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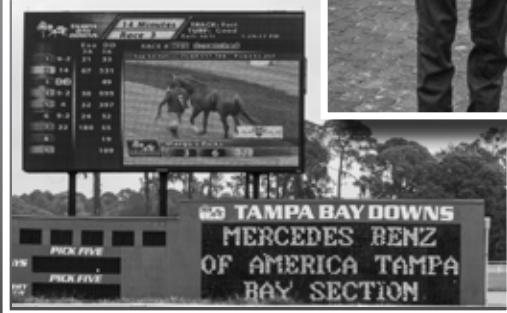
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Ocala, FL

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St. Petersburg, FL

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Important Dates

NOTE: The night for the monthly business meeting is the FIRST MONDAY of each month (except for July & September and sometimes January when it moves up 1 week) and is open to all members. We go to a nearby restaurant for dinner after the meeting. Please join us and help us with your input.

May 6 Monday 6:30PM
NO MEETING
Business Meeting & dinner
Crown Eurocars

May 19 Sunday
Shop, Eat & Tour
Tarpon Springs, FL
See details in THIS issue

Jun 3 Monday 6:30PM
Business Meeting & dinner
Crown Eurocars
6001 34th Street North
St Petersburg, FL

Jun 22 Sunday
Car collection tour
National Parts Depot
Ocala, FL
See details in THIS issue

Jul 1 Monday 6:30PM
Business Meeting & dinner
Crown Eurocars

Jul 14 Sunday 1:30-6:30 PM
Florida Holocaust Museum
55 5th St South
St Petersburg, FL 33701
See details in THIS issue

Aug 5 Monday 6:30PM
Business Meeting & dinner
Crown Eurocars

Sep 9 Monday 6:30PM
Business Meeting & dinner
Crown Eurocars

Oct 7 Monday 6:30PM
Business Meeting & dinner
Crown Eurocars
6001 34th Street North
St Petersburg, FL

Nov 4 Monday 6:30PM
Business Meeting & dinner
Crown Eurocars

Dec 8 Sunday
Holiday Brunch
Safety Harbor Spa

An Overview of the Club

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President's Message

The Prez Says!

There has been a lot of activity in the Club recently. We hope that you have been able to enjoy and participate in our monthly events. If not, there are many activities on the calendar already for the remainder of the year.

In February our Section toured The Yuengling Brewery in Tampa. The factory is at the old Schlitz plant behind Busch Gardens. Yuengling is the oldest brewery in the United States with its roots in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. We learned that the Tampa plant is the largest brewery in the company. This huge facility is amazing and it is interesting that the entire Tampa plant operates with just 76 employees. Today's technology is amazing. I think that we overwhelmed our guide who led our 42 members on our tour plus others for a total of more than 70! Following the tour we had an early dinner at Mimi's Café on Dale Mabry Highway.

We did what has become an annual ritual at Tampa Bay Downs. The event was on March 24. We enjoyed the sumptuous buffet in the elegant Skyview Terrace dining room. The meal was overflowing with shrimp and roast beef. We had a record crowd again with 51 reservations. Four members won a drawing to get their photo taken with the winning jockey and horse in the 3rd Race. This race was designated the MBCA-Tampa Bay Section Race.

April 13th we will be cruising on the Peace River. As of this writing it appears that this will be a very popular trip since 26 people have already signed up. The boat leaves the dock out of Punta Gorda at 1 PM for the 3 hour cruise.

On May 19th the club will be visiting historic Tarpon Springs. We will be doing a trip to watch sponge divers at work followed by dinner at Hellas, a popular Greek Restaurant. Look for the details in this newsletter.

In June, Len Berman is arranging an outing to the Ocala National Parts Depot with a guided tour of the old cars. And, in July, we are planning a tour of The Holocaust Museum with dinner following at Harvey's Fourth Street Grill. Details for both of these events are in this issue.

We look forward to visiting with you at one of our events. Incidentally, please be sure to include your e-mail address when you send in your reservation for an event. We plan to contact all of our attendees by e-mail to confirm that we have received your registration. If you don't hear from the event chairman please follow-up to make sure that your registration has been received. We don't want anyone to be left out because we failed to receive their registration. And, we always encourage our members to bring new ideas for monthly activities to our monthly meeting at Crown Mercedes on the 1st Monday of every month. Please note that there will be no board meeting in May due to vacations.

Dave

Welcome New Members!

Edward Apostolidis • Land O Lakes
Paul Dooley • Summerfield
Lawrence Lunn • Treasure Island
Zig Paul • University Park
George Tapia • Tampa

Above are the new members for December and January up to the 9th of April. – Editor



Check out the club Facebook page or our Section web site at MBCA.org for color photos of our events

Boat Tour, Shopping and Dinner in Tarpon Springs

Important Info

WHEN: Sunday May 19, 2013

WHERE: St. Nicholas Boat Lines
693 Dodecanese Blvd. • Tarpon Springs
727-942-6425

Hellas Restaurant
785 Dodecanese Blvd. • Tarpon Springs
727-943-2400

COST: \$7.00/person for boat tour & parking

CALL: Paul & Linda Cooper • 727-726-6837
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TIME: 1:30 PM boat tour • 4:00 Dinner

RESERVE BY: May 15th

opened, putting the number at well over 100 today.

At 4:30 we will meet at Hellas Restaurant located in the center of the world-famous Sponge Docks featuring award-winning Greek cuisine and authentic Greek pastries to top off your dining pleasure. Hellas is a favorite among local residents as well as Florida visitors. Since 1970 Hellas has been proud to be a cornerstone of the Greek community in Tarpon Springs. Family-owned and -operated Hellas gives back to their rich heritage by providing truly cultural cuisine.

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Directions: Tarpon Springs is located at the most northern end of Pinellas County - just past Palm Harbor before you get to Holiday. If you are coming from the South through St. Petersburg it is easier and less traffic if you stay on McMullen Booth Rd. (CR 611) until you are just past Lake Tarpon then turn left on Keystone Rd. CR 582. Go 4 miles to Pinellas Ave, turn right. Dodecanese Blvd will be .6 mile on the left.

From points east get to McMullen Booth Rd (CR 611) from either the Courtney Campbell or Gandy Bridge then follow the direction above.. From points North you can go South on I-75, the Suncoast Parkway or US 19 - which ever of closest to your home. On the expressways go South to the SR 54 exit & the West to US 19. Turn left on 19 for 2 miles; merge right to Alt a9 for just over 2 miles. Dodecanese Blvd will be on your right.

Boat Tour, Shopping and Dinner in Tarpon Springs May 19, 2013

Names _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone_____

Address _____

Email _____

No. _____ @ \$7.00/person I/we will be staying for dinner Yes No

Details: St. Nicholas III and VII are historic sponge diving boats in Tarpon Springs, Florida. They are located at the World Famous Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks at Dodecanese Boulevard. On August 3, 1990, they were added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. St. Nicholas Boat Lines will take you on a half hour tour down the Anclote River as the Captain gives a lecture on the history of sponge diving. He will show the different types of sponge as he explains how they are best used. A diver in a traditional suit will demonstrate how sponge are retrieved and prepared for marketing. Parking is free with the boat ride.

After our boat tour, walk along Dodecanese Boulevard to see docked sponge boats, shops selling sea sponges and restaurants serving up authentic Greek cuisine. The early sponge industry created a need for eating places at the Docks for the boat crews. Soon, as news of this unusual industry spread, people began to come to the Docks to see the sponges. Shops opened so that the tourists could purchase sponges and other souvenirs. The tourism industry blossomed in Tarpon Springs. Some of the original shops remain at the Docks today, owned by the same families that started them. Through the years more shops have

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121 Woodland Court
Safety Harbor, FL 34695

National Parts Depot Car Collection Tour & Lunch

Important Info

WHEN: Saturday June 22, 2013
WHERE: National Parts Depot
900 SW 38th Ave,
Ocala, FL 34474
352-861-8700
<http://www.npdlink.com>
COST: FREE for tour. Lunch off the menu at a local restaurant after
CALL: Len Berman
941-923-7436
L_sb@verizon.net
TIME: 10:00 AM - Noon for tour
RESERVE BY: **June 15th**



Chief Operations Officer Rick Schmidt and his father, NPD founder Jim Schmidt.

Details: Since the information on the NPD web site is all about ordering out of stock car parts for older GM & Ford cars, I decided to let the photo below speak for themselves. There are over 200 cars in their collection and according to a blurb about a tour of the collection in their Ocala warehouse I found on <http://www.legendarycollectorcars.com>, there are many cars with VERY low mileage and the collection goes from trucks to Lincolns and even a Ford prototype. We will have a guided tour lasting about 1.5-2 hours. After the tour we will head 1 exit South on I-75 for lunch, restaurant yet to be decided.

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Directions: Make your way to exit # 352 on I-75 Take exit 352 for FL-40 W/Silver Springs Blvd. You need to be on the west side of I-75 at the exit. So from the South turn left and proceed under I-75; from the North just exit at turn right. Turn left onto SW 40th Ave. Go 0.1 mi then make a slight left onto SW 3rd St. Go 0.3 mi and then continue onto SW 38th Ave. Destination will be on the right



Yuengling Brewery

Tampa, FL
February 22, 2013
By Linda Cooper

Yuengling brewery was our event for February followed by a mid afternoon meal at Mimi's Cafe. More than 30 of the 37 members registered arrived and we were off on our tour. They showed a short film on the history of the company & then we toured the lab and bottling plant. One room full of tanks held enough beer for you to have a 6 pack a day for more than 50 years!! They do not bottle any beer until it is sold so it is always fresh. After our tour was the tasting room where we all had 2 glasses to try.

Mimi's had a room just for us where we visited and enjoyed great food.



Above: Lynn Hutchinson, Linda Cooper and Gary & Connie Dolin

Right: Bob & Ann Beltz and Scott Suits & Betty Hendrix

On the cover: Greg & Pat Watson down front, Linda Cooper, Lou Dughi, Michael Gulick, (front row) Elaine & Jimmie Lee, Carolyn Jarotz, Nancy Merada, and JoAnn & Jim Deen. Paul Cooper, Lynn Hutchinson, Matthew, Ed Jarotz and Jim Merada

Photos taken by Dave Hutchinson

Above: Our guide

Above left: Dave & Lynn Hutchinson with cardboard man!!



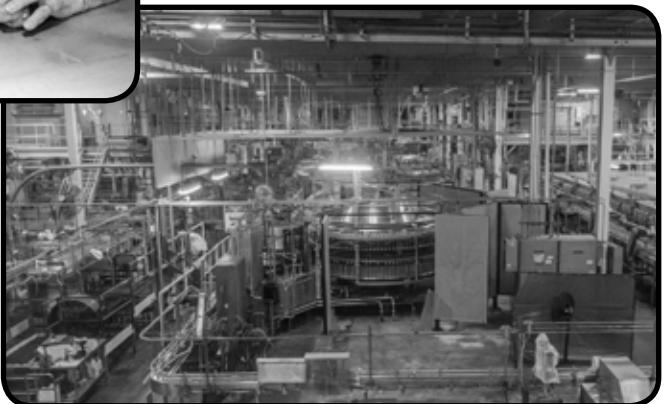
Above: Greg & Pat Watson, Catherine & Bob Martino and Lou Dughi
Left: Lynn Gulick & Paul Cooper sample the beer
Below: The group at Mimi's Cafe



Far left: Debbie Cabrera who didn't read the closed in shoe requirement in the newsletter & had to "borrow" shoes!!

Left: Pat Tornblom and Mary Louden
Below: The bottling floor

Below left: Enough beer in this tank room to drink a six pack a day for 50 years!!!



Tampa Bay Downs

Tampa, FL
March 24, 2013
By Lynn Hutchinson

This is one of our yearly events that everyone always enjoys. This year on March 24, we had our largest turnout...51 paid attendees. The brunch buffet is always delicious....with breakfast food, omelets made to order, salads and cold shrimp. This year there was also salmon and chicken Parmesan. My personal favorite was the carved prime rib which was delicious and this year they even had carved leg of lamb which was very good. The highlight of the buffet was the dessert table which had so many desserts it was hard to pick just a few. I don't know for sure but I think everyone ate far too much that day. I know I did.

We had a few small winners who bet on the horse races and a couple of people won over \$40. Personally I was excited when I won \$2.80 on a \$2.00 bet. It is just the thrill of winning.

We picked 4 members to go down and have their picture taken with the winner of the Mercedes-Benz Club Race, #3. The lucky people were: Jerry Rendel Connie & Gary Dolin, Paul Lizzo and Don Eckerson. See them in the photo on the cover.

The only way this event could have been better would have been if it had been a bright sunny day, not overcast. But, again, we cannot control the weather and fortunately we were inside.

I know we will be having this event again and I want to remind everyone to get your money in for your reservation as soon as it is announced. The tables are pre-set and more seats cannot be added. Once the tickets are sold, that is it.



Above: Norm & Victoria Ross

Below: Maggie Watson with her daughter, Kathy Medick



Above L-R: Michael Cooper, Caroline Cerveny, Ed Jarotz, Mary Louden, Pat Tornblom, Krissy Bacon, Lou Dughi, Carolyn Jarotz, and Nancy & Jim Merada

Right: Debbie & Dan Cabrera

Photos of this event taken by Dave Hutchinson



Above: Scott Suits & Betty Hendrix

Left: Elaine & Jimmie Lee



Above: Dick & Kathy Brower

Right: Joyce Ellis

Far right: Ellen & Paul Lizzo

Below: Bobbie & Jerry Rendel

Below right: Mady & Bill Iseman



For Sale

Any member wishing to place an ad in the newsletter for automobiles and/or related equipment for sale, may do so at no charge by sending a typed or printed copy to the Editor no later than the 10th of the odd number months.

FOR SALE - Car cover Silverguard Class 2; SLK class '99-'04 \$100; 2 CD holders - each holds 6 CD's for the trunk CD holder, both \$30; Silver MBCA front license plate, \$10; & white terry MB front seat cover for SLK, free. call Krissy @ 727-548-0313

FOR SALE - 2008 ML 320 CDI 4Matic Purchased & serviced at local MB dealer. Silver/gray leather interior. Warranty till 2014. Interior ambient light package, premium Pak I and II. Hands free communication. Wood steering wheel. Garaged. 813 230-7370 or 813 961-6666. \$27,000

FOR SALE - Like new custom cover Silverguard Plus Class 2; SLK class '98-'04 (W170 body style). Only used in garage \$150. Call Jim & JoAnn 863-386-0286 Sebring, FL

FOR SALE - 1984 500SL dark blue w/tan interiors, 2 tops, 160K miles, always garaged, 2 sets of wheels, \$7,500. 727-864-1622 (St. Petersburg, FL) call Bob Alexander for appt

FOR SALE - Chris Tornblom's cars: 1979 MB 300SD - car is in excellent shape, white/navy interior & no rips or tears, good tires, A/C, sun roof, new front end, good tires & excellent gas mileage - \$3,500.00

1984 SEC 500 - fully loaded - car runs great heated seats, new tires. \$6,000 or best offer.

2001 Jacquar S Class 4 door - car in perfect shape gold in color - \$7,000 or best offer. Call Pat 727-856-5584 to see these beauties.

FOR SALE - 1982 380 SEC, silver (original)/navy leather interior. Call Paul Cooper @ 727-726-68371985
300 TD station wagon; navy/palomino interior. New tires, A/C & battery. Call Paul Cooper @ 727-726-6837

FOR SALE - 1997 SL 600 Mercedes, white. Never been in accident, have service records from dealer (car fax). Garage kept. Two tops, hard top panorama roof. Sports Package. New ceramic brakes. All new cylinders for top. Second owner \$14,000.00. Contact Bob Moore (MB Member) @ 727-560-6798.



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Florida Holocaust Museum Tour & Dinner

Details: We will have a guided tour of the museum that will be an hour and a half to two hours with dinner following at 4 PM.. As usual, if only part of the event fit in your schedule, you can come just for the museum or dinner. Please indicate on the coupon if you will stay to eat so the restaurant is prepared for a crowd. They have a room for us. If the museum tour conflicts, you can join us just for dinner. Please call Dave & Lynn so we have you in the restaurant count.

Here is what their website says: The Florida Holocaust Museum honors the memory of millions of innocent men, women and children who suffered or died in the Holocaust. The Museum is dedicated to teaching the members of all races and cultures the inherent worth and dignity of human life in order to prevent future genocides.

The Museum is home to the permanent exhibition: History, Heritage and Hope, which uses original artifacts, historical photographs and documents to tell the story of the Holocaust with a special emphasis on the personal stories of local survivors. It also houses the permanent exhibition, Kaddish in Wood: Woodcarvings by Dr. Herbert Savel. These carvings are of French children who were victims of the Holocaust.

Directions: From all directions: Make your way to St. Petersburg. If you are **GOING SOUTH** on I-275. Take exit 23A on the left to merge onto I-375 E toward Baywalk/The Pier. Go 1.3 mi and when 375 ends continue onto 4th Ave N. Go 466 ft and Turn right onto 5th St N. for .4 mi. The museum will be on the right. They have a small free parking lot that is a right turn BEFORE the museum. If the lot is full, there is a public parking lot across the street or there is on street parking.

If you are **GOING NORTH** on I-275 the exit number is 23 merge onto I-375 E toward The Pier otherwise the directions are the same.

Harvey's Fourth Street Grill is about 2 miles from the museum and they have their own parking lot.

Important Info

WHEN:	Sunday July 14, 2013
WHERE:	Florida Holocaust Museum 55 5th St S St Petersburg, FL 33701 727-820-0100 http://www.flholocaustmuseum.org/
COST:	Harveys Fourth Street Grill 3121 4th St N St Petersburg, FL 33704 727-821-6516 http://harveys4thstreetgrill.com/ \$9/person for museum. Dinner off menu
CALL:	Dave & Lynn Hutchinson • 727-726-6711 dhutch@verizon.net
TIME:	1:30 - 3:30PM museum tour 4:00PM for dinner
RESERVE BY:	July 5th . (or first 50 people) Limited to 50 registrations

Florida Holocaust Museum Tour & Dinner July 14, 2013

Name _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

_____ @ \$9/person _____ Enclosed

I will stay for dinner Yes No

Make check payable to:
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Mail by July 5, 2013 to:
Dave & Lynn Hutchinson
2104 Flamingo Place
Safety Harbor, FL 34695

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Sponge Diving
Visit Tarpon Springs
See you May 19th
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If you are running late for an event, please feel free to use any of the cell phone numbers below to let us know.

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