



MBCA Memphis Section Newsletter - September/October 2020

# River City Star



## President's Message:

To All Members, Associates and Friends:

Welcome to the September/October edition of the Memphis Section newsletter. I hope you and your families are well and continuing to stay safe.

The Coronavirus has again required us to alter our Calendar of Events for the next couple of months. We haven't cancelled everything, but have left our small, monthly Cars & Carbs events for those that feel comfortable in attending. For those who have never gone to one of these, they are usually only 6-10 members who get together for coffee and a Danish for an hour or so. If the weather cooperates, it will be outside.

We are told that the Memphis Euro-Fest, sponsored by the British Sports Car Club of Memphis, is still on. But as of this writing, I can find no advertising or other information. We will get the word out as soon as we have something definite.

The Renaissance Euro Fest in Ridgeland, sponsored by the Mississippi Section in Jackson, is still on for October 10-11. Check later in this edition of the newsletter for more details including classes of cars, registration etc.

In other news, Mercedes-Benz North America and the MBCA have jointly introduced the Member Rebate Program. This entitles all members to immediate discounts on the purchase or lease of select new Mercedes vehicles. All MBCA members should have received an Email on the program within the last two weeks. Do check out the details if you are considering a new Benz.

On behalf of the club officers and section chairmen, I want to thank you for your continuing membership and support of the club. This has been a year like no other, and I promise you, we will survive, grow, and get back to having fun as soon as we can.

Stay safe,

Bill Sudekum,

**President, Memphis Section**

## The 2020 MBCA-Memphis Calendar of Events

Our events include delicious dinners, fun drives and how to fix your car. Regardless of your interests and preferences, you have many different events to choose from. The Memphis Section Board will re-evaluate in 30 days to make a determination on future events. We will notify you of any changes.

We hope you are safe and well as we all shelter from COVID-19.

As always, go to [memphis.mbca.org](http://memphis.mbca.org) for the latest updates on our events.

### Date

September 5  
September 26\*  
October 3  
October 10-11\*  
November 7

### Event

Cars & Carbs  
Memphis Euro-Fest  
Cars & Carbs  
Renaissance Euro-Fest  
Cars & Carbs

### Location

Panera Bread, Germantown  
TBD  
Bluff City, Memphis  
Ridgeland  
La Baguette, Memphis

## Date

November 7-8  
 November 14  
 December 5  
 December 12\*  
 December 12\*

## Event

Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance  
 Dinner at Marlow's  
 Cars & Carbs  
 Germantown Holiday Parade  
 MBCA-Memphis Holiday Dinner

## Location

Hilton Head  
 Marlows, Memphis  
 Panera Bread  
 Germantown  
 TBD



## Memphis Membership Matters

By Mike McHann (Membership Chairman)

Please welcome our newest member Jeremy Griffin. Ordinarily, I'd encourage you to join us at upcoming events, but in our current situation we'll make do with remote means to keep in touch for the foreseeable future.

For the calendar year 2020 we've gained 12 new members and lost 17 members, netting 78 members. Mercedes of Memphis is working with us to help bring in new members and have allowed us to setup membership awareness displays in the sales and service waiting rooms. The displays are promoting membership with free copies of the Star

Magazine and membership applications.

Let's keep up the effort and encourage our friends and fellow Mercedes owners to join. We have a colorful new application. Let me know if I can send you copies.



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## Classic Cars

by Lynn Jones

1960 190b Ponton body sedan

My old Mercedes exited the factory 60 years ago August 19, 1960 and has been registered in Europe, Asia, and North America. We've had it 45 years and with me it's been from the Red Sea in Jordan to the Mississippi River in Arkansas. I'd sure be interested in where the first two Swiss owners went in the car's first 15 years and for the about 60 thousand miles they owned it. It now has about 135K miles and faithfully carried us from Beirut to Rotterdam in 1976 when the civil war in Lebanon drove us out. I used it as my daily driver for about two years after we came to Memphis later that year, and had two bullet creases taken out of it when we had it painted in about 1980.



## Technical Tips and Tricks (TTT)

by Mike McHann

When's the last time you had your brake fluid flushed? I bet many of you can't answer this question. I'm restoring my newly acquired Mercedes Roadster. Because it sat in storage for many years, one of the first things I did was replace all fluids including brake fluid. In the photos you can see the old brake fluid that was removed as well as the brake reservoir after flushing. Additionally, I replaced the bleed screws that were showing signs of corrosion at the seats.

Brake fluid is hygroscopic and absorbs moisture, turning the fluid black and leading to corrosion of the cylinders, calipers and brake lines. This is more affected by time than mileage. If changed regularly, the components will have a long and trouble-free life, and Mercedes recommends that the brake fluid be changed every 2 -3 years. Take a look at your brake reservoir; if the fluid is dark or black, it's time to change your brake fluid.



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Membership in the MBCA offers many benefits including discounts on new cars, parts and service, a 15% discount at Brooks Brothers and much more!

### *For Sale, 1985 380S with 95,000 miles*

White with Navy interior

Very good condition, no accidents, always garaged, excellent mechanical, needs new top.

A great car and excellent candidate for easy restoration.

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