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Tracking Out with Our Members

'Bama Bound for Star Tech



Barber Motor Sports Museum and Racetrack were venues for Star Tech 2013 attendees CGS members Tommy and Joan Couch. Tommy says it is one of the prettiest tracks anywhere and enjoyed driving it. During May 19-21 the two renewed acquaintances they've made at MBCA events they have attended since they married two years ago.

"How Alabama got the Factory" was the subject of an evening session, delivered by the influentials, a team of Alabama, Canadian and German individuals, who figured in its creation. Alabama employee families readily adopted into their homes German families who came to set up the factory and run it.

The Couches visited the factory and listened in on and learned at tech sessions such as restoration by David Latham of Buds in Douglasville, how to take best photos of cars by Gary Anderson of Star Magazine and insuring the value of collector cars of all prices by Hagerty.

Submitted by ~ Tommy & Joan Couch



Unloading Bill Elliot's Nascar Racer
Bill, Rex and Chase smile for the camera

No Rest for the Wicked

Imagine that you just completed a full morning of zooming around the track at the Atlanta Motorsports Park at some really wicked speeds. It is such a hot day. Tires are sticking to the pavement and you have been flying up the hill and through the turns, hitting every apex, exactly right on point. What a work-out for the shoulders and upper arms.

Now that you've had your lunch, you are just too weary to hold your head up and keep your eye lids open to do any more laps around the course. A mid-day nap would be absolutely perfect right about now. Good thing you came to the track in a motor coach. There is nothing like snoozing in your own bed. The air conditioner above your head drowns out the distant noises that might disturb siesta slumber.

Just as you begin dreaming of purring engines, you are awakened by roaring revving noises. You look out the window to see who is making all that racket. A big rig has pulled into the parking slip beside you and professional race car is being backed out of the enclosed trailer. Then you begin to wonder, am I still dreaming? It's Wild Bill Elliot!

That's what Rex Smyth was thinking when the racing legend and his son Chase Elliot showed up at AMP in Dawsonville in May to do some practice laps and parked right next to the Smyths.

Submitted by ~ Linda Smyth





INTERNATIONAL TASTE OF SOUL JUNE 23, 2013

So What's Cookin'? Chapter member Kay Stephens, who volunteers for the Tubman Museum, explained that this is an annual fundraising event held every year on the 4th Sunday of June. It's part of the mission to 'Break Bread as we Break Down Barriers in the Community.' It also helps to fund the Educational Program and give the community a chance view the Art work on display and shop in the museum store. Local Celebrity Chefs are invited to showcase a featured dish to represent a region of the U.S. or a foreign country. Entertainment was provided by local musician Dean Brown.

Trish Welch and Linda Smyth represented the Mercedes and Porsche Clubs at the International Taste of Soul. Linda selected traditional cuisine from Germany, in the form of October-Fest fare by serving Beer and Brats with sauerkraut and mustard. Trish's recipe from India was a spicy comfort food, a yummy beef stew with a thick spicy gravy, served up with flat bread.



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Summer Dine-Out Adventures



Parade Cars



Sharon Utrias Smiles

Member Appreciation in June in Perry

Middle Georgia is such a patriotic region that people start celebrating the 4th of July in June. The Independence Day Parade kicked off and rolled out on June 30th, with several members driving their Mercedes in the Perry Parade. With such a large turnout, we used this event for our annual Member Appreciation Day. The slabs of ribs and barbecued chickens came from the GrillMaster BBQ. The fifteen-layer caramel cake came from the Sweet Shop. More than twenty members came to enjoy the feast, with one from as far away as Swainsboro. Even little Cricket, Tommy & Joan's terrier watch dog, was so glad that they hosted this event, and watched eagerly just in case any scraps happened to drop from guests' plates.



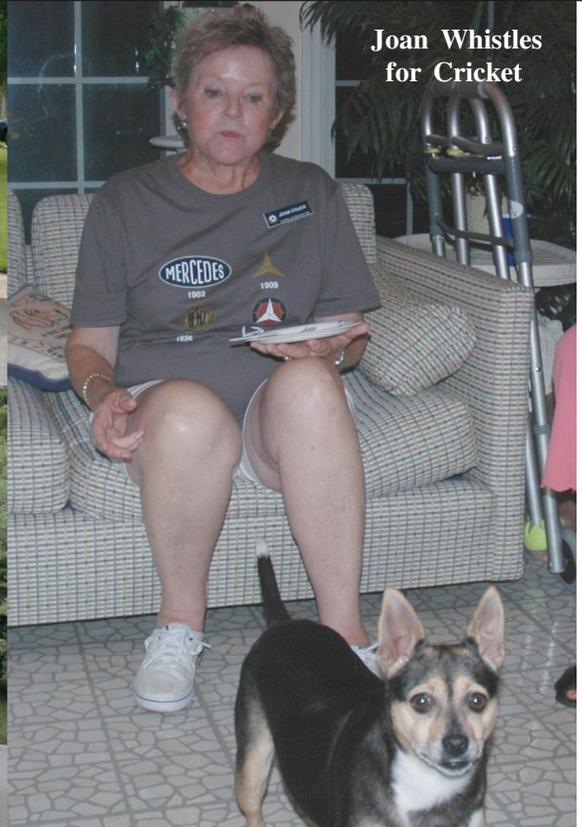
Trish Welch, Linda Smyth, Kay Stephens & Joan Couch Pose



Thumbs Up from Sara and Marlyn Williams



Sharon and Charles Utrias' Vintage Beauty



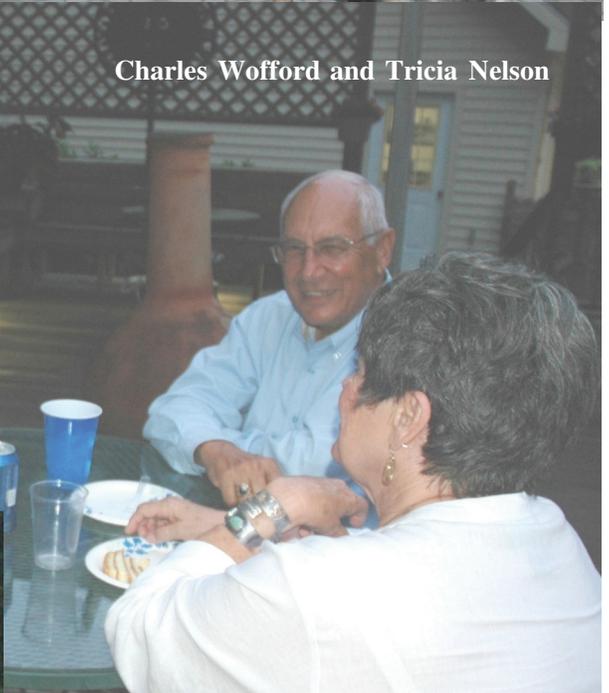
Joan Whistles
for Cricket



Tommy's Baby



Les and Elaine Goggans



Charles Wofford and Tricia Nelson



The Whole Gang



Allen Akin's
Pride & Joy

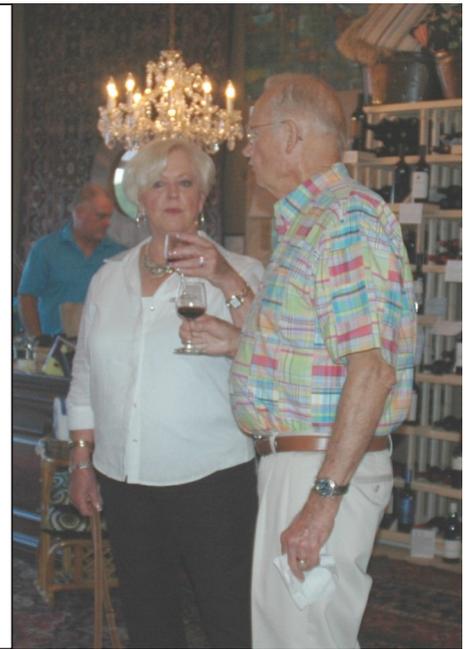
Summer Dine-Out Adventures



Kay Stephens and Rex Smyth
Laugh at Tommy's tall tales

Jim Shaw's in July

The May event took us to *Off the Vine*, a little boutique wine shop literally off Vineville Avenue in Macon. We spent half an hour there for wine-tasting and appetizers prior to supper just down the street at Jim Shaw's Seafood Restaurant. It poured like the dickens, but after all that wine, we really didn't care.



Barbara and Frank Bell
offer a toast

Ordering up Hush Puppies and Fried Shrimp Dinners with
Rex Smyth, Tommy & Joan Couch, Tricia Nelson, Dr. Cay Diz,
Kay Stephens, Frank and Barbara Bell, Jo Speed, and Trish Welch
(and Linda Smyth taking the pictures)



Summer Dine-Out Adventures



GA Bob's in August

In August, we joined forces with the Porsche Club and set off for Byron. We enjoyed GA Bob's BBQ and did some wine tasting at the Caine River Winery. Then we departed for the Car Show next door at the Peach Outlet Center. The Middle Georgia Cruizers Club hosts a car show there on the first Saturday of each month.



GA Bob and the Winery Staff

Sandra and Allen Akin

Sandra and Allen brought their silver edition to the car show
New members chatting with Joan Couch
Nice mix of old and new vehicles turn out for the Cruiser Club Line Up



Summer Dine-Out Adventures



Breakfast at Dovetail

On Sunday, August 25th ten members of the section met and enjoyed the farm-to-table Sunday Brunch at Dovetail in downtown Macon. Chuck Wofford relished his choice of fried chicken benedict with bacon jam. Others enjoyed boudain sausage corn hash, salmon croquettes, steak and eggs and the Dovetail summer breakfast with farm fresh eggs and bacon all from sustainable farms in the local area. It was unanimous that we should return for an evening dine-out there soon, so be looking for that!



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What Happens During the Wine Tour Stays at the Wine Tour

There was No Whining on this Excursion

Day 1 - Dahlonega

Several members of the MBCA Central Georgia Section attended the second annual wine tour and tasting event the weekend of 9-11 August in beautiful Dahlonega, Georgia! Everyone opted to arrive the evening before the wine tour so we met at the historic Smith House Friday afternoon.

The Smith House accommodations were simply elegant! We enjoyed the beautifully furnished rooms and took advantage of the private sitting area outside three of the suites.

President Tricia Nelson, Tommy and Joan Couch and Frank and Barbara Bell hosted a great happy hour with light appetizers before we strolled into town for dinner at the Corkscrew Cafe, a charming downtown restaurant with a cozy outdoor seating area.

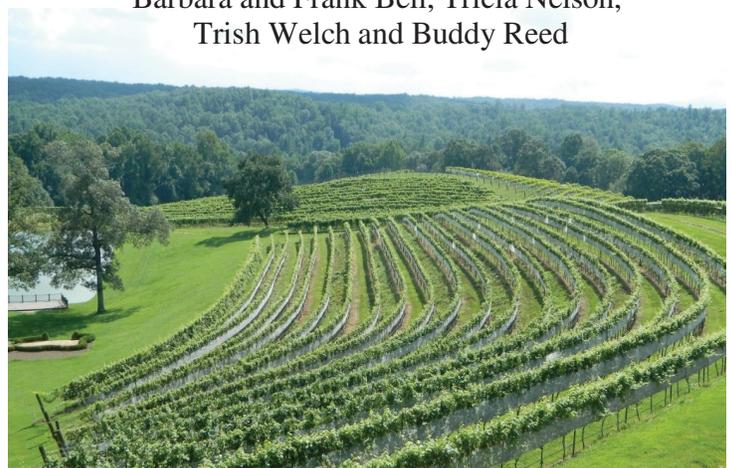
The food was delicious; the company even better! The next morning the shuttle bus picked us up right on time and we headed to the first winery, Cavender Creek, where the owner hosted our wine tasting while we ate our gourmet box lunches from the Picnic Cafe.



The Smith House Historic Hotel



Cavender Creek with Joan & Tommy Couch,
Barbara and Frank Bell, Tricia Nelson,
Trish Welch and Buddy Reed



Vineyard View

Day 2 (con't)- Wolf Mountain

From there we went to Wolf Mountain where again, we were treated like VIPs! Stephen gave us a private tour of the winery then personally poured our wines for tasting in their spectacular wine tasting room overlooking the gorgeous Georgia countryside.

The owner of Wolf Mountain Winery is a car enthusiast and gave us an extra special treat when he walked us down to his garages (yes, *Garages!*) to show off his very special car collection. He has a Porsche garage, a BMW garage and a Mercedes garage. Each has the respective logo hanging outside and inside was nothing short of amazing!

The garages and cars were immaculate and in addition to the cars, he had elegant seating areas to just sit and gaze at his beautiful collection! He actually owns the little black Porsche driven by Olivia Newton-John in *Grease!* There were so many cars that I can't remember them all now!



We left Wolf Mountain and proceeded to the final winery on the tour, Monteluce, which we had not visited last year. Monteluce is a Tuscan inspired venue with absolutely stunning architecture and scenery. The wines were spectacular and we were seated outside on the upper level veranda overlooking the vineyards and a lake. Unfortunately, we spent so much time wine tasting that we had to cut the tour short in order to get back to the shuttle on time.

Back at the rooms we freshened up and then met at The Bourbon Street Cafe for a really cool creole style dinner. The next morning we returned to Wolf Mountain and finished the weekend off with their scrumptious brunch! We all had a great time, but we missed those of you who didn't come. Planning has already begun for next year's weekend in Dahlonega and the surrounding area. Trish would love to hear your ideas about what you would like that event to include.



Left – Wolf Mountain Winery Right – Monteluce Winery
Both photos - Joan and Tommy Couch, Frank and Barbara Bell and Trish Welch and Buddy Reed wine tasting at two Of Dahlonega GA's finest wineries!

A View From the Driver's Seat Comments by Chapter President Tricia Nelson

To all our wonderful members,

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the MBCA-CGS, we would like to thank you for your participation throughout the year. Your enthusiastic involvement is the key to the success of our club.

We are very excited to announce that Tina Meyers is the new editor of our CGS newsletter. A special thank you to Tina for volunteering to take the time out of her busy schedule to take this on. If you are looking for great fun, come and join us at our upcoming events.

Hope to see you soon!

Tricia Nelson
President CGS-MBCA

Upcoming CGS Events Save the Date!!!

October 16, 2013 – Dine out at Grits Café, Forsyth, GA. 6:30 PM

November 6, 2013 – Dine out at Dovetail, Macon, GA. 6:30 PM

November 16, 2013 – Tech Event and Potluck, Jackson Automotive, Macon

**December 12, 2013 - Holiday Party
Venue and time – TBD**

Events with other Sections!!!

**September 28, 2013 - Car Detailing Clinic sponsored by Peachtree
Location: Sports and Imports, Duluth, GA.**

Deadline for Registration – Sept 21, 2013. Click on link below for August 2013 STARS for registration form to register by mail or other link below to register online.

[August 2013 edition of the Stars in Georgia Car Detailing Clinic On-line Registration](#)

Events with other Sections (con't)

Oct 12, 2013 – Concours D'Elegance -

Sponsored by: Peachtree Section

Hosted by: RBM of Atlanta-North, Alpharetta, GA.

Concours Registration deadline: September 29, 2013

Please refer to your August Stars In Georgia for details.

You can register online for the concours by clicking the link below:

[Concours, Judging School, Haggerty Youth Judging Registration](#)

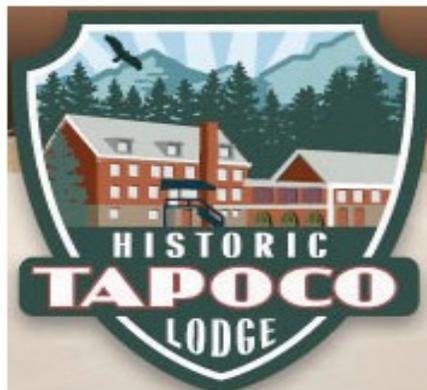
Alternatively you may register by mail by downloading the newsletter. Entry forms can be found on Page 14. Click the link below for a copy of the newsletter.

[August 2013 edition of the Stars in Georgia](#)

October 25-27 2013 – Smoky Mountain Fall Foliage Weekend

We are welcome to join the members of Peachtree Section at Tapoco Lodge deep in the smoky Mountains for a weekend of fun, driving and leaf peeping! Since 1930, countless visitors have created lifelong memories at Historic Tapoco Lodge. Situated on 120 acres in the lush mountain region of the Nantahala National Forest on the banks of the cascading Cheoah River, Tapoco is well known for its hiking, rafting, kayaking, fishing and mountain biking. Our proximity to the world famous Dragon, an 11-mile winding road, makes us a favorite destination for motorcyclists and sports car enthusiasts.

If you would like to participate in this exciting event and meet our fellow Mercedes enthusiasts, consult the August 2013 edition of the Stars in Georgia and follow the registration instructions.



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