

River City Star



MBCA Memphis Section Newsletter — October 2018

Next Event!

Concours d'Ordinaire – October 27

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.

On Saturday, October 27, meet at the home of Linda and Cliff Reyle at 5:00 pm. 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, Tennessee. Evites will be emailed out for your RSVP and a response on what side dish or dessert you're bringing. Please plan to participate in this exciting event.



Upcoming Event

Shine & Show Session at Mercedes-Benz of Collierville – November 3

On Saturday, November 3, please plan to join us at the Shine & Show Session at Mercedes-Benz of Collierville, 9:00-11:00 am. Shine your Benz and join the show and the fun. Prizes will be awarded. Pam Zelman, host.



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Upcoming Event

Drive & Dine – Shelby Forest General Store/Memphis Ghost River Band, 7729 Benjestown Rd, Millington, Tennessee (North Shelby County) – November 10

Please plan to join us for this Drive & Dine event. The Shelby Forest General Store, located at the corner of Benjestown and Locke Road, is a favorite among locals and tourists as well. Not new and modern, but absolutely authentic and honest, there is an “old-school-cool” vibe about the place that is consistently refreshing and nearly contagious! Bring your sense of humor with you, and don’t forget your appetite.

Details about this exciting event will be distributed to members via email as planning proceeds.



Memphis Membership Matters

By Mike McHann (Membership Chairman)/Bill Sudekum (Secretary)

As of October 1, 2018, our Section membership stands at 60 members plus associates. As one of our Region’s smaller Sections, we continue to seek new members and need your inputs to grow and expand. The goal for the year is to have each current member recruit one new member. Brochures and calling cards will be available for you to pick up at all club functions for distribution to prospective members.

We want to welcome our newest member, Jeffery High, who lives in Memphis, to our Section. We invite you to attend our local as well as our regional and national events. For our current members, please introduce yourself when you see Jeff at any of our upcoming functions.

We welcome the continued attendance, suggestions, and contributions of all Memphis Section members.

President's Message

By Linda Reyle

MBCA Memphis Members,

MBCA Memphis is a group of enjoyable people just like you.

Our summer of Mercedes-Benz events is now a fun memory of George Poteet's 1,000-acre setting for his car collection, the Memphis Euro-Fest, the Mercedes-Benz of Memphis tech session, and the best-hamburger-ever at Phillips Grocery in Holly Springs, Mississippi. Now our sights are set on our upcoming fall events. The Concours d' Ordinaire on October 27 is a 100% fun car exhibition with awards within reach for every driver who brings a car. The Shine and Show at Mercedes-Benz of Collierville on November 3 will be a community-based event to showcase your most beloved Mercedes-Benz vehicle. And our November drive-and-dine event will be at the famous Shelby Forest General Store in Millington, Tennessee, on November 10.

MBCA Memphis Section is a collection of people who like to drive Mercedes-Benzs, fix Mercedes-Benzs, and/or join for social events to talk about anything and everything under the sun. We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Here's to the wonderful season of the pumpkin latte!

Warm regards,

Linda

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From the Editor

By Dale Duckworth

Greetings from your new Newsletter Editor. The Memphis Section Board made some recent changes to streamline communications to the members, and I now have the opportunity to serve the Section via editorship of the bi-monthly Newsletter, the *River City Star*.

Like most of you, I am a Mercedes-Benz owner and enthusiast; in fact, our MB “fleet” now consists of five of these fine machines. My MB driving experience dates back to the early 1960s and actual ownership to 1972. I love to drive and work on MBs (owner and minor maintenance, of course). And socializing with other MB owners and enthusiasts since joining MBCA three years ago has been very rewarding.

I hope that during my stewardship of the Newsletter I will help facilitate communications within the Section as well as address topics of interest to the members. If you have any suggestions of particular topics you would like to see in the Newsletter (or on the Website), please let me know via email at daled43663@gmail.com. I will pass Website suggestions to Pam Zelman, our Section Webmaster.

Do you like to read about Mercedes-Benz topics like new models coming out, classic models still in use, and competition in high-performance and racing vehicles? I do (probably too much!). In each newsletter I will try to share some of the articles I have found of interest, such as:

- What is your favorite color? Mine is blue. This 2019 Mercedes-AMG G63 in Brabus Blue Leather certainly appeals to me, but it would take a lot of “green” to own one. See *2019 Mercedes-AMG G63 Looks Amazing in Brabus Blue Leather* at <https://www.autoevolution.com/news/2019-mercedes-amg-g63-looks-amazing-in-brabus-blue-leather-128830.html>
- Do you use the navigation system in your MB? Do you find entering an address easy to do? No, of course not! Well, relief may be in sight. See *Could Mercedes-Benz Change The Way You Navigate?* at <https://www.forbes.com/sites/lianeyvkoff/2018/09/21/mercedes-benz-change-the-way-you-navigate/#468686fa41f4>
- Can you believe there’s a Mercedes-AMG GT series 4-door coupe? Well, get ready to believe it. See *First Drive: 2019 Mercedes-AMG GT 4-Door Coupe* at <https://driving.ca/mercedes-benz/amg-gt-s/reviews/road-test/first-drive-2019-mercedes-amg-gt-4-door-coupe>

I hope you enjoy this newsletter.

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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.

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

- 3 Shine & Show Session at Mercedes-Benz of Collierville, 9:00-11:00 am. Bring your Benz and join the show and the fun. Prizes will be awarded. Pam Zelman, host.

NOTE: Cars and Carbs will not be held this month.

- 10 Drive and Dine to Shelby Forest General Store, 7729 Benjestown Rd, Millington. Meet at Wendy's, 6143 Walnut Grove Rd, Memphis, 11:30 am; Pam Zelman, host.

DECEMBER

- 1 Cars and Carbs, 9:00-11:00 am — Bluff City Coffee, 505 S. Main St., downtown
- 8 Germantown Holiday Parade, 1:00 pm 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, Mississippi, 6:00 pm

Add these fun events to your calendar, too!

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

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

October

12-13 Mississippi Section, Renaissance Euro Fest Auto Show, Ridgeland, Mississippi. Mike Marsh, President of the Mississippi Section, has extended a cordial invitation to us to attend their Euro Fest on October 12-13th. The event will be held at the beautiful upscale Renaissance at Colony Park shopping center in Ridgeland, Mississippi. European automobiles built prior to 1994, or that fall into a special interest category, are eligible to compete. Newer vehicles may be displayed for viewing only. For us Mercedes owners not competing, a corral will be set up for our reserved parking.

Events begin (for us) with a caravanning drive to Jackson on Friday morning, the 12th, and later an escorted tour through the local Ridgeland area beginning at 3:00 pm. Saturday's festivities begin at 10:00 am and conclude at 4:00 pm. There are no entrance or admission fees and the local Hyatt Place Hotel is giving special discounted rates. For your info, it is about a 2:45-3:00 hour drive to Ridgeland, without stops.

If you are interested, check out their Website for more details at www.euro-fest.net/ridgeland/form.php

Bill Sudekum will lead the caravan that will depart the McDonald's at I-55 and Church Road in Southaven, Mississippi, on Friday the 12th at 10:00 am. He will make sure everyone has all of the information they need. If you are interested, email Bill at sudekumwa@msn.com and he will keep you advised as needed.

Review: George Poteet's Garage Tour

By Pam Zelman

On a sunny and warm August 4th, a group of Memphis Section members gathered in Holly Springs for a special tour of George Poteet's Garages. We were welcomed by Tom Dulaney, a long-time associate of Mr. Poteet. His 1,000-acres houses more than 120 cars, many of them among the best hot rods ever built. As we toured the various garage buildings, Mr. Poteet's love of automobiles and speed was apparent.

Following the tour of the garages, many members enjoyed homemade burgers and the trimmings at Phillips Grocery, among the best diners in Mississippi.



One garage with lots of Fords on two levels



Tom Dulaney's introduction and welcome



Phillips Grocery, a great place for lunch



George Poteet's land speed record win at Bonneville Speed Week 2011



Bill Sudekum inspects one of the more interesting displays at Poteet's Garage: a John Deere tractor with two large ice cream churns driven by the power take off

Review: Memphis Euro-Fest

By Rich Rankin

September 29 was a fine day, perfectly suited to a car show! Excellent examples of some of Europe's finest marques were present in all their grandeur—and that included our beloved Mercedes Benz cars!

The Memphis Section put forth a strong showing with a “lucky” number of 13 cars presented for judging. Our own Mike McHann won the prize for “Best Mercedes Sedan Pre 1995” with his 1993 300CE coupe. The Award for “Best Mercedes Sedan Post 1995” went to Smith Imports, Inc., who entered a 2016 S550 Coupe (it's for sale by the way).

Because NINE Roadsters showed up, the Organizers added another category for us—and the Roadsters got split up based upon age as well. “Best Roadster Pre 1995” went to Section Member John Williams who brought his red 1966 230SL. Section Member Larry Tolbert took the prize for “Best Roadster Post 1995” with his very sleek, very fast 2009 SL63 AMG.

Thanks to all Memphis Section Members who participated! It was a great day.



Mike McHann and his award winning blue 1993 300CE coupe and his beautiful red 1993 300CE CV convertible (left) and Mike with his Memphis Eurofest Award (right)



Mercedes Benz roadsters, with John Williams' award winning red 1966 230SL on the right



Larry Tolbert's award winning 2009 SL63 AMG

