

## Special National Event

Heimatfest 2014

3-5 October

Advance your driving skills on the Barber track and see the new c-class in production

Jim Roberts, Chairman

At StarTech 2013 we gave participants a taste of the challenging and beautiful Barber Motorsports Park's 2.4 mile road course in Birmingham which hosts one of the best attended Indy car races each year. A survey of the MBCA members indicated a strong interest in learning to drive these wonderfully engineered cars better. We have arranged for this on 4-5 October where you should have over 5 hours of track time in your car with an MBCA instructor over the two days on what most drivers consider the most challenging road course in North America.

There is no competition for trophies in this event, as it is designed to be an opportunity to learn advanced driving skills. You may drive as fast of or as slowly as you and your instructors deem appropriate for your driving skills.

Whatever Mercedes-Benz you bring, was designed and engineered to be competent for this. While virtually every AMG driver lives for this type of event, a 123 240 D is competent. Our run groups are based on driver skills rather than the car's potential performance. Remember this is not a race. You will, however, either critique or have more respect for the racers at the next race you attend.

We will also warn you: This may be habit forming!

Heimatfest (The Home Festival) includes a visit to the home of Mercedes-Benz production in North America at Vance, just west of Birmingham. Production of the new c-class is already underway, and they will be for sale at the dealers by September. This means that we should be able to see the new c-class production in the factory by Friday, 3 October. Our morning visit will be followed by lunch with the Mercedes-Benz associates in the factory's spacious dining area.

On Friday afternoon we are arranging a special visit to the restoration facilities at the world renowned Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum. Many of our MBCA members and guests who have no interest in driving the track at speed will want to visit the Mercedes-Benz factory and museum and the Barber Museum.

We will also host a dinner at Barber on Saturday evening with an entertaining program.

We have partnered with Tracks Unlimited for the track portion of this event. So you will need to register with them separately, so they can manage the groups. Fee is \$589 for 2 days including instructor.

You will need to go to: [msreg.com/TUBarber2014](http://msreg.com/TUBarber2014)

Be sure to use the registration code: MBCA

To register for the factory tours visit to the Barber Museum and dinner

Name	Factory Tour (N/C)	Barber Museum (\$16)	Sat. Banquet
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Total:	_____	_____	_____

Make out checks to Alabama Section, MBCA

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