



## ***StarTrack 2007***

Mercedes-Benz Club of America  
Pittsburgh Section

Pittsburgh Section of Mercedes-Benz Club of America is pleased to host StarTrack 2007. Enclosed are the registration forms you will need to enter any or all of the events. In addition to StarTrack 2007, Mercedes-Benz is also the Marque of the Year for the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. This requires a different fee breakdown, but the end costs are similar to past years. We expect a strong showing from the 190SL Group, Gullwing Group and Pagoda Group as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 300SL Roadster. Pittsburgh Section has planned a full four days of events for concours and driving. Please join us as we celebrate and raise money for the PVGP charities.

### Basic Schedule:

The StarTrack Concours d'Elegance will be held in Schenley Park on Sunday July 15 as part of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. Vintage racecars race through the park as we watch them from our show area. Sunday night we will enjoy the StarTrack Black Tie Banquet (black tie is optional) at the Embassy Suites. Monday and Tuesday we move to BeaveRun Motorsports Park for time trials, defensive driving, autocross, and acceleration run. Experienced driving instructors will be available to assist you and help you in all driving events. We will have classes for all levels of abilities and vehicles so you can drive at your comfort level. Please see the details on technical inspection and helmet requirements on the MBCA website under Rulebook. StarTrack Sunday participants are welcome and encouraged to attend the Saturday PVGP Marque of the Year Show at no additional charge.

Please note that the parade lap scheduled for Sunday morning by the PVGP is subject to time change based on racetrack availability. We will get the lap on Sunday morning but what time is beyond the control of Pittsburgh Section. Therefore we may not be able to accommodate concours cars on the parade lap. We will try to arrange rides for those who place their cars early.

Please register as soon as possible. On-site registration may be accepted but is not encouraged as we must order food and set up driving classes prior to the event. Driving events slots and food may not be available to late registrations. Your early registration will be appreciated. Please note that your MBCA membership must be current at the time of registration.

Pittsburgh Section Officers, directors, and members are excited to host StarTrack 2007 and are ready to assure that you enjoy the event. Please contact us with any questions.

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Please check the Pittsburgh Section Website for updates: [www.mbcapitt.org](http://www.mbcapitt.org)

### **HOST HOTEL**

Our Host hotel is the **Embassy Suites Pittsburgh Airport**, an all suite facility, where we have arranged a special rate of **\$82.00** plus tax **for two persons**. Extra persons (over 2) sharing a room are charged \$10.00 each. This includes **Breakfast** for two daily and a **Cocktail Reception daily** from 5:00 to 7:00PM. Contact the **Embassy Suites** direct 1-412-269-9070 (for best service) or 1-800-362-8779 to make your reservation before the block is filled or by June 30, 2007 deadline.

## A Few Words of Explanation

Pittsburgh Section Officers felt that we should offer an explanation of the fees at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. Pittsburgh Section has led the way for other car clubs in fund raising for the PVGP Charities and has been a Gold Sponsor since 2003. By sponsoring StarTrack we increase our contributions to these charities. StarTrack participants in past years paid \$20.00 per car as a contribution to the PVGP Charities. We then paid for lunches and the parade lap separately. As Marque of the Year the PVGP charges \$95.00 but that includes lunches both days and the Parade Lap. The net result for 2007 versus 2005, including lunch both days and the optional parade lap, is a decrease from \$105 for one person or \$130 for 2 people to the current \$95.00. PVGP supplies sponsors that make this possible and the food quality is what you have come to expect from Pittsburgh Section events.

### Regarding StarTrack:

As you know, costs are going up on many things and our event is not excluded from these increases. We tried to offset these cost increases by negotiating but unfortunately there are a few increases. We were able to lower the registration fee by including a spouse/guest at no additional charge, but we had to raise the Driving Packages slightly due to increased costs of the track, and safety workers. In 2005 we had many positive comments about the amount of track time provided and the quality of the facility. We trust after StarTrack 2007 you will be one of those who agree.

### For those who have not participated in StarTrack or the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix:

The shows are held on the Schenley Park Golf Course in the Oakland Section of Pittsburgh. Trailer parking is available, but cars must be driven onto the show grounds. Support vehicle parking is available, but not in the show area. Transportation to/from the parking areas will be provided by golf cart.

The field opens at 9:00 AM. Cars may be left overnight Saturday. PVGP provides onsite security patrols. Although we have not had any trouble in the past, vehicles are left at the owners risk. Neither Pittsburgh Section nor PVGP assume responsibility.

It is our hope that you will attend StarTrack 2007 and we will do all we can to assure that your experience in Pittsburgh will be rewarding and FUN. In addition the PVGP Charities, Allegheny Valley School for Exceptional Individuals and the Autism Society will receive extra funds.

Please contact us with any questions or special needs.

The StarTrack Crew

# **StarTrack 2007 Events**

## **Concours d'Elegance**

The Concours d'Elegance is a showing of cars, which are prepared and cleaned to appear as close to "showroom original" as possible. Cars are classed in accordance with rules established by the National Events Committee. The event is judged and trophies are awarded for Best of Class, Best of Show, and Judges' Choice. In Show Class, the entire car, including the undercarriage is judged. In Street Class, the undercarriage is not judged. Display class is not judged, but is a chance for others to enjoy your car. This show is held in Schenley Park in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix.

## **AUTOCROSS**

An autocross is a low-to-moderate speed event held on a wide-open area at BeaveRun. Pylons designate the course that is made up of gates, straight-aways and turns. The purpose is to make you a better driver. The object is to traverse the course as quickly as possible without striking the cones or going "off course." Drivers and instructors will walk the course to become familiar with the layout, the track surface, the turns, before taking practice laps. Instructors will be available and you only go as fast as you are comfortable. Awards are given for fastest time by class and for improvement.

## **ACCELERATION RUNS**

The Acceleration Run is a measured distance from a standing start. The object is to complete the distance in the shortest possible time. Cars are given a minimum of three timed runs. Awards are given in all classes.

## **TIME TRIALS**

Time Trials are actual laps on the BeaveRun Racecourse. Instructors ride with all drivers until they are approved for solo laps. The purpose is to develop your driving skill at higher speeds. The morning sessions will be practice and the afternoon laps will be timed. The procedure consists of a warm-up lap, several consecutive timed laps, and a cool-down lap. To participate in time trials, drivers must have completed the Defensive Driving and Performance Driving Schools.

## **DEFENSIVE DRIVING**

Defensive Driving is a series of small specific exercises that are designed to improve driving skills and assist the driver in a better understanding of how his/her car will react during turning and braking in emergency situations. Most of the courses are low speed events and are recommended for all drivers even if they will not be entering the autocross or track events. Defensive driving is included in your StarTrack registration fee.

## **PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOL**

The Performance Driving School is a noncompetitive instructional school on a racetrack with a trained in-car instructor. Emphasis is on handling, control, braking, and proper use of the hands and eyes. There are established rules for one car passing another. Safety is a primary concern, and drivers must attend a classroom session before beginning the school.

If you have track questions, contact Bob Speer at 412-848-1149 or e-mail [respeer@comcast.net](mailto:respeer@comcast.net). We look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh July 14-17, 2007

# StarTrack 2007

## Schedule of Events

Pittsburgh PA

July 14-17, 2007

### Friday July 13

12:00 Noon- 9:00PM

5:00 PM -7:00PM

Registration Opens / Embassy Suites

Welcome Party Embassy Suites

### Saturday, July 14

10:00 A.M.- 3:00 PM

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Section Show

StarTrack Attendees Welcome at No Additional Charge

### Sunday, July 15

9:00 AM

11:30 AM

3:30 PM

5:30 PM Drivers Meeting

7:30 PM

Cars placed for Concours

Concours judging begins

Awards Ceremony Schenley Park

Embassy Suites

**MBUSA StarTrack Banquet** Black Tie Optional

Embassy Suites Ballroom

### Monday, July 16

8:00 AM

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

6:30 PM

Classroom Instruction at BeaveRun

Instruction & Defensive Driving at track

Track Events

Dinner: Quaker Steak & Lube Individual checks

### Tuesday, July 17

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

4:30 PM

5:00 PM

Track Events/Yunz Run

Awards Ceremony Follows Events

**MBCA Dinner - BeaveRun Motorsports Complex**

The tech inspection spot check and verification of tech sheet and helmet will be completed prior to any driving event. Current Drivers License and Proof of Insurance must be presented.

A more complete schedule of driving classes and specific locations at the track will be in your check-in folder. Complete directions will also be in your packet. The complete rulebook can also be found on the MBCA website

The Taste of Pittsburgh Rallye will be available to be run on your own at any time from Friday thru Tuesday. Special prizes will be given for the Rallye.

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## Registration Form-Part 1

This form is to be used for only those persons under the same MBCA membership number. If your spouse prefers to use his/her own number, please make a duplicate of this form for that individual.

Drivers must be members of MBCA to compete in driving events and must be age 16 or over to compete in time trials. Drivers age 16 with a valid driver's license can enter all other driving events.

### NOTE

You must fill in all the blanks. Your Mercedes-Benz Club of America membership number appears on the label of The Star magazine. Your MBCA Section name is listed in your local newsletter.

### PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

#### Registrant Information

#### Name(s) Desired on Name Tag

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Other Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Child/Other Guest \_\_\_\_\_

MBCA Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ MBCA Section \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Each Registered Member will receive a welcome registration packet. Please let us know the following so we know where to have your registration packet. We will have them at registration at the Embassy Suites on Friday and Saturday Morning, at Schenley Park Saturday & Sunday and at BeaveRun Monday & Tuesday.

Are you staying at the Embassy Suites?      Yes      No

If no but staying locally, please give us a contact number hotel or mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

### Registrations:

Friday      **Hotel** 12 Noon to 9:00 PM

Saturday      **PVGP** Schenley Park      10:00AM - 3:00PM      **Hotel** 4:00PM - 9:00PM

Sunday      **PVGP** Schenley Park      10:00AM - 3:00PM      **Hotel** 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Monday:      **BeaveRun** track      7:30AM -10:00AM

Tuesday      **BeaveRun** track      7:30AM -10:00AM

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## Registration Form Part 2

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Member</u>	Spouse/ Guest	Child/ Guest	Child/ Guest	Total
<b>Registration Fee</b> <i>circle</i> <b>\$50.00</b>	<b>Included</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	\$ _____

Defensive Driving is included in your registration and all registered attendees are encouraged to take the course. This registration fee must be paid by everyone 16 years of age or older who participates in any event or banquet.

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Display at Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix: Includes lunch for two people both days, parade lap on Sunday and display access for Saturday and Sunday. This is part of the Marque of the Year and all proceeds benefit the PVGP Charities. All display and concours enteries must pay this fee.	\$95.00 per car	\$ _____
Concours--Show Class/ Street Class	\$25.00 per car	\$ _____

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Driving Package \$300.00 (per driver) Number of Drivers \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Includes: Autocross, Defensive Driving, Acceleration Run, Performance Driving School, Time Trials and classroom)

**or**

Autocross only \$45.00 (per driver) Number of Drivers \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Acceleration Run only \$30.00 (per driver) Number of Drivers \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Time Trials, Defensive Driving and Performance Driving School  
\$250.00 (per driver) Number of Drivers \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Defensive Driving is included in your StarTrack Registration

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Taste of Pittsburgh Rallye \$25.00 Per Car \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Subtotal Part 1 Registration-Concours-Driving Events** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Enter This Amount on the Recap Page

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## Registration Form-Part 3

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**Complete this part only if you are entering driving events**

### Driving Event Information

Vehicle Number 1

Vehicle Number 2

Driver 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Driver 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Driver 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Driver 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Model Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Model Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Was this car made for the US/Canada  
Market? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this car made for the US/Canada  
Market? \_\_\_\_\_

Was car modified to enhance performance? \_\_\_\_\_

Was car modified to enhance performance? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Driving Schools

*The Defensive Driving School is mandatory prior to autocross or time trials if you have not completed Defensive Driving within one year.*

Vehicle Number 1

Vehicle Number 2

Did Driver 1 complete school?  Yes  No

Did Driver 1 complete school?  Yes  No

Will Driver 1 attend school?  Yes  No

Will Driver 1 attend school?  Yes  No

Did Driver 2 complete school?  Yes  No

Did Driver 2 complete school?  Yes  No

Will Driver 2 attend school?  Yes  No

Will Driver 2 attend school?  Yes  No

**Rate your skill at race tracks**

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#### **Driver 1 Experience**

None  Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced

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None  Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced

Attended MBCA national driving events at (date/place):

Attended MBCA national driving events at (date/place):

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\_\_\_\_\_

Signature/date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/date \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Driver 2 Experience**

None  Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced

#### **Driver 2 Experience**

None  Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced

Attended MBCA national driving events at (date/place):

Attended MBCA national driving events at (date/place):

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Signature/date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature/date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Registration Form - Part 4

### Concours d' Elegance Information

*COMPLETE THIS PART ONLY IF YOU ARE ENTERING THE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE*

Vehicle Number 1		Vehicle Number 2	
Entrant Name		Entrant Name	
Model Year	Model	Model Year	Model
Was car made for U.S./Canada market?		Was car made for U.S./Canada market?	
VIN #		VIN#	
Color		Color	
Paint Code Number		Paint Code Number	
<b>Paint Code Number can be found on radiator support or on firewall of older cars</b>			
Has this car been restored? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Has this car been restored? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Has this car been repainted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Has this car been repainted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, was it repainted with the original paint code? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, was it repainted with the original paint code? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Was this car repainted with another color available on the same model and year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Was this car repainted with another color available on the same model and year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Current Mileage:		Current Mileage:	
Concours Class: <input type="checkbox"/> Show <input type="checkbox"/> Street <input type="checkbox"/> Display		Concours Class: <input type="checkbox"/> Show <input type="checkbox"/> Street <input type="checkbox"/> Display	
<b><i>If your car is equipped with an odometer which only shows 99,999 miles, you must submit documentation for additional miles claimed.</i></b>			
<b><i>If you cannot document additional miles, the actual mile shown on the odometer will be used.</i></b>			
Signature		Signature	
Date		Date	

**Note:** *If entrant uses different vehicles for Concours and driving events, he/she must select only one vehicle for national points*



# StarTrack 2007

## Meals & Patron Registration Part 5

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday July 16

#### **Catered Lunch at Schenley Park**

2 Included in Registration for events Saturday and Sunday

Each additional

\$20.00 per person      Number requested Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number Requested Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Sunday July 15

#### **MBUSA StarTrack Banquet Black Tie Optional**

\$50.00 Per person      Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Dinner Selections will be requested later. As of April 1, details are being finalized.*

### Monday & Tuesday July 16, 17

#### **Monday & Tuesday Lunches at BeaveRun**

Lunch on your own - Vendors Available

Beverages provided by Pittsburgh Section

#### **Tuesday MBCA StarTrack Driver Awards Dinner**

\$25.00 Per person      Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBTOTAL - MEALS AND BANQUETS**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PATRON**

**Yes, we would like to be included as Patrons in the Program book.**

Minimum Donation \$25.00    My/Our Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how you would like your name(s) listed \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL EXTRA CONTRIBUTIONS GO TO THE PVGP CHARITIES**

**(TAX RECEIPTS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST)**    Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Subtotal II**      (Meals and Banquets + Patron)      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

