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## ANNUAL HOLIDAY BRUNCH

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The Section's last event of the year is the Annual Holiday Brunch. It is the time where the South Florida Section of Mercedes-Club of America thanks the members for being part of our Section, it is the time that we talk about the events of the past year, and mostly it is the time that we share our last meal for the year, as a group. This year we gathered once again at the 94th Aero Squadron in Miami, on Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. The holiday brunch consists of 2 parts. Part 1 is sharing the meal, have a raffle and share stories, Part 2 is the Section's small car show by the planes, and to share stories of the automobiles. The members share the latest they have done to their car(s), and what their next step will be. Even though the weather was a little on the overcast side, it was still good.

It worked out that while we were inside eating, it rained. Unfortunately, Victor Rodriguez, who arrives earlier than the others to set up the Section's flags got some of that rain. Bill Harter, and Henry Ovares came to his rescue, and guided some of the members where to park for Part II on the holiday brunch.

This venue provides everyone with an opportunity to display the beautiful Mercedes-



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Pictured here: John Brockway, son-in-law of founder Bill Ussery, in front of our original dealership.

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Thank you, Mercedes-Benz of America, for all you do to celebrate Mercedes-Benz then, now, and in years to come.



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Benz automobiles by the planes which are from World War I and World War II. If you like history, check out some interesting information for the 94th Squadron at <https://www.94thvannuys.com/history>. From the time when the Section commenced doing our holiday brunch in December 2013, at the 94th Squadron, new history was made with these planes, and the Mercedes-Benzes. Attending a buffet at the 94th Squadron, with unlimited variety of food, desserts, soft drinks, coffee, and Mimosas, one tends to eat more than intended. Everyone was content, the camaraderie amongst the members was undeniable, and everyone was anxious for the raffle to begin. The gifts for the raffles were provided to the Section by Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables. Unfortunately, Robert Corzo, who had played Santa in the previous years, by giving out the gifts to the raffle winners, was unable to attend. The Section would like to thank Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables once again for their generosity. Michael Chrusch, the President of the

Section thanked everyone for coming, and reminded all about the 7th Annual Concours de'Elegance was taking place on Sunday, January 13, 2019, was being sponsored by Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables, and will be held at the classic Biltmore Hotel, in Coral Gables.

Once Part I of the holiday brunch came to an end, the annual group picture by the Christmas tree was taken. Afterwards, everybody walked to their cars for Part 2. Strolling from car to car more conversations were initiated, and each members shared their techniques of things they use, and they did with their cars. Beginning with the cleaning, and continuing to other processes or performance for the beautiful Mercedes-Benzes. The event ended by taking group pictures of everyone by the cars, and planes.

It was overall a relaxed, wonderful, and productive event. Hoping to see you at the next South Florida Section's holiday brunch in December 2019.

## LET'S TAKE SOME TIME TO REMEMBER THIS PAST YEAR

*Submitted by Mike Chrusch, President, MBCA South Florida Section*



**MIKE CHRUSCH**

Dear club members,

As the end of the year draws closer, let's take some time to remember this past year. Let's take some time to reflect upon all of the great MBCA South Florida Section events we had. Our Sixth Annual Concours d'Elegance on January 7, 2018 was fantastic. It was the first time we held the Concours at a Mercedes Benz dealership. A few of us were able to attend the Cars on 5th event in Naples, Florida in February 2018. In keeping with last year's tradition, we held events over the summer.

On August 4, 2018 we held our annual meeting at Mercedes Benz of Coral Gables. On September 15, 2018 we held our first event at the University of Miami College of Business. Dean John Quelch invited our Club to have an event at the Fountain located on UM's college of business campus. We had more than 25 beautiful Mercedes lined up around the fountain for what was a fantastic event. This event was featured in The Star news.

In addition to these events, we had several lunches and board meetings over the summer and throughout the year, which gave everyone time to meet and socialize. We ended the year with our annual holiday brunch on December 9th at the 94th Aero

Squadron in Miami, Florida. Once again, Mercedes Benz of Coral Gables supported the event by donating several wonderful gifts for our raffle.

I know we are all anxiously awaiting for our 7th Annual Concours d'Elegance on January 13, 2019 from 10 am - 2 pm at the luxurious Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida. If you have not been to a prior Concours d'Elegance you owe it to yourself to attend. Please remember that the Concours is open to all Mercedes' models and to everyone who would like to participate.

You don't have to be a member to participate or to register your car for the Concours. We invite the other Mercedes Benz Club members and sections in Florida to attend and usually we get a few members from other Florida sections attend the Concours and who register their cars. Our Concours is more than just a car show..... It is THE event.

As always, we encourage all of our members to join us at our events and we greatly appreciate any of our members who would like to get involved and help us plan future events. We don't require you to put in long hours - just being around the group and helping us plan or giving us ideas is enough. After all, this is your club and we want to make sure we are doing things you would like to do. I hope all of you can enjoy the holidays in safety, peace, and harmony. I look forward to seeing all of you soon. Happy New Year! On behalf of the MBCA South Florida Board of Directors and officers, I thank you for being a member and hope to see you all at our next events. Let's make next year an even better year.

Regards,  
Michael J. Chrusch,  
President, MBCA South Florida



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