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Road Star Section

Welcome New Members

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Road Star Section Visits Renntech



Road Star Section Brunch at Seminole Inn



Johnny Flewelling – spoke about the Inn’s long history

Upcoming Events

7/26/14

Member Appreciation
Luncheon
See inside for more info

August 2014
Meet & Greet at TooJay’s

American German Club

September 2014
Winery Tour



President's Message

Since my last message, we have had three events, all with great turnouts !! The entire Board appreciates the great support from our members.

On March 16th, the Road Star section was invited to participate at the Annual Auto Geek Car Club show in Stuart, FL. Three trophies were awarded; First to Marlene Browney, Second to Peter Krones, and Third to Linda Paraizo. As a bonus, while showing the cars, we walked next door to my warehouse (toy box) for our club members to view a couple of cars, my BP gas pump a BP gas station bathroom.

On April 26th, Hartmut Fehyl invited us to Renntech for a tour of his facility. He also announced that he will be moving his operation to Stuart, near Auto Geek and my "toy box". After the tour, we adjourned to Panama Hatties for a delicious lunch. Thank you again to member Peter Krones and Merrill Lynch for underwriting the event.

On May 18th, we had a "drive & dine" from Kanner Highway for the North group and Mirasol PGA Blvd. for the South group, out Beeline Highway to Indiantown and the Seminole Inn. The current owner, Johnny gave a very informative talk of the history of Indiantown, the Seminole Indians, the early settlers, and their special breed of cattle. The 40 people in attendance the enjoyed a sumptuous brunch. Keep driving your Mercedes-Benz

Barry Paraizo
President
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Dream Machines of the Autobahn Car Show & Festival August 15-17

Venue : American German Club of the Palm Beaches
Lantana Rd., Lake Worth, FL
(Audi, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche)

Schedule of events

Friday – Reception cocktail party for sponsors and Press

Saturday –

9 am–11 am	Car registration / check in
11am-5pm	Car show /judging
11am-5pm	Food, vendor showcase, Live bands, Beer tents, Demo's
5:30pm-10:00pm	Dinner Dance with German bands, Miss Oktoberfest finals and crowning, beer mug holding contest, car show trophy presentation

Sunday

9am-11am	Car check-in
11am-1pm	Fun rally / "friendly" car show
1pm–4pm	Picnic

Costs:

for club members of the four marquee brands - \$25 for the car show
\$12:00 for dinner (non-affiliated cars \$35 for car show). Fun Rally & picnic is \$12.
All showing cars will receive "goodie bag" valued at over \$50.

More info to follow as more information and registration info becomes available.

Road Star visits Renntech – April 26th, 2014

A big thanks to Hartmut Fehyl for his very informative tour of the Renntech facility in Lark Park, FL. Almost 30 members met at Renntech at 10:00 am on Saturday morning. The tour of the facility was most impressive and the conversations with Hartmut and his team were informative, interesting and representative of the quality and spirit that exists at Renntech. Thanks again. We'll no doubt plan another visit once Renntech is situated in their new facility being built in Stuart, FL.

The next Road Star Event

Membership Appreciation Event

Saturday, July 26, 2014

Noon 'til ???

Our next event will be our Membership Appreciation BBQ & Picnic at:
Paul & Sherry Rodecki's home on Saturday July 26th.

This will be a club sponsored event (that means "no cost" to you!)
and the planned menu items will include:

Baby back Danish Pork Ribs	Pulled Pork (not "chopped") -
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs	Bratwurst
Potato Salad	Coleslaw
Chips	Condiments
Soft Drinks	Bottled water

Note that there is no beer, wine, or hard liquor listed. Paul & Sherry do not want the responsibility for any "alcohol related mishaps".... But, if you chose to bring your own, have at it!!

In order to plan for this event, we need to know how many people plan to attend. So, please let us know that you are planning on attending: send Paul the information requested below via email to:

parodecki@comcast.net or a call them at 772-781-2140.

If no one is at home, please **leave a message** ...
please include your NAME, NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING, and your CONTACT
PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS.

That way, we should have enough "vittles" to go around!

Paul & Sherry's home address is:
2067 SW Mooring Drive, Palm City, FL 34990.
Mooring Drive is located off of SW Mapp Road, ½ mile NORTH of
Martin Downs Blvd (FL Rt 714). (It's in your GPS, and on Mapquest.com).

Hope to see you on July 26th!

On behalf of Renee Welsch of the Chicagoland section, you and your significant other are invited to join the Chicagoland Section's "Chicago to Key West 2015 Road Trip Adventure!"

Cost for the entire package is **\$3975** for couples; (NOTE: Single-guest rooms are sold out. If you had thoughts of traveling solo, think about inviting a friend.) Deadline for submitting a \$400 per person deposit is Friday, August 1, 2014. Includes deluxe hotel accommodations for 10 days, private museum tours and entertainment packages, guided trolley tours, Catamaran sunset sail in Key West, gala dinner parties each evening, all taxes and gratuities. Reservations are filling fast! Please call:

“Margarita-meister” Renee Welsch @ **847.344.1153**
or visit the Chicagoland Section website at
www.mbclub/2015trip to securely complete your reservation.

Don't spend next summer doing the same old thing! Come out and have fun with new and old friends from MBCA!

Road Star has brunch at the Seminole Inn in Indiantown

You just CANNOT make up this stuff.....

On Sunday May 18, the Road Star Section travelled out to the Seminole Inn in Indiantown for a wonderful visit to their “all you can eat” Sunday Brunch. Forty of us were treated to an in depth overview of the Inn’s history by Johnny Flewelling, the daughter of the current owner (they have owned the Inn three times!) as well as learning about the Seminole Indians,,,,...and “Cracker Cattle”. A very interesting discussion, to say the least! food was very varied, and very delicious. I’m sure we’ll do this again!

And now for the rest of the story.....

Sherry and I decided to take FL Route 714 home (it goes right into Palm City where we live). It’s a long ride, but it’s a beautiful ride on a road covered with tree hammocks and beautiful surroundings. Besides, it was “top down weather” so we really enjoyed the day. As we stopped and then started up at the intersection of Rt. 714 and Rt 609, we had gone about a half mile, and I heard “something” I asked Sherry what it was, and she looked and saw something “shiny” like a soda can. Must’ve hit it with the edge of the tire and flipped it into the shoulder of the road... and we boogeyed on home. About an hour after we get home, I was doing some work in the garage, and noticed the front end of the SL 320..... missing the right front parking light assembly! This whole assembly slides into place, and is held there by a spring steel clip... which I saw dangling from the wires for the parking light socket! So, fire up the computer... look at on line parts places... find three that have the part... each charging \$59.95. Supposedly “on sale” from the normal price of \$132! When I tell Sherry what has happened, and what it’s going to cost to fix it, she reminds me of our trip out to California a few years ago... where we lost a part in Arizona.... And on the way home a week later.. we found the part, intact, and usable!! So, we piled back into the SL 320 to retrace our path in the hopes of repeating our good fortune from years ago! Fourteen miles from home we come to the intersection of Rt 714 and Rt 609. I hang a U turn, and park by the side of Rt 714. We get out, and start walking the shoulder of Rt 714 eastbound, for about ½ mile. To no avail! I would’ve sworn on a stack of bibles that we had heard that “sound” in this area... but we couldn’t find hide nor hare of the missing part. I’ll have to order the part online. We get back into the SL and head for home... slowly, while looking at the side of the road.

About a mile down the road from the intersection, Sherry’s craning her neck to see anything that looks like our part on the side of the road, and out of the corner of my eye, up ahead, I see something yellow/orange, like the reflector of the parking light assembly. We pull over, Sherry gets out and walks over to the colored part. And now we have our missing part, intact, back on the our Lil’ Red SL 320 !

You just CANNOT make up this stuff!

Oh, it cost me \$30 for dinner, so I still saved \$30 over the cost of the part!

Paul Rodecki

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July 2014

Stuttgart, Germany

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contact Jim O'Sullivan at osullivanj55@gmail.com or 843 671 2079

MBCA Trip to Germany
September 2014

Stuttgart, Germany,

MBCA's Traditional trip to Germany tentatively scheduled for September 22, 2014
contact Jim O'Sullivan at osullivanj55@gmail.com or 843 671 2079

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