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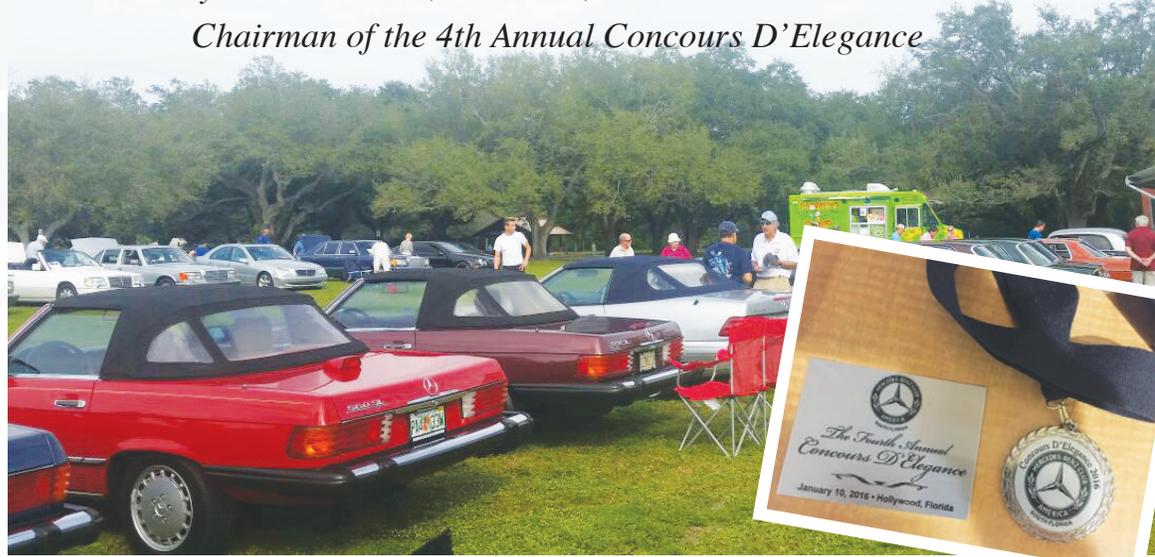
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The 4th Annual Concours D'Elegance was held on Sunday, January 10, 2016 at TY Park in Hollywood, Florida. The weather was beautiful and so were the Mercedes on display. This year's Concours boasted several beautiful new AMG models as well as several different classics.

This year marked our first judged Concours. We had two experts judging the various Mercedes on display. They were both careful and skilled in performing their responsibilities. In one particular class of Mercedes, the judges carefully examined the inside and outside of two cars; checked the tires and rims; but what it came down to in order to choose 1st and 2nd place was the valve stems! The Mercedes that won 1st place had all 4 tire valve stems properly in place; whereas, the Mercedes that came in 2nd place had missing tire valve stems. Whewwwwww! That was close.

Besides the wonderful Mercedes on display there was a great buzz of communication around the show's attendees and registrants. It was busy, but everyone had a good time. In addition to the guests who planned to be at the Concours, on-lookers from the park walked over to see the cars on display. Our returning DJ, Infinity Sound Production, kept the day moving along with a great variety of music and announcements of the various raffle winners. We had a number of beautiful gifts donated for this year's raffle, including a Mercedes-Benz watch. Like in previous years, raffles were held every 30 minutes and several one-year Mercedes-Benz Club annual memberships were raffled away. Food Truck Invasion gourmet food trucks did not disappoint the crowd this year. There were more than 8 food trucks this year once

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MIAMI BEACH CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Submitted by Pasquale Bettino - MBCA South Florida Committee Member

On March 20, 2016, everyone gathered for the Miami Beach Concours D'Elegance. A beautiful setting right on the fairway at the Miami Beach Golf Club, and a perfect place for a substantial gathering of mainly new exotics. Some pristine American muscle cars and a few revered classics

such as the venerable Mercedes Gullwing. Several ultra luxury brands hosted the sprawling VIP area, including Rolls Royce, Bentley and Hublot watches. Great music pumped energy into the afternoon to round out what was a perfect day under the (somewhat visible) Florida sun.



4th ANNUAL CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Submitted by Mike Chrusch, President, MBCA South Florida Section and
Chairman of the 4th Annual Concours D'Elegance



again serving up culinary delights. Like in previous years, the food was delicious.

The winners of the 4th Annual Concours D'Elegance were:
AMG

1st place – William “Bill” Hartman

2nd place – Cesar Ozuna

3rd place – Bryan Owen

2010 – Present (All models)

1st place – Michael Chrusch

2nd place – Ming Lo

3rd place – Andrew Friedman

2000 – 2009 (All models)

1st place – Peter and Janet Chrusch

2nd place - Marcos Maldonado

Young timers

1st place - Richard Hoppe

2nd place - Jim Schaffer

3rd place - Gary Bauer

Preservation Award - Dirk de Groen

On behalf of the officers and board members of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, South Florida section, I want to thank everyone who attended and for the hard work and dedication of our incredible volunteer staff. I would like to give a special thanks to our Regional Director, Pierre Hedary, for driving so far to attend our event and enter his car in the show!

We hope to see you at our next Concours, the 5th Annual Concours D'Elegance, on Sunday January 8, 2017 at the same place (TY Park in Hollywood, Florida) and at the same time, 10 am - 2 pm. Until then, enjoy the brand we all love so much. Be safe and have fun driving.

CARS ON 5TH, NAPLES, FL FEBRUARY 13, 2016

Submitted by Victor Rodriguez – Vice-President & Treasurer



Our South Florida Section attended the 12th Annual Cars on 5th auto show in Naples, Florida on February 13, 2016. The group gathered at our meeting point in Weston and followed each other to Naples. It could not have been more perfect weather to be able to stroll through all of the varieties of horsepower engines. There were unique or rare cars, classics, imports, domestics, and even motorcycles.

In addition to the Mercedes-Benz Club of America being in attendance, the Ferrari Club of America was in attendance as well. Our very own Jay Weitzel was the Master of Ceremony (MOC) of the event. We had a chance to meet up with him there. There were over 20,000 people in attendance. The

enthusiast camaraderie was contagious.

The large collections began with an amazing display of over 100 Ferraris, from rare vintage to 2016 models. There were American Muscle cars; Porsches; Lamborghinis; VWs; Bentleys; over 50 Corvettes as well as Mercedes on display. There was live music and a DJ kept everyone entertained.

At the end of the event, it was a thrill to hear how the cars all simultaneously started their engines at 4pm sharp then rolled out in caravan style, most revving their engines and honking their horns, as they left the car show. Another year and another great show!!

ROAD STAR 4th ANNUAL CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE – FEBRUARY 20th 2016 IN STUART, FLORIDA

Submitted By Bill Harter

Just to the North of our South Florida Club is the Road Star Club which was established some 35 years ago. On the 20th of February, I attended their Club's 4th Annual Concours D'Elegance in Stuart, Florida on the grounds of the elegant and classy Sands Golf Club.

I arrived at about 9:30 am and over the next 1 ½ hours another 35 or so cars arrived. There was a very interesting range of cars from a Red 1958 300SL Convertible to 2 2016 GT/S's (one Black and one White). There was informal "judging" by the attendees, selecting their favorites in 5 defined car classes.

Around Noon, the 60 or so attendees moved to the Golf Club's restaurant where an excellent sit-down lunch was served. During the luncheon, new members and visitors were introduced, future club events were announced, a raffle was



held for some nice MB items, and finally, the 5 class winners received their trophies.

A wonderful time was enjoyed by all, with the event closing around 2:00p.m. I would encourage our members to enter their cars at next year's event which will again be held in February.

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THE 10th ANNUAL BOCA RATON HOTEL & CLUB CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Submitted by Mike Chrusch, President MBCA South Florida Section



Once again, I stepped onto the grounds of the Boca Raton Resort & Club on February 21 for the annual Concours D'Elegance. This year was the 10th annual Concours D'Elegance. I arrived early to help set up the Mercedes Benz Club of America's tent. I had a great day working with Josie Lesler (Head of MBCA Ladies of Mercedes program) and her husband Peter Lesler (MBCA National Concours Chair); Oliver Selgiman (MBCA President of NYC - Long Island Section) and his wife; and Pierre Hedary, the Southeast Regional Director of MBCA. We even had Steve and Ann Andrews (Section officers from a Mercedes Benz Club in England). A special thanks to Josie Lesler for coordinating everything on Sunday and ensuring MBCA could set up its tent. I know it was a lot of work!

The Concours kicked off on Friday night (February 19, 2016) with the duPont Registry™ Live Hangar Party. The Live Hangar party was a spectacular hangar party held at Atlantic Aviation at the Boca Raton Airport, with a display of exotic cars, custom motorcycles, extravagant boats, private jets, vintage aircraft, and luxury motorcoaches. Guests enjoyed gourmet food, fine wines and cocktails presented by over 20 of South Florida's finest restaurants. The evening featured live entertainment and the opportunity to mingle with people from the entertainment, business, and auto racing industries from around the world.

On Saturday night, there was the Gala Dinner & Show so extraordinary that it set the standards for all Gala events to come.

The evening's festivities included the presentation of the Annual Automotive Lifetime Achievement Award and guests had the opportunity to attend a live auction and bid on one-of-a-kind trips, jewelry, and more. The evening ended with a special performance by renowned TV Star and Comedian, Jay Leno.

On Sunday, February 21st, 2016, some of the finest collector cars and motorcycles from around the country gathered on the show field. A variety of manufacturers were exhibited, including vintage, antique, and classic. Guests had the opportunity to enjoy an assortment of gourmet food, fine wines, and cocktails from 30 of South Florida's finest restaurants in the Concours d'Gourmet Café Pavilions.

I had a great day. Attending the Concours always brings back memories of hanging out at the Hotel Club & Resort as a kid. The Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance is the fastest growing Concours in the nation and the world's largest for charity.



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