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Note Time and Date For Holiday Dinner - 7:30-9:30 PM, December 1st! Last Chance for Reservations!

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.

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President's Message

On a sunny day on October 24th 2009, at 10:00AM, after everyone was seated for the tech session at Tafel Motors of Louisville, President Nat Williams introduced instructor **BJ Smith**, the Shop Foreman/Assistant Service Manager at Tafel Motors of Louisville, for the current session. **Jay Harley**, **Buddy Freeman** and **Steve Frame** assisted BJ by taking questions and providing thorough answers. They provided one-on-one expertise as cars

were put up on the lift. The Bluegrass Stars Section invited the Cincinnati Section to join us for a combined tech session. It was a great event. BJ and his crew brought out a new E 350 coupe, a GLK and a C55 for us to see up close. They had a new hybrid S-Class and compared it to the familiar gas model. **Jerry Kerupilsky** put his 1984 380SL up on the lift to be checked out (he was the first to call). The second person was **Dick Barnett** who put his 1988 560SL up on the lift. **Craig Hinrich** made an appointment for his 2007 SLK to be checked out. **Ravi Dhareshwar**, a club member & Mercedes-Benz enthusiastic, invited President Nat Williams & the club photographer, Seth Burr outside to admire his beautiful 2002 C240. After several hours of technical stuff, we dined on a delicious lunch and snacks including Rosie's Famous Chilli, a meat and cheese tray, veggie tray, salty snacks, nuts, cookies, etc. After lunch BJ Smith was awarded a certificate for his continued support of MBCA with his tech sessions. **Hannelore Rader**, Dean of Libraries at the University of Louisville, received a \$1,500.00 Loyalty Reward from MBCA at the tech session after buying her 210 E350 last month. Door prizes, provided by Tafel Motors and MBCA were awarded to nearly everyone in attendance. Thanks to Tafel Motors for allowing MBCA space in the shop area and instructors, even while the shop was serving the public. Thanks to **Bob** and **Nancy Rece**, our club Webmaster,

for coming, along with five other members of the Cincinnati Section, MBCA. A special thanks to **Mary Jo Patterson**, manager of the parts department at Tafel Motors, for providing free door prizes at the tech session.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Holiday Party 2009

Our annual holiday dinner will be on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at

Erika's German Restaurant
9301 Hurstbourne Park Blvd.
Louisville, Kentucky
(502) 499-8822
7:30 – 9:30 PM

Holiday Party Menu

Jungschweinebraten: (tender pork roast with garlic and spices)
Jagerschnitzel: (tender breaded pork loin in a creamy mushroom sauce)
Wiener schnitzel: (pork loin breaded with fresh lemon),
Bratwurst plate: (three German bratwurst with potato salad and sauerkraut)
Sauerkraut with dinner salad and German bread
Side dishes: spatzel, German potato salad
Dessert: chocolate mousse cake, drinks, coffee, tea and soft drink cash bar also available

Members of the Bluegrass Stars Section, family, friends and guests are invited. Cincinnati and other Section members and guests are also invited. The cost is **\$15** per person. **Payment should be made prior to November 29th.** The Bluegrass Stars Section subsidizes this event (the actual price is \$26.00 per person). Your check payable to the Bluegrass Stars Section, MBCA will serve as your RSVP. Please mail your check to the club treasurer, at the following address:

Larry Gettleman
1461 South 4th Street
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The Holiday dinner at Erika's German Restaurant, provides MBCA members with a great opportunity to get together for a fun-filled night of camaraderie with fellow club members, new members, and members of other Mercedes-Benz Clubs. This is definitely an event to attend.

Directions

Drivers should note that the Hurstbourne Park Blvd. is a short street just off S. Hurstbourne Parkway and can be a bit difficult to find. If you are driving east on I-64, take the local access ramp at S. Hurstbourne Parkway, exit No 15B, not exit No. 15A, the main ramp for southbound Hurstbourne Parkway, or you'll miss Erika's. Watch for Erika's on the right before you reach the traffic light. If you are driving west on I-64, turn left on S. Hurstbourne Parkway and look for Erika's on the right.

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Tech Session at Autobahn Motors, 1403 Hugh Avenue, Louisville KY is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, 20th February 2010. Note: this will be discussed at the Annual Holiday Party at Erika's Restaurant, per request by Don McCoy).

March 2010 – Bluegrass Stars section treasurer and membership chair Larry Gettleman will be judging the Louisville Regional Science Fairs and the duPont Manual High School Regional Science Fairs for the M-B Automotive Science Award on Saturday morning, March 13, 2010. Additional judges are needed.



Turnout was very good, with no football conflicts – but there was room for more! How about you next time?

Jerry Kerupilsky's and Dick Barnett's highly original, low mileage SL's.



It was simply not possible to stump the crack Tafel Motors Mercedes-Benz experts.



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The old...a 190SL with a lot of potential...



And the new...the “new car smell” permeating Tafel Motors was intoxicating to many!

2009 MBCA Loyalty Reward Program- EXPANDED

As of August 1, 2009, club members in good standing of 12 months or more, who purchase a new AMG vehicle, are eligible for a \$1,500 Loyalty Reward card. The expansion of the program from other Mercedes-Benz models will apply to AMG vehicles purchased after August 1, 2009 from an authorized U.S. Mercedes-Benz dealer.

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

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.

WANTED:

1971 280SL Roadster, manual transmission, unrestored (except paint), any upholstery, wood. Convertible OK, no rust. Will pay \$1000 finder's fee. Contact Jan Bordewick (541) 999-9999.

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; \$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 S
500 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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