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Newsletter Editor's Message

Happy Fall! The warm weather is winding down, the leaves are changing, and some of you are already thinking about putting your Mercedes into hibernation for the winter. But not yet!

We still have another event or two left, with Farberallye coming up next weekend in the Adirondacks on Lake George, NY. Hopefully you've already signed up, but if not, do it right NOW!

For more info on this year's Farberallye, [click here!](#)

Next, let's talk about newsletter content. Your help is needed. Seriously. We have a very very limited number of contributors to this newsletter. Content is therefore pretty sparse.

Do you have a road trip story you want to share? Perhaps some expertise or a car blog you've written? Send it in to the editor.

If you organize an event for the club, please send in a summary and pictures of your event to the editor in order to share with the other members of our section. This is a great way to promote your event or other events to the Minuteman Section to garner interest.

Submissions help the editor edit content instead of having to come up with it in hopes that the membership will find it interesting.

Thank you and look forward to your submissions.



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www.mbca.org

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MINUTEMAN SECTION'S 2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - PAST & UPCOMING

MARCH 2019

Minuteman Section 2019 Annual Theatre Event, Dinner & Meeting

Held: Sunday, March 31, 2019

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA

This year's event was unique and extraordinary. Featuring Virtuoso Harpist Bridget Kibbey with a French Chamber Music Ensemble performing in The Weekend Concert Series at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum



APRIL 2019

11th Annual Minuteman Section Open House - European Auto Solutions Tech Session

Hosted by [European Auto Solutions](#)

Come celebrate the arrival of Spring at European Auto Solutions' 11th Annual MBCA Minuteman Section Open House, 9:00am to 1:00pm Held on April 20th, 2019.

Each attendee was given 15 minutes of lift time for personal inspection of their Mercedes-Benz with one of our technicians to both learn more about the vehicle and to have it checked for the upcoming open road season.



JUNE 2019

Mercedes, Coffee, Croissants, and Pretzels

Sunday June 30th 2019

About 30 members of the Minuteman Section came together at Swissbäkers in Allston, MA on Sunday June 30th for a Mercedes, Coffee, Croissants, and Pretzel event.

Members enjoyed an abundance of world-class coffee, pastries, and croissants while admiring each other's Mercedes-Benz automobiles. We then moved inside and learned how to make pretzels! In the end, we had a lot of fun, made pretzels, and took home a nice recipe to try on our own. It was a unique, but fun event.



JULY 2019

Minuteman Section Attends Newport International Polo

Saturday, July 27, 2019

Portsmouth, Rhode Island

The Minuteman Section had about 20 - 30 members who attended a match on July 27th at the Newport International Polo Grounds. The gates opened at 1 PM and the match started at 5 PM. Food was catered and members enjoyed nice weather and a great match out on the field!



AUGUST 2019

Mercedes & Friends at Thompson Motor Speedway

August 24 - 26

On August 24-26, 2019, the Mercedes Benz Club of America in concert with the Lotus Club Inc. held a driving weekend event at Thompson Motor Speedway Park in Thompson CT that offered all that and more. There were a number of non-driving local touring opportunities, and even a visit to a unique automobile restoration shop working on all marques including classic and brass era automobiles, as well as Bugattis, Mercedes, Bentleys, and other exotic cars. But there was also the renowned MBCA Safe Drivers/Safe Families driver training and workshop, and track time on the Speedway and the race course as well.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Wine Dinner at the Wayside Inn

Sunday, September 8, 2019 - 4:00pm to 8:00pm
72 Wayside Inn Road
Sudbury, Massachusetts

About 25 members enjoyed a fun evening of dining with wine pairing in the Ford Room of the Wayside Inn. On Sunday September 8th.

Here was the Schedule and we look forward to another event like this next year!

- 4:00 - Self Guided Tour of the Gristmill
- 4:15 - History Narration at the Gristmill
- 5:00 - Dinner in the Ford Room of the INN

Germanfest/Mercedes Day

Sunday September 15th, 2019
10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA

<https://larzanderson.org/2019lawnevents/mercedes19/>



Germanfest/Mercedes Day Continued

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OCTOBER 2019

- **FARBERALLYE XLII, 2019 OCTOBER 4-6, 2019 IN LAKE GEORGE, NY**
For more information, click [here](#).

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Logging in to the MBCA.org Website for Access to More MBCA “Stuff.”

Have you ever gone to the MBCA.org website or the Minuteman section webpage and wondered why there is limited information, or difficult to find events? Most likely it's because you need to log into your “account.” Once you do, you have access to more information, broader content, as well as links to be able to contact other members, the Minuteman Board of Directors, or your section's President. Additionally, you'll gain access to both local and national events that you in many cases, can't see if you aren't logged into your account.

So what other content can you see and access? Well, that's up to you to take the next steps and log in and find out. But, I will cover a few basics shortly.

Why do you have to do this? Well many reasons, but one of them is for the safety of information. Have you ever received a phishing email from what you thought was someone you knew, but find out it wasn't?

Recently I received an email addressed directly to me, using my full first name from Ed Owen, the Minuteman Section's President, asking for my help since he was tied up in meetings and didn't have access to call me. Even though people rarely use my first full name, I didn't think much of it in the way he addressed me. So, without looking at the actual email address it was sent from, and being the nice guy that I am, I replied with a “Sure, how can I help?”

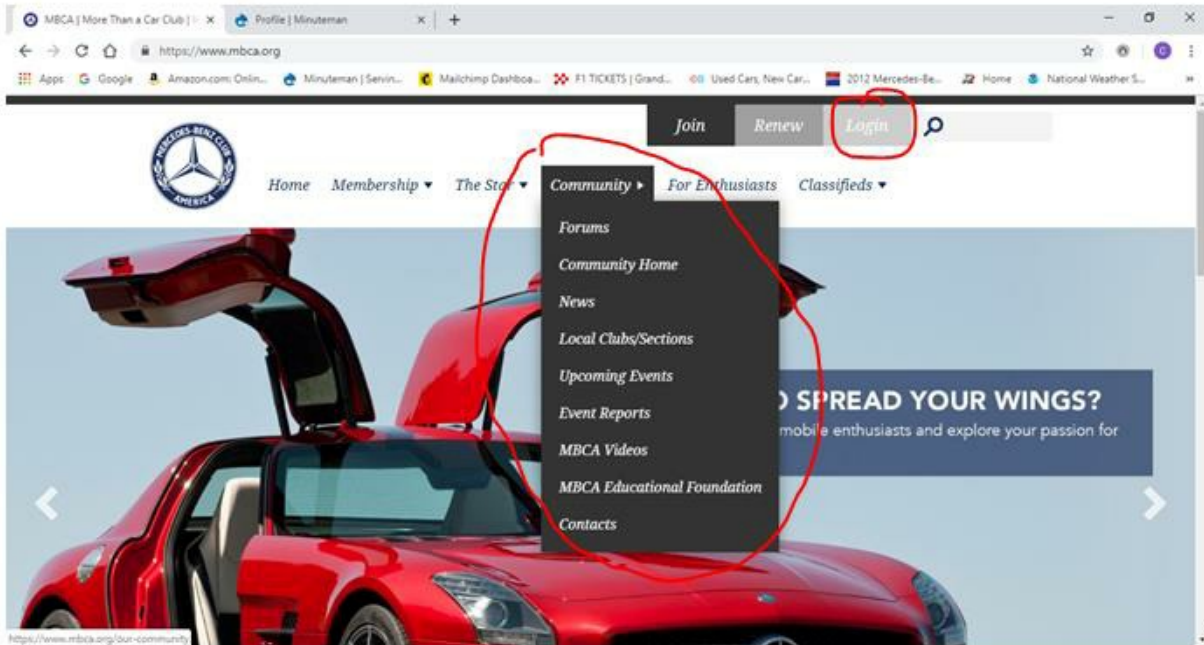
I then received a response back from “Ed” asking me to buy gift cards for some charities that the MBCA was supporting and that he would then reimburse me for them. Hmm, yeah, that's when I realized something was a bit phishy. First, Ed's never that quick with an email response, (just kidding Ed) and this is a request he would never ask of me. I then checked the actual email address “Ed Owen” was emailing me from. It wasn't his and his email was being spoofed in a “phishing scheme.”

Somehow, a person had gone on the MBCA Minuteman Section's webpage, saw that Ed was the president and that I was listed as a Board Member as well as the Newsletter editor and emailed me trying to get money out of me. Nice try.

I reported this incident and we then limited access to the section's leadership contact info by only allowing members who are logged in to be able to have access.

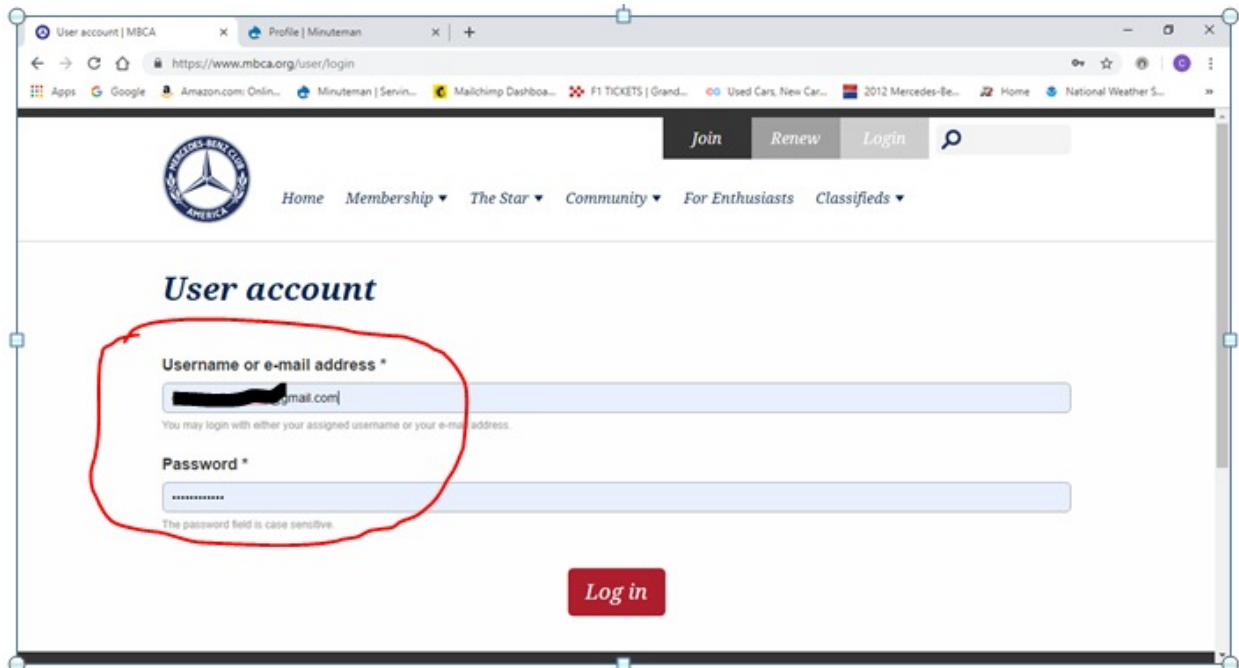
So how do you log in and what else can you see? Let's take a look.

On the MBCA.org page, you'll see a tab in the upper right corner of the webpage that has three options; Join, Renew, and Login. Before you log in, you'll only see limited options when hovering your cursor over the “Community” link in the screen shot below circled in red. Click on the “Login” tab circled in red.



If you've never logged in, use your member ID to create an account and password using an email address.

If you have an account or have just created one, login by typing your email and password and click the red **Log in** button as in the screen shot below:




Once logged in, you can edit or add items to your profile as in the screen shot below:



- My Profile
- My Membership
- My Content

- Profile Information
- Personal Information
- Mailing Address
- Phone Numbers
- Vehicles
- Privacy & Sharing
- Email & Password



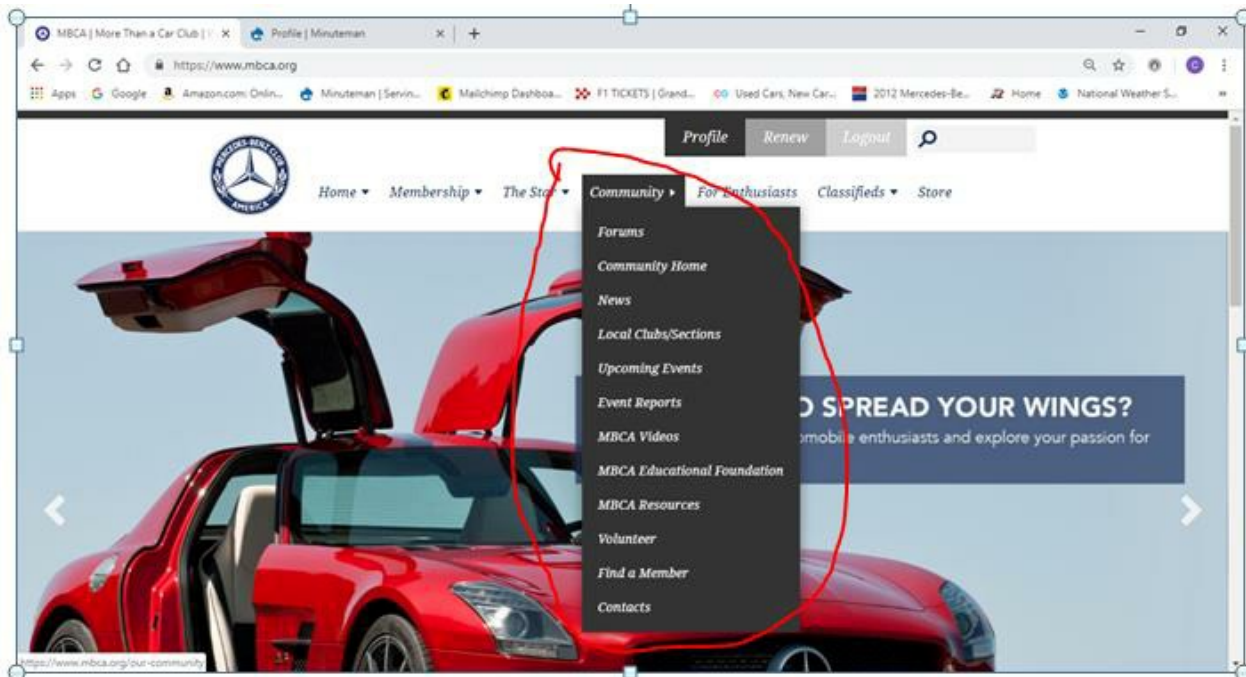
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Member ID	[redacted]
Member Since	December 21st, 2010
Membership Expires	March 22nd, 2020
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Associate Member	[edit]
Vehicles	[redacted] CLS550 [edit]

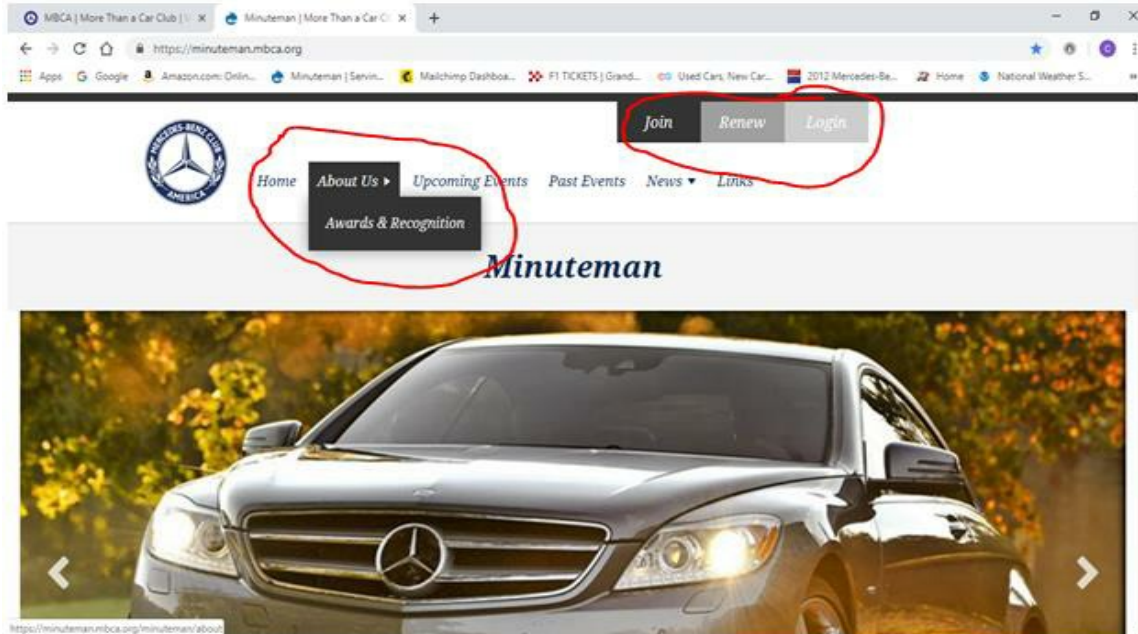
Once you edit your profile or if you just want to go to the MBCA home page, click on the “Home” link and you will be directed to the home page.

If you hover over the “Community” tab once again, you will see additional options for content available for logged in members only. Circled in red below in the screen shot.



When visiting the Minuteman Section's home page, you will also encounter limited content if you are not logged into your account. If you already logged into the MBCA.org home page, you shouldn't have to log into the Minuteman Section's page again or vice versa.

At www.minuteman.mbc.org, you'll see a tab in the upper right corner of the webpage that has three options; Join, Renew, and Login. Before you log in, you'll only see limited options when hovering your cursor over the "About Us" link in the screen shot below circled in red. IN the screenshot below, you'll only see an option to click on "Awards & Recognition." To log in, click on the "Login" tab circled in red below.



If you've never logged in, use your member ID to create an account and password using an email address.

To log into your account or if you have just created one, login by typing your email and password and click the red **Log in** button as in the screen shot below:



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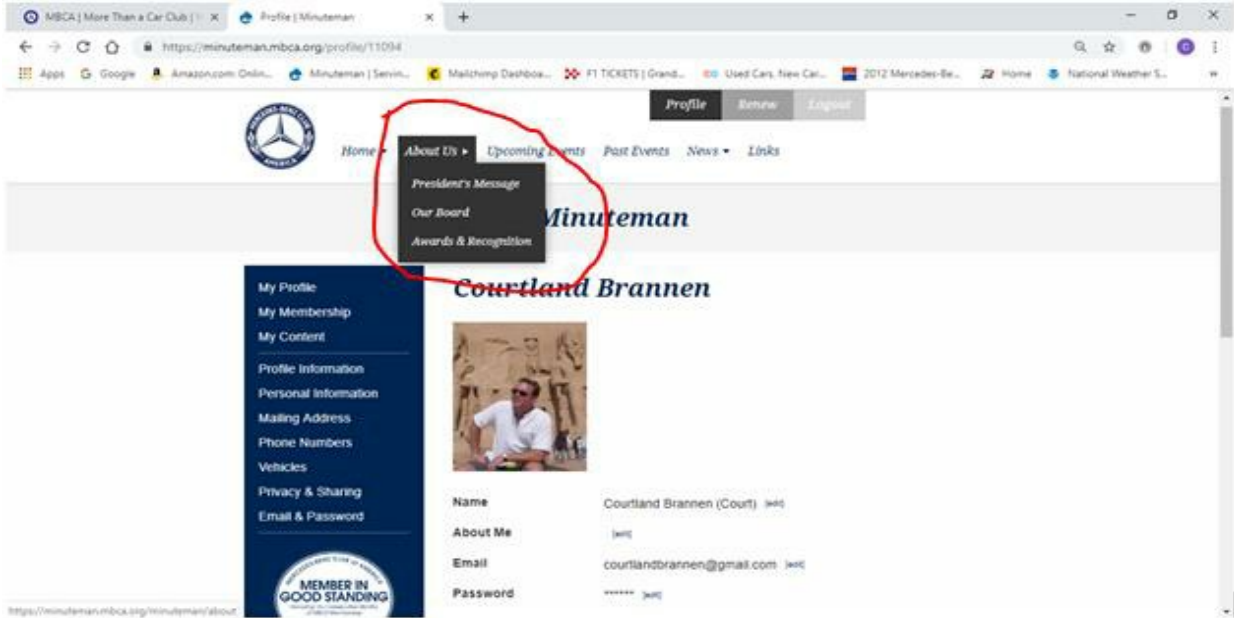
User account

Username or e-mail address *
[Redacted]@gmail.com

Password *
[Redacted]

[Log in](#)

Once logged in, you can edit or add items to your profile as in the screen shot below. You can then hover over the “About Us” link and you will have options to now select the “President’s Message” and “Our Board.” Click on “Our Board.”



After clicking on “Our Board,” you will be directed to the following landing page listing the Minuteman Section’s leadership board as in the screen shot below.

The screenshot shows the website for the Minuteman MBCA. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a logo on the left and links for 'Home', 'About Us', 'Upcoming Events', 'Past Events', 'News', and 'Links'. On the right side of the navigation bar are buttons for 'Profile', 'Renew', and 'Logout'. Below the navigation bar is a large header with the word 'Minuteman' in a serif font.

The main content area is titled 'Section Leadership' and features a table with the following data:

Leadership Position	Name	Email
Section Membership	Dean Coclin	contact
Section Newsletter	Courtland Brannen	contact
Section President	Edward Owen	contact
Section Secretary	Stephen Coulter	contact
Section Treasurer	Mark Fancy	contact
Section Vice President	Barry O'Neill	contact

To the right of this table are two red buttons: 'President's Message' and 'MBCA Awards'. Below these buttons is a section titled 'Past Presidents' with a table:

Years	Name
1973-1977	Ike Klayko
1977-1978	John Attaya
1978-1980	George Grasseier

Below the 'Section Leadership' table is a section titled 'Additional Leadership Contacts' with a table that has columns for 'Title', 'Contact Name', 'Phone', and 'Email'. The table is currently empty.

At the bottom left of the page, there is a URL: <https://minuteman.mbc.org/contact-member?uid=130140>

Hopefully this guide will be helpful to you and provide additional content for your MBCA.org user experience.

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2nd Prize

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MSRP: \$44,500



3rd Prize

2020 German Trip
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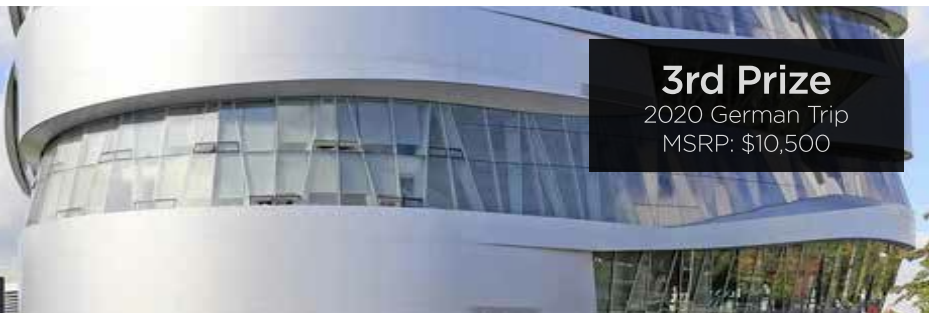


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3. Void where prohibited by law.
4. An Official Order form, or copy thereof, must be used to purchase tickets when ordering by mail. Order forms have been mailed to members and are also available upon request from the National Business Office (NBO) or at www.mbca.org. Mail order form requests to: Raffle, 1907 Lelaray Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909.
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6. All ticket sales are final at the time of purchase. There are no refunds.
7. Tickets will only be issued in the name of the Primary Member listed in the MBCA membership files and does not include Associate Members. Prizes will be awarded on the same basis. Winning tickets cannot be assigned, transferred or sold. Membership must be current at the time of purchasing a ticket(s) and at the time of the drawing.
8. Paid staff, contractors of MBCA and The Star® magazine, their immediate families and household members may not participate in the Raffle.
9. Odds of winning will be based on the number of tickets sold.
10. Prize winners must complete a form from the NBO and return it within 45 days of the mailing of written notification of winning.
11. The drawing will be held and certified at 444 Church Street, Flint, MI 48502 at 10:30 a.m. EST on December 12, 2019. Any MBCA member may attend the drawing; attendance is not required to win. Results will be posted at www.mbca.org.
12. The raffle is sponsored by MBCA, International Stars Section and ticket requests are subject to its acceptance. This Raffle is licensed under the laws of the State of Michigan. License Number R55182.
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15. The withholding deposited on behalf of the winner may not be all of the taxes owed depending upon the winner's tax bracket. The gross amount of the prize will be added to the winner's income for the tax year of 2019.
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17. Acceptance of a prize constitutes permission for MBCA to use the winner's name, Section affiliation, likeness and photograph in any MBCA publicity worldwide in all media including the Internet without additional compensation.
18. By participating in the Raffle, participants agree to be bound by these Official Rules.



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