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# MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA SAINT LOUIS GATEWAY SECTION

# "MBCA SECTION OF THE YEAR"

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## KIRBERG CAR COLLECTION – OPEN HOUSE Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 St. Louis, Missouri

On Saturday July 11th, St. Louis Gateway Section members and guests have been invited to view Doug Kirberg's antique vehicles and memorabilia. Doug's collection began with a 1954 Cadillac purchased at a Barrett-Jackson auction. This was then followed by a 1932 Cadillac and a 1930 LaSalle. He then entered the brass era with a 1910 Buick acquired from Hyman, Ltd. Classic Cars. This private collection will be on display for the enjoyment of the attendees.

Starting at 1:00 p.m., you can view the display. Grilled hot dogs, beer, soda, and water will be available at no charge. All that you need to bring is a side dish or a dessert, as well as your lawn chairs.

The Kirberg Company is located at 1400 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, St. Louis. We will be parking our Mercedes together, as there will be other clubs in attendance. Detailed driving instructions will be emailed at a later date.

To make your reservation, no later than July 6<sup>th</sup>, contact Sonny Sterthman at 618.632.387 (home) or 618.628.0476 (work) or email at elmer.sterthman@countryfinancial.com.

### **AUGUST EVENT**

Due to extenuating circumstances, the scheduled Section event will be changed. Details, including a specific date, are in work and information will be distributed as soon as available.

# MBCA CENTRAL REGIONAL EVENT Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

7th Annual Show 'N Shine - Carmel, Indiana

There's something about cars on display and lots of food that bring a crowd. Join us on Sunday, August 9th at Noon for the 7th Annual Show & Shine Picnic along with invited members of the MBCA Central Region, including Bluegrass Stars, Cincinnati, Memphis, Mississippi, Nashville, Smokey Mountain, and St. Louis Gateway Sections.

Always a popular event, we are once again calling all members who love to show off their Benzes. Shine up and show off your pride and joy, commune with fellow car lovers,

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and enjoy a pitch-in lunch. There will be informal judging and awards. While aficionados are inspecting the cars, we will be preparing burgers, brats, and hot dogs on the grill, supplemented by side dishes and desserts pitched in by owners and visitors alike.

There is no charge ! Please RSVP with the number of people attending, and whether you are bringing a side dish, chips, dip, or dessert. Contact Ken Salter at ksalt@hotmail.com or 317.789-9981 no later than Wednesday, August 5th.

**Location:** Carmel West Park, 2700 W. 116th St (Just 1/4 mile WEST of Towne Rd), Carmel, Indiana, 46032.

# Experience The American Story At CRYSTAL BRIDGES

Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> *Bentonville, Arkansas* 

Join your St. Louis Gateway Section friends, on Friday, September 11th, as we travel to Bentonville, Arkansas to visit Crystal Bridges and our neighboring club members in the Ozark Section. Less than 5 hours from St. Louis, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art welcomes all to celebrate the American spirit in a phenomenal setting that unites the power of art with the beauty of landscape. Nestled in a beautiful natural ravine in a gorgeous wooded park, Crystal Bridges is itself a work of art, designed by world-renowned architect Moshe Safdie.

We have negotiated a great rate of just \$84/night, plus tax, and including breakfast, at Towneplace Suites by Marriott, which is approximately 2-1/2 miles from Crystal Bridges. A block of 14 rooms is being held until August 21st, which is 3 weeks prior to our event. Contact Towneplace Suites at 479.621.0202 to claim one of the rooms held for the St. Louis Mercedes-Benz Club, at which time you will provide your payment details.

With its exclusive collections, breathtaking architecture, and lush natural setting, Crystal Bridges is one of the premier destination museums in the nation. Please contact Russ Hughes <a href="MOW">NOW</a> at 300sl@sbcglobal.net or 636.587.2999 for more information and to make your reservations with our group.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For a certifiable car-crazy individual such as myself, this summer is off to a fantastic start. Over the last four weeks I've had the opportunity to see countless automotive works of art, beginning with the St. Louis European Auto Show. The new venue was terrific! This is one show that every auto enthusiast in our club should put on their calendar. At the show, I had the pleasure of meeting Mike Marsh, President of the Mississippi Section of the MBCA, and seeing his gorgeous 1971 280SE 3.5 Cabriolet.

Shortly after the European Auto Show, I and a handful of others from our section, headed to Cincinnati for StarTech 2015. Our very own Rick Siefert did a masterful job of organizing this event, along with the rest of the StarTech committee. Some highlights included an evening at the Mercedes-Benz Diamond Club at the Great American Ballpark, and The Ault Park Concours d'Elegance. I've never seen so many special vehicles in one place. Some highlights included a Mercedes-Benz 500K, a couple 300SL Roadsters, and a Gullwing.

Last week, I couldn't have been happier to find out that a business meeting I had scheduled in French Lick, IN coincided with Porsche Parade 2015. Seeing thousands of Porsches converge on the lovely resorts of French Lick, was quite a sight!

Around St. Louis, we saw the start of the Great Race, mingled with other clubs at Cars and Coffee, and got invited to St. Louis Motorcars for a lovely morning with some exotic autos.

It's a great time to be an auto enthusiast! Our club strives to provide countless opportunities to meet other like-minded individuals and build lasting friendships. I hope to see you soon!





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## European Auto Show Wednesday, June 7th, 2015 Taubman Prestige Outlets

On Sunday, June 7th, the St. Louis Gateway Section participated in the 28th annual St. Louis European Auto Show, held at the Taubman Prestige Outlets in Chesterfield. This event raises money to benefit the St. Louis Shriners Hospital for Children. As in the past, the Mercedes-Benz marque was well represented with 25 entries. President of the newest Central Region Section, Mike Marsh, and fellow Mississippi Section member, Scott Boone, brought Mike's 1971 280SE 3.5 Cabriolet to St. Louis for participation in the show. Rick Siefert took first place honors with his 1957190SL, and Mike Marsh received second place.

At the show, Central Regional Director, Rick Siefert, judged both Mike Marsh's 280SE 3.5, along with Mike and Melissa Seymour's 1986 560SL for the MBCA Silver Star Preservation award. Both cars qualified and the owners will be receiving their certifications.

Thank you to our St. Louis Gateway Section members who staffed the club's tent, distributed literature, and spoke with several potential new members. It seems that this show continues to get bigger each year. The new venue at Taubman Prestige Outlets provides the show with the space to grow for years to come. (See photos on Pages 14 & 15).

# Wine Country Gardens Saturday, May 9th, 2015 Defiance, Missouri

Despite the cloudy and rainy weather, almost 60 members of the St Louis Gateway Section gathered in Chesterfield Valley to caravan to the Wine Country Gardens in Defiance; with the hopes of dryer weather at our destination.

Our club had a private sheltered area at Wine Country Gardens where we enjoyed delicious food, coupled with some excellent wines and of course, great conversations with our friends.

The atmosphere at Wine Country Gardens showcases the widely acclaimed landscaping that was featured in "Better Homes and Gardens." The winery also has a nursery where plants and pottery were available for purchase.

As the rain continued to be heavy with the cooler temperatures, it was decided not to continue with the tour to the Daniel Boone home. Even though the event tour was shortened, it was a great day event for our Club.

Our thanks to Ed Barutio and Kacey Cowdery for hosting this May event. (See photos on Pages 6 and 7).





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# Daniel Boone Tour/Wine Country Gardens, May 9, 2015



**Event Hosts: Kacey Cowdery and Bill Valle** 



**Paula and John Prater** 



Alan & Judy Barker with Aleene & Bob Young



Gail & Gary Griffin, John & Barbara Hammond, Steve & Wendy Green and Chris Schaul(owner Wine Country Gardens)



**New members Shari and Dave Pazdernik** 



Welcome Back Ed and Linda Trujillo, seen here with Jerry and Cathy Wille



Jim and Shirley Holten

**Guest Donna with Judy Dorsey** 



Janet and David Wade



Mimi and Ed Barutio



**Luella and Frank Perry** 



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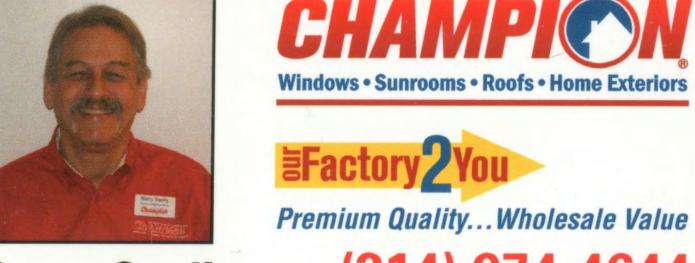


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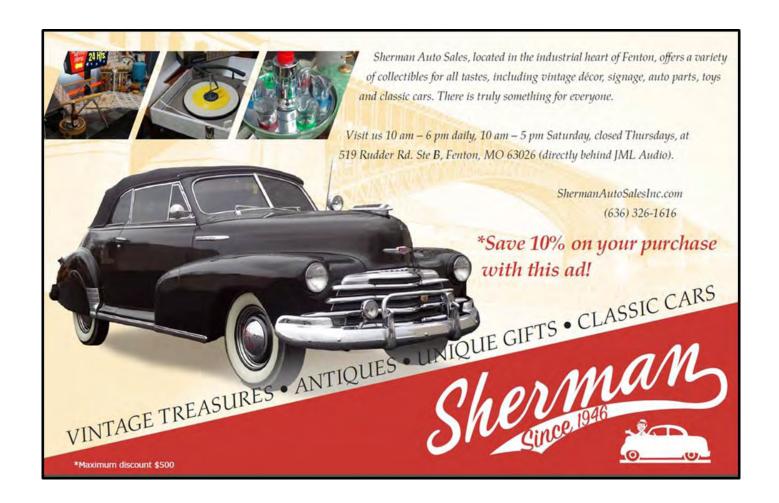
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## MBCA's PREMIER NATIONAL EVENT TOUTED **AS HUGE SUCCESS!!**

A large contingency of St. Louis Gateway Section members attended the Mercedes-Benz Club of America's premier event. which was June 13th - 15th this year. StarTech 2015 was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, which has a rich German heritage.

Activities kicked off on Friday afternoon with a People's Choice Show and Shine Car Show of the many beautiful M-B's that members brought from across the country. Friday evening's Welcome Party was enjoyed by all attendees, as MBUSA hosted a wonderful activity for us at the Great American Ball Park's Mercedes-Benz Diamond Club.

The MBCA partnered with the Double Tree by Hilton Cincinnati Airport as the host hotel, which was also the location of the Saturday Technical Sessions and lectures. An exceptional array of topics, along with many vendors and advertisers, certainly entertained those who stayed back at the hotel during the day. For those not interested in the technical aspects of our M-B's, four excellent offsite events showcased Cincinnati and its many gems.

Club members were provided with a fantastic reception Saturday night, with great food and wonderful company.

And to top off an awesome fun-filled weekend, many of us attended the 38th Annual Ault Park Concours d'Elegance. Over 200 spectacular vehicles were on display, with this year's feature marque being the Mercedes-Benz. (See Page 16 for pictures)

## St. Louis Gateway Section **Remaining 2015 Calendar of Events**

Saturday - July 11th **Kirberg Cara Collection Open House** 

> August **Event Being Replanned**

Friday, September 11th – Sunday, September 13th **Crystal Bridges Museum** Bentonville, AR

Sunday – September 27th Autos on Valhalla Car Show

Sunday – October 4th Annual Fall Picnic / Show & Shine - Faust Park

Saturday – October 10th

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# St Louis European Auto Show, June 7, 2015



#### **Scott Boone**

Mississippi Section Member

### **Dan Valle**

President

St Louis Gateway Section

#### **Rick Siefert**

Central Regional Director

#### **Ron Faerber**

St Louis Section Member

#### Mike Marsh

Mississippi Section President

### **Ed Barutio**

Vice President St Louis Gateway Section



**New Members Calvin Case and Laurie Behne** 

Scott Boone and Mike Marsh with Mike's 1971 280SE 3.5 which received 2<sup>nd</sup> place honor in the M-B marque



**Aaron and Jennie Hible** 

# St Louis European Auto Show, June 7, 2015



**Rick Siefert with Mary Moore** 



Jim Hartig, Cass Funkhouser, Rick Siefert and Dodie Frank



Karen Barker and Steve Jacquemin



Melissa & Mike Seymour with their 1986 560SL which received the MBCA Silver Star Preservation award



Gail Griffin with her new \$550



**Rodger Van Ness** 





Michelle & Dan Valle, Patti & Rick Siefert, Jerroy & Dodie Frank



Welcome to Mercedes-Benz Diamond Club at Cincinnati's Great American Ball Park





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Mercedes Benz Vehicles Featured in Jurassic World http://www.benzinsider.com/2015/05/



Earlier teasers of the movie Jurassic World revealed that it would be showcasing the new Mercedes-Benz GLE Coupe alongside its CGI dinosaurs. Like in the previous installments of the movie, going back to Jurassic Park, Mercedes-Benz has been chosen again as the official ride of the major characters of the movie.

"In 1997 the Mercedes-Benz M-Class made its first official appearance in the Hollywood Blockbuster 'The Lost World: Jurassic Park'.

Today, 18 years later, another Mercedes-Benz car will debut in a significant role in the latest installment of the groundbreaking Jurassic Park series named Jurassic World: the new GLE Coupé" says Dr. Jens Thiemer, Vice President Marketing Mercedes-Benz Cars. "We are delighted to continue our partnership with a multitude of Mercedes-Benz vehicles and will promote the film and our cars with many exciting global marketing activities."

The Mercedes-Benz GLE 450 AMG Coupé made it's film debut, showcasing its off-road capabilities. In addition, the movie has the G-Class (the patriarch of all Mercedes-Benz SUVs), the Unimog (cast as a dinosaur ambulance), as well as a G 63 AMG 6x6 and various Sprinter models.

"The fleet of Mercedes Benz vehicles fit perfectly into Jurassic World. They are classy, sophisticated, and sexy — exactly what would exist in a modern international theme park", says producer Frank Marshall.

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To the many of you who referred your family, friends, neighbors, and business associates to become a part of our Club, thank you so much for contributing to the success of the St. Louis Gateway Section.

Since the last publication of the Gateway News we are proud to announce and WELCOME the following new members:

Cory Mackwood
Kelly Brazil
Jimauria Evans
Shari Kinninger
Rick Arnold
Martin Ott
Thomas Hildebrand
Ron Krusie
Kurt Kaufman
Calvin Case III and Laurie Behne
Jorge Monfrinotti
John Perko
Dean Sharp

Welcome to the St. Louis Gateway Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. We have over 270 members within a 200-mile radius of St. Louis & invite you to join us at our Events.

The success of our Club depends on the participation of the members to our scheduled activities. Thank you for joining. We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

- The St. Louis Gateway Section Officers & Board Members -

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