



Tampa Bay Star

September 2024



Showcase of Member's Cars

Left: Lee Kalessis's 1982
380 SL Roadster

Right: Gladys Cochran's
2015 AMG S65



Showcase of Member's Cars

Left: Ravi Kanuri's 2015
S550 (W222)

Right: Ditmar Wissel's 1963
220 SE Cabriolet



Important Dates

Note: The night for the monthly business meeting is the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month (except for September and sometimes July & January when it is delayed a week) and is open to **ALL** members. Attending members go to a nearby restaurant for dinner after the meeting. Please join us and help us with your input. All meetings are held at **Crown Eurocars, 8302 US Hwy 19 N, Pinellas Park, FL**

Meeting Dates

Oct 7	Monday 6:30PM
Nov 4	Monday 6:30PM
Dec 2	Monday 6:30PM
Jan 6	Monday 6:30PM

Business Meeting & Dinner after each meeting on the above scheduled dates.

Event Dates

Oct 26	Historic Spanish Point Lunch at Bella Vino & Cucina Details in this issue
Nov	Next Issue
Dec 1	Holiday Brunch at Safety Harbor Spa

About the Newsletter

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An Overview of the Club

Established in 1956, MBCA has more than 15,000 members in over 84 sections across the nation. Those local sections organize hundreds of events each year, ranging from social gatherings to specialized technical sessions. This is a not-for-profit organization.

Join the Club

Enroll as a member of MBCA for
One Year \$85
Two Years \$165

Call 719-633-6427 Tues-Thurs 9:00AM to 3:00PM or sign in to MBCA.org

Local Activities

Your dues include membership in the section of your choice. Each section publishes a newsletter with news of its activities and its year-round calendar of events, including rallies, defensive driving courses, car shows, technical sessions, and dinner meetings. Many sections host special events. Any MBCA member may attend any section, regional, or national event.

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President's Message

Hello to all Tampa Bay Chapter Friends,

My thoughts and prayers go out to anyone that has experienced any type of loss from Hurricane Helene. This last hurricane has turned out to be one of the most destructive and highest in terms of death or injuries. Although our club is based in the Tampa Bay area, which did experience some damage, many of us also have friends and relatives that live in the other states that also had severe damage from both wind and flooding. To our members that have had damage, let us know. We can't promise, but we may be able to provide some assistance, or help you to find an agency that could help you.

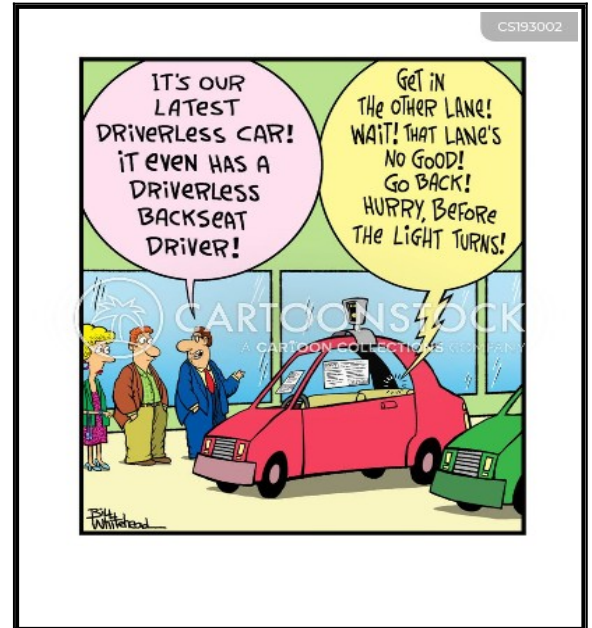
Our next event will be a trip to Historic Spanish Point. Spanish Point is named after two Spanish ships (or several depending on which is correct) that floundered in 1588 in the Gulf of Mexico just offshore from what is now Casey Key, Florida. See more details and reservation form in our newsletter.

Once again, I want to remind all of our members that the events that we all enjoy so much have been planned by just a very few volunteer members. I encourage all of our members to take an active role in planning some events, so that a true representation of all views of entertainment/excitement may be realized. You may contact me on my email to get the "Event Planning" form.

Remember, Be Safe and Have Fun,

Regards,

Greg Watson



Please note the MBCA national business office mailing address and main phone number have changed as follows:

Note: New website at MBCA.org

Mercedes-Benz Club of America
10 Boulder Crescent Street, Suite 200
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Please note the 800# is no longer in service. The existing non-toll-free number will remain as the sole number.

(719) 633-6427 (Tues-Thur, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Mountain time)

Historic Spanish Point, Osprey, FL



Important Info

When: October 26, 2024
Where: Historic Spanish Point
 401 North Tamiami Trail
 Osprey, FL
 941-366-5731
Call or Text: Connie Dolin
 941-720-8322
Email: c.dolin@verizon.net
Tour: Meet at 10:15 AM tour begins at 10:30 AM
Cost: \$22.00 Per Person
Lunch: Bella Vino Cucina at 12:30 PM
 3983 Destination Dr, Osprey, FL
 941-451-8110
Received By: October 17, 2024

Details: Our club's October event is a 1.5 hour guided tour of Historic Spanish Point. This will be a docent led walking tour of the Spanish Point Campus. Historic Spanish Point is nestled far back off Tamiami Trail in sleepy Osprey and is a verdant oasis rich with history. The 30 acre parcel of waterfront land has been inhabited by humans since 300 A.D. Although there are no longer any full time residents, there are plenty of inquisitive visitors every day eager to learn about its long and varied history. The charm and appeal of Historic Spanish Point can be easily summed up in four P's — Prehistoric, Pioneers, Palmer, and Plants. If you want to know more about the four P's of Spanish Point join us for the tour. **NOTE:** We are limited to 25 people for this tour and must have a final count by October 18, so please get your reservations in as soon as possible.

Directions: Put the address into your navigation system, smart phone, GPS, google maps or Mapquest for specific directions from your location or call.

Historic Spanish Point and Lunch October 26, 2024

Name(s) _____

Make Checks payable to:
Tampa Bay Chapter MBCA

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Received by: October 17, 2024
Mail to: Connie Dolin
5037 Benito Ct
Bradenton, FL 34211

Address _____

_____ \$22 **Per Person** enclosed \$ _____ # _____ For Lunch

Lunch at Jacks London, St Pete, FL

September 29, 2024

By: Pat Watson

On September 29th, only a few days after Hurricane Helene caused major havoc to our coast, a small group of us met for lunch at Jacks London Grill. Jacks was not sure they would be able to accommodate us since the St. Pete sewage system was unavailable as of Saturday morning, lucky for us it was restored by Saturday mid morning. Some of our members were unable to attend because of storm damage and loss of vehicles. The few of us that attended celebrated what is most important, friendship, health, and that we survived the storm... To those who could not make it because of storm damage, our hearts are with you.

Our lunch at Jacks London Grill was amazing as usual. They are known for their fish and chips, pot pies, Shepard's pie and of course tasty beer. Our photos below, #A, Group Photo, #B, Margaret & Chris Gregorio, #C Dave & Lynn Hutchinson, #D Lynn Hutchinson, Connie & Gary Dolin, #E Omar & Janet Montague, #F Greg & Pat Watson, #G Frank & Laura Angelelli, #H Len and Ben Berman.



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