



StarTrack 2009

Mercedes-Benz Club of America
Pittsburgh Section

Pittsburgh Section of Mercedes-Benz Club of America is pleased to host StarTrack 2009. Enclosed are the registration forms you will need to enter any or all of the events. Pittsburgh Section has planned a full four days of events for concours, touring and performance driving. Please join us as we celebrate and raise money for the PVGP charities.

Basic Schedule:

The StarTrack Mercedes-Benz Car Show will be held in Schenley Park on Sunday July 19 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 Pittsburgh Section Display Show at no additional charge.

In addition to the car related events, Pittsburgh offers a host of other opportunities. A short shuttle ride from the car show area takes you to the Carnegie Museums of Art and Natural History. A short walk will bring you to The Phipps Conservatory, which features both floral, and art treasures in a beautiful setting. The University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning houses a series of Nationality Rooms that is world famous. A trip to the Meadows Casino is available and a day tour to Frank Lloyd Wright's *Fallingwater* is planned while others are at the track events. The Frick Car and Carriage Museum features a display of horse drawn carriages and classic cars. It is also a short distance from the show area. Golfers will find challenges in the Pennsylvania hills. Pittsburgh Section members will assist with transportation as needed.

Please register as soon as possible. On-site registration will be accepted, but not all participation options and meals may 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 2009 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

HOST HOTEL

Our Host hotel is the **Embassy Suites Pittsburgh Airport**, an all suite facility, where we have arranged a special rate of **\$89.95** 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, 2009 deadline.

A Few Words of Explanation

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 and 2007 we had many positive comments about the amount of track time provided and the quality of the facility. We trust after StarTrack 2009 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 2009 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 2009 Events

Mercedes-Benz Car Show

The "MBCA Car Show" is a showing of cars, some of 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. Those cars are 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. We look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh July 18-21, 2009

All Rules as explained in the Mercedes-Benz Club of America 2009 Rulebook will be enforced.

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Schedule of Events

Pittsburgh PA

July 17-21, 2009

Friday July 17

12:00 Noon- 9:00PM

5:00 PM -7:00PM

Registration Opens / Embassy Suites

Welcome Party Embassy Suites

Saturday, July 18

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

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Section Show

StarTrack Attendees Welcome at No Additional Charge

Sunday, July 19

9:00 AM

11:30 AM

3:30 PM

7:30 PM

Cars placed for Concours

Concours judging begins

Awards Ceremony Schenley Park

MBUSA StarTrack Banquet Black Tie Optional

Embassy Suites Ballroom

Monday, July 20

8:00 AM

Classroom Instruction at BeaveRun

The track gates open at 7:00 AM. Tires should be changed and cars ready to go prior to the classroom time. The track opens at 9:00 AM

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Instruction & Defensive Driving at track

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Track Events Autocross, Time Trial Practice

6:30 PM

Dinner: Quaker Steak & Lube Individual checks

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Track Events

4:30 PM

Awards Ceremony Follows Events

5:00 PM

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. 2009

A few rules have changed. The complete rulebook can also be found on the MBCA website. All Rules as explained in the Mercedes-Benz Club of America 2009 Rulebook will be enforced.

DRIVING EVENTS

Convertibles must run with the top up during time trials including practice.

Current Drivers License and Proof of Insurance must be presented.

CONCOURS

Silver Star Preservation and Custom Classes will be offered.

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

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.

Display at Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix:

All display and concours entries must pay this fee. \$25.00 per car \$ _____

Concours—Please Circle Class

Show Class/ Street Class/Silver Star Preservation Class/Custom/Modified

Additional \$25.00 per car \$ _____

Driving Package \$325.00 (per driver) Number of Drivers ____ = \$ _____
(Includes: Autocross, Defensive Driving, Acceleration Run, Performance Driving School, Time Trials and classroom)

or

Autocross only \$55.00 (per driver) Number of Drivers ____ = \$ _____

Acceleration Run only \$40.00 (per driver) Number of Drivers ____ = \$ _____

Time Trials, Defensive Driving and Performance Driving School
\$260.00 (per driver) Number of Drivers ____ = \$ _____

Defensive Driving is included in your StarTrack Registration

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

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? _____

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

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None Beginner Intermediate Advanced

None Beginner Intermediate Advanced

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

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

Signature/date _____

Signature/date _____

Driver 2 Experience

Driver 2 Experience

None Beginner Intermediate Advanced

None Beginner Intermediate Advanced

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

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

Signature/date _____

Signature/date _____

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	
Paint Code Number can be found on radiator support or on firewall of older cars			
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 <input type="checkbox"/> Custom <input type="checkbox"/> Pres		Concours <input type="checkbox"/> Show <input type="checkbox"/> Street <input type="checkbox"/> Display <input type="checkbox"/> Custom <input type="checkbox"/> Pres	
<i>If your car is equipped with an odometer which only shows 99,999 miles, you must submit documentation for additional miles claimed.</i>			
<i>If you cannot document additional miles, the actual mile shown on the odometer will be used.</i>			
_____ 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



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Meals & Patron Registration Part 5

Name _____

Saturday July 18

Catered Lunch at Schenley Park

\$20.00 per person Number requested Saturday _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____
Number Requested Sunday _____ @ \$20.00 \$ _____

Sunday July 19

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 20,21

Monday & Tuesday Lunches at BeaveRun

Lunch on your own - Vendors Available

Beverages provided by Pittsburgh Section

Monday Dinner at a local restaurant. Separate checks will be provided by the restaurant.

Tuesday MBCA StarTrack Driver Awards Dinner

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

SUBTOTAL - MEALS AND BANQUETS \$ _____

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 \$ _____

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

