



The Three Rivers Road Report

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StarTech 2013 welcomes 240 Club Members to Alabama



The Visitor's Center for MBUSI in Tuscaloosa, AL

StarTech 2013 began on May 18th and concluded on May 21st and packed a wealth of information and loads of fun in between. I was the only member from the Three Rivers Section attending, but there were members there from all over the country, including California. We were honored with a special tour of the NASA Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. Anyone can visit and tour the facility, but not everyone gets a tour given by some of the people who actually worked on the original propulsion system developed to propel our first astronauts into space. What a privilege it was to talk to them!

Technical sessions filled the next 3 days. Restoration workshops on Sunday and assorted seminars at the MBUSI Visitors Center on Monday and Tuesday gave registrants a huge amount of useful information. Also on Monday and Tuesday, we were given special tours of the factory itself. At 1.2 MILLION square feet, it was a walk of over 2 miles.



Three Rivers member Julie Bruggner and International Stars member John Briggs get to ride in a GL on the off-road test track

Out of the 240 attendees, 30 were chosen to ride along with experienced drivers on the off-road test track. Driving up stairs, over rollers (to test the ability to move the vehicle with one wheel), through water and down a gravel-covered hill at a 70° descent all made for a truly exciting, and fun, ride. I know, because I was one of the 30.

Arriving early for the welcome reception at the Barber MotorSports Track on Sunday, drivers were treated to a chance to drive on the track. Not at speeds we would have liked, but fun nonetheless.

Finally, a banquet on Monday and night and closing reception on Tuesday night gave everyone lots of time to meet new friends, compare notes, share e-mail addresses and ask the often heard question, “So, what do you drive?” And the answer to that question went from one extreme to the other. Lots of older, beautifully restored vehicles and, believe it or not, not one, but two SLS’s. (See picture below right)

I had a great time, and I hope some of you get to go to one someday. After all, they happen every 2 years.

Want to own a 300 SL
W198 for only \$5?
 See flyer at the end of this newsletter for how.



Two SLS’s return from their trip around the Barber Track



Several members pose in front of an SL at the ACD Museum on May 5th.



It was cold and blizzard conditions were predicted, but that didn't stop several brave souls from heading to Kokomo. At left, an old-fashioned gas station turned jewelry store makes for a chilly stop on the way. Below, America's first car, from 1894, at the Elwood Haynes Museum.

Don't forget the Euro Show at Lawton Park on June 2nd. See the flier at the end of the newsletter for more details.



A small, but happy group made the trip to Goshen to the Olympia Candy Kitchen.

THREE RIVERS SECTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS — 2013

June 2 (Sunday): **Fort Wayne Euro Show @ Lawton Park**, 1900 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN- All Members Welcomed and Encouraged to Attend! See flyer at the end of the newsletter for details.

July 13 (Saturday): **3 Rivers Festival Parade** Join us for our annual display of our admired cars for the many viewers along the downtown route. Details to follow; Meeting of Members afterward.

July 27 (Saturday): **Drive-in Movie**, details to be decided as we get closer.

August 31 (Saturday): **Club Day at Auburn Auction Park**

September 15 (Sunday) **Mystery Cruise** Details? Well, that's still a mystery. More later.

December ___? : 2012 Christmas Party Date/location to be determined.

More events to be added as we progress into the year. Please present any ideas you may have at any of our quarterly meetings, or contact any board member listed in the newsletter's directory below.

*Pease consult your current issue of **The Star** magazine for listings of upcoming National, Regional and Sectional events throughout the country.*

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\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ are willing to put up flyers and sell tickets for the raffle. \$\$\$\$\$\$



The Mercedes-Benz Club of America
Three Rivers Section

Is raffling off a *Red* ¼ Scale
6V battery operated

Mercedes-Benz 300 SL W198

To be given away at the
ACD Festival, August 31.

Replica of a 1957 Mercedes classic

Features:

- Glossy body finish
- Forward and reverse gears
- LED headlight
- Horn Sound
- Chrome-like front grille
- Speed: 1.25- 1.56 mph
- Includes 6V battery and charger
- Maximum Weight: 55 lbs.
- Complies with US Toy safety standards
- Retail Value \$399.99

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10
Need not be present to win.

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3rd Annual

EUROFEST CAR SHOW



Presented by
Three Rivers Mercedes &
Old Fort VW Club

- Rain or Shine -

Sunday, June 2, 2013

Lawton Park

(1800 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana)



POLAND

RUSSIA

SPAIN

SWEDEN

YUGOSLAVIA

AUSTRIA

BELGIUM

CZECH REPUBLIC

Registration: 10 am - 2 pm / Show: 10 am - 4 pm

* Dash Plaques

† Goodie Bags to 1st 50 Registered

* Concessions

ALL EUROPEAN MAKES & MODELS WELCOME!

- Cars
- Buses
- Campers/Vans
- Trucks
- Station Wagons
- SUV's
- Commercial Vehicles

\$10 TO SHOW ONE VEHICLE \$15 FOR 2 VEHICLES

AWARDS @ 4 pm


Top Three in each Class: (1939-1978) (1979-1989) (1990-Present)

SPECIALTY AWARDS PRESENTED FOR:

- Best in Class
- Best Time Capsule
- Best Kins
- Cleanest Car
- Best Sounding Horn
- Best Convertible
- Best Custom
- Most Miles

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