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!New Member Welcome and Introduction BBQ!

On Saturday 8th April, your Board will host a New Member Introductory BBQ at 9704 N. Heather Dr. Castle Rock, CO 80108. All new members since January 2005 are invited. The purpose is to introduce each of you to other MBCA Mile-High Section members and to the MHS Board members. We will discuss the 2006 Schedule of events and secure your feedback on what you would like to see in the future. The social interchange will start at 3:00pm, with dinner served at approximately 5:30pm. Dinner will consist of a Santa Maria style BBQ with Tri-Tips or chicken as the main course. Soft drinks, wine and beer will be served. We need your RSVP on the enclosed registration form so that we ensure sufficient food is available The Board and I are looking forward to meeting each of you!

Registration form on Page 6

Any questions? please call 303-799-4806. *Randy*

A Mile-High Welcome to Our New Members

Jonathan Berman

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Jason Torrey

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Don't Miss The BBQ!!!

Signup NOW!!!

Numbers Rally

Mark your calendars for May 20th.

It's Diane and Max's Annual May Rally.

This year we are going to be doing a numbers rally. We are in the process of laying out the rally



route, with more than a few surprises this year. We'll be starting again this year at the Park Meadows Mall on the North side of Dillard's and Southwest of P. F. Chang's.

Further info in the May news letter.

Max

Detailers Paradise Tech Session & Open House

Detailers Paradise is pleased to invite the Mile-High Section of MBCA to a Detailing Tech Session and Open House on Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 10:00am to 2:00pm (and beyond for those who wish!). This fun and educational event will be held at their retail store and training center at 1745 South Broadway in Denver (*located just a few blocks north of Evans and just 1 mile south of I-25*).

The Detailing Tech Session will focus on paint care and machine polishing. It will begin promptly at 10:15am and will be 95% hands-on. They will be available throughout the entire event to help you find solutions to your toughest detailing problems.... paint imperfections, leather conditioning, convertible top care, tire & wheel cleaning, metal polishing and more, plus special sale prices on an assortment of products and tools to all participants. The event also includes snacks and beverages. Racing and other automotive related DVDs will run constantly in the entertainment area of their store for your viewing enjoyment. Free and safe parking is always available in their large parking lot. Stop by to learn, shop, and socialize with your fellow Mercedes enthusiasts!

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On Track with Randy

Randy Williams
President, Mile-High Section

The MBCA 50th Anniversary Route 66 Tours info including sign-up information is posted on the MBCA website - www.mbc.org. Please check it out and sign-up early. For those members that would like to only spend a week-end on the tour, the PPS is organizing a trip to Santa Fe on September 22 - 24. More information will be provided later. The National Spring Board Meeting is scheduled for May 3-7 in Oakbrook, Illinois. Please check the MBCA website - www.mbc.org for further information and info on Star Tech may be found on the website.



MB of Colorado Springs on the 8th as well as there Spring Rally on the 29th.

May events include Diane and Max's always fantastic Annual Rally as well as a Hands on Detailing event.

Start planning on joining in on both great charity car shows in June. For you racing fans out there we have a weekend event planned for September on the excellent La Junta Race Way.

In conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Region

Sections, the MHS is planning a 50th Anniversary MBCA Rally/Tour Event that will start in Crested Butte. This Regional Event, Co-Hosted by the MHS and the PPS will take place in August and is being planned similar to the very successful "La Sal" Tour that started in Grand Junction last fall.

More information will be

For the latest section information, be sure to visit

The Mile-High Section website @



www.milehighmbca.org

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Signing up prior to the event is requested for food planning.

!We look forward to seeing everyone there!

This is just in time to help you prepare for the Clubs two Charity car shows coming up in June.
The cost is only \$5 per-person, so don't come alone – Bring a friend!! These sessions are always a great learning experience and not to be missed!! *Randy*

Notes from the Membership

With the Panzano event behind us, we start the spring schedule. The Club has plenty of events in the works; from car detailing to our mystery Spring tour coming soon. Do try to set aside time for at least one of these events. All are fun and a great way to get to know other members.

After the Children's Miracle Telethon our group was discussing your interests. We hear very little from other members. We have the monthly Social at the Red Lion Hotel by Invesco Field, located on the top floor of hotel. It is great opportunity to meet other members.

But recognizing that it is not always possible to come to these, we would like your ideas on possible events.

- What events do you most enjoy? Tech sessions? Driving?
- An overnight (driving) trip to a unique location?
- Add a cooking event?
- Do you prefer day or evening events?
- Are certain times of the year bad?
- What about an annual pot luck dinner someplace?
- What are your feelings about cost?

Let us know what events you enjoy or would like to see. We attempt to mix driving, automobile upkeep, and general social events.

Please call any board member and give us your thoughts.

Richard

Monthly Get-Together's

Our 2006 Monthly informal Social gatherings occur on the third Wednesday of each month. The April event will be on Wednesday, April 19th, 6:30-9:00pm, at the Skybox atop the Red Lion Hotel (303-433-8331) located next to Invesco Field at Mile High Stadium. From north or south on I 25 take Exit #210B or Stadium Exit. Complimentary parking is directly around the hotel. Need directions or information please call Randy at 303-799-4806. *See you there!* *Randy*

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CCCI Tech Session conducted by Steve Zinanti and his very talented crew was an outstanding success. Thirty Three (33) members and guests from both the Mile-High and Pikes Peak Sections were treated to an in-depth explanation of CCCI's Certified process for repairing Mercedes vehicles. The many special tools required



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and to Jerry Kappler for arranging it.

Randy

Alice 105.9/Children's Miracle Network Radiothon -The annual

Alice 105.9/Children's Miracle Network Radiothon was another huge success! We had ten members from the Mile High section participate in the Wednesday February 22nd, afternoon session. Randy had one man call in and donate \$200, the unusual part of this pledge was the donor was from Louisiana, working in Colorado, and felt this was a little give back for the help that he had received during the Katrina disaster.

We had total contributions of \$1,112,000 for the 36 hour event. The CMN goal was \$1M but in the last 2 hours the Director, Jennifer Lackey, decided to raise the bar to \$1.1M and even that number was beaten. She sends her thanks to Randy, Phyllis, Laura, Ron, Jerry, Jan, Rita, Rick, Richard and Pat for helping man phones and helping with whatever else that was necessary to make this program the success it was. *Max Townsend*

We Want Your Garage– for the Annual Garage Tour

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Save your walking and running shoes! The Mile High Section is considering participating in the SUSAN G. KOMEN BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION'S "RACE FOR THE CURE" IN OCTOBER. We would like to have many of our members participate in the fundraising event. We will be seeking sponsorships for a Mercedes Team effort. This should be a great opportunity to make a donation and getting the name of your company out to the public.

The Komen Foundation was started by the sister of Susan Komen following her death from breast cancer. Monies are used for research of breast cancer, grants for breast screening programs, care for those who cannot afford it, and many other charitable works. It is a national foundation and sponsors races throughout the Country as well as Colorado.

As a two-time breast cancer survivor, I can attest to the benefits of the organization. We will let you know the exact date for the event once it is released this month. It is usually the first Sunday in October. Plan to join us, and help us raise money for this worthy cause. Please contact me if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

My phone number is 303-986-5035. *Carol Haubold*

Don't Know Much 'bout History

Jerry Kappler is the MHS Historian and is pulling together the history of the Section. Anyone who has information, artifacts or 'whatever', pertaining to the history of the Mile-High Section.

Please contact Jerry (303-757-6025) and share your information.

Your cooperation will be highly appreciated!!

Jerry

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8	Mercedes Tech session Pikes Peak section (Glenn Hamill 719.575.7931)	17	Red Lion Social 6:30 pm (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)	11	Presidents Rally Pikes Peak section
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