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MBCA Mission Statement: To Elevate the Mercedes-Benz Experience Through Knowledge, Camaraderie and Exceptional Events.

President's Message – 'All About the Benz' By Whitlow Wong



What a great time we had celebrating the upcoming Chinese New Year which is January 29. We savored a Dim Sum lunch at The Empress Seafood Restaurant on Alameda in Denver. There were 18 attendees enjoying all kinds of



wonderful food. Eleanor introduced the celebration with information about the Chinese New Year. This year, 2025, is the year of the Wood Snake which signifies growth, wisdom and transformation. The zodiac sign of the snake symbolizes personal growth, family reunions, opportunities, rebirth and hopes for prosperity.



Get ready to enjoy a romantic lunch in Loveland by joining us on Saturday, February 8 for a drive to Loveland and then lunch at **Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano**, 5929 Sky Pond Drive, Loveland located in The Promenade Shops at Centerra a short distance off I-25. We'll meet at the restaurant at 12:00 noon. There is a lot of free parking available. Please bring a check for \$45.50 per person, payable to Mile High MBCA, and bring it to the event. It's essential to confirm your attendance, so please make sure to RSVP by February 3, 2025, by reaching out to whitlowwong@comcast.net. This ensures that we can provide the best experience for all attendees.

Our Kansas Adventure

Come join us on an adventure into Kansas! Some of the highlights of the trip include: Walter P. Chrysler Boyhood Home and Museum, The Garage Museum, Cosmosphere and Space Center, Mcpherson Car Show, Lindsborg (Swiss town), Eisenhower Museum and Home, and a ride on the Abilene and Smoky Valley Railroad.

The homebase will be at Homewood Suites by Hilton Salina Downtown, 115 E Mulberry St, Salina, Kansas. A block of rooms has been reserved for the event. Book your room early to receive the discounted rate. The deadline for the room discount is April 4, 2025. The group code is **MBC**. Call the hotel at 785-515-2600 and speak to Guest Services and provide them with the "group code". – OR –

1. Search for **Homewood Suites by Hilton Salina Downtown**.
2. Enter the date of stay (GOOD FOR THE NIGHTS OF MAY 1ST-4TH, 2025 ... check-in May 1, check-out May 5 for a 4-night stay).
3. Click **Special Rates** box.
4. On the box highlighted below labeled **Group Code**, enter **MBC**.
5. Click **Check Room Rates**, select room type and then enter your information.

Our tentative schedule of events for the year follows:

Date	Event	Place
Feb 8	Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano	Loveland
Mar 8	Potluck	Centennial
Apr 12	Drive and then lunch @ Old Stone Church	Castle Rock
May 1-5	Kansas Adventure	Kansas
Jun 14	Adams Mystery Playhouse	Denver
Jul 19	Joint Picnic @ Castlewood Canyon State Park	Franktown
Aug 9	Gardens on Spring Creek	Ft. Collins
Sept 26-28	Fall Color Tour w/Pikes Peak Section	?
Oct 18	TBD	?
Nov 8	Members Meeting	?
Dec 13	Holiday Party	?

I'm asking members to submit stories about how they got their first Mercedes. Please send your story to whitlowwong@comcast.net and then it will appear in the newsletter.

A very important plea ... we are looking for members to join our Board of Directors. All are invited. We are especially looking for new members to join the Board because we'd like fresh ideas. We really need your help so please consider joining the team. If you are interested or want additional information, please contact Whitlow Wong at whitlowwong@comcast.net.

The Patina Collective Is a Modified Mercedes Mecca

[Andrew Newton](#)



South Florida's Patina Collective is an automotive assault on the senses in the same way a mega-event like Pebble Beach or Goodwood is, where you're surrounded by rich history plus a bunch of amazing cars you never knew existed. The big difference here is that all these cars are Mercedes-Benzes, and they're all under one roof (well, a couple of roofs). Billed as the "world's largest

Mercedes collection,” it consists of about 300 rare Benzes. Most of them are from the golden age of tuned, modified, and coachbuilt Mercedes from the 1980s to the early 2000s. All of them are either very special or totally unique—each car could legitimately warrant an attention-grabbing article on its own. Together, they could fill a gigantic book. Better yet, the guys behind the Patina Collective opened a museum, which we were lucky enough to visit back in 2024.

Probably the most important thing about this group of automobiles is that there isn't a standard, stock Mercedes-Benz product in here. All were touched by famous tuners and/or coachbuilders like AMG, Koenig, Renntech, and Brabus, as well as lesser-known ones like ABC, SGS, Lorinser, and Carlsson. Their original owners weren't your standard pencil pushers, either. They ranged from London stockbrokers to German industrialists, Yakuza bosses, sheikhs, pro athletes, African strongmen, and the Sultan of Brunei. Whether it's the engine, the paint, the interior, the bodywork, or some combination of everything (a few are even bullet- and bomb-proof), each vehicle here is drastically different from the regular Benz model on which it's based.

“Our goal is to tell the story of tuner and coachbuilt Mercedes through the '70s, '80s, and '90s into the 2000s, and educate people not just about the cars, but also about the era these cars came from, all the different countries that firms like AMG were involved in, and how so many of the changes that were happening in a more globalized world are reflected in these vehicles and their owners. We also want people to understand that these cars are worth saving.”

For More of this story please visit: <https://www.hagerty.com/media/market-trends/hagerty-insider/the-patina-collective-is-a-modified-mercedes-mecca>

Trademark Filings Reveal Potential Plans For Mercedes S-Class Coupe

A pair of luxury Mercedes-Maybach coupes with stunning split-window designs could signal the return of S-Class two-doors.

By [Verdad Gallardo](#) - January 21, 2025



The Resurgence of Two-Door Luxury

Luxury two-door coupes, once icons of automotive elegance, are increasingly rare in today's SUV-dominated market. [Mercedes-Benz](#), long celebrated for its grand coupes, retired its S-Class Coupe lineup in 2020 due to waning sales. However, recent developments suggest that this hallmark of sophistication may make a dramatic comeback. Trademark filings with the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) reveal designs for two coupes bearing Maybach and AMG badges, reviving hope for enthusiasts of these iconic vehicles.

Surprisingly, these filings weren't made by Mercedes-Benz but by Robu Aktiengesellschaft, a Swiss firm with a track record of creating bespoke automotive projects. Robu gained attention in 2021 for producing the [Bussink GT R SpeedLegend](#), a speedster based on the [AMG GT R](#). This raises the question of whether the S-Class coupe designs are independent coachbuilt creations or part of Mercedes' exclusive Mythos series. If the latter, they could join the ranks of ultra-expensive, limited-run models, akin to the [AMG PureSpeed](#).

The two designs showcase bold departures from standard S-Class aesthetics. The AMG-branded model boasts aggressive front intakes, quad tailpipes, and “V8 Biturbo E Performance” badging, hinting at a plug-in hybrid powertrain delivering up to 791 hp. By contrast, the Maybach variant leans into opulence, with chrome accents, bespoke badging, and a split rear window reminiscent of the Vision [Mercedes-Maybach 6 concept](#). This hallmark of exclusivity evokes classics like the [Bugatti 57SC Atlantic](#) and the [Chevrolet Corvette C2](#) signaling its prestige.

Under the hood, the Maybach coupe is rumored to house the 6.0-liter V12 engine from the Maybach S680, delivering 621 hp. The AMG model likely inherits its powertrain from the four-door AMG S63 E Performance. These specifications suggest a fusion of raw power and refined craftsmanship, catering to discerning buyers who demand performance without compromising luxury. The two coupes also feature elongated front doors and reworked rooflines, emphasizing their bespoke character.

The idea of reintroducing S-Class coupes through coachbuilding isn’t without precedent. Robu’s earlier projects and Mercedes’ Mythos program highlight a growing trend of ultra-luxurious, limited-production vehicles. With mid-cycle updates for the S-Class sedans in development, spy shots of camouflaged prototypes with distinct rooflines further fuel speculation about the potential for new coupe models. If realized, these designs could rival existing luxury coupes like the Bentley Continental GT and Rolls-Royce Spectre.

Despite the dwindling market for two-door cars, the allure of exclusive luxury coupes remains potent. The high costs associated with producing bespoke models mean they would cater to a select, affluent clientele. Whether these designs come to life as official Mercedes-Maybach offerings or independent projects, they represent a nod to the brand’s legacy of crafting iconic two-door vehicles, even as it pivots toward an electrified future.

Classified Items for Sale

Ad Terms: Members of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Inc. may advertise in *The Constellation* to buy, sell, or trade Mercedes-Benz automobiles and related items or services at no charge provided that no commercial promotion is involved. Ads may include a photo. Submitters are asked to contact the editor immediately upon the sale of automobile or item, or conclusion of a business or service advertised.



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For Sale: 1958 Mercedes Benz 220S Coupe, very good to excellent condition. Located in Falcon CO. Contact Regina at 719-332-1537.

For Sale: 2017 S550, VIN # WDDUG8FB1HA314773, 36,500 miles

Purchased March 1, 2022 from MB Westminster for \$65,500 with 31,600 miles. Second owner, the first owner was the F & I Manager at the dealership. MB Westminster sold it new and has all the service records. I have the new window sticker of \$120,000. I believe it has every upgrade package available. Includes two keys & manuals.

From what I found online there are a few of these around the country listed for sale at \$37,000 to \$42,000. Depending on features and miles, I would consider offers in the high \$30,000s, not desperate, but would be as reasonable as possible working with a buyer. Contact Brad Hendrix at 303 946-9112.



For Sale: 2017 CLA AMG63S, Obsidian black/Designo red-black leather, 23,000 miles, Colorado car. New tires, ceramic coating (10 yr warranty), excellent inside and out. Factory raised speed limiter to 186 mph, 577 HP-590 torque. \$73,000 Contact Mark at 719-331-2614, msreich@comcast.net.



Interested in an MBCA Name Badge? Here's How to Get Yours!

NOTE: THESE INSTRUCTIONS DONT WORK, WILL TRY AND GET CORRECTED BY NEXT MONTH.

MBCA logo name badges serve as excellent identifiers at MBCA Sectional, Regional, or National events, fostering camaraderie among members.

Now, you can personalize your badge through a new feature launched on the MBCA website in June 2024: ProShop.

Assuming you've already set up your account on the MBCA website, follow these steps:

1. Log in at MBCA website. Mbca.org (NOT <https://mbca.glueup.com>)
2. Click on the "Members Only" button.
3. ProShop operates independently from MBCA, so you'll need to create a separate account here (your MBCA.org login/password won't work).
4. Navigate to the "MBCA Store" section. Don't be confused by the fact that it's labeled as "ProShop" it's still "Mercedes-Benz Club of America".
5. Once inside ProShop, you'll find the name badges prominently displayed. ProShop offers three different formats of name badges.

Get noticed – grab your personalized name badge today!

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