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### 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AUTOS ON VALHALLA

**Valhalla Cemetery  
Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

Valhalla Cemetery is located at 7600 St. Charles Rock Road, with Registration & Parking from 9:30–10:30. The Show starts at 11:00 and Awards are at 2:00. This is a unique show – not truly a concours, probably more of a show and shine, with an opportunity to mingle and visit with other car people in a lovely atmosphere. Cars are displayed on grass on rolling hills surrounding a beautiful lake. The show is not marque specific, but we always have an excellent turnout of exotics, along with some American Classics.

And, even if you don't want to enter your car, plan to come out to see the interesting & varied display of autos, and visit with other car aficionados in a truly welcoming atmosphere.

Put this date on your calendar, or if you want to check this off your "thing's to do list" just return the enclosed **registration form (found on page 10b)** now along with your tax deductible check for \$25 (payable to Friends of Valhalla) to **Dodie Frank, 17 Devon Road, Glendale, MO 63122. Questions? Dodiefrank2000@yahoo.com.**

The Valhalla Auto Show has always had a great turn out of St. Louis Gateway Section members. Let's continue this tradition by again having more Mercedes entered than any other marque. See you on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

### ANNUAL FALL COLOR PICNIC

**Faust Park, Chesterfield  
Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

Our annual Fall Picnic is just around the corner and final plans are well underway. It will be held on **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Beautiful Faust Park in Chesterfield.** Faust Park houses the famous Butterfly House, the St. Louis Carousel, the Thornhill Home, and a wonderful historic village.

This year's picnic will also include the return of our traditional **"Show & Shine Car Show"**, with prizes given to those cars receiving the top three most votes by our club members. Whether old or new, clean up and shine your favorite Mercedes for our Show !

Traditional German food is on our menu, so arrive hungry to dine on Barbecued Brats, Cooked Onions, Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, and Apple Strudel. **RSVP by September 28<sup>th</sup>** so that plans can be finalized accordingly. Please email or call Marti Jacquemin at [martijacquemin@gmail.com](mailto:martijacquemin@gmail.com) or 314.378.7396.

**Cost is \$10/person and checks, made out to the 'St. Louis Gateway Section' can be mailed to Marti at: 1716 Folkstone Drive, St. Louis, MO 63131.** Please visit the following link to Faust Park for more information, address, etc: <http://www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages/Faust>

Two other important features of this year's picnic will be the **announcement of your new St. Louis Gateway Section Officers**, who will serve our Section for the next two years, along with a **vote of approval for our recently updated Section Bylaws and Constitution.**

### CHURCHILL MEMORIAL MUSEUM

**Fulton Missouri**

**Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**➡ Note Date Change ⬅**

Don't forget to sign up for the October 25<sup>th</sup> tour of the Churchill Memorial/Church of St. Mary, along with a Christopher Wren chapel tour in Fulton, Missouri ! This historically-significant site, where Winston Churchill gave his famous "Iron Curtain" speech in 1948, will be illuminating for us all. The Churchill Memorial Museum, located in the lower level of the Wren Chapel (brought from London, stone by stone, and re-constructed at the Westminster College site), contains many Churchill artifacts and mementos, along with details of the Prime Minister's life and accomplishments.

The chapel itself, which dates back to the 12th century, was gutted in the Great Fire of London in 1666, and rebuilt in 1677 by Sir Christopher Wren. The exterior walls, tower and twelve of the original interior columns, were moved to Fulton, Missouri in 1962 and restored as part of the planned Churchill Memorial. A significant segment of the Berlin Wall was also brought to Fulton and is on display as part of the Museum.

Please contact **Crawford King** ([skippythepee1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skippythepee1@sbcglobal.net)) or **John Prater** ([oliverjeanne2012@hotmail.com](mailto:oliverjeanne2012@hotmail.com) 314.374.2314) to reserve your spot for the Tour and Lunch. We will plan on learning while enjoying, so get your name in early.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

St. Louis Gateway Section members –

Please excuse my unbridled enthusiasm, but I wanted to touch on the topic of How Much Bleeding Fun our Defensive Driving Event was yesterday, and what a blast you missed if you missed it.

I'm one of those knuckleheads who feels that, while cars are beautiful to look at, gratifying to own (or in some cases, collect), and great to show our friends and neighbors, I really go back to their original purpose: Driving Them.

A good reason for joining a car club (and I've been doing that since I was 15 years old) is to have the opportunity to drive, and share the experience of driving with like-minded folks. Yesterday's event, skillfully organized and staged by our esteemed Newsletter Editor and Chief Photographer Bob and Kay Frank, proved the adrenaline-boosting fun of driving ones' car in a semi-performance situation that can't (legally) be duplicated in everyday street driving.

Driving instructors Frank and Mary Alice Cozza, MCBA driving instructors extraordinaire, gave us all a number of life-extending tips for driving better, more-attentively, and with better awareness of the dangers around us. They then gave us practical experience putting those tips to work in our own vehicles.

This group of instructions, exercises, and practice was followed by the opportunity to stretch our muscles and reflexes in an autocross course environment, where some of us got more adrenaline-soaked than others by going at it hammer-and-tongs over several runs through the course.

I'm sure Bob Frank will include a more-detailed article on the event elsewhere in this issue, but I was amazed at the size of the smiles on the faces of our female participants while putting their cars (some of them station wagons and SUVs) through new paces at speeds not previously experienced. Grins were also the uniform of the day for the male participants, as well, and it took several hours to get the smile off my face.

Next time one of these events is scheduled, give serious thought to joining us and extending your driving muscles and reflexes. You'll enjoy it and be a better, more-aware driver in the future, to boot.

*Keep Driving,*

***John Prater***

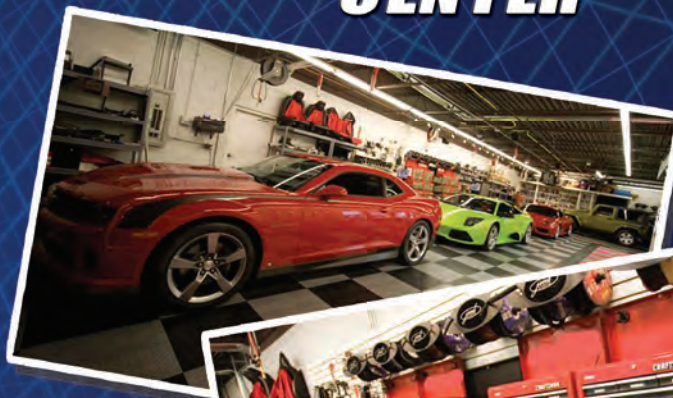




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## Defensive Driving & Autocross – Saturday, August 23rd

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On Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, St. Louis Gateway Section members and guests gathered for a defensive driving event. Although it got very hot later in the day, the morning gathering was in the shade and pleasant. Our two instructors, Frank and Mary Alice Cozza, provided about 45 minutes of classroom instructions before we started the actual driving portion of the training. We had a very pleasant surprise guest when MBCA National President, Terry Kiwala, drove down from Chicago to attend our event. We found out that Terry is also a certified instructor and he joined the Cozzas in instructing us. The morning portion of the event consisted of three driving lanes which allowed each driver to do maximum braking, a non-braking collision avoidance maneuver, and a short slalom course to practice dynamic vehicle handling. Each participant did at least three runs over the course with an instructor. After we paused for lunch, the pylons were rearranged into an autocross course. Again, we were given three practice runs through the course and then three timed runs. Although some folks seemed reluctant to try their hand at the autocross, most participated, and they all seemed to really enjoy the fun. Bob Frank had the fastest time of the day with Dan Hirsch a close second, both in SLKs (Bob's in an AMG model and Dan's in a 320). For the ladies, Laurie Bauer had the fastest time on the course, with her new E Class Coupe and Cathie Wille second fastest, in a VW Jetta wagon – diesel ! It must be noted that Laurie's time was better than several of our more "experienced" male drivers, whose names will not be mentioned. However, Laurie will be glad to let you know when you see her. Everyone undoubtedly enjoyed the event and we need to thank several folks. First, thanks to our National President, Terry Kiwala, for his presence and helping with the instructing, and the Cozzas; all of whom had to be a passenger in cars driven by us novices. Next, our thanks are extended to the members who volunteered to be course workers in what was a very hot afternoon. And finally, thanks to Bob & Kay Frank and Dan Valle, who hosted the event.

Interestingly, SLGS members Hank & Sandy Meyer, who drove up from Lebanon, MO to join us for this event, provided us with the following story, upon their departure on Saturday afternoon. "The defensive driving course was right on time. San was driving home when we encountered an alligator (blown out recap) in the middle of the left lane of I-44 just west of Six Flags. With no place to go, she braked, released and drove around the obstacle on what little left shoulder there was available. BRAVO !" (See additional pictures on pages 14, 15 & 16).





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## STARFEST 1990, THE TRADITION GROWS

By: Russell Hughes (26 year SLGS Member)

Almost 25 years ago, with two years in the planning, and the product of thousands of hours of volunteer time, StarFest 90 proved that MBCA enthusiasm can overcome all obstacles. Held from June 17<sup>th</sup> to June 23<sup>rd</sup> in St. Louis and hosted by the St. Louis Gateway Section, StarFest 90 was MBCA's second national convention.

Jay Schuessler, Section President at the time, was the Host Section Committee Coordinator. Other St. Louis Gateway committee members included Alan Boettger, Merle and Bernie Hoffman, Russell and Marion Hughes, Tom Mitchell, John Morisseau, Cindy Schuessler, Rudy and Marian Reiss, Robert Stelfox, Richard Woodrow, and Jack Zitzman.

For many of the 350 MBCA members that this event attracted, it began as a driving event, Star Trip East and Star Trip West, and came together here in the Midwest.

StarFest 90 included a Concourse d'Elegance, which was comprised of both a Show and a Street Class, an Autocross, with eight Women's and twenty Men's classes, an Acceleration Run, Time Trials, and a Historic Rally.

Marion Hughes took First Place in the SL Class with her 1973 450SL (Russ only received the Second Place award with his 1964 230SL) and Jay Schuessler was a First Place winner, driving his 1987 190E 2.3-16 valve in the very popular Autocross.

StarFest 90 was a major event, headquartered at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown St. Louis (then a brand new hotel), with our registration desk staged in the lobby. It was the center for most of the planning activity, the large StarFest vendor area, and the Club Store. There was a very popular Historic Driving Rally to Illinois to visit the Cahokia Mounds and its associated museum, along with the ancient vertical log church in the city of Cahokia, returning through beautiful farm land of southern Illinois and Missouri. And last, but certainly not least, the group participated in a tour of the Anheuser Busch Brewery, finishing off the tour by enjoying a couple of complimentary Brews.



***Rudy & Marian Reiss and Russ & Marion Hughes***



***Marion's Award-winning 450SL***



## STARFEST 1990 (Cont.)

Yes, StarFest 90 was only the second national convention in the history of MBCA, but there is no doubt in the fact that the excellent efforts of the St. Louis Gateway Section members in pulling off such a wonderful event for members across the country, has contributed to the fact that StarFest continues to be the greatest attended bi-annual MBCA group gathering.



*Jay Schuessler presenting Marion Her Award*



*Marion With Her and Russ' 300E*



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## **ST. LOUIS GATEWAY SECTION CONTINUES ITS CHARITABLE WAYS !**

The St. Louis Gateway Section makes a concerted effort to utilize its surplus funds to give back to its members by subsidizing club events and activities, along with providing door prizes and discounts on Section nametags, etc.

In 2014, the SLGS Board not only agreed to donate \$500 to the St. Louis European Auto Show in June, whose beneficiary of the Show's proceeds are directed to the St. Louis Shriners Children's Hospital, but after close review of the club's finances, four other very worthy charitable organizations were provided with a \$500 donation. These organizations included Haven House of St. Louis, Lift For Life Academy & Gym, Crisis Nursery of St. Louis, and Ride on St. Louis. Each of these five wonderful charities has a common thread, that being those committed to assisting children and their families throughout our community.

Haven House has a mission to provide the comfort of home and a community of support for families travelling to St. Louis seeking care and medical attention for their loved ones.

In 2000, Lift For Life Academy became the first independent charter middle school to open in the City of St. Louis. It is now serving 575 students in grades 6-12. St. Louis city families choose Lift For Life Academy for their children as a creative and motivating alternative to public schools. The mission of Lift For Life Gym is to offer at-risk St. Louis city children a safe, enriching environment in which to strengthen their bodies, enrich their minds, develop healthy social relationships, and learn to make positive life choices.

Crisis Nursery, St. Louis is committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect and provides emergency intervention, respite care and support to families in crisis through: Short-term care for young children in a safe and nurturing environment, helping families resolve crisis, offering resources for empowerment, ongoing support, parent education, community outreach and awareness, and advocacy for children and families.

Ride on St. Louis (ROSL) is an Equine-Assisted Activities and Therapies center serving disabled children, adults, and the at-risk youth of the greater St. Louis metropolitan area. ROSL's mission is to use hippotherapy (therapy with the aid of a horse) and/or adaptive riding to achieve emotional, mental, and physical benefits for the developmentally & physically disabled, as well as the disadvantaged youth of the community.

## **A GATEWAY AUTOMOTIVE PERSPECTIVE**

*Written by: Dennis R. Garver*

Before Detroit became known as the Motor City, St. Louis was home to many innovators and developers in the early automobile industry.

From the mid-1880s through 1929 there were more than a hundred early horseless carriage makers in the state of Missouri with thirty-one companies within the city limits of St. Louis alone.

Due to Missouri's status as the gateway to the western expansion of the country, there had been a flourishing wagon and carriage manufacturing tradition practiced in many small scale operations, mainly centered in the larger urban centers. Their products had been the mainstay of transportation on both the Oregon and Santa Fe Trails, pulled by the famous and enduring Missouri Mule. With the dawning of the modern American industrial age, during the 19th century, there were many new and developing technologies that could be applied to wagon transportation to replace mule power.

It was only natural that creative and innovative individuals would blend the established technology of carriage manufacturing to the new forms of motive energy, as found in the electric motor, steam engine and the new internal combustion engine that ran on kerosene at first, to be followed by gasoline powered units.

The vast majority of the early automobile producers were home grown amateurs or hobbyists, only producing a few experimental units each. There were, however, a handful of firms that would grow into mainstay producers of high quality and technologically advanced models that would set the standards for the entire industry.

"The gateway automotive perspective" is about these early pioneers and their inventiveness and determination to forge new ground in a blossoming new technology, which they loved, and pushed to develop into a modern enterprise.

The early marketing and purchase methods that they utilized set the standards and methods that are still with us today, and will continue into the foreseeable future.

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For more of this interesting article, visit Denis Garver's website at: <http://www.garversview.com/>



**When: Sunday Sept. 28, 2014**  
 (Rain or Shine)  
 Arrival for Registration & Parking 9:30-10:30 am  
 Show Starts 11 am - Awards 2 pm

**Where: Valhalla Cemetery**  
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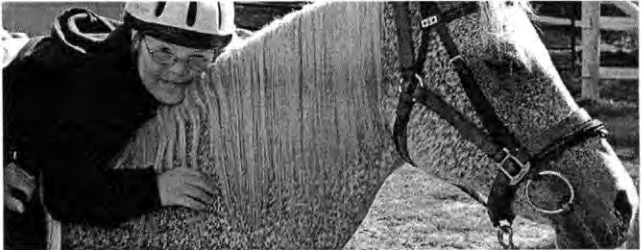
Bring the family and join area car buffs for a fun gathering of classic and contemporary automobiles at a beautiful venue. This event will be held rain or shine in the beautiful surroundings at Valhalla Cemetery. Like the country's most prestigious car shows, Pebble Beach and Amelia Island, the cars 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.  
*Cars accepted at the discretion of the show committee. (Please no Street Rods or Tuners)*

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## Defensive Driving & Autocross – Saturday, August 23rd

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Instructors: Frank and Mary Alice Cozza, with Bob Frank



Patti Siefert, Dan & Mary Margret Hirsch listening to classroom instructions before the driving training



Hank & Sandy Meyer, who immediately benefited from the defensive training instruction on their way home to Lebanon



Rick Siefert, John Prater, Jerroy Frank and Jerry Wille



MBCA National President, Terry Kiwala, with Jim Holton



Dan Hirsch



## Defensive Driving & Autocross – Saturday, August 23rd

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Setting up the Cones, the precision team of Rick Siefert and Bob Frank!



Dan Valle manning the Autocross



John Prater manning the driving course



Luella Perry



Frank Perry taking instruction with Terry Kiwala



Cars lined up for practice runs



Patti Siefert completing the Autocross course



## Defensive Driving & Autocross – Saturday, August 23rd

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Bob Frank with the fastest time of the day!



Frank Perry and Brent Saba



John Prater talking to John Springborn before the Autocross



Jim Holton with grandson, Brandon Kriss



On their way to a Cardinal baseball game recently, Rick and Patti paid a visit to the beautiful brand-new Mercedes-Benz of St Louis dealership. L-R Patti Siefert, Steve Green (Service Driver), Kate Hennekes (Operations Director), John Cordes (Service Advisor) and Rick Siefert.

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**450SL, 1976**, Astral Silver w/ red interior. 72,500 miles. Hardtop with rolling stand, original soft top in A-1 condition. This gem is original and has been properly maintained by Legend and Machens Mercedes-Benz in Columbia, MO. This M-B is ready to drive anywhere/any place at your leisure. Your Dream Car for \$17,500. **Michael Koch at cedarcreekvineyards@gmail.com or 573.230.6497.**

**W107 Chrome wheels 16x7.** Believe to be Centra Type. Came off of a 1988 560SL. Chrome in good shape, not perfect; center stars re-chromed. \$175 for the set. Also have Centra Chrome Wheels 16x7 from a 1989 420SEL. Very good condition; some light pitting that's not broken through the chrome; look great for the price; center stars re-chromed. \$195 for the set. Located in the Westport area. Call me for photos. **Randy at 314.941.9007 or randyhawkins@netscad.net.**

**560SL, 1986**, Signal Red w/ Black interior, 36K miles. Pristine, immaculate, second owner, extremely well cared for and serviced, both tops, with hardtop stand, and inspected. Available for any type of local inspection. Many photos are available upon request. \$25,750. **Loren Landau, 314.469.0202, 314.323.0252, or lorenlandau@hotmail.com.**

**SLK250, 2014, Hardtop Convertible.** Polar White w/ Sahara Beige interior. ONLY 2600 miles ! 7-Speed Automatic Overdrive, Major Options include: Ambient Light Pkg, Navigation System, Premium Wheels, Multimedia Pkg, Heat Pkg, P01 Premium Pkg. \$43,500. **Don Falk at don\_falk@yahoo.com or 314.960.1266.**

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### 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA  
ST. LOUIS GATEWAY SECTION

Sunday - September 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Autos on Valhalla Car Show**

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Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Annual Fall Color Picnic -**  
**Faust Park - Chesterfield**

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Saturday - October 25<sup>th</sup>  
**- Note Date Change -**  
**Driving tour - Churchill Museum**  
**Westminster College - Fulton, MO**

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Saturday, December TBD  
**Holiday Party**

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January 2015 TBD  
**New Year Brunch**

### St. Louis Gateway Section Website

The St. Louis Gateway Section website is located at <http://stlgateway.mbca.org>. On our website you can find back issues of our Section newsletter and past event write-ups. In the past event write-up section, you will find many photographs from each event. Because of limited space, many of these photos have not been in the Section newsletter. In addition, the photos can be downloaded in very high definition. Jim Gruss, our Membership Chairman and Webmaster has put a lot of effort into making our website a first class item. **We encourage you to log onto the St. Louis Gateway Section website and look around !**



# Protecting the Future by Saving the Past

Records, Invoices, Photos ... documenting your car's Story

By Dave Tobin

Based on the way most of us treat our collector cars, it's safe to say that many of them will live on long after us. We call ourselves 'owners' but we're just temporary stewards. As difficult as it may be to imagine someone else in the driver's seat, someone will take your place once you decide to sell the car or once you're gone all together, we certainly 'can't take them with us'.

We all become part of our car's history and it's important to document your time with a car, starting with maintenance and service. It doesn't need to be more elaborate than saving paid service records; we know it becomes thousands of dollars (even tens of thousands for some cars). When it's time to sell, a stack of invoices confirm this stewardship without the doubts that lost records cause.

**Working with SLML search and sale clients** we can't stress enough the importance of good documentation and how it translates to quicker and higher priced sales. I've been considering a 280SL purchase. Nothing speaks to me more than consistent records by reputable shops or a marque specialist by previous owners. Service receipts with dates *and mileage* are key. Learn where dollars were spent. If the car was repainted a receipt showing details of the prep and paint work is important. Was the glass taken out and trim removed? A buyer is much more apt to pay up when they see the car received a \$10,000 paint job *with receipts...* with no receipt it might as well have been taken to Maaco for an \$895 quickie repaint. Receipts are proof and proof matters.

If you perform maintenance yourself, like oil changes, keep a record. A simple page with the date and the car's mileage the day you changed the oil. Make any comments you think necessary and staple the receipt from the quarts of oil you bought to that paper.

Documenting the car's past owner history is equally important as a car gets older (especially if its value climbs). A car you don't consider collectible today may be treasured in 10 or 20 years.

I always try to get my photo with the person I'm buying a car from the day I buy it. We both stand next to the car and have someone take a picture. I might staple that to my copy of the Bill of Sale or to the print out of the ad for the car I saw on the internet.

SL Market Letter founder, John Olson



A glimpse at 3 of John Olson's 3" Car Histories

has saved invoices on his 300SL, now owned 25 years, plus those of the previous owner. He's filled two 3 inch thick 3 ring binders, separated into the same categories as that model's Service Manual: engine, electronics and ignition, transmission, steering and alignment, suspension & wheels, brakes, cooling system, fuel system, body and trim (paint, chrome, glass, etc). This makes finding past work quick for him and the next owners. What year were those tires or new brakes shoes fitted? No guessing or sifting through a huge stack of receipts. A potential buyer is bound to appreciate such organization and feel more comfortable knowing this level of care is more than just words.

I have put together several, similar binders over the years, opting for the more simple, chronological approach, but then I've never owned a car for 20+ years. Sheet protectors make things uniform, the little carbon copy receipt from the upholstery shop to the full page

sheets from the tire store, everything fits well and things are protected.

However you decide to do it, keeping and organizing the ownership history and service records of your cars is important. For those of us with one or two cars it's fairly easy. For those of you with 5, 10 or 25 cars... it's more time consuming but even more important given the potential dollars involved.

Take the time today, to review your ownership and service invoices. If you've kept up with it over the years, pull out what you've got. Is it all in one place? Have you copied your titles and put originals in your safe deposit box? Generally clean things up. If all you've got is a glove box jammed with papers and receipts, take the time to organize them and create a proper, useful file. It can be fun recalling and placing things in a useful order.

**Remember too, that some bills are mere maintenance and others count as asset improvement... reducing possible taxable capital gains if you sell for more than you paid for a car;** not unlikely the longer you keep a desirable Mercedes-Benz.

For lots of good reasons, allocate some time to preserving your car's story!

Buyers will likely pay you more if you decide to sell and your family members will be infinitely grateful to have the information if they become legacy owners.

*This article reprinted from a recent issue of the SL Market Letter. THE resource for rare and collectible Mercedes-Benz market analysis and sales information for more than 30 years.*

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## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please help our membership grow. Member referrals are the best way to recruit new members. And, for each referral, you, as an existing MBCA member, will receive a FREE month of club membership, simply added on to your current membership period.

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:

**Kathryn Harder  
John Rooney  
Winfred Bowman  
Terry Burt  
Laszlo Pusks  
Ray Botch**

Welcome to the St. Louis Gateway Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. We have nearly 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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