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Detailers Paradise Tech Session & Open House

Get ready for the summer car shows!! 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 enthusiast!



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Numbers Rally

Mark your calendars for May 20th, cause we're ready to go!

It's Diane and Max's Annual May Rally. This year we are going to be doing a numbers rally. The route has been determined and the restaurant has been chosen. All we need is you, your significant other and your car. We'll meet on the north side of the Dillard's Department store and just to the southeast of P. F. Changs at 9am on May 20th. Bring coffee money, a writing implement, and \$5 for parking. The lunch is covered but alcoholic beverages are not. Each car will receive a commemorative dash plaque. The rally will last from 9am to around 2pm. *Diane and Max*



15th Annual Charity Car Show @Cherry Creek

There's no better way to spend a Saturday than showing off your favorite Mercedes-Benz or just looking at the finest Mercedes-Benz cars in the area. Saturday, June 17th is the day for Mile-High Section's annual Charity Car Show at Fillmore Plaza in Cherry Creek North.

This is our 15th show at this location, and again the Make-A-Wish Foundation will benefit. Please sign up now, and I will contact you before the show to advise you when to arrive. As in the past, we will enjoy a steak dinner at the North Woods Inn afterward.

Because of changes at the site, this could be the last MBCA show at Fillmore Plaza. We will keep you posted for next year. After 16 years on the Mile-High Section board, serving as Section President, Rocky Mountain Regional Director, Director At Large, and National Vice President, I'll be leaving the section's board. This will be the last event that I'll chair as a board member. It's been a lot of fun and work, and I've enjoyed every minute, so come out and help me celebrate.

Richard Thaumert

Don't forget The Charity Car Show at Arapahoe Community College, the AKA Exotic Sports Car Show to benefit Cerebral Palsy of Colorado on Sunday, June 4th. This show is not limited to Mercedes-Benz vehicles, so if you wish to participate, contact: <http://cpco.org/concours/>

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On Track with Randy

*Randy Williams
President, Mile-High Section*

We have some outstanding events coming up in the next few months locally and nationally. Locally, in May we have a great Tech Session and the infamous Diane and Max Rally; in June our two Charity Car Shows; in July our Annual Picnic with the Pikes Peak Section and the Garage Tour; then in August we have, in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Region Sections, a 50th Anniversary MBCA Rally/Tour Event that will start in Crested Butte (see article); in September we have the use of the La Junta Raceway; and in October we have the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Ron & Laura's Octoberfest Rally, and Jan & Jerry's famous Halloween Party.



Nationally, the National Spring Board Meeting is scheduled for May 3-7 in Oakbrook, Illinois; the MBCA 50th Anniversary Route 66 Tour is in September; and StarFest is in October. Information for these national

events, 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

weekend on the tour, the PPS is organizing a trip to Santa Fe on September 22 - 24.

Please plan on joining us in as many of these very fun and rewarding events as you can.

Randy

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Former Mile-High section president, Albert F. "Sunny" Bragg of Longmont died March 28, 2006, after a short illness at Longmont United Hospital. He was 73.

He was born October 25, 1932 in Providence, Rhode Island to Frederick R. and Olive L. (Bardsley) Bragg. After attending Duke University, he served as an aviator in the U.S. Navy. He moved to Longmont, CO in 1999 from Littleton, CO.

Mr. Bragg was a pilot with United Airlines for 28 years, retiring in 1992.

He was also a member of: the Experimental Aircraft Association of Longmont, the Antique Aircraft Association of Colorado and the Mercedes Benz Club (Mile High Section). He enjoyed flying, especially taking his grandchildren Katie and Tyler up in his Navion.

He is preceded in death by a brother, Roy Bragg, and survived by his wife, Anita Bragg of Longmont; a son, Steven Bragg and his wife Kathy of Ft. Collins; a daughter, Gail Bragg and her husband Bob Knuts of New York City, New York; a brother, Eric R. Bragg and his wife Sydney of Minneola, Florida and four grandchildren, Katie and Tyler Bragg of Ft. Collins and Lissa and Daniel Bragg of New York.

A memorial service was held 2 PM Friday, April 21, 2006 at Ahlberg Funeral Chapel with Reverend Randy Kroening of Mountain Life Church in Ft. Collins officiating. Cremation has taken place at Ahlberg Funeral Chapel and Crematory. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to *Longmont Meals on Wheels*.

Private Inurnment will be at Ft. Logan National Cemetery. Visit www.ahlbergfuneralchapel.com to leave condolences for the family.

Detailers Paradise

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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*

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Randy



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E-mail: _____

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Please mail completed form and check payable to Mile-High Section-MBCA to:

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Reservation Form

Numbers Rally

May 20/ 9:00am

Park Meadows Mall, North Parking Lot

Include me/us

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Sunday-Award Breakfast. Then sight seeing, fishing, rafting, shopping - all of the good things available in a great vacation area and/or 'depart at will'

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The Mile-High Section (MHS) web site, is up and operating and awaiting your perusal and comments - mile-highmbca.org, please try it and send comments to me at - ranphil39@aol.com. Please include in the Subject box that your providing MHS input. We need to know if it meets your expectations/needs and how to improve it.

Also we would like to use the Internet as a way of communicating with you about upcoming events, MBCA membership information, and other information affecting our club. In order to do this we need your email address - we guarantee you that your email address will not be sold, transferred or used for any other purpose other than to inform you of MBCA MHS directly related information - please send your address to me at - ranphil39@aol.com. Please include in the Subject box that you're providing MHS input, other wise it might be deleted. Thanks to those members that have sent in their email address. *Randy*

Reservation Form

Mile-High Section Charity Car Show

June 17, 2006—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Fillmore Plaza, Cherry Creek (Denver)

Please register the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Calendar of Events

Events listed in boldface are for the Mile-High Section

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May		June		July	
4	MHS Board Meeting 7:00 pm (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)	1	MHS Board Meeting 7:00 pm (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)	6	MHS Board Meeting 7:00 pm (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)
13	Tech session @Detailers Paradise 10:00 am (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)	3	Charity Car Show@ ACC TBA (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)	16	Picnic@ Dillon Reservoir Mile-High & Pikes Peak (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)
17	Red Lion Social 6:30 pm (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)	11	Presidents Rally Pikes Peak section	19	Red Lion Social 6:30 pm (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)
20	Numbers Rally 9:00 am (Max Townsend 303.770.1128)	17	<u>Annual Charity Car Show at</u> <u>Cherry Creek Shopping Center</u> 10 am -4 pm (Richard Thaemert 303.722.6754)	22	Annual Garage Tour TBA (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)
		21	Red Lion Social 6:30 pm (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)		