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Chaumette Vineyards & Winery Ste. Genevieve, MO Saturday, September 21st

Please make plans to caravan to the beautiful Chaumette Winery where the view is outstanding and the buildings are warm and inviting. Several buildings have been added since the St. Louis Gateway Section visited the winery years ago. We will meet at the parking lot on the west side of the Holiday Inn at Lindbergh and Watson Road (10709 Watson Rd, St. Louis, Missouri 63127) at 9:15 AM. From the parking lot we will travel south on I-270 to I-55 toward Ste. Genevieve. Then take exit 150 for MO-32 toward state Hwy A&B. For your GPS/MapQuest, the address is 24345 State Route WW, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

At the winery we will be served a family-style lunch including salad, meat, homemade potato chips, and desert at a cost of \$39 per person. Wine by the bottle or glass may be purchased separately. **Please RSVP** by sending your check in the amount of **\$39 per person, payable to 'St. Louis Gateway Section', to Alan Barker, 215 Kerruish Pl., Webster Groves, MO 63119.** We look forward to seeing you at this fun event.

St. Louis Gateway Section Annual Picnic and Autos of Valhalla Car Show

**Valhalla Cemetery, St. Louis, MO 63133
Sunday, October 6, 2013 (Rain or Shine)**

7600 St.Charles Rock Road

Time: 9:30 for car show participants – Picnic starts at 11

Paula Prater is organizing the food for our club's **Annual picnic** and she **asks that each member attending donate \$10** for which the club will provide pulled pork sandwiches (tell Paula if you do not eat pork), baked beans, wine, beer, soda and water. **Paula needs about 8 volunteers to bring potato salad, cole slaw, pasta salad or tossed salad, your choice. She also needs about 8 desserts.** We will forgo the appetizers this year, unless someone really wants to bring one. **Please mail your \$10 per person with the information below to Paula Prater, 514 Keswick Drive, Lake St. Louis, MO 63367.** Paula will also send out a blast closer to the date. We hope to have a big turnout!!

Name(s) _____

I will bring a _____ (salad or dessert)

This is the third annual **Autos on Valhalla Car Show** and the second year MBCA has held its annual picnic concurrent with the car show. Last year's dual event was so successful we decided to make it a tradition. MBCA members enjoy a separate, tented area set aside just for our picnic, but with added attractions: The fun of strolling through an array of beautiful and varied automobiles displayed on Valhalla's rolling hills surrounding a lovely lake - and... an opportunity to tour Valhalla's magnificent mausoleum, considered to be one of the finest and most beautiful in the country. The show is not a concours, but rather more of a show and shine with an opportunity to mingle with other car people in a lovely atmosphere.

All proceeds from the show go to Ride-On St. Louis, Equine-Assisted Activities and Therapies which helps disabled individuals achieve improved neurological and sensory function through therapeutic horsemanship. You may include a check with your picnic sign up (below) or contribute at the show. **To enter your car in Autos on Valhalla, please fill out the registration form on Page 5.**

Columbia Star Dinner Train Columbia, MO Sunday, November 3rd

On Sunday, November 3rd, we will head west to Columbia Missouri to board the Columbia Star Dinner Train. Prepare to be wined and dined on-board this elegant train as you relax in a vintage rail car and enjoy a delicious brunch, with great company of course! Our dining car **can only accommodate 56 people**, so make sure you get your reservation in early. **We will board the train in Columbia at 11:00 AM.** The train will depart at 11:30, and will **return back to the station at 1:30.** If you are planning to attend, **you must call the Columbia Star at (573) 474-2223 to make your reservation**, select your entrees, and provide payment. The **price is \$66.63 per person.** This price includes a four-course brunch, all non-alcoholic beverages, and tax. Alcoholic beverages can be purchased while on-board the train. The Columbia Star Dinner Train must have your entree selection and deposit by October 15th. **Contact Dan Valle with any questions at (314) 495-7276**, but make sure you call (573) 474-2223 to make your reservations. Please tell the reservation agent that you're with the Mercedes Club. <http://dinnertrain.com/>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

St. Louis Gateway Section Members - Just a quick message this month to sing the praises of our event hosts for the last two events- In July, we went to Alton and Grafton for a tour of historic sites, such as the Alton Giant statue, and local museum, as directed by Ceci and David Bartels, with help from Mike and Melissa Seymour. Turnout was good, even for a hot day, and everyone seemed to have a great time. Thanks to our hosts for putting together a fine trip. Next, Rick and Patti Siefert hosted the pilgrimage to Harry and Jauneta Hosmer's Stonecroft Manor, followed by a tour of the Rockcliffe Mansion in Hannibal. The trip was sold out, and we enjoyed great tours, lunch, happy hour and dinner in Hannibal, with no casualties reported. Photos of both trips appear in this issue, for the edification of all.

September sees us going en masse to Chaumette Winery in Ste. Genevieve for a tour, lunch and wine fest, so please get your name in to our hosts, Alan and Judy Barker, so space can be reserved. The date is September 21st and lunch will be \$39.00 per person, but will prove to be well worth the price.

Your Section is doing well, financially, socially, and membership-wise. Several new members have joined us at recent events, and some former members have rejoined the Section's warm embrace. We expect this trend to continue, so please make a special point of welcoming any new (or returning) faces that you see at upcoming events.

Other than that, your Section is a great place to be, and continues to provide the Mercedes-Benz experience to all members, while expanding for the future.

Keep Driving!- Your humble servant,

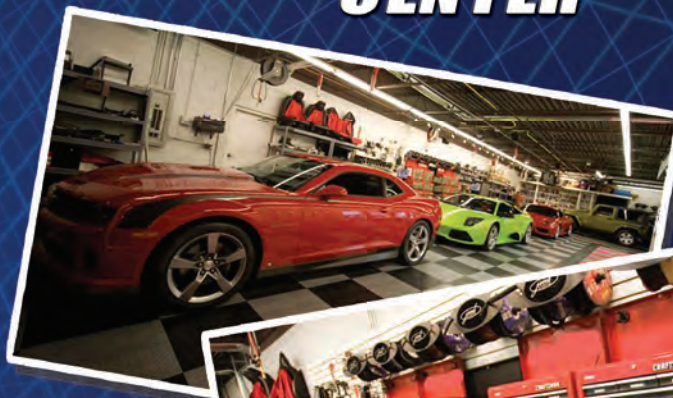
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Cars made from about 1996 and newer have chips made into them that the ignition computer recognizes when you insert the key, then the car starts. Keys you buy over the internet, whether new or used or a plastic replacement case, will not work with your car, they HAVE to come from the dealer only.

Secondly, only the owner/s of the car can get a key made. You also have to take with you, the registration and/or title and your driver's license, showing is you. It's not hard to get a key made, but you do have to go to the dealer of your make of car. You might want to call ahead to get availability and the price of a key for your car.

St. Louis Gateway Section Member's Cars



1982 380SL Owners: Alan & Audrey Bibby

In '07 I decided that a 30 year hiatus from roadsters was enough and began casually looking at candidates.

A Mercedes wasn't at the top of the list, but in June of '08 I heard Audrey yell, "There's your car". A black 1982 380SL with Palomino interior, for sale in front of a local factory. We looked the car over and a gentleman came out with the keys. After an extended test drive, stopping only long enough to research values, we talked with the owner, learning it had been in his family since new. He was selling it, as he seldom drove it and was tired of servicing it every time he did. A short negotiation and the car and its folder of service records were ours. Oddly, the owner lived just 3 miles from us.

Starting with mainly short trips, minor repairs, new tires, and more confidence lead to more and longer trips. Drives to St. Louis, Paducah and Evansville became common. The more time spent working on and driving it, the greater my awareness of the technology and workmanship. It somehow became a passion. She's still a twenty footer and will probably stay that way, but it always surprises me how much attention this "cheap old car" gets.

We joined MBCA and the St. Louis Gateway Section early in 2010, but it was probably a year before we began participating in events. I've been amazed at how nice everyone has been and look forward to upcoming events. As we're located so far from St Louis, every event involves a road trip. I can't believe the fun this car has provided... Well, enough fun that we also bought an SL500.

As for what's next... I believe it's time to start planning some longer road trips.



2006 SLK55 AMG Owners: Bob & Kay Frank

During Jan-Feb of 2012 we spent time in southern Arizona and while enjoying the great weather I started to long for a convertible. I had a 350Z but I didn't like the looks of the convertible version. I not sure at what point I started looking at an SLK55 but by the time we arrived back in St. Louis I had the "new car" fever but pretty bad.

For the next month I searched the internet and found a couple cars at dealerships, but independent inspections of the cars stopped me from buying them. Then I found a 2006 with only 19,670 miles listed by a private seller in Memphis, TN. I called the owner and discussed the car with him. He was the second owner and he gave me the website of the detailer who looked after the car for him and who had down a high-end refresh on the paint when the current owner purchased the car in 2010. The website contained pictures of the car which looked great. After some discussion the seller and I agreed on a price and Kay and I drove to Memphis.

As we followed the GPS directions and got close to the address we were in a "less nice" part of the city and we were beginning to wonder of this purchase had been a mistake. We turned down the street to the owner's house and as we approached a very modest home we saw the owner standing in front of a very large gate which opened and there stood a large parking area along with a garage which appeared larger than the house. The owner took us on a tour of his heated and air-conditioned four car garage which contained a 2012 Shelby Mustang GT, a 2012 Ford F-150 SVT Raptor, and Suzuki Hayabusa, GSX1300R, motorcycle. There was also a small bar, an exercise area, and two large flat screen TVs. I always thought that people who bought my used cars got a good deal because I'm a "car guy" who looks after his vehicles. This time I bought a car from a real "car guy".

I have had the car for a little over a year now and I love it. I think it has classy looks and good performance. The top is down more than it is up and overall I am really an SLK guy now. The only thing is I put more miles on the car in the last year than the previous owner did in three years.



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3rd Annual Autos on Valhalla

Benefiting Ride on St. Louis

When: Sunday October 6, 2013

(Rain or Shine)

Arrival for Registration & Parking 9:30-10:30 am

Show Starts 11 am - Awards 2 pm

Where: Valhalla Cemetery

7600 St. Charles Rock Rd

St. Louis MO 63133



More Info - Contact: Dodie Frank at
dodiejerroy@yahoo.com or
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Bring the family and join area car buffs for a fun gathering of classic and contemporary automobiles at a beautiful venue. This event will be held rain or shine in the beautiful surroundings at Valhalla Cemetery. Like the country's most prestigious car shows, Pebble Beach and Amelia Island, the cars will be displayed on grass - the only show in the St. Louis area to do so - arrayed on rolling hills surrounding a beautiful lake. Our judges will present Unique Awards for categories unlike those of any other auto show you have attended. Food, drinks, music and the company of your fellow automobile enthusiast's will round out the day's activities. Autos on Valhalla is open to classic and contemporary American, Asian and European Autos.

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Registration Donation:

\$25 before September 20th or \$35 day of show

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Rendering of how the next GLK is likely to appear.

From: mbworld.org

Mercedes-Benz has been caught testing camouflaged prototypes of its second-generation 2016 GLK-Class. The next GLK will be based on the all-new C-Class for 2015, which will share more components with the E-Class platform, meaning more engine variety under the bonnet. Here is a specific benefit of this cross-platform sharing: Car and Driver says Mercedes is mulling over doing a GLK AMG. Efficiency fans: never fret – Car and Driver is also reporting the GLK250 BlueTEC with its 2.1L biturbo diesel will likely live on. A hybrid version could also debut in the GLK's next life cycle.

Expect Mercedes to unveil the new GLK by Spring 2015 — sales should begin later in the same year.



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From: <http://www.autoblog.com>

We aren't expecting to see the next-generation Mercedes-Benz C-Class until the 2014 Detroit Auto Show next January. In these shots, we can clearly see that the new C-Class will take many of its design cues from the larger E- and S-Class sedans – something that's especially noticeable with the more vertical tail lamps.

When Mercedes-Benz launches the new C-Class next year, it will reportedly come with a range of gasoline, diesel and hybrid power plants, as well as a couple of different body styles (at least sedan and coupe, anyway). Of course, Mercedes-Benz will need to reposition the C-Class in its lineup, since this small sedan will no longer be the entry point to the brand, what with the fresh new CLA-Class hitting our market later this year. Still, there should be a lot to like about the upcoming C-Class, and folks from Mercedes-Benz are eager to get this thing on the road. In an earlier Automotive News report, the company's US CEO, Steve Cannon, admitted that, "We were fighting the 3 Series with two arms tied behind our back, and now we will change that."



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THE ALTON RIVER ROAD RAMBLE – SATURDAY JULY 20TH



A great turnout for the Alton River Ramble Trip



Bob Young sits with Stephen Douglas & Abe Lincoln



Ceci Bartels



Resting before heading to The Loading Dock restaurant for lunch



Aleene Young



Paula Prater



John Prater, Alan Biby, Melissa Seymour, Audrey Biby



Barry Seeling

ROADTRIP TO HISTORIC HANNIBAL & STONECROFT MANOR –AUGUST 10-11TH



The Mercedes Club arriving for the tour of the beautifully restored Stonecroft Manor and Carriage House



Harry and Jauneta Hosmer, with Rick Siefert, talked to the Mercedes group about the history of the Manor



Lunch at Stonecroft Manor



Kenny Ahlers (guest), Jim Holten and Patti Siefert



Luella & Frank Perry, Ron & Dana Faerber, and Ken & Nora Faerber

ROADTRIP TO HISTORIC HANNIBAL AND STONECROFT MANOR AUGUST 10TH -11TH



"Time for Tea" - Debbie & Fred Travis



Marion Hughes, Mimi Barutio, Dodie Frank, Ed Barutio and Russell Hughes relaxing after lunch



Sally Gaan



Mike Gaan and Bob Frank reminiscing about old times



Cathie and Jerry Wille



A great turnout for our trip to Hannibal and Stonecroft Manor

2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA
ST. LOUIS GATEWAY SECTION

Sunday - January 6th

New Year Brunch

Charlie Gitto's Restaurant

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Wednesday - February 20th

Member Appreciation Reception

Tri-Star Mercedes-Benz

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Saturday - March 9th

Bowling

Tropicana Lanes in Richmond Heights

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Saturday - April 27st

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Saturday - May 18th

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Sunday - June 2nd

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Saturday - July 20th

The Alton River Road Ramble

Alton, IL

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Saturday & Sunday - August 10th & 11th

Stonecroft Manor Tour & Picnic

Hannibal, MO

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Saturday - September 21st

Chaumette Winery Tour

Sainte Genevieve, MO

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Sunday - October 6th

Autos on Valhalla Car Show

St. Louis Gateway Section Picnic

Valhalla Cemetery

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Sunday - November 3rd

Columbia Star Dinner Train Excursion

Columbia, MO

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Saturday - December 7th

Holiday Party, Frontenac Hilton

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Sunday January 5th, 2014

New Year Brunch

Alton River Road Ramble

July 20th, 2013

On a very warm Saturday, July 20th, many members of the St. Louis Gateway Section gathered at the Alton City Hall for an "Alton River Road Ramble". For many of us "locals" this was a surprising look at the history and architecture of the city of Alton which we hadn't seen before. The convertible owners put out tops down and everyone left from the Alton city hall and headed to the Lincoln-Douglas Square. The square commemorates the seventh and last of the debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas in a campaign for one of Illinois' two United States Senate seats on October 16, 1858. Next we saw the Elija Lovejoy monument. Elijah Lovejoy was a champion for freedom of the press, freedom of speech, and freedom from slavery. He was killed by an Alton pro-slavery mob defending his printing press in 1837. Then we drove through some of Alton's older residential areas which contain some grand old houses. Next we visited a life-size bronze statue of Robert P. Wadlow on the grounds of SIUE's Dental School across the street from the Alton Museum of History and Art. Alton's "Gentle Giant," Robert P. Wadlow, grew to an enormous height due to an overactive pituitary gland. At the time of his death in 1940 he was 8'-11.1" tall, making him the world's tallest person in history, according to the Guinness Book of Records. Some folks sat in a replica very large chair made especially for Wadlow. We then took the scenic river road along the Mississippi to Grafton for lunch at the Loading Dock on the river where we had a special reserved area and the added bonus of indoor parking for our cars. The weather continued to cooperate with some threatening clouds but no rain. Thanks to our hosts, David and Ceci Bartels with a special thanks to Mike and Melissa Seymour who planned out the tour of Alton for us. It was a great event.

(See event pictures on page 14)

Stonecroft Manor Tour & Picnic

August 10th & 11th

Saturday morning, August 10th, was a lovely morning for the St. Louis Gateway Section to caravan to Hannibal, MO for a great club event. With a group of about 40 members, and 16 cars, we arrived at Stonecroft Manor which is owned by club members Harry and Jauneta Hosmer. The manor was built in 1872 by J.B. Brown, a mayor of Hannibal and classmate of Samuel Clemens. Stone for the twenty-inch thick walls was quarried from the property itself and hauled on ox-cart by former slaves, who had become free men thru the Emancipation Proclamation of 1865. Clara and Carolyn Williams purchased the property in 1954. They were the fifth owners of the land since the Federal Land Grant signed by President John Quincy Adams in 1828. The manor was purchased by the Hosmers in 2007. At that time it was overgrown with vegetation and in need of much work. The Hosmers have subsequently done an extensive restoration of the building and grounds. Harry and Jauneta talked about the history of the manor and the people who lived there. Then club members were invited to wander through the house to see such rooms as the Abraham Lincoln and Mark Twain bedrooms. We were then treated to a very delicious catered lunch in the Manor.

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Stonecroft Manor Tour & Picnic (cont. from Page 17)

Our group then travelled to the Rockcliffe Mansion located above downtown Hannibal. This house was completed in 1900 by lumber baron, John J. Cruikshank, Jr., who wanted a house to richly display the finest woods and furnishings money could buy, yet one that would emanate warmth and a feeling of quiet dignity. In 1900, after two years of construction, his dream became a reality as he and his family moved into the Mansion and resided there until his death in 1924. In its day, Rockcliffe hosted such luminaries as Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain), who entertained hundreds of Hannibal Society from the Mansion's Grand Staircase during a reception in 1902. After Mr. Cruikshank's passing, the Mansion was vacated and remained unoccupied for 43 years. It was then purchased by three local families who saved it from destruction and began a restoration as a museum. It is currently owned by a Cuban-American who is continuing the restoration and has also opened some of the rooms as a bed-and-breakfast. We were treated to a guided tour of the three-story house, which included many stories about the details of the house.

Next, we traveled a short distance to our hotel for a little relaxation before a Happy Hour in the hotel meeting area. Wine, cheese, and crackers were served along with Mercedes talk and other discussions.

Then it was off to Lula Belle's for dinner. This establishment has a long and somewhat infamous history. Built in 1917 by an enterprising madam from Chicago named Sarah Smith, it was the only bordello specifically designed and constructed for its intended purpose. Prostitution, gambling, & intemperance were all in fashion during the 20's and 30's, and Sarah's business flourished. The girls were reputed to have been highly respected citizens; purchasing quality goods, paying their bills on time, and using discretion with their clientele. In the early 50's, the brothel came under heavy attack by local ministers intent on closing it. Frequent police raids resulted in the facility's closing in the late 50's. This historic establishment and jewel of Hannibal is now owned by Mike and Pam Ginsberg who operate a top notch Restaurant and a Bed & Breakfast out of the building. The food and conversation was great and we all had a wonderful time. The evening concluded with a Hannibal, Samuel Clemens, Mark Twain, and Tom Sawyer game with prizes.

On Sunday morning many of us met for breakfast before departing, again in great weather, back to our homes. Our thanks to Rick and Patti Siefert for organizing and hosting this truly memorable event !

(See event pictures on pages 15 & 16)

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