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July 20TH • Keeneland Concours d'Elegance • Lexington, KY



President's Message

What a year—is an understatement for the great year we're having for interesting and varied club events. It started with our kickoff dinner at Eiderdown's genuine German cuisine, then came Kentucky dining, a museum tour, Shaker Village and a wonderful, personally guided tour and dinner by the staff at the new Mercedes-Benz of Louisville dealership. Hard to top that, but we are going to try!

July 20, July 20. I say it twice because it is a date worth remembering! It is the date for the annual Keeneland Concours d'Elegance in Lexington, Kentucky. This will be the 16th year for this prestigious car show and our first year with a dedicated Bluegrass Stars parking area. James Motors has secured our club a nice parking area next to their new car display and they are generously providing us a tent, table and chairs for a little relaxing, conversations and recruiting new members. Watch your email for Event details.

What's on the agenda for the rest of the year?

August 15: Enjoying a Louisville Bats baseball game with the winners of the regional science fair Automotive Science Awards.

September: We are leaning towards a lunch and tour at a Kentucky distillery, or Dinner at the Overlook in Leavenworth, Indiana, or Lunch at the Key West Shrimp House in Madison, Indiana? Which one appeals to you?

October 11-12: French Lick weekend.

November: Working on ideas.

December: Holiday Dinner.

Enjoy our walk down memory lane this issue and I look forward to making more memories with you at the rest of our fantastic outings this year!

Happy Motoring!

Gary Rumrill

Bluegrass Stars President

A few words about our mailings...our Steve Loboyko, Editor, assembles our invites and newsletters and then postal mails them to members that don't have email. Very costly. He also sends pdfs to David Rosenberg, Membership Chairman, and he then emails them to the members with email (which is very inexpensive compared to postage/assembly)! We suspect Steve is postal mailing to members who could be receiving the newsletter via email. Our savings in postage could be applied to more terrific events! (see Editor's message).

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

If you have an email address, are receiving postal mailings, and no longer require mailings, please notify me, Steve Loboyko directly via phone (859-285-7397). Please leave a message if I don't pick up. I've been leery of cutting people off from mailed newsletters and invitations to events. I suspect some people's emails to me are being caught in the torrent of spam that I receive. Reducing the number of mailed pieces would definitely lower our costs.

We are hoping that the MBCA club will soon have an "official" way of opting-out of mailed pieces for individual sections.



After leadership team discussions in January of this year, we were ready to have the 2019 Mercedes-Benz Club Bluegrass Section kick off dinner event. The dinner was held at the Eiderdown German Restaurant in Louisville. eiderdown-gtown.com

The event was very well attended —more than 35 folks joined us for a terrific evening.

Among the people who attended the rollout were:

Rick and Patti Siefert of St. Louis Missouri and **Nancy and Bob Rece** of Northern Kentucky.

Rick is the Regional Director for the Central Region of the Mercedes Benz Clubs.

Nancy performs as our webmaster, for which we are extremely lucky and grateful.

During the event, we were able to get a feeling for what activities our members find interesting.

Your Bluegrass Stars Leadership Team...



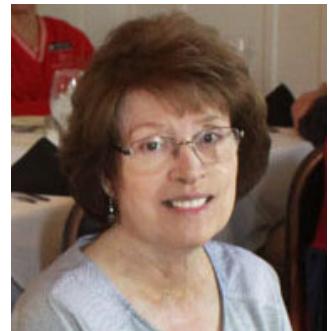
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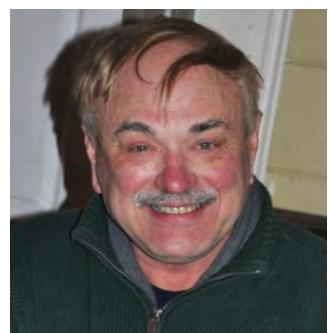
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Gary and Jim West



Jim West and Larry Gettleman



The Club Pre-Meal



We had our monthly event in March at Claudia Sanders Dinner House.
claudiasanders.com

While at "Claudia's" we presented a gift to Larry Gettleman for his tireless work as the Bluegrass Section's Treasurer... for twenty-five years.

Additional discussions included the feasibility of visiting the Lane Museum in Nashville Tennessee. lanemotormuseum.org

Marching on...



"Spring has sprung!"... so that was that noise. 😊

With better weather arriving, we were going to start driving again. We had our monthly organizational event at Fante's Coffee. (fantescoffee.com) Fante's Coffee is a friend of the club and frequently sponsors the charitable event, *Cars And Coffee*.

Later in the month, we drove to Elizabethtown KY, the site of the Swope Cars Of Yesterday Museum. There we had the chance to be up close and personal (without touching, of course) with a number of cars from many decades and countries. I still have pause when I see cars in museums that I remember when they first came on the market. The museum has in its employ an extremely knowledgeable museum guide. Knowledgeable, yes... letting us touch any of the cars, not in this life! swope museum.com

After the museum visit, we drove to Glendale KY and had a great meal at Tony York's. Most of us agreed that the restaurant itself was worth the drive.



Carol & Bob were overcome with sticker shock!



In May the weather continued to improve, in fact at least for me it was a question of top down or air conditioner.

In the words of Alton Brown, “I’m just here for the food”. The meal we had was absolutely stupendous... forgive the understatement.

shakervillageky.org We had about 20 people at the event and all had a grand time.

Moving and Shaker Village



For our June gathering, the nice folks at Mercedes Benz Of Louisville (formerly Tafel Motors) invited the Bluegrass Section to a private tour of their entire facility and what we saw was truly amazing!

The tour was given by Mr. Ed Keady, who before the end of the night, stated he wanted to join our Bluegrass Section. I saw the next day on our membership website that he wasted no time in joining.

Features of the company's location included a dedicated room for travelers in recreational vehicles who have pets could wait for service with their four legged loved ones. The service area also employed a robotic parts pulling operation. Not to mention, the dealership has a full-time photographer on staff.

After the tour, we enjoyed a delicious buffet of Italian fare from the Macaroni Grill. After dinner and seeing some of the new models for sale, the evening came to a close. Before we left, we were each given a black Mercedes Benz umbrella.

