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Central Georgia Section

Welcome to the Central Georgia Section!

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Upcoming Events:

- January— 12—Dine-Out at the Taj Indian restaurant in Macon GA. Time : 7:00PM
- February—8—Dine-Out at Tic Toc Room in Macon GA. Time : 7:00PM
- March — 24— Red Tomato Restaurant in Bolingbroke GA. Time: 7:00PM
- April— 1&2— Section Event in Americus GA. See details inside

MBCA Forms New Section in Central and South Georgia

The Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Inc. has granted permission to form a new Section in Central and South Georgia.

The new Section, incorporated as the MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA, CENTRAL GEORGIA SECTION, INC. will expand support to MBCA members in the Central and South Georgia areas with more local MBCA activities encompassing Social, Technical, and Driving Events.

The new Section will also allow a closer MBCA interface with Central and South Georgia Mercedes-Benz dealers as well as Independent service and repair establishments within the Sections boundaries.

MBCA members within the new Sections boundaries will now be assigned to the new MBCA Section,

however; those wishing to stay in their old Section will be allowed to request that status.

With the advent of more focused local activities, MBCA members in Central and South Georgia will have more opportunities to interface with other members and to participate in more Events due to the proximity of Event locations.

The Central Georgia Section Board of Directors looks forward to meeting all the Section's members, and will strive to help create local area Section Events in all areas.

The Board asks that any suggestions on Events be submitted to the Board, and they will provide any needed support or guidance in helping local members create attractive Events within their local areas.

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M-B Middle Georgia Monthly Dine-Out Group - OR Your Area?

The foundation for the new Central Georgia Section was a small group of 5 people that, over 2 years ago, started a M-B Monthly Dine-Out Group.

Word spread, allowing the current mailing list to include over 50 M-B enthusiasts in Middle Georgia. Although everyone does not attend every month, the average turnout over the past several months has been about 20 people per month.

The opportunity to associate with other enthusiasts has increased membership in MBCA, as invited guests experience the value and enjoyment of an MBCA event.

The Board is ready to help you establish local Monthly Dine-Outs within your area. Although we cannot release specific names, we will aggressively advertise your Dine-Out schedule in this newsletter.

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About the Newsletter

The Mercedes-Benz Club of America—Central Georgia Section, Inc. publishes this newsletter every two months in January —March — May — July — September – and November. Special editions may be published from time to time to address important Events or interest items of special significance. Opinions expressed are those of the Authors and Editors. Express permission is hereby granted to other Sections of the MBCA to reprint articles contained herein, without exception. Articles of general interest are solicited for inclusion and should be mailed to the Editor or e-mailed to Charles Utrias at utriasMBCA@cox.net. Copy deadline is the first of the month preceding the month of publication.

Mercedes-Benz Club of America—MBCA

The MBCA was established in 1956, and currently has over 20,000 members across the nation. There are over 90 local Sections organizing hundreds of local and National Events each year.

You can enroll as a member of MBCA by calling 1-800-637-2360, or by using the National Website at www.mbca.org. Cost is:

One year = \$45.00 Two years = \$87.00 Three years = \$127.00

You may select your Section, or be assigned the closest local Section by your zip code to be closest to Events and activities in your area.

Your local Section of MBCA

Your National dues include membership in the Section of your choice. Each Section publishes a newsletter defining it's activities and Events. Year round calendars of Events include social, technical, and driving Events. Within your MBCA magazine, *The Star*, you will find information on Section, Regional, and National Events. Any MBCA member may attend any Section, Regional, or National Event by registering and paying the member fees advertised.

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President's Message

I feel privileged to be providing this first President's Message for the MBCA—Central Georgia Section (CGS).

The Section's formation has been a desire of many of the MBCA members in Central and South Georgia over the past three years . MBCA President Rodger Van Ness's article in the September/October issue of *The Star*, encouraging Section expansion, was the impetus to move forward. We thank the whole NBO staff and Southeast Regional Director Scott Suits for all their guidance and support in helping us to achieve this milestone, and for accepting us into the Southeast region, helping define the eventual boundaries of our Sections responsibility, and helping get those of you in our zip code boundaries included in our new Section.

The Board of Directors for our Section was elected at the first Board meeting on November 30, 2010, and officially took office on December 1, 2010. We had planned a special Holiday Party Dine-Out with the M-B Dine-Out Group for December 8th, and we used that occasion as our first membership meeting and a special celebration on becoming the newest Section of the MBCA.

The CGS board of Directors is dedicated to making sure that Events and activities are appropriately spread across the entire Section's allocated boundaries. To accomplish that, we are seeking ideas and suggestions from our members in the central and southern Georgia areas of our state. Because we have had an active Monthly Dine-Out Group in central Georgia our near term social calendar is heavily weighted in that area. We have started communications with members in south Georgia and are currently planning an extended event in Americus that will include special tours of the historic Windsor Hotel, the Rylander Theater, a craftsman distillery, an evening play at the Rylander and also will be supplemented with lunch and evening dining. Another Event to a large auto collection in Cairo, followed by a wine & cheese party and additional collector car viewing in Ochlocknee (with maybe a ride in a Pebble Beach Rolls) is in the planning stages. Other events are in planning for Dublin, Milledgeville, Pine Mountain, Macon, and Columbus.

You know your area's attractions better than anyone, so let's get together and plan some interesting and exciting Events. If you have never coordinated an Event before, we will help you with the planning and execution, as well as the advertising write-up and format in this newsletter. Don't let the planning activities scare you away from hosting an Event in, and showing off, your area. Remember, Events can be social activities (location visits/lunch or dinner meetings), technical sessions (mechanical/body/cleaning & maintenance), rallies/driving courses/driving tours, and even M-B dealer or Independent Service special events needing the MBCA member support.

The Section's M-B dealers will be supporting this newsletter with direct advertising. We have commitments from Albany Motor cars (Albany, GA), Jackson Automotive Group (Macon, GA), and M-B of Columbus (Columbus, GA) for purchased advertising. This newsletter also is supplemented by outside advertising from M-B related vendors and services that are related to the Section's interest. Please feel free to show the newsletter to your Independent Service folks and ask for their advertising support by having them contact our newsletter editor. Please support our advertisers.

I look forward to meeting you all, and encourage you to communicate with me, your sections Officers, or anyone of our Directors at large. Please try to support the Sections Events with your attendance. We need to hear your inputs, feedback, and concerns to adequately provide the value you desire from your MBCA Section.

For Sale

Section members wishing to place an ad in the newsletter to sell automobiles and/or related equipment may do so at no charge by sending an electronic, typed, or printed copy to the Editor. The ad will be included in the next newsletter based on timing received.

For Sale: 1988 560SL - 98,603 miles, Black/Palomino, mechanical refurbishing done with new timing chain, rails & rocker arms, new sub-frame/motor/transmission mounts, + more. Call for additional details. \$14,000 w/no Georgia Tax. Contact Clarence or Ruby @ 478-781-6392

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Upcoming Events Summary—See Events details (Page 6) for RSVP

January 12 — Roc & Sue are coordinating a Monthly Dine-Out at the Taj Indian Restaurant in Macon. Roc and Sue promise to make suggestions for anyone needing menu selection help. Dress is business casual. Dinner will be at 7:00PM.

February 8 — Trish is coordinating a Monthly Dine-Out at the Tic Toc Room Restaurant in Macon. Elegant casual dining in the heart of historic downtown Macon. Modern Southern fare with an expansive martini menu and a wine list that spotlights more than 200 premium selections. Dinner is at 7:00PM.

March 24 – Trish will be coordinating a Monthly Dine-Out at the Red Tomato Restaurant in Bolingbroke GA. Dress is business Casual. Dinner will be at 7:00PM

April 1&2– A Section Event in Americus GA. We'll be touring the historic Windsor Hotel, the Rylander Theater, a distillery, and an evening play at the Rylander, and includes scheduled lunch and evening dining.

May 21-24 — A joint Section/Region Event meeting the Florida Sections at Callaway Gardens, proceeding to Birmingham AL for Alabama Legends of Motor Racing & Concours, then tour of Mercedes Factory at Vance, AL. See details in March Newsletter...

June TBD — Milledgeville, GA Event and Dine-Out. Tour Milledgeville GA, see Arboretum, Governor's Mansion, and dinner at Aubrey Lanes Restaurant. See details in March Newsletter.

ALSO — We are also looking at planning and scheduling Central Georgia Section Events in Cairo, Columbus, Macon, and Dublin. These will include local attractions and dining activities, as well as be excellent opportunities to meet and communicate with your fellow MBCA members. We are coordinating Technical Events with area M-B dealers and several Independent service establishments and will report on those learning events in the March Newsletter. Our Board is also evaluating suggested Driving Events for insertion into our regular Event schedule. More details will be available in an expanded format as these events are solidified.

Your suggestions regarding these, or other central or south Georgia areas is appreciated. Please contact us with your ideas!

We're also looking for feedback comments on all of our Events and activities. Please let us know if you're happy or unhappy with your attendance at any of our Events.

Watch the events summary section for future Event plans...

Welcome New Central Georgia Section (CSG) Members

December: New members

Joshua Watkins - Columbus, GA
Kay Stephens - Macon, GA

December: New to Section

Warren Aldrich - Pine Mountain, GA
Frank Bell - Kathleen, GA

December: New to Section cont.

Donald Cotton - Hamilton, GA
William Henderson - Warner Robins, GA
Dennis Holwerda - Albany, GA
Tony Howington - Macon, GA
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Use a second sheet for additional names..... enclose appropriate dollar amount and return address..... and place your order.....

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Upcoming Events Details — Please contact Name listed

January 12—

Taj Indian Restaurant, Macon
5033 Brookhaven Rd # 300, Macon, GA 31206

For authentic Indian taste, with a great selection and excellent service the Taj is sure to have something exotic for your taste buds. Delicious food, sweet or extremely spicy, the chefs create excellent dishes straight from India. Unique is that both northern and southern Indian dishes are available. Tucked away in a small shopping center, the Taj is a little hard to find, but absolutely worth the effort.

Coordinators, Roc & Sue Patel, have excellent menu suggestions for novice Indian diners. They will help you understand the full menu before committing to your selected entrée', explaining the various curries and sauces that are available with the many dining selections.

To assure adequate group reservations please RSVP to utriasMBCA@cox.net by January 5, 2011

No event fees, you will order and pay individually.

February 8—

Tic Toc Room Restaurant, Macon
408 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Macon, GA

Elegant casual dining in the heart of historic downtown Macon, it features modern Southern fare with an expansive martini menu and wine list. Menu selection varies by season with daily specials prepared to compliment the fresh produce. Dress is business casual.

Coordinator Trish Welch will make menu suggestions.

To assure adequate group reservations please RSVP to utriasMBCA@cox.net by February 1, 2011

No event fees, you will order and pay individually.

March 24 -

Red Tomato Restaurant, Bolingbrook, GA
7248 N. Alexander Ct., Bolingbroke, GA 31004

The city of Bolingbroke, GA consists of a service station, volunteer fire station, a couple repair shops, local bank, and a handful of farmhouses. On the edge of Bolingbroke lies a remodeled 1920's Antebellum style home that has been named the Red Tomato Restaurant. You would never find this romantic gourmet restaurant unless you had heard about it by word of mouth. Dress is business casual.

Coordinator Trish Welch will make menu suggestions.

To assure adequate group reservations please RSVP to utriasMBCA@cox.net by March 15, 2011

No event fees, you will order and pay individually.

April 1-2, 2011—

Americus Georgia Event, Americus GA

We have planned an MBCA – Central Georgia Section weekend event in Americus Georgia encompassing a stay at the historic Windsor Hotel, an optional Friday dinner, an expanded (including ghost) tour of the Hotel, a tour of the Rylander Theater, a distillery tour, free time for shopping or visiting the Habitat for Humanity Global Village, a Saturday night group dinner followed by attending a play at the Rylander Theater, and a Sunday departure breakfast.

Our event starts on Friday night for those coming early to sleep in a bit on Saturday morning. We'll have a dinner planned at a local restaurant (The Station Restaurant) for Friday night. Saturday morning we'll have an AM breakfast at the Windsor Hotel, after which we will start our tour of the Hotel.

We'll have 2 Hotel tour times to accommodate the appropriate limited number for each Hotel tour, we'll need 2 groups, those staying overnight Friday might want the first tour, and those traveling and arriving on Saturday morning might choose the second tour. Please indicate which tour you prefer on your registration form.

The Historic Windsor Hotel is located in the heart of downtown Americus, Georgia. Built in 1892, the five story Victorian masterpiece occupies nearly an entire city block. In 1991, the hotel underwent a \$6.5 million dollar renovation and in 2010, the hotel underwent a \$1.5M renovation during which areas of the hotel were restored back to its original state.

(www.windsor-amicus.com)

The Hotel has been featured on "The Today Show", in public broadcasting, newspapers, and magazines, and is in the National Historic Register.

The Hotel tour will encompass both the historic aspects of the Hotel, its history and elegant features, as well as some of the ghost stories passed down from it's past.

The first Hotel tour will start at 10:00AM – 10:50AM

The second Hotel tour will start at 11:00AM – 11:50AM

A group lunch is planned from 12:15PM - 1:15PM within walking distance at an interesting venue (possibly the Forsyth Bar and Grill (<http://www.forsythbarandgrill.com/>)).

Early finishers will be able to do some quick shopping within the historical district adjacent to the restaurant.

We'll then walk to the Rylander Theater to start our tour at 1:30PM. Opened in 1921 and reopened after an extensive restoration (\$4.8 M), the Rylander Theatre is reclaiming its title as "The Finest Playhouse South of Atlanta."

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Bud's has restored many cars like the 190SL, 230SL, 250SL 280SL, and the 350SL, 450SL, 380SL, and the 560SL. The web-site shows some of the past and current restoration pictures.

Bud's Service Facility provides same day service on oil changes and minor maintenance like A/C recharging, valve adjustments, and suspension work. The Service Department provides many other services including the newest service, engine detailing.

MORE OF OUR SUPPORTING SUPPLIERS WILL BE PROFILED IN FUTURE ISSUES

Upcoming Events Details continued ...

Americus Georgia Event—continued

After the Rylander Tour we will proceed to walk to the 13th Colony Distillery (www.13colony.net/) for a 2:45PM tour. Georgia's only craft distillery, Thirteenth Colony Distillery is a new distillery and they do not sample at the distillery, however; their product is available for tasting at the Hotel Pub. Made in small batches, we'll see, on this tour, the craftsman art of manufacturing distilled liquor in a modern new distillery atmosphere.

After the Distillery tour you will be free to either shop in the many unique shops around town, or take a tour of the Global Village, Habitat for Humanity: <http://www.habitat.org/gvdc/default.aspx> which contains samples of housing structures from around the world.

We'll then meet at Floyd's Pub on the second floor of the Windsor Hotel for cocktails at 5:00PM. We will have our Dinner Dine-Out at Amelia's, also on the second floor of the Hotel starting at 6:00PM. Amelia's Restaurant is a sophisticated yet casual dining experience in traditional Southern surroundings.

After dinner, at 8:30PM for those who choose to attend the play "Nunnsense" at the Rylander Theater we have negotiated a Group rate of \$13.00 per person and secured advanced very good seating for the performance.

Sunday morning we'll convene at the hotel for breakfast, before departing for home or members can visit some of the other areas around Americus, or local attractions.

An Event fee of \$10.00 per person will be charged to cover various tips for tour guides and incidental Club expenses.

Tickets for the Rylander Theater performance of "Nunnsense" are available prior to March 11th for the MBCA Group Rate of \$13.00 per person.

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Hotel at 229-924-1555 (see website at www.windsor-amicus.com). Ask for the Mercedes-Benz Club of America room rate. We have 20 rooms blocked at our special Group Rate of \$84.99 per night for April 1 & 2, 2011.

Mail your reservation card (see last page) with appropriate check-marks, and the Event fee as indicated on the card.

All meals will be self-pay. Your reservation card is to assure we have adequate reservations for restaurant seating.

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Dealer Update—alphabetically

We are fortunate to have three long established M-B Dealers within our Central Georgia Section.

This column is intended to provide the members an update of information of significance at each of these dealers on an ongoing basis.

Albany Motor Cars - Albany, GA

In the 1970's the franchise offered Mercedes, BMW, Peugeot and Toyota vehicles. In 1980 Patrick Brun-Wibaux and Frank Marsoni took ownership and focused on Mercedes and BMW offerings. In 1985 Rolf Hentschel purchased the dealership and enjoyed success for 19 years.

In June 2004 the dealership was sold to Wayne Gregory and David Hudson taking back the name of Albany Motorcars. In November 2007 Mr. Gregory took sole ownership and currently owns BMW of Albany, and Albany Motorcars now the Mercedes dealership operation.

Albany Motorcars is currently renovating the Mercedes Dealership to meet the standards of Mercedes-Benz's new Autohaus concept. Completion is projected for early fall at which time the MBCA – Central Georgia Section will support a "Grand Opening" celebration.

Albany Motorcars and General Manager Chris Grasman sponsored an MBCA Member Appreciation Event in September 2010 by providing several door prizes for the attendees. The event, held in Cordele at the Georgia Veteran's Memorial State Park, had 27 attendees participate with an opportunity to interface with other M-B enthusiasts.

Mercedes-Benz Of Columbus — Columbus, GA

Mercedes-Benz of Columbus, formerly known as Columbus Motor Company has been selling Mercedes-Benz vehicles in Columbus Georgia for over 20 years. The dealership has been locally owned since December 1990.

The dealership supports many local charitable events, and the MBCA – Central Georgia Section looks forward to contributing member support to those activities. Mercedes-Benz of Columbus supports the American Heart Association with the Mercedes-Benz Raffle, the Heart Ball, and the Mercedes-Benz Golf Tournament with proceeds going to the American Heart Association. They support the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) with the Reindeer Run, the Countries BBQ Midnight Run, with proceeds for the blind. They also support the Upaui Polo Match for the local Boys and Girls Club.

Mercedes-Benz of Columbus is owned by Mark Clayton, and managed by General Managers, Nadie Martin and Richard Joyner. It is a member of the Better Business Bureau and Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

M-B of Columbus has completed their MBUSA Autohaus concept dealership architectural design.

Jackson Automotive Group – Mercedes-Benz of Macon

Macon, GA

The Jackson Automotive Group has been in business in Macon, Georgia for over fifty years, since 1955, when it opened the dealership doors as Jackson Oldsmobile.

Jackson added Mercedes-Benz of Macon in 1976. In fact, the Jackson Automotive Group was the second Mercedes dealer in the State of Georgia in its evolution from mainstream auto dealer to luxury specialist.

Mercedes-Benz of Macon is currently renovating the Mercedes Dealership to meet the standards of Mercedes-Benz's new Autohaus concept. Completion is projected for late summer to early fall at which time the MBCA – Central Georgia Section will support a "Grand Opening" celebration.

Jackson Automotive Group continues to be family-owned and operated with a proud reputation in the community, for staff expertise and a passion for customer service.

Jackson Automotive Group is a member of the Better Business Bureau and the Macon Chamber of Commerce, and has previously been honored by that organization as Business of the Year. They are also proud sponsors of the American Heart Association.

Jackson Automotive Group, Mercedes-Benz of Macon, and General Manager Ken Grinstead sponsored an MBCA Concours d'Elegance in September 2009. With a turn out of over 40 vehicles prominently displayed on the dealership property, there were many significant automobiles to be judged and viewed.

Purchase tickets by visiting Mercedes-Benz of Columbus at 7470 Veterans Pkwy. or by calling Mercedes at (706) 256-6100 or the American Heart Association at (706) 536-7044

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Post Event Reporting

Natalia's 2010 - by Sharon Utrias (w/photos by Smyth)

On November 18, 2010, the Dine-Out Group of MBCA - Central Georgia gathered members and guests at Natalia's Italian Restaurant in Macon. Twenty members attended and welcomed five new perspective members as guests. The elegant private dining room was beautifully decorated in holiday splendor. The group enjoyed a special menu of classic gourmet Italian cuisine. A special thank you to Linda Smyth for co-coordinating this festive event. Everyone had an enjoyable evening and I know for a fact that many folks were spending a few extra minutes on their treadmill the following morning. As we were leaving the restaurant there were comments about making an additional visit in the near future.



Linda Smyth



Holiday celebrators Sue Patel, Lois & Ron Richardson, Joan Dorsett & Tommy Couch



Gloria Koch

Roebling Road Race Course - Driving School - by Linda Smyth (w/photos by Smyth)

History was made in November when Tommy Couch and daughter Elyse made their track debut at the Roebling Road Race Course near Savannah. They enrolled in a (racing) Driver Education event, which allows owners of high performance vehicles to put their cars through the paces and take it to the limit in a safe environment and controlled driving experience. Joan Dorsett accompanied the pair and acted as cheer leader and crew chief for the drivers. Tommy and Elyse first sat through a classroom session in the morning. Then they went out on the track later in the day with their own personal instructor in the passenger seat. Twisty turns and the high-speed straight away are the challenging features that make the track so much fun. CGS members, seasoned drivers Linda and Rex Smyth also participated in their Porsches. Rex is a certified driving instructor with the Porsche Club of America.



Elyse & Tommy Couch with their vehicles



Rex & Linda Smyth

Holiday Party 2010 - by Sharon Utrias (w/photos by Smyth)

The Holiday Part for the MBCA - Central Georgia Section was welcomed at the home of Treasurer, Trish Welch on December 8, 2010. Thirty members braved the snow flurries and entered a beautiful, holiday decorated, home. The first experience on entering engaged the sense of smell with delicious and intriguing aromas from Trish's busy kitchen. Several members discovered wonderful culinary treats at first pleasing to the eye but the second surprise came as they tasted and re-tasted the unique and unusual hors d'oeuvres. Caviar Pie and Roquefort Popovers just to name a few of the tasty offerings were available as guests mingled with each other marveling over the special treats. Our President welcomed all MBCA - CGS members and guests and introduced new members, Frank and Barbara Bell, to the section. There were five new prospective members in attendance, all took applications home. We conducted a raffle of M-B memorabilia while announcing upcoming and future events for the MBCA - CGS. The President recognized our hostess Trish Welch with a token of appreciation from the Section,



Trish Welch

Party continued.. she only enjoy a brief moment of her applause as she dashed back to her kitchen to complete the final touches on her home made Italian cuisine. I, for one am so happy that she enrolled in that Italian cooking class awhile ago. I am certain she received Valedictorian honors! She shared her recipes with members who wanted to experiment at home. Needless to say, everyone had a wonderful unforgettable evening and MBCA has one talented lady as a contributing member and we are so thankful for her efforts in making the first meeting of the MBCA—CGS such an outstanding success. Linda Smyth presented enameled Mercedes lavalier pins to the charter members who signed the Club petition.



Sharon Utrias & Dolly Esposito



Rick Koch, Will Toussaint, Gloria Koch & Carol Nelson



Brenda & Tony Howington
The Grand Raffle Prize

Event Registration Forms

Americus Georgia— April 1-2, 2011

Name: _____ Guest: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ e-mail: _____

Attending: Friday Dinner: _____, Saturday Dinner: _____, Sunday Breakfast: _____ (all self pay)
 Windsor/Rylander/Distillery Tour: _____ @ \$10 per person = \$ _____ enclosed.
 Tour Lunch: _____ (self pay)
 Rylander Theater "Nunnsense": _____ @ \$13.00 per person = \$ _____ enclosed.

Check for Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please respond by March 11, 2010. After this date use contact information below to verify if space is available.

Please make checks payable to: MBCA — Central Georgia Section

Please mail Registration Form and Check to: Charles Utrias
 103 Fifth Fairway
 Warner Robins, GA 31088

Questions: Please contact C. Utrias at: 478-225-6878 or utriasMBCA@cox.net

Dealer Support Events:

January 20 - Mercedes Raffle for AHA
 M-B of Columbus
 Dealer Showroom
 MBCA - CGS Recruiting Table

April 5 - M-B Golf Tournament for AHA
 M-B of Columbus
 Green Island CC, Columbus GA
 Event Registration Support & MBCA - CGS
 Recruiting Table

May 14 - M-B Columbus Customer Service Clinic
 M-B of Columbus
 Dealer Service Area
 MBCA - CGS Recruiting Table & Local Service
 Customer Networking

For additional Club information:

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