



The Bluegrass Star

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***Reminder: Note the upcoming combined Cincinnati / Bluegrass Stars Section dinner event!
Please join your fellow enthusiasts!***

Please Welcome!

We welcome a new member 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. Your comments on how we can improve or add more interesting events to our activities are very important. We are looking forward to meeting you at our club events.

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President's Message

The Bluegrass Stars Section thanks Tafel Motors for agreeing to hold a tech session on Saturday, October 21, 2006. During the 50th Anniversary Celebration year, the Bluegrass Stars members have been scheduled for many long distance traveling combined events and tours. This included a trip to Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, and Defensive Driving/Autocross Event at the Center Grove High School near Indianapolis, Indiana. Our next scheduled event is also a combined event

with the 500 Section and the Cincinnati Section of MBCA. Consequently, each club will have approximately the same distance to travel. We are to meet at The German Corner, our next event on Saturday, August 19th at 12:30PM. This is approximately 65 miles from Louisville (details later).

Many members of the Bluegrass Stars Section participated in the events that could have caused stress to their Mercedes. The Defensive Driving/Autocross driving allowed each driver the opportunity to see the stress that his Mercedes could take in emergency situations. At the conclusion, each person who completed the course picked up their certificate and returned home with more confidence in the performance of their Mercedes under abnormal emergency conditions. I had a recent emergency situation driving with my wife, Rosetta. As we were traveling a curvy stretch of highway near Vine Grove, Kentucky, an adult deer suddenly appeared in front of our S500. There were steep ditches on both side of the road, made by the local farmers. The only thing I could do was to apply my brakes on the S500 and pray that the deer would clear the highway prior to impact. The ABS worked

perfectly and, thankfully, no collision occurred. We arrived home safely.

The Bluegrass Stars Section's last event with the 500 Section was on Saturday, June 17, 2006. This was a combined Defensive Driving/Autocross Event held at the Center Grove High School, located south of Indianapolis, Indiana. The 500 Section provided the instructors and all the equipment needed for the defensive driving course and the autocross, and box lunches for every one. Several members of the Cincinnati Section also joined our group.

The Bluegrass Section had several members participate in the defensive driving/ Autocross. They made the trip without any problems or any delay. The fast route as directed by the strip map crossed a partially wooded agricultural area of gentle relief, noted for livestock, grain and hay, was very interesting scenery.

Thanks to the excellent planning made by the David Wilson and Ken Salter, the good weather, and the rest of the 500 Section for making this Defensive Driving/Autocross Event so wonderful (see photo insert). The following Bluegrass Stars members participated:

- Steve Loboyko
- Seth Burr
- Jutta Burr
- Rosetta Williams
- Nathaniel Williams

The climax to this Defensive Driving / Autocross Event was the one lonely '06 Lamborghini. As it waited its turn for the timed autocross test, I watched as all the other Mercedes clear the field.

Upcoming Events-NOTE CHANGES!

On Saturday, August 19th, the Bluegrass Stars Section will hold its next event. This will be a combined drive-and-dine event to the German Corner Restaurant, located near Vevay, Indiana, (approximately 65 miles from Louisville) with the 500 Section and the Cincinnati Section of MBCA.

The Bluegrass Section will meet in the parking lot of the Moby Dick Seafood Restaurant, located across the street from Autobahn Motors – 1501 Mellwood Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky. (exit 7 on I-64, circle around the block to the corner of Mellwood Avenue and Spring Street. The rest of the group will meet us at the restaurant. **We will depart from this location no later than 9:45AM, for the German Corner Restaurant.** We will take the scenic route (see map). If you have any problems or desire to contact the lead car, my cell phone number is (270) 352-7410. After the drive, we will enjoy the wonderful cuisine. When you feast at Johanna Welch's beautiful set table, you'll get the best German food you've ever tasted. Afterwards, the Welches will tell about Johanna's homeland and entertain us with some genuine German songs. After the meal, we will also take a stroll through their beautiful rose garden.

**Place: The German Corner
Address: 346 Fairview Road
Bennington, Indiana 47011
Phone: (812) 427-3701**

**Date: August 19th, 2006 Lunch Time:
12:30 PM**

Cost per person: \$23. This includes 15% gratuities, drinks, and deserts.

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Nat Williams at the starting gate.



Steve Loboyko's 560SL, being pushed much more than usual – but still probably not near the capabilities of the car (ed. note: I was a long way from home. However, no parts fell off.)

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*Seth Burr with instructor, giving the course a once-over.
Wife, Jutta, also participated, both did well in the sporty SLK*



Rosetta Williams at the wheel. Note: cones in background knocked over by previous driver!

Menu

- Sauerbraten or wiener schnitzel
- German potato salad or potato pancakes
- Spatzle
- Sweet soured cabbage
- Buttered baby carrots
- A special treat: Johanna's brotchen
- German hard rolls
- Apple strudel
- German cheese cake
- Black Forest torte
- "Guten Appetit!"

For the August 19th event, Nat Williams needs to call Jim or Johanna Welch at The German Corner to let them know how many members and guests will be coming. Please contact me and give me this information about your group so I can pass it on to the Welches. **See the list of section officers for this information. If you can't contact Nat, please contact one of the other officers listed.**

Note: The Belterra Casino is located 5 miles south of Vevay, IN.

Sunday, October 1st – 6th - STARFEST 06, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Saturday, October 21st - Tech Session with potluck lunch at Tafel Motors Motor Co. **More details will follow!**

Monday, December 6th - Annual Holiday Party at Erika's German Restaurant.

MBCA Membership Drive

There have never been as many Mercedes vehicles on the road as there are today, and the sales figures for new Mercedes vehicles are up according to MBUSA. This implies that there are also many new potential MBCA members. MBCA has initiated a membership drive, in which current members can get one month of membership free for every new member enlisted via their referral! Forms and information are at the mbca.org website; if you are Internet-challenged, contact the editor (see officers)

and we will send you some forms, or call the MBCA at **800-637-2360**.

Discounted Parts

If you wish to purchase Mercedes-Benz parts, the dealerships and shops listed have agreed to reduce by ten percent (10%) the total price of parts purchased by a Mercedes-Benz Club member with a current MBCA membership card. Your Editor has already more than saved his first year membership by taking advantage of these types of discounts.

TAFEL MOTORS

4156 Shelbyville Road (St. Matthews)
Louisville, KY 40207
(502) 896-4411

AUTOBAHN MOTORS LLC

1501 Mellwood Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206-1749
(502) 587- 7827

See Don, Art, or Duane

Special MB Loyalty Program – New Car Rebates

MB is offering a special loyalty program "reward" for MBCA members, in good standing (no lapse in membership) for the previous 12 months, with rebates ranging from \$1500 to \$2500 (AMG excluded). See the MBCA website for more details!

All-German Car Show Dublin, Ohio

Upcoming is an all-German car show in Dublin, Ohio hosted by the Central Ohio Section on the 27th of August. Admission is free, and it is \$10 to show, \$5 extra to enter the Clean Car contest. Steve Loboyko was at this show last year, and it is very worthwhile - there was not a single 1969 Camaro to be found! Numerous 107's as well as vintage MB's were shown. "Exotics" included a BMW Isetta.

Website: www.mbca.org/central_ohio/car_show.htm

Contact: GermanCarShow@Columbus.rr.com

Keeneland Concours d'Elegance

This large Lexington show is oriented towards 100 selected vehicles, but "special interest" cars are welcome: Admission is \$15 per person. Many club officers and members were present last year, with Mercedes as the "featured" marque. We expect to have a showing this year also.

More information is at:
www.lexingtonconcours.com

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, however, without prior arrangement for payment. Your ad will appear in the next issue of *The Bluegrass Star*, and you may request listings in two subsequent issues.

For Sale

Mercedes-Benz Technical Manual, new, reg. \$40, now \$30. Front & rear floor mats for W123, blue, embroidered star, used, \$30. Four 14" alloy wheels, nearly new, \$50 each. Half-shafts for rear suspension R107, W115, W123 & others, used, \$100 each (**price lowered**). Larry Gettleman (*see Section Officers below*).

Four wheels, 8x16in with tires; fits the 2000 S500; \$125 each.

Four door pull closer handles: fits the 2000 S500 Mercedes; \$50 each.

Four-piece air vent set for dash of 2000 S500 Mercedes-Benz; \$260; Contact Nat Williams (see officers section in the newsletter)

E-Mail Addresses

MBCA National Business Office and Bluegrass Stars Section Needs Your E-Mail Address

Over the past few years, we have been able to add and/or adjust last-minute events, change in dates, etc. to our calendar of Events. The Bluegrass Section Newsletter is not necessarily the timeliest method of notifying you of something new on the schedule of a change in venue. **MBCA rules are very clear: your address will not be sold or otherwise distributed!** The National Business Office currently maintains a list of members' e-mail addresses. We certainly understand that you do not want unsolicited mail. The list is only used to send reminders of changes / addition to upcoming club activities.

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