

River City Star



MBCA Memphis Section Newsletter — August 2018

Next Event!

Garage Tour

George Poteet is a nationally-known car guy. He's a hot-rodder, builds speed racers for the Bonneville Salt Flats, and has a world-class car collection in six buildings on a thousand acres outside Holly Springs, MS. He loves sharing his knowledge and cars with others, so we're going to join the Porsche Club and tours his collection on **Saturday, August 4th**. We'll meet at the Wendy's near the Holly Springs/Oxford exit of I-22 at **8:30 a.m.** – early, to beat the heat – and caravan to Mr. Poteet's property with Tom Dulaney, who manages the collection. Wear walking shoes and comfortable clothes, as not all of the buildings are have AC.

If you want to know more about Mr. Poteet's cars, please see the following articles (a selection from a half million results on Google):

<http://www.hotrod.com/articles/hrdp-1011-george-poteets-hot-rod-collection/>

<https://www.good-guys.com/hotnews/5-minutes-george-poteet/>

<https://www.caranddriver.com/features/mississippi-mensch-george-poteets-hot-rods-elevate-both-art-form-and-artist>

<http://memphisque.blogspot.com/2012/10/hot-rod-and-barbecue-abundance-in-holly.html>

Mr. Poteet very generously opens his garage to folks who know about it, but it's off the beaten path. You will NOT want to miss this chance! It's going to be a great morning and we'll likely find a nearby restaurant for lunch afterward. **Please RSVP to Pam Zelman (mbcamemphis@gmail.com/513.382.6195) by August 1.**



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Upcoming Event

Memphis Euro-Fest to benefit Youth Villages

September isn't too far away and given how hot it is outside, you'd better start spiffing up your cars now!

September 29th is this year's date for Memphis Euro-Fest, which is put on by the British Sports Car Club of Memphis, with help from our Mercedes-Benz section, plus the Porsche and BMW Clubs. As always, all proceeds go to support Memphis' Youth Villages and the great work they do on behalf of our area's most needy children. Your contribution makes the show successful, and make a big difference for our community. The kids who live onsite get to come out and look at the cars; it's always fun to talk with them about their favorites. Last year had a great variety of cars and was a lot of fun, despite the heat.

The British Car Club will host the entire event at Youth Villages on Memphis Arlington Rd. There is a \$30 registration fee, and you can register Friday evening from 7:00- 8:00 or Saturday from 8:00-10:00. They will have popular judging with awards given out about 2:30 - and this year we have three M-B categories: Roadsters, Sedans before 1995, Sedans 1995 and after.

Please be advised that the Youth Villages campus is non-smoking and no adult beverages are allowed.

RSVP to [Rich Rankin](#) by **September 25.**



Upcoming Event

Concours d'Ordinaire

Our Concours d'Ordinaire was so much fun last year that we're making it an annual event! If you missed it last year, here is what you need to know. It's not a Concours d'Elegance, nothing fancy. It's an ordinary car show, a Concours d'Ordinaire, where people just show up with whatever vehicle, in whatever condition. Wash it or don't. There will be a cookout and fun awards and fabulous prizes. This is a great chance for a fall get-together where we celebrate our cars and don't take ourselves too seriously.

Saturday, October 27, meet at the home of Linda and Cliff Reyle at 6:00p.m. We'll supply the main course and beverages, you supply a side dish or dessert. The Reyles live at 9658 Dove Meadow Cove East, Germantown, TN 38139. Please RSVP to [Pam Zelman](#) by **October 22** and let her know what dish you're bringing.



President's Message

By Linda Reyle

MBCA friends,

Summertime and Mercedes-Benz automobiles go together like peas and carrots! They were just meant to be together. One of my favorite summertime Saturday morning drives is to wind through neighborhoods, admire the beautiful landscaping, and end up at Panera for a toasted Cinnamon Crunch bagel and cup of coffee. What better time is there to take a trek in your beloved Mercedes-Benz than Saturday morning, 4-August, to Holly Springs to see George Poteet's world-renowned car collection? Don your seersucker shorts, comfy walking shoes, and a snazzy hat and head down to join us.

See you at George Poteet's place!

Kind regards,

Linda

Memphis Membership Momentum

By Bill Sudekum

One of the stated goals for our section this year, is to increase our membership numbers. You and I, as members already, are the best advertisement of what our section, and the club in general, are about. Your enthusiasm for the club and the marque, your attendance at functions, and your renewal each year, all contribute to a sustaining, but not necessarily a growing membership. We need to take things just one step farther.

If we can each get one new member to join us, that doubles our size and gives us more opportunities to add new and interesting activities. We have plenty of membership applications, and we've had new business cards printed with pertinent national and local information on them. They will be available at all future club functions. Please take a few and hand them out to Mercedes owners you might see when you are out and about. If a contact appears interested, tell them a little about what we do, and some of the advantages of membership, from social to mechanical, old vehicle to new, original condition to concours. Invite them to the next function. If someone has a question or an issue, we can get an answer.

Good luck and let's make this a super growth year!

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Mark Your Calendar for local events!

Details for some events, especially those farther out, will be firmed up in future newsletters and via email.

AUGUST

- 4 Cars and Carbs, 9:00-11:00am — Jody's Donuts, 1996 S. Houston Levee Rd.
- 4 Garage Tour with Porsche Club of America to the collection of George Poteet in Holly Springs. Meet at Wendy's off I-22 Holly Springs/Oxford exit, 8:30 a.m.; Pam Zelman, host

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Cars and Carbs, 9:00-11:00am — Bluff City Coffee, 505 S. Main St., downtown
- 29 Memphis EuroFest at Youth Villages, Memphis-Arlington Rd., 8:00 a.m.; Rich Rankin, host

OCTOBER

- 6 Cars and Carbs, 9:00-11:00am — La Baguette, 3088 Poplar Ave.
- TBD Tech Session
- 27 Concours d'Ordinaire at the home of Cliff & Linda Reyle, 9658 Dove Meadow Cove East, Germantown, 5:00 p.m.; Linda Reyle, host

NOVEMBER

- 3 Cars and Carbs, 9:00-11:00am — Jody's Donuts, 1996 S. Houston Levee Rd.
- 11 Drive and Dine to Shelby Forest General Store, 7729 Benjestown Rd, Millington. Meet at Wendy's, 6143 Walnut Grove Rd, Memphis, 11:30 a.m.; Pam Zelman, host

DECEMBER

- 1 Cars and Carbs, 9:00-11:00am — Bluff City Coffee, 505 S. Main St., downtown
- 8 Germantown Holiday Parade, 1:00 lineup — details to come; Bill Sudekum, host
- 8 Memphis Section Holiday Party at the home of Dave & Pam Zelman, 180 E. Park Ave., Holly Springs, 6:00 p.m.

Add these fun events to your calendar, too!

These events aren't planned by us but sure sound like a good time.

Every Saturday - Coffee & Cars, in various locations (see our website for details)

September

- 15-16 Porsche Club of America - Mid South Region, High Performance Drivers' Education at Memphis International Raceway. **Great fun** and open to all cars! Details are at <https://www.pca-msr.org/driver-s-ed>

Editor's Notes

Hey! All you photographers, meme and gif geeks - we want YOU!! We have a brand new [Instagram page](#) to go with our [Facebook page](#) and we want you to help fill them both. Have you found a great article in the interweb about Mercedes? Share it on our Facebook page! Found a picture of 8-yr-old you washing your dad's 280SE? Adorbs! Post it on our Instagram page. The greater variety of contributors, the more fun the pages are. So, go find (or take) that picture of your favorite Benz. Share that article from your fave blog. Make FB and Insta the fun places to hang out. (and thanks!)

Also, did you see that Porsche Club Driver's School listed above? It's your best chance to learn how to handle your car under the guidance of folks who like to race. "Participants will experience first-hand the capabilities of high performance automobiles in a controlled, closed-course environment and acquire skills that will enhance safer vehicle operation in all driving situations." Your car, a driving coach, and a closed course. If you like to race, autocross or just atn to feel safer handling your car, the DE School is a fantastic place to start. Check it out on their website - <https://www.pca-msr.org/driver-s-ed>.

Review: Drive & Dine to Clancy's Cafe

By Pam Zelman

It's dinnertime in north Mississippi and that means....catfish. Or barbecue. Or something off the grill. Are you hungry yet? Well, on Saturday, June 30th, we road tripped to Red Banks, MS to Clancy's Cafe for dinner and had our choice of the above and many other tasty dishes. Over fifteen people attended and absolutely no one left hungry. Chef Tyler Clancy stepped out of the kitchen long enough to greet us and say a few words about his love of cooking and the abundance of locally-sourced foods he uses. Thanks to treasurer Lynn Jones for once again procuring fun door prizes - there was a lot of commotion over who got the right numbers! Swag with our club logo is always popular. There was a little rain for the trip home but at least we were all full and happy!

Review: Tech Session at MB Memphis

By Cliff Reyle

The Memphis Section held a tech session at Mercedes-Benz of Memphis on Saturday morning, July 14th. There was a great response with 26 members and guests in attendance. The group was greeted by the owner and president of Mercedes-Benz of Memphis, Mr. Gunter Stephan. He gave us the fascinating history of how he worked as a young man for Mercedes-Benz, beginning in Germany and then moving to Canada. Later he came to the United States and ultimately became owner of what is today known as Mercedes-Benz of Memphis.

Wes Burrow, Service Manager of the dealership, shared his extensive background and history with the dealership. He introduced the two Mercedes-Benz Star Master Certified Technicians that would be working with the group, Rob Fetty and Scott Haggit. Wes shared with members the extensive training and testing that a person must successfully complete to become a Master Technician. The group was then invited into the shop where a new C Class was open and had a diagnostic computer connected. We were able to see in real time how the computer ran tests on the car and could see any fault codes that had been produced. Rob and Scott answered numerous questions that members had concerning service and maintenance of both modern and classic Mercedes-Benz automobiles. The group also had the opportunity to see a 1987 560 SEC that was in the shop for extensive repairs. Additionally, a new car product specialist was on hand to answer questions about the latest features on the new cars.

Everyone left with a greater appreciation for the skill and sophistication involved in running the service department of a modern Mercedes-Benz dealer. The Memphis Section appreciates the dealer and staff for giving of their Saturday morning to host the tech session.

