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Saturday, August 15th: Huber's Orchard & Winery, Starlight, Indiana-11:30 AM EDT!

Welcome!

We welcome new members to the Bluegrass Stars Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. Thank you **for joining or renewing** your membership. The success of any club depends on all members participating in the club's scheduled activities. Please make plans to attend as many events as possible. Your comments are important on how the club can improve in upcoming events.

Jim & Linda Keith	Jeffersonville, IN
Harolyne Hawks Hudson	Wingo, KY
Tony & Anne Lindauer	Louisville, KY
James A. Reskin	Louisville, KY

IMPORTANT – Outing at Joe Huber Family Farm & Restaurant, And On To The Starlight Distillery at Huber Orchard & Winery, Saturday, August 15th

The next event this year is rapidly approaching. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 15th 2009. Club members and guests will find their own way and meet at Joe Huber Family Farm and Restaurant in Starlight, Indiana. We will gather there at 11:30 AM Eastern Time and have lunch at noon (cost on your own). We will form up in the parking area at 1:30 PM and convoy one mile to the Starlight Distillery. After the ½ -hour tour, we will be escorted to the Loft Tasting Bar for a

“complimentary” wine tasting of six of Huber’s seasonal favorites.

Directions:
I-65 to Exit 9, or I-64 to exit 119, to "Starlight Attractions". Follow signs to Joe Huber Family Farm & Restaurant.



President's Message

My thanks to our treasurer and membership chair, Larry Gettleman, and club member Gary Ulmer, for planning a very successful "Mercedes-Benz Night at The Bats" game on Thursday, July 2nd, 2009. Because of concerns about the outdoor seating in the heat and weather the past two years, we rented a suite at Louisville Slugger Field for the doubleheader against the Indianapolis Indians (the 500 Section was invited but did not respond). Six members of the Cincinnati MBCA Section (the Bats are a farm team of the Reds) and the two winners of the Mercedes-Benz Automotive Science Awards at the Louisville Regional and the Manual High School science fairs, Joanna Tarullo and Manpreet "Sahiba" Chopra, respectively, their families and teachers, were invited to join us for the game.

We met on the corner of N. Preston and Witherspoon Streets and parked our Mercedes on the grass as designated. The Bluegrass Section MBCA club banner was displayed for all latecomers and guests to see. Membership literature was given out to baseball fans. Several members gathered around the club banner and took photos with Gary Ulmer, MBCA member, and owner of the Louisville Bats. The game tickets were distributed and we moved inside the stadium to see the first pitch of the first game between the Louisville Bats vs. the Indianapolis Indians. Thanks to the members of the Cincinnati Section and Dr. Bill Deines, science teacher at duPont Manual High School, for joining us. We enjoyed the delicious food and watched the Louisville Bats win both games of the double header followed by fireworks. Thanks to everyone for making this year's "Mercedes-Benz Night at the Bats" such an interesting and wonderful event.

Keeneland Concours d'Elegance

July 18th, 2009, was a cool day for the Bluegrass Stars and the Cincinnati Sections to meet in Lexington, Kentucky, for the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The featured marque this year was the Morgan. The Bluegrass Stars Section president arrived early at the racetrack at the space provided for Mercedes in

the paddock, and marked it with the club banner for members and other Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts to gather.

After recruiting for new members and handing out membership materials, the Bluegrass Stars and Cincinnati MBCA sections formed a convoy, led by Steve Loboyko (section editor), to his home in Lexington for snacks and tech tips for repair and restoration of Steve's (fake!) R107 "600SL AMG". When we arrived, we were greeted by three adorable Corgis who entertained the group while we ate the snacks provided by Julie and Steve. Steve showed what can happen if "a little noise" is ignored on a Mercedes M116/117 engine, and gave a tour of the spare parts and tools that he considers important for the upkeep of his cars. Many thanks to Bob and Nancy Rece, Dave and Pam Zelman of the Cincinnati Section and Dwight Brown for joining our group to make it a very nice and successful outing. Thanks, Steve, for inviting two Mercedes-Benz Club sections into your home. You and Julie were wonderful hosts.

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Also, take a look at the new website by Nancy Rece for up-to-date news:

http://www.mbca.org/bluegrass_stars

Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 15th, 11:00AM – 1PM Lunch – Mercedes-Benz Club tours Huber's orchard and distillery. The cost is \$10 per person, for wine tasting and tour.

October 14th, 10AM~2:00 PM: Tech Session and snacks at Tafel Motors
10 AM (instruction), 12 noon snacks as until 2 PM
4156 Shelbyville Road St. Matthews, Louisville, KY (more information will be provided in the next issues).



There was a good turnout of cars to display in an open, but secure area.

The guest suite provided a choice of staying indoors out of the heat or basking out in the late afternoon sun – or so it was thought. But the temperature and sun turned out to be “just right” – for a September game!



Unexpected traffic from multiple car accidents on the Interstates delayed some members.



Group photograph, taken by a "volunteer" from the suite next door.

Temperatures were also amazingly cool at the Keeneland show. Emergency crews, prepared for sunstroke victims, had a thankfully slow day.



There was so much to see and the show so large that many club members and MB owners never actually made it to the show events and indoor displays. But it was a nice day to relax outdoors.

W107 "Brightwork" Part I - Part II Next Issue

Parts that are "brightwork" (anodized aluminum):

- Window trim
- Headlight eyebrows
- The bright part of the door moulding
- The rocker moulding
- The trim above the door, and the window post brightwork (drip moulding, rubber channels)
- All hardtop and softtop trim
- All boot cover trim (except the chrome hole for the top pin)
- The inside door armrest trim
- The LATER grille star (the front only), otherwise known as the "rock magnet"

Parts that are chrome:

- The very small part of the door in front of the mirrors
- The hardtop/soft top front pins and "caps"
- The door handles (entirely) on earlier models except for the cylinder caps/doors
- The hard/soft top post pin hole surround at the rear
- The license plate light assembly (actually, three separate pieces)
- The trunk handle
- The trunk lock
- The mirror backs
- The older Becker radio front plate
- The chrome trim along the wood in the interior
- The chrome trim at the shifter (450/380)
- The shifter rod
- The inside door armrest trim (dull)
- The glove compartment lock
- The boot lid release handles
- The headlight rings on US cars
- Pre-560SL nameplates
- The EARLY grille star (all metal, NLA)
- The grille "bars" on the side of the star
- Fog light lens brackets
- The trunk star (pre-560)
- Euro bumpers

Parts that are vacuum-plated plastic:

- The inside mirror "triangles"
- The seat mechanism trim

- the taillight reflectors (BE CAREFUL - Clean only with a stream of water. Touching/rubbing will DESTROY the reflective layer)
- The third brake light reflector (86/87)(BE CAREFUL - Clean only with a stream of water. Touching/rubbing will DESTROY the reflective layer)
- The trunk star (560)
- 560 nameplates

Parts that are vacuum-plated metal:

- The headlight reflectors (euro only)(BE CAREFUL - Clean only with a stream of water. Touching/rubbing will DESTROY the reflective layer)
- The fog light reflectors (as above)

Parts that are stainless:

- The windshield wiper arms and blades (original, low-reflectivity, brushed finish)
- The cowl top (where the two top pins go above the windshield), semi-polished/brushed original finish
- The F/R bumper covers, US, may be nickel plated, highly polished finish - Beware: New OEM replacements may NOT be polished to high polish!
- The windshield washer nozzles
- The cylinder caps/doors on the locks

Technical Manuals

MBUSA has a number of technical manuals, wiring diagrams, owner's manuals, and other technical information available for owners. CD-ROMs or technical manuals for your car (up to model year 1998) can be ordered from MBUSA at (800) 367-6372.

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. Restrictions apply; call for details.

Discounts are available at:

TAFEL MOTORS

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

AUTOBAHN MOTORS LLC

1403 Hugh Avenue
Louisville, KY 40213
(502) 473-7858
(See Don)

www.autobahnmotorsky.com

JAMES MOTOR COMPANY

2440 Richmond Road
Lexington, KY 40502-1301
(859) 268-1150

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.

New: 1979 450SL. Silver/Blue interior and top, high mileage. This is a project car, 90% completed. Runs, Looks and Rides GREAT. Medical situation

forces sale. \$5000. Larry Krissing (270)319-9118 (lkrissing@live.com).

Four 14" Bundt alloy wheels, nearly new, \$50 each. Half-shafts for rear suspension R107, W115, W123 & others, used, \$100 each (price lowered).
Contact Larry Gettleman (see Section Officers).

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

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

Grille, fits the 2000 S500 Mercedes; \$225.

W220 Tail lamp Assembly, fits the 2000 S500 Mercedes; \$125.

Cup holder, center armrest (leather), fits the 2000 S500 Mercedes; \$150.

Four-piece air vent for dash of 2000 S500 Mercedes; \$225. *Nat Williams (see Section Officers)*

Note: These ads in the Bluegrass Star are also available on the Web on the MBCA website, with increased exposure!

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