



The Constellation

Newsletter of the Mile High Section

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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

On Saturday, October 4, twenty of us met at Gaby's German Eatery to celebrate Oktoberfest.

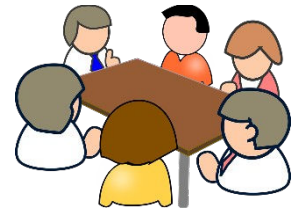
We all had a wonderful time with lots of delicious food and German beer. A great time was had by all. After lunch, we went to Heaven Creamery for gelato. Yum. Several of our members had jalapeno chocolate which they swore was delicious although it left some heat in the back of their throats. Ron Graham, thank you so much for putting this

wonderful event together for us.

Welcome Our New Members

- Audrey Copeland
- George Butler

Members' Planning Meeting and Election of Officers – Nov 8 at Noon



NOTE: Change to event location. We are still going to Famous Dave's but the location has changed. Join us on Saturday, November 8, 12 noon, at Famous Dave's BBQ, 15725 E Briarwood Circle, Aurora. Please RSVP no later than November 5 to Ron Graham, Ron922Grif@aol.com, 303-601-0973 (cell) or 303-745-7578 (home). Don't forget your cowboy hat! After all, it's BBQ.

It's that time of the year again. Join us for our annual planning meeting for 2026 and the election of officers. We are counting on you to bring ideas for beautiful drives, great places to eat, museums, and other ideas for our club functions. All ideas are welcome. Your participation is greatly appreciated and helps us plan wonderful events for the year.

At the meeting we will be electing officers. We welcome all who would like to help our organization. You will be welcomed with open arms and a lot of

thanks. We desperately need members to serve on our board to help and assist in keeping our club alive and moving forward.

My time as President of the Mile High Section is coming to an end. Are you interested in joining our team as President and working with our Directors and others to develop great events? Please RSVP to me at whitlowwong@comcast.net, and we can discuss the tasks involved.



Holiday Party at Maggiano's Little Italy – Dec 6 at 11:30 am

We plan to have another exceptional holiday party, this time at Maggiano's Little Italy, 7401 S. Clinton St., Englewood, in the Denver Tech Center. We will meet there at 11:30 am on Saturday, December 6.

RSVP by December 1 to Whitlow Wong at whitlowwong@comcast.net.

This is the menu for our Holiday Lunch:

FIRST COURSE – served at 12:30 pm

Parmesan Stuffed Mushrooms

Calamari Fritté

Maggiano's Salad

SECOND COURSE

Lasagna

"The Grand" Chicken Parmesan

Blackened Salmon with Crispy Calabrian Shrimp

DESSERT

Tiramisu

Warm Apple Crostata

Regular and decaffeinated coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and assorted sodas. The total bill per person will be \$55.00 which includes tax and tips.

Write your check made out to Mile High Section MBCA and then send it by December 1 to: Jared Simons, 572 Wild Ridge Lane, Lafayette, Colorado 80026.

Please bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to Children's Hospital.

Our schedule of events for the year follows:

Date	Event	Place
Nov 8	Members' Meeting – Famous Dave's BBQ	Aurora
Dec 6	Holiday Party – Maggiano's Little Italy	Englewood

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.

Stunning Mercedes Vision Iconic Concept Ties Brand's Past and Future Together



The Mercedes Vision Iconic EV is less about production readiness and more about reinterpreting history. Unveiled as a design study, the concept hints at how [Mercedes](#) intends to balance its century-old luxury identity with the demands of an [electric](#), automated age. The company says the show car aims to “stand out in a sea of sameness,” an implicit critique of the uniform styling common among many modern EVs.

At first glance, the Vision Iconic's proportions evoke prewar opulence, with long fenders and a tapering tail reminiscent of the [1938 540K Autobahn Kurier](#). The coupe's form borrows from several Mercedes legends, the [300 SL](#), [600 Pullman](#), and W108/W111 sedans, yet integrates them into a single futuristic silhouette. Chief designer **Gorden Wagener** described the car as "a sculpture in motion, a homage to timeless elegance, and a statement for the future."

The Vision Iconic debuts Mercedes' latest interpretation of its grille, a bold evolution of the pixelated face first seen on the new GLC. On this concept, the feature is both an homage and a reinvention: framed in chrome, filled with a smoked-glass lattice, and outlined by contour lighting. While exaggerated in scale, it's intended to look more luxurious than garish, with its illuminated upright star serving as a centerpiece.

Mercedes intends this new design language to reconnect with traditional cues of prestige. The grille's upright form and ornamentation echo Mercedes' Golden Era sedans, but its lighting elements clearly belong to the EV age. This hybrid of heritage and futurism will reportedly appear, at least in toned-down form, on upcoming models like the next S-Class EV.

Inside, Mercedes leans fully into Art Deco opulence. The interior's focal point is the "Zeppelin," a floating glass dashboard that stretches across the cabin, coming alive when the doors open. One of its four circular displays doubles as the Mercedes star, functioning as an AI assistant that interacts with the occupants. The four-spoke steering wheel, oversized and minimal, evokes both classic steering yokes and nautical design.

Material choices reinforce the theme of modern craftsmanship meeting early-20th-century luxury. The bench seat is upholstered in blue velvet, while the floor uses blue straw marquetry, a decorative woodcraft technique revived from the 1920s. The result is a lounge-like space that merges nostalgia with digital sophistication.

Though Mercedes has not shared drivetrain details, the Vision Iconic is fully electric and equipped with steer-by-wire and rear-axle steering for greater agility. The body itself incorporates Solar Paint, which uses embedded photovoltaic cells to harvest sunlight. Mercedes claims a vehicle with about 11 square meters of solar surface area—roughly that of a midsize SUV, could generate enough energy for up to 12,000 kilometers (7,450 miles) of additional range annually under ideal conditions. The coating is recyclable and avoids the use of rare earth materials or silicon, reflecting a more sustainable approach to EV design.

Underneath the aesthetic experimentation lies a technological ambition. The Vision Iconic features neuromorphic computing, a hardware design modeled after the human brain. Mercedes says this approach could cut energy use for data processing in autonomous systems by up to 90%, improving how the car recognizes traffic signs, other vehicles, and road conditions.

The concept offers Level 2 driver assistance, but on highways, it can engage Level 4 autonomous driving, allowing full self-operation. Mercedes describes this capability as a way to "give customers back time," emphasizing how automation could redefine the experience of luxury mobility.

For now, the Vision Iconic remains a showpiece, unlikely to reach production as-is. Still, many of its

ideas, the illuminated grille, Art Deco cues, and solar-integrated bodywork, preview the direction of Mercedes' upcoming EV lineup.

Visually, it's as striking as it is unconventional, part sculpture, part experiment, and wholly committed to bridging eras. Whether it becomes a touchstone for the brand or a design curiosity, the Vision Iconic reaffirms that Mercedes still sees style and technology as inseparable parts of its identity.

AMG Concept Car:

<https://www.mbusa.com/en/amg-ea>

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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.



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