



# The Bluegrass Star

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Mercedes-Benz Club of America

## MBCA Mission Statement:

*"To elevate the Mercedes-Benz experience through knowledge, camaraderie, and exceptional events."*

## President's Message

Time flies when you are having fun with the Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Bluegrass Stars! It is difficult to believe that we are halfway through 2023, or, to put it another way, halfway to the Holiday Party! Either way, we have had a busy and successful six months, and we still have lots of great events to come.

If you missed the Regional Event in Nashville (See article & photos inside), there is still time to come to the July 15<sup>th</sup> Concours d'Elegance at Keeneland in Lexington & still time to register for the 2023 Mercedes Grande, September 7-10, A *Celebration of All Things Mercedes-Benz* in Indianapolis, IN. Be sure to check out the remaining events for this year. It is never too early to get those on your calendar. We hope to have lots of Stars joining us.

We have some great news, Stars! As of this year, we have four new members and twenty-one members who have renewed their memberships. There is still time to renew your membership, if you haven't already. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [mbca2023jag@gmail.com](mailto:mbca2023jag@gmail.com) or Nancy Rece, our new Membership Chairperson, at [mbca.bluegrass.membership@gmail.com](mailto:mbca.bluegrass.membership@gmail.com).

If you recall, we choose a Charity Component for our section each year, and for 2023, we will be partnering with the REACH Program and the Community Resource Supervisor, Amanda Chapman, LCSW, in the Jeffersontown Police Department, to collect cell phones & accessories to be recycled to the elderly, victims of abuse, and others in need. More information will be in your inboxes soon.

One more thing: We are looking for a brief history on the origination of the Bluegrass Stars Section. If you have something, please email Ann Mudge @ [mbca.mudge@gmail.com](mailto:mbca.mudge@gmail.com).

J. Anne Gilliland  
President  
MB Bluegrass Stars

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*"Tony York's on Main; Glendale, KY"*



We had a great turn-out for lunch at Tony York's on Main in Glendale, KY on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Tony greeted us personally and gave us a brief history of Glendale: It wasn't until 1919 that women throughout the nation gained the right to vote. Kentucky was on the forefront of the movement for women suffrage. In fact, in 1867, thirty (30) women in Glendale, KY organized a local suffrage association, the first in the South. This is a little-known fact but huge in the progression of women's right to vote.

Tony's menu consisted of fried chicken, meat loaf, or country ham along with mashed potatoes, gravy, and green beans, as well as a house salad and peach cobbler and ice cream as the dessert. It was delicious, and Susie and Nicole were excellent wait staff.

After ordering our meals, we were able to go over the remaining events planned for 2023. After lunch, the group enjoyed stories from members recalling some recent unusual, unwanted and rather unfortunate circumstances affecting their Mercedes. One member came out of a retail store to find his SL550 missing only to learn that it had been towed and then returned in error. Another told of hitting a pot hole on the interstate that cracked one front rim and bending the remaining three on his S500. Yet, another, hit a pot hole on the same interstate and reduced his GT63 from drive to neutral. Their speeds were somewhat vague. We enjoyed the stories very much but were very sympathetic to the story tellers and their vehicles.





On May 20th, the Bluegrass Stars headed to Frankfort, Kentucky for a day full of history and good food. The rain stopped, and it turned into a beautiful warm and breezy Saturday. We were a small but enthusiastic group that first had a private tour of the Old State Capitol with our very knowledgeable, bright and funny guide, Olivia. It was an experience worth having if you get the chance to visit.

We were joined for the day by Regional Director, Ken Koehler and his lovely wife, Sara, who took advantage of our day-long pass to return after the Vietnam Memorial to visit more of the sites offered by the Kentucky Historical Society [history.ky.gov](http://history.ky.gov).



The "Old State Capitol"



The "House"



The "Senate"



After lunch at Bourbon on Main, we visited the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial for a sobering presentation about the Memorial and the incredibly unusual gnomon (the pointed end of a sundial that, depending on the time of day, casts a shadow on the month and year a soldier perished) by CW5 (Ret) Vic Gilliland. If given the opportunity, this tribute to those Kentucky service members who gave their lives for their country and our freedom should not be missed [kyvietnammemorial.net](http://kyvietnammemorial.net).



CW5 (Ret) Vic Gilliland





# Mercedes-Benz Central Region Event



Maryam Malikyar, GM for MB of Nashville welcomes Ken Koehler, Central Region Director, and the Central Region Sections to a kick-off reception for the "Daimlers in the Music City" event on June 15, 2023.



Two Mercedes-Benz dealerships welcomed the Mercedes-Benz Central Region to Nashville, TN on June 15-16th. Mercedes-Benz Nashville and Mercedes-Benz of Music City were the epitome of "southern hospitality".



Edwin Vickery, GM for MB of Music City, cleared out their parking lot at MB Music City for our Mercedes-Benz caravan on Friday.





All eight sections from the MB Central Region were represented and enjoyed a tour, tasting, and fabulous lunch at Belle Meade Historic Site & Winery. The grounds at BelleMeade are breathtaking with magnolia trees dating back a hundred years. We were given a private tour of the 1853 mansion including furniture & paintings that are original to the house.







Patti & Rick Siefert



Maureen & Kerwyn Robertson



Mark Smith



Austin McAnanly and  
Mark Smith



Well, yes, there were so many modes of travel i.e. one-of-a-kind cars & motorcycles, microcars, military & amphibious vehicles to see at Lane Motor Museum, but there was only one car we had permission to actually get in. Boy, did we take advantage of it. As you can see, it provided a lot of photo opportunities. Why miss a rare opportunity, right? What a hoot!!



Larry and Carol Colclasure



Lynn Jones



Austin McAnanly & Kerwyn Robertson





Friday night, after a very long day, we had a delicious and authentic German dinner at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills, a perfect way to share dinner with Mercedes-Benz owners from our region.

# **BAVARIAN BIERHAUS**



**Vicky and Scott Boone**  
Mississippi Section



**Kathy and Mike Underwood**  
**Lindy and Bill Walker**  
IN Crossroads Section



**Scott and Mary Tripp**  
Cincinnati Section



**Carol and Larry Colclasure**  
Cincinnati Section



**Lynn and Janet Jones**  
Memphis Section





Ken Koehler facilitated a frank & informative Presidents' meeting on Saturday morning with all eight sections represented. Afterwards was our last true road excursion with a beautifully routed drive through Williamson & Bedford Counties to Uncle Nearest Distillery in Shelbyville, TN. We made a pit stop at the Davis General Store which was half way to Uncle Nearest. More than one driver took one or more wrong turns, but most of us made it. Once there, Kay gave us an overview of Uncle Nearest along with an outstanding video before a tour of the bottling facility for the whiskies that stay and are sold only on site. We were then treated to a tasting of five of their Tennessee whiskies with another tour of their barrel storage facility.



## ***“The Last Farewell”***

Each section contributed to the success of this Central Region event, but it had to end. End it did with a farewell celebration provided by the St. Louis Gateway section (Patti & Rick Siefert, President of St. Louis Gateway Section & past Central Region Director). While enjoying refreshments and treats, Sara asked volunteers to tell the best concert we had ever attended which also encouraged some very funny side stories. The group was so exhausted after all the road trips that we, unanimously, voted to order out pizza. If you would like to see all the photos from the event, which were too many to publish, go here to view [Daimlers in the Music City - Google Photos](#)





What a beautiful Saturday morning for Coffee and Cars at Fante's Coffee House! The coffee was excellent, as always, as well as the cars on display, the enthusiasts, friends, and Bluegrass Stars Section members who attended. There was even live music to fill the air!

We were happy to see longtime member, Steve Loboiko there, looking well, and were glad to get a chance to catch up with him. Another Stars member, F. Scott Scinta, driving his incredible all original 1983 380SL, made the event, and we hope to see him at more events soon.

And even though it seemed to be "Porsche Day," with a Ferrari or two to see, Mercedes-Benz was also well represented by Dr. Harry Stephenson, driving his red 450SL, and Fred and Ann Mudge, in their always immaculate 550SL.

Hope we get to see Stars at the next Coffee and Cars in July!





## ***BLUEGRASS STARS REMAINING 2023 EVENTS***

July 15	Concours d'Elegance Keeneland Lexington, KY
August 12	Schnitzelbank German Restaurant Jasper, IN
September 7-10	MBCA National Grande Event Indianapolis, IN
October (TBD)	Covered Bridge Drive
November 11	German American Club Louisville, KY
December 10	Holiday Party Hurstbourne Country Club Louisville, KY

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month (April – November): Coffee and Cars  
Fante's Coffee House  
Louisville, KY

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month  
Cars and Coffee  
Captain's Quarters  
Louisville, KY

***We continue to search new events that will encourage as many of our members as possible to participate in our planned events. We have created a Membership Feedback form for your completion that will help us understand what you really enjoy doing and some events that you would like to see planned. Please click on <https://forms.gle/BUVAz8bThST3DYsP9> and complete the form. Your responses will be anonymous. Thank you for your feedback.***





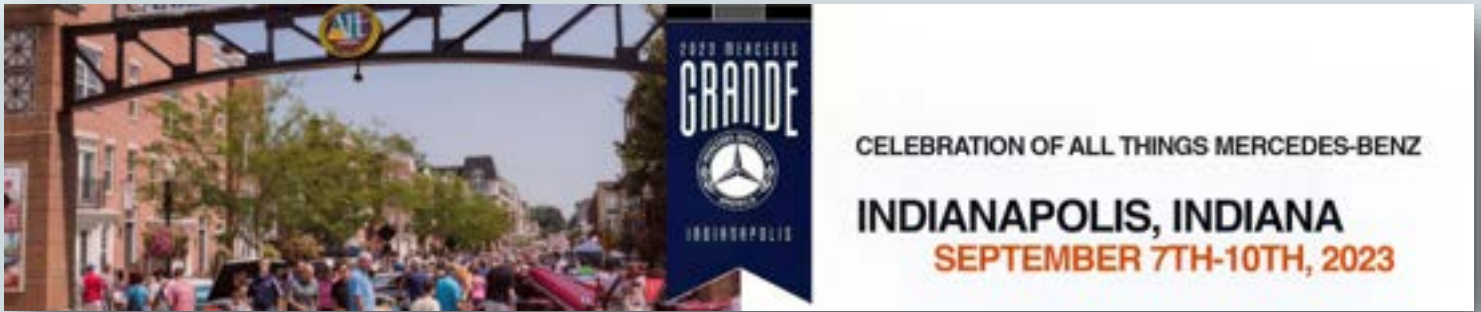
**July 15, 2023**

**Keeneland**



- ***ALL online purchases are now paperless.*** Please have your “**PAID RECEIPT**” from your email, ready on a digital device or a paper copy to show as you come through the gate. There will also be a “**Will Call**” list and a dedicated “**Will Call**” person for your convenience if your receipt is not available.
- Your Pre-Paid or Gate Admission ticket includes free general spectator parking or handicapped-accessible parking. In the handicapped-accessible lot there will be two Golf Cart Shuttles available for transport to and from the show field.
- **Use Gate 1** onto the Keeneland grounds from US 60.
- **For Car Clubs** or ANY Sports, Exotic, or FUN CARS, premium close-in parking is available in the **Paddock for \$5 per car.**
- **Limited premium/VIP close-in parking** is available for an additional \$20.
- \$15 Collector’s event programs will be available at the show.
- Go to <https://keenelandconcoeurs.com> for more event details.
- ***As in the past, we will be parking in the Paddock adjacent to James Motor Company. Contact Fred Mudge @ fredmudge@aol.com for specifics.***





The 2023 MERCEDES GRANDE in Indianapolis, Indiana is a celebration of all things Mercedes-Benz. Four days of Mercedes-Benz Culture, Causes, People, Lifestyle, Technology, and Cars Presented by the Mercedes Benz Club of America. There are various events planned that will provide an outstanding experience. Plan now to be a part of this exciting and extraordinary affair! Get your tickets now at [mercedesgrande.org](https://mercedesgrande.org).



## BOOK YOUR STAY TODAY

We have partnered with Indianapolis Downtown Hilton Hotel & Suites to help accommodate you during your visit from start to finish. This is the host hotel for many of the Mercedes-Benz events and they are nothing short of the best.

Access the MERCEDES BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA special rate of \$179.00 plus taxes. If you'd prefer to call and reserve a room, make sure you use promo code - MBC23



# BLUEGRASS STARS

## MEMBERSHIP

### CLASSIFIEDS



1988 MB 560 SEL



#### **Much loved, but I need the garage space.**

- Everything works; has been maintained over the years by Don McCoy (Autobahn Motors), and had recent service including new timing chains, valve guides, routine transmission service, new tie rods, new AC compressor, etc.
- Approximately 208k miles.
- No rust and no body damage. Has some parking lot rash, but otherwise exterior and interior are in good shape.
- Has been garage kept ever since I have owned it and could be driven anywhere.
- I have it insured for \$8k but am asking \$6k.
- Contact Tom Clark: Home—502-241-8096; Cell—502-609-3107.





# BLUEGRASS STARS MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFIEDS (cont'd.)

Vintage Sterling Silver Mercedes Benz Logo Stick/Lapel Pins from West Germany Old Stock of 60 New Pins from 70's Recently Found.

Gift Boxed for Giving.  
\$35 + \$5 Shipping

Questions? Contact Linda Price  
[lprice1@twc.com](mailto:lprice1@twc.com)







## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR BLUEGRASS STARS SECTION MEMBERS ONLY**

As a Mercedes-Benz Club of America member, the presentation of your membership card may entitle you to 5%, 10% or (up to) 20% off parts, service and accessories from participating U.S. and Canadian Mercedes-Benz dealers.

As of June 1, 2023, the General Manager of Mercedes-Benz of Louisville, Warren Miller, has expanded the discount offered at the dealership to our Bluegrass Star Section members. Not only will we, as members, continue to receive a 10% discount on parts, we will now also receive a 10% discount on labor! Warren's response was, "We appreciate the club's support and we will continue to honor that with a 10% discount on parts and labor for Bluegrass Stars members."

**\*\*\*\*Members must present their membership card at the time of service or parts purchase to receive this discount.\*\*\*\*\***

You can print a copy of your current membership card by logging on to [mbca.org](http://mbca.org). And, be sure to tell your fellow Benz enthusiasts, who have yet to join, that this is a great incentive to join as a Bluegrass Stars member!

Be sure to thank Warren Miller, a member of the Bluegrass Stars Section himself, if you see him the next time you visit Mercedes-Benz of Louisville.

If you are a member, [Login](#) to take advantage of this offer! If you are not a member and would like to cash in on the savings, [Join Today!](#)



## Nancy Rece volunteers to become Bluegrass Stars Membership Chairman



Hi Stars:

I'm Nancy Rece, the new Membership Chair for the Bluegrass Stars. I have been an MBCA member for 20 years with my husband, Bob Rece. Our main section is Cincinnati where I have been Web Master, Membership Chair, President and back to Membership Chair (4/19 - present).

Bob and I are no strangers to the Stars. We have been active with Bluegrass Stars for about 15 years, becoming official Bluegrass Stars members in 2020.

I am currently the Bluegrass Stars Web Master and Administrator of our Facebook page. I became Bluegrass Stars Membership Chair in May 2023.

I was co-Member of the Year for the Cincinnati section with my husband, in 2005, then again in 2009. In 2010, I won the Central Region Officer of the Year award, and in 2011, the Bluegrass Stars Member of the Year.

Feel free to reach out to me at any time at [mbca.bluegrass.membership@gmail.com](mailto:mbca.bluegrass.membership@gmail.com).



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When we asked Miller Warren, General Manager of our local Mercedes-Benz of Louisville dealership, if he was familiar with the program, he said, “Yes, we do pull from this program, and it is a GREAT source of young technicians for us! We have had several of their students come to work for us.”

If you know of anyone interested in this program, go to <https://jefferson.kctcs.edu/index.aspx> and see all they have to offer.



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This is the Stars' new feather flag that will be flown for the first time at the Concours d'Elegance at Keeneland on Saturday, July 15th.



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<https://www.bluegrassstars.mbca.org/>

**And on Facebook!**

Go to search icon and type in Mercedes-Benz Club of America-Bluegrass Stars, and you will find our page.