



## The Bluegrass Star

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**Mercedes Night at the Bats game at Louisville, Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> –Reserve Now!**

### **Welcome!**

We 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. Your comments on how we can improve or add more interesting events to our activities are very important.

### **President's Message**

This is the first opportunity for me to address you as your acting president since Nat William's resignation due to health considerations. We all owe Nat a huge debt of gratitude for his years of service as section president. Thanks Nat! (and Rosie too!) It has been a busy spring for me with my school and track coaching duties as well as club business. We are finally incorporated in the state of Kentucky under the name of "Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Bluegrass Stars Section Inc." My next chore will be to get us under the umbrella of "non-profit" status for the IRS.

I want to also take this opportunity to thank Don at Autobahn for hosting the tech session in

March. It was very informative event to those of us that understand nothing about electronics. At least now we know just how complicated a modern Mercedes-Benz truly is! I also want to congratulate our science fair winners!

I was definitely impressed with the level of skill and investigation that went into the projects and enjoyed watching their demonstrations. As a middle school teacher it was amazing to me to see of what these students were capable.

Your officers have been working on lining up some great activities for the club. I think that after the ice storms of this past year we are all looking forward to the defensive driving course in June. Make sure that you watch the website for details.

Now for the difficult part.

We have had several activities where the club has paid for or subsidized a part of the fees necessary for the activity. We have now gotten to the point financially where this is no longer possible on the scale of the past. Therefore, the charges for some activities will have to go up (I am thinking particularly of the Bats game and the Holiday dinner). In addition we have

discussed charging non-member guests full price for any events that require a fee in order to keep the club from having to charge more for everyone. I'm sorry that we have to do this, but with times as they are we all have to tighten our belts and that includes your club as well. Lastly, as your president I want you to know that I am always accessible to you through e-mail or phone. I WANT to hear from you and your input is very valuable to me. This is YOUR club and as such I and your officers want to hear from you whether it be activities suggestions or things that we have done that you like or even dislike. We are always here for you!

Tchuss!  
Dana A. Ruthers,

### Science Fair Winners

Art Rupe and Larry Gittleman judged the Automotive Science awards at the Louisville Regional Science Fairs and the duPont Manual High School Regional Science Fairs.

The winners were Caroline Harrison, 7th grade, for her project "Dynamics", in which Caroline made models of a racing car, a truck and a bus, using the same wheeled platform, and propelled each with a miniature rocket down a measured course. She found that the final speed and distance traveled for the race car model was greater than the truck or bus models. She brought her display to Autobahn, and also demonstrated the project in Autobahn's parking lot. Considering that rockets were involved, it was very exciting!

Austin Gupta and Jubin Shah, 10th graders, brought their winning project, "Effect of Different 3-Way Intersections on the Safety and Efficiency of Drivers" to the meeting. Austin and Jubin modeled "T," "Y," and rotary 3-way intersections and found that the rotary was the most efficient in terms of time lost, fuel consumed, and safety. A graphic computer program demonstrated the three models in real time.

### Upcoming Events for 2010

**Concours D'Elegance – Keeneland – Lexington, KY July 17 – 9:00 AM-4:30 PM.**

Although not an "official" club event, this show is extremely worthwhile and an opportunity to see world-class vehicles in your own backyard. Last year, we had a contingent from Bluegrass and Cincinnati sections, who later stopped by Steve Loboyko's house for some snacks (very close to I-75). Admission to the show is \$15 per person, and we feel, worth it!

**Saturday, July 31, -Mercedes Night at the Bats game at Louisville Slugger Field**

We'll set up our concours d'elegance at 4:30 PM on the grass on Witherspoon Street (near the curb-cut at the corner of N. Preston St.), north of the ball park. Dinner will be served and we can sit in the right field covered patio at 5:30 through 7:30 PM and the game starts at 6:05 PM. The opposing team are the Columbus Clippers. The Cincinnati Section and the Central Ohio Section will be invited. The cost is \$23 per person, **all inclusive. We need an RSVP and a check for \$23/person to Larry Gittleman** at (502) 634-1461 or [gittleman@louisville.edu](mailto:gittleman@louisville.edu) by Wednesday, July 28th. Hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, popcorn, and Pepsi drinks will be on the menu. There will be security watching the cars during the game. See [www.batsbaseball.com](http://www.batsbaseball.com) for more information on the Louisville Bats.

### Discounted Parts

If you wish to purchase Mercedes-Benz parts, the dealerships and shops listed below 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's membership by taking advantage of these types of discounts. Restrictions apply; call for details.

#### TAFEL MOTORS

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



*Don McCoy spent considerable time preparing interesting material for the tech session, and displayed the depth of his knowledge concerning our cars. The CAN (Controller Area Network) was featured. Without intimate knowledge of this system, modern cars, and particularly complex MB's, are virtually impossible to service!*

*Austin Gupta and Jubin Shah display and discuss their project, demonstrating that European-style roundabouts are superior to US-style intersections.*



*Caroline Harrison's rocket powered model cars (guided via wire) were demonstrated in the parking lot several times, at the request of the audience. People started breathing again when it was demonstrated that the vehicles would remain on the blacktop!*

### **AUTOBAHN MOTORS LLC**

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

### **JAMES MOTOR COMPANY**

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

### **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.

### **Roadside Service**

Mercedes-Benz USA offers free roadside service for the life of the vehicle. This applies to any Mercedes, new or old, first owner or fifth owner, no matter about the mileage of the car. Call 800-FOR-MERC-367, you'll need to be with the vehicle to give location and vehicle identification number.

Roadside assistance includes:

- Flat tire change
- Jump start battery
- Vehicle battery replacement (customer pays for battery)
- Out-of-fuel service



*We enjoyed the tech session, snacks, demonstrations, and the company of fellow Mercedes owners. We hope to see you there next time!*

### **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](http://mbca.org) Web site; if you are Internet-challenged, call the MBCA at **800-637-2360**.

### **Website**

Don't forget to check the website for late-breaking news:  
[www.mbca.org/bluegrass\\_stars/](http://www.mbca.org/bluegrass_stars/)

### **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*.

See the club website for photos and descriptions of additional parts donated to the club by our past president, Stuart Dickstein!

### **For Sale**

'99 E430 Sport, Silver, gray interior, family owned, all records, excellent condition, Autobahn Motors maintained, 190,000 Hwy miles, \$7,500. Scott Pottinger [spottinger@insightbb.com](mailto:spottinger@insightbb.com) 502-727-1010.

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



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Contact Larry Gettleman (see Section Officers).

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

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)*

*From former club president Stuart Dickstein's collection and business: proceeds will benefit the MBCA Bluegrass Stars Section. Contact Larry Gettleman for purchase.*

Very interesting red 300SL Sarsaparilla Cookie Jar: \$25.



Microfiche from past-president Stuart Dickstein's for the following models and mechanical systems - \$1.00 ea:

190C, 190DC-200, 200D-230 (17)  
190E, 190DC, 200-200D-230 USA (2)  
200GE-300GD (1)  
200-230-230e-250-280-280E, 200D-220D-240D-300D-300  
TURBO DIESEL (3)  
200T/230T/230TE/250T/240TD/300TD/300TD/TBODIESEL (3)  
AGGREGATE GELAENDEWAGEN 7.11.1-730.3 (1)

220-230.4-220D-240D-300D USA (3)  
220-B-220SB (5)  
220SEB (15)  
230S (9)  
230-280E-240D-300D-300D TURBODIESEL USA (5)  
230D USA(4)  
230-230E-240D-300D-300D TURBODIESEL USA (1)  
230-280E-240D-300D-300D TURBODIESEL USA (3)  
240GD 300GD (1)  
250S/SE-280S/SE/SEL-280SE/SEL3.5-300SEB (4)  
280CE-300CD-300CD TURBODIESEL USA (1)  
280SL-SLC/350SL-SLC/380SL-SLC/450SL-SLC-SLC  
5.0/500SL-SLC (4)  
280S-SE-SEL/300SD/380 SE-SEL/500SE-SEL (2)  
280S-SE-SEL/350SE-SEL/450SE-SEL/450SEL6.9 (1)  
280CE-300CD-300CD TURBODIESEL USE (2)  
280S-SE-SEL/350S-SEL/450SE-SEL/450SEL6.9 (3)  
300SD/380SEL/500SEL USA (2)  
MERCEDES 300D (12)  
300TD/300TD TURBODIESEL (6)  
300SEL 3.5/6.3 USA (12)  
300SEC/500 SEC USA (2)  
380SEC/500SEC USA (2)  
380SEC/500SEC (5)  
350SL 380SLC 450SL 450SLC USA (4)  
460 AUFBAU RADSTAND 2400 (5)  
460 AUFBAU RADSTAND 2850 (2)  
600 USA (9)  
R107 560SL (9)  
SA FOR EUROPEAN R107 USA (1)  
R/C107 380-450 USA (8)  
SA FOR EUROPEAN R107 USA (8)  
R108 USA (14)  
R109 USA (5)  
W111 (16)  
W111 USA (11)  
C114 USA (9)  
W114 USE (6)  
W116 USA (7)  
C123 USA (9)  
S123 USA (2)  
T123 USA (3)  
W123 USA (1)  
W123 (5)  
C124 USA (2)  
T124 USA (9)  
W124 USA (9)  
C126 USA (10)  
C126 (2)  
W126 USA (14)  
W126 (1)  
SA FOR EUROPEAN W/C 126 USA (13)  
W201 USA (11)  
W201 (2)  
SA FOR EUROPEAN W201 USE (9)  
SA 10 306-10-624, -10-938-10998 (15)  
SA 11 011-248 (5)  
SA 12 207-12 259 USA(3)  
SA 55 410-918 (22)  
SA 001-787 USA (19)  
SHORT BLOCK (6)  
AIR CONDITIONER (9)  
MANUAL TRANSMISSIONS (1)  
AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS USA 722 (8)  
AUTOMATISCHE GETRIEBE 722 (1)  
STEERINGS (5)  
M100 USA (2)  
M100 (1)  
M103 USA (4)  
M102 USA (9)

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M102 MULTI-BELT DRIVE (1)  
M102 E 2.3-16 USA (5)  
M108 (3)  
M110 USA (3)  
M110 (2)  
M114V USA (1)  
M115 USA (3)  
M115 (1)  
M116 3.5, 3.8 USA (4)  
M117 5.0/5.6 USA (4)  
M127 (1)  
M129 (4)  
M180 (4)  
M116 3.5/3.8/4.2 (4)  
M117 6.0/5.6 (2)  
M121 (2)  
OM601 USA (5)  
OM602 USA (7)  
OM603 (7)  
OM615 USA (2)  
OM616 USA (3)  
OM617/OM617A (3)  
OM621 (1)  
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VOLVO 740-760 1984 USA (1)  
VOLVO 740-760 1985 USA (9)  
VOLVO 240-260 1979-1985 (9)  
VOLVO 240-260 1985 (5)  
VOLVO 240-260 1978 (8)  
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