45 years and are attempting to recover the documentation to verify his actual tenure.

The door prize drawing was held and the big winners were Bill Guyton, Tomoko Curry, Edie Bartlett, Priscilla Romero, and Lesley Schultz.

After the drawing Jo asked for volunteers to serve for 2014. The following members volunteered for the board: Jo Chase, Paul Phipps, Lesley Schultz, Mark Axe, Chuck Romero, Mike Harris, Tony Martinez, Chet Rubinelli, and Tom Wolicki & Marci Luders.

Following the general session, the new board met and the executive committee was selected and agreed to serve for the next term:

Jo Chase, President

Paul Phipps, Vice President

Tony Martinez, Treasurer

Tony will replace Raymond Sinwell, who requested to retire at the end of his current 2013 term. Raymond will remain on the board as a member at large. The secretary position remains open and duties will be shared by the president and vice president until a volunteer steps forward to act in that capacity. Leslie Schultz volunteered to be the Event Coordinator, and will be assisted by Chet Rubinelli.

TO ACCESS THE NEW MBCA NM SECTION WEBSITE

www.newmexico.mbca.org

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This is the last newsletter for 2013. I hope you all have enjoyed the events of this year. It was good to have members from other sections and our national business office join us for the VLA Tour and the dinner at Zinc Bistro prior the balloon fiesta events. We have a couple more fun gatherings planned for 2013 … the appetizer party at Sandiago's on November 7th, and our annual holiday party on December 8th.

The new board and executive committee members for 2014 are in place and ready to help make the new year's events a pleasure to attend. We welcome and encourage your suggestions for activities. The section depends on all members' input to help make the events an enjoyable experience for all. Plans are in process for an After-Valentine's party on February 22nd at the Albuquerque Country Club, and a possible November event … a search for the perfect green chile cheeseburger in San Antonio, New Mexico, with a tour of the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.

I would like to encourage section members to stop by our local Albuquerque Mercedes Benz dealership just to personally thank David Baker and the management team for their support of the NM Section. They support the publication of our newsletter, provide us a pleasant place to conduct our board meetings, and host the annual burrito breakfast during the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. We are truly grateful for their cheerful support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your positive feedback. The board has worked very diligently to make our section successful. We are still hoping for a volunteer to serve as section secretary .. the position has been open since the departure of Tom Curry to his next adventure in La Jolla, California.

My very best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.
Jo

RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT

We are hoping to expand the membership in the NM Section … so we are asking all of you to keep in mind our need to invite other Mercedes Benz owners to join our group. More members mean more $$$ from the National Business Office … and more $$$ mean better event support. If you need sign-up brochures, don't hesitate to contact any member of the board. We will be happy to provide them. Remember to write your name and member number in the space provided to ensure you get free months added to your membership.

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS . . .

- *Peter Beaudette*
- *Alfred Martin*

RALLY TO MADRID

September 14th found members of the NM Section enjoying a road rally up the Turquoise Trail to Madrid for burgers at the Mineshaft Tavern … and a little shopping around town. When we assembled at the rally start point, the clouds parted and we were blessed with sunshine for our trip. Not so the next day when Madrid suffered severe flooding. Talk about great timing! We were pleased that members from Albuquerque and Santa Fe participated, enjoying some really good company and great burgers.

A VISIT FROM ARIZONA SECTIONS MEMBERS

On Friday, October 4th, members of the NM Section welcomed members of the Chaparral & Desert Stars Sections from Arizona at an early dinner at Zinc Bistro & Wine Bar on old Route 66 in Albuquerque. Our visitors were here to take in the sights at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. The weather was cooperative and the editor has received notes from several Arizona section members thanking the NM Section for their hospitality, and to say they greatly enjoyed the activities, as well as the dinner

FOR SALE

FOR SALE – 1968 Merceces Benz, 220S Automatic … Good condition. Needs carburetor work. Black with tan interior … $3,000 Contact Mike (505) 227-0347

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New Mexico Section Calendar of Events

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

2013

November 7 Social Hour – Sandiago's
December 8 Holiday Party – Sunday Brunch

2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 22 After-Valentine's Party – Albuquerque Country Club

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