



The Bluegrass Star

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Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Spring 2019

April 17TH • Join us at Fante's Coffee for a Catered Buffet! • 7:00 PM

President's Message

Let me start my message by saying my wife, Carol and I are very happy we became members of the Bluegrass Stars! In these past few short months, we have met and dined with many fine people, enjoyed wonderful conversations and are forming friendships. We bought our Mercedes because of its gorgeous looks, performance and matching quality, but we didn't join the Bluegrass Stars until Larry Gettleman persuaded me, repeatedly, and looking back Larry, thank you! If you are a member but not participating in our events you are missing out. Please come dine, chat, tour and drive with us. You will be glad you did.

We have lined up exciting events for this year including casual drives on some great country roads with lunch destinations, and interesting tours. Year 2019 is already off to a great start that began with a visit to the Speed Art Museum in January. In February, we gathered for dinner at the Eiderdown German Restaurant. Included as guests were Rick and Patti Siefert, our Central Regional Director, from St. Louis and Nancy Rece, our section's webmaster and her husband Bob.

Our March function took place at Claudia Sanders Dinner House in Shelbyville and Larry Gettleman was recognized for his 25 years as the Bluegrass Stars Treasurer!

On April 17th at 7:00, we will gather for a catered meal at Fante's Coffee, fantescOFFEE.com, 2501 Grinstead Drive, Louisville KY 40206, (502)454-0543.

Spring is here; the weather is good, so it's time to hit the road!

On April 27th we will start our road trip season with a country road drive to the Swope Cars of Yesteryear in Elizabethtown KY for a guided tour followed by a short drive to Glendale for lunch at Tony York's and antiquing in the local shops. This will be the first of several events you won't want to miss.

Don't forget to order your name badges for upcoming name badge drawings from: Anna McBride, 800-6372-3660.

Badges are \$11 for your name and section and an additional \$1 for the middle line if you care to add your Mercedes-Benz model. If you don't remember your joining date, contact David Rosenberg at mb.bs.membership@gmail.com.

Happy Motoring!

Gary Rumrill
Bluegrass Stars President

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome new members to the Bluegrass Stars Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. We are happy to have you join our club. The success of our club depends on the participation of all members in our scheduled activities.

Editor's Message

- I have been asked by Rick Siefert to include the very important regional event notice in this newsletter. MBCA has been invited to the 2018 Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance this year. If you have a car that meets the parameters mentioned and would like to show it there, please contact Rick.
- If you would like to opt out of future mailed newsletters and event reminders, please send your request to David Rosenberg, mb.bs.membership@gmail.com. Of course, check that your email address is up to date on the MBCA national website first! (www.mbca.org)
- Have a good idea for an article? Do you have a suitable article? Let's publish it! Contact Steve Loboyko, 560mbsl@gmail.com.



Special thanks to Nancy Rece for keeping our Internet presence up to date. "Like" the Bluegrass Stars on Facebook!

Upcoming Events

APRIL 13

Cars & Coffee at Captain's Quarters

This is an informal event for automotive enthusiasts in Louisville held every second Saturday of the month.

Captain's Quarters
5700 Captain's Quarters Rd
Prospect, KY 40059

APRIL 17

Fante's Coffee for catered buffet

7:00 PM

2501 Grinstead Drive
Louisville, KY 40206
Tel (502) 454-0543
fantescoffee.com

APRIL 27

Swope Museum
Elizabethtown

Lunch at Tony York's and antique shopping in Glendale

MAY 10

Cars & Coffee at the Captain's Quarters, Louisville

MAY 18

Shaker Village for lunch & tour

Science Fair Awards

Larry Gettleman, Art Rupe and Chad Rupe Judged the Louisville Regional Science and Engineering Fair on March the second and ninth; they awarded four students the MBCA Bluegrass Stars Automotive Science awards. We will have names and photos in the next issue, and generally, they are invited to the club to discuss their projects. Thanks to Larry, Art, and Chad for representing MBCA and our local club for this important investment in the future!

Dinner at Eiderdown • February 20th



Gary with Rick Siefert



Bob and Nancy Rece



Claudia Sanders Dinner House • March 20th



Gary and Jim West



Jim West and Larry Gettleman



Summary of Claudia Sanders Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2019

7:00 PM: GARY RUMRILL welcomed everyone

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: GARY RUMRILL

- No guests
- 18 attended (same number that RSVP'd)

FACEBOOK: GARY RUMRILL substituted for Nancy Rece

- Told how to access, and instructions will be in the newsletter and future invites

MEMBER NEWS: DAVID ROSENBERG

- Number of members we currently we had was 104 and now is 110
- Name badges: requested members wear badges and provided a phone number for ordering them. He said, in the future, we will have name badge drawings to award someone wearing their badge.
- David took a picture of the group and Jim West with Gary Rumrill displaying the Bluegrass Stars banner.
- Sold 50/50 drawing raffle tickets

MBCA REQUIREMENTS: GARY RUMRILL

- Secretary: Carol Rumrill filled the role for this event.
- Gary Rumrill explained that MBCA requires we fill the position. No one volunteered.
- Newsletters: Steve Loboyko was not there but Gary Rumrill said that Steve would publish a min of 4 and possibly 6 this year. A minimum of 4 are required by MBCA.

TREASURER'S REPORT: GARY RUMRILL

- Fred Mudge is new Treasurer but was unable to attend tonight.
- Gary reported there is \$2479.46 in acct with two checks outstanding totaling \$122.00. The current bank requires a minimum balance of \$1,500.
- Larry Gettleman was recognized by Jim West for his 25-yr service as secretary and presented him with a stainless-steel M-B plate that he will have engraved with Larry's name. David Rosenberg took a picture of Larry receiving the plate.

FUTURE EVENTS: GARY RUMRILL moderated

APRIL 13: Cars & Coffee at Captain's Quarters

APRIL 17: Fante's Coffee for catered buffet

APRIL 27: Swope Museum, E Town > Tony York's, Glendale > Antique shopping

MAY 10: Cars & Coffee at the Captain's Quarters, Louisville

MAY 18: Shaker Village for lunch & tour

JUNE ??: Jim West presented a plan for Lane Motor Museum > Bavarian Bierhaus excursion and that we could hire a bus at \$1,200 to \$1,400 for the trip. The bus would take the group there in the morning and return us in the evening. Other choice was for members to drive and stay overnight. Neither was met with enthusiasm. Alternate event may be lunch and tour at Buffalo Trace Distillery.

JUNE ??: Tafel Motors Grand Opening open house – Gary commented that he drove by their new facility and doubts it will be open in early June.

JULY 20: Dana will take the lead and be assisted by Jim West. M-B dealer James in Lexington will help. Gary mentioned that the Nashville Section will join us at the event. Gary noted this will be an annual Bluegrass Stars event. Dana said that James will provide a table and refreshments for us.

Head for Hilton Head with MBCA

The Mercedes Benz Club is returning to the Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance!

The event will take place November 1-3 at the Port Royal Golf Club. This year is going to be our year! MBCA has designated Hilton Head 2019 as a multi-regional event supported by the Eastern, Southeastern and **Central** regions. Join us for the Saturday Car Club Showcase and for the Sunday Concours d'Elegance.

We have been given a prime location on the field for up to 40 cars on Saturday, November 2, to display our cars in the Car Club Showcase. This should be a truly spectacular showing of a variety of Mercedes-Benz models. We can have at least 6-8 cars in the Sunday, November 3, Concours d'Elegance.

What cars are we looking for? Early Sedans/Coupes, Roadsters/SLs and Convertibles. We will select up to 15 cars from the Car Club Showcase to tell the "Mercedes-Benz Story." Our plan is to begin the story starting with the early sedans/coupes, show the evolution of the Mercedes roadsters from the 300SL to the AMG GT roadster and finish off with a series of classic Mercedes Convertibles. These cars will be in the front row and be parked in sequence to tell our story. Front row cars cannot be late models, 2013-2018.

The Mercedes Story we wish to display in the front row:

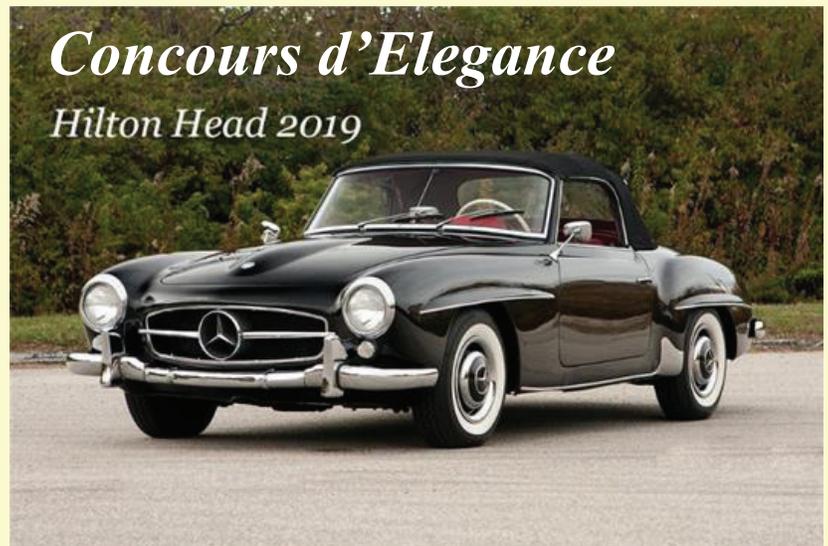
- Early Sedans/Coupes: 1950s Pontons; 1980s 300SDLs.
- Roadsters: 1938 Roadster; 300SL Roadster; 300SL Gullwing; 121 Chassis - 190SL; R113 Chassis Pagoda; R107 Chassis; R129 Chassis; R230 Chassis; SLS; AMG GT Roadster
- Convertibles: W124 E-Class Convertible; 2011-13 E350 Convertible; 280SE Cabriolet; 2002 CLK AMG

The Concours d'Elegance. Cars will enter separately with the Concours selection committee to secure an invitation to the Concours d'Elegance. To be eligible, vehicles must be manufactured before 1974 and not shown at the Hilton Head Island event in 2017 or 2018. Nominations will be reviewed by the MBCA Selection Committee. Nominations will be accepted through mid-June 2019. If you have a truly classic Concours quality car, submit it to the Hilton Head Concours selection committee for consideration to be invited to the Sunday show. Register for the Concours d'elegance at <http://www.hhiconcours.com/register-a-vehicle.html>.

This will be a Mercedes weekend event. We'll have a club driving activity on Friday for those who do not participate in the Hilton Head Concours sponsored drive. On Friday night we are planning a club dinner at a local Hilton Head eatery for those who choose not to go to the Concours Gala at the airport. Events include:

- **Friday:** Mercedes Rally; Club dinner to socialize and meet members from other areas.
- **Saturday:** Car Club Showcase at Port Royal Golf Course; Mercedes-only Car Show; Silver Star Preservation; MBCA Tent; dinner at a local eatery to discuss the day's events and prepare for the spectacular Concours.
- **Sunday:** the Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance.

Lodging: We have a 20-room block at the Hampton Inn, our host hotel and headquarters, at \$149.00 per night. **The hotel is nearby Port Royal and will sell out fast! Call 843-681-7900 to reserve rooms and mention that you are with the Mercedes Club.** Rooms will be added if enough early reservations are made. The hotel has free parking, breakfast and plenty of parking space for those who are trailering their cars.



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The Trading Post: Cars, Parts, and Accessories

If you have a Mercedes-Benz or significant M-B part that you would like to buy, sell, or trade, just submit your ad to the Editor, *The Bluegrass Star*. All ads must follow the submission rules and the suggested format as found in the back of *The Star* magazine. They will be listed at no charge to a section member; no commercial ads will be accepted without prior arrangement for payment. Your ad will appear in the next issue of *The Bluegrass Star*.

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Discounted Parts

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TAFEL MOTORS

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