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MBCA Mission Statement:

“To elevate the Mercedes-Benz experience through knowledge, camaraderie, and exceptional events.”

President’s Message

Hello Stars!

We have had a busy and successful year so far, and I hope you all have enjoyed it as much as I have. If you have, or if you have suggestions for next year, we’d love to hear them. Please click here <https://forms.gle/KZMJJaKpwzzeV4QY77> to respond to a request for feedback. And, even more great news for our Section – we have FOUR new members this quarter; two from Lexington, one from Frankfort, and one from Prospect, making a total of TEN new members this year! WELCOME TO YOU ALL and we hope to see you at our upcoming events!

We have been especially busy since our last newsletter; our Charity Component and lunch at Martin’s Bar-B-Que Joint and a very successful dinner in Jasper, IN, at the Schnitzelbank German Restaurant (The hour drive was worth the trip and a definite return in 2024.). Finally, we ended the fall with the Mercedes-Benz National Grande Event in Indianapolis, IN in September.

But, of all we have done together, I’m most pleased and appreciative of this year’s charity component. Last year, we collected unused prescription glasses to be repurposed and given to recipients in our area. This year, you were even more generous in our collection of unneeded cell phones and cell phone accessories which we donated to the Jeffersontown Police Department’s REACH Program. The phones you provided, more than 25 in total, plus boxes of accessories, could literally save the life of a victim, a witness, or an elderly person in need of the ability to reach 911 or medical assistance. I can’t thank you all enough.

The remainder of 2023 will have lots for us to look forward to in our countdown to 2024. Our October event, “Meet Me in Midway”, on October 14th, will take advantage of the spectacular fall foliage of the Bluegrass as we gather at the Goose & Gander for a Members Meeting and lunch. We have planned to share our November event with the Cincinnati Section which is sure to be a pre-holiday treat for us all. A drive through “Lights Under Louisville” followed by lunch at the Audubon County Club on Saturday, November 18th! And, of course, we will ring out 2023 at our Holiday Party on Sunday, December 10th at the Hurstbourne Country Club. Look for the Announcements, Invitations, and Save-the-Date emails to be sent out soon.

I hope to see you all there!

J. Anne Gilliland
President, Bluegrass Stars

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CARS AND COFFEE

Captain's Quarters

Saturday, July 8th, several Bluegrass Stars visited the Cars and Coffee event at Captain's Quarters. The \$5.00 entry fee goes to the Mount Sinai Movement Disorders Center of Excellence. Last year, they were able to raise \$5,000.00 to fund a cure. While we were outnumbered by some beautiful Porches and 'Vettes, we were by no means outshined.



We took the opportunity to place one of the MB "NICE BENZ" book-marks on a MB owner's front seat. See Page 14.

“Coffee and Cars” Fante’s Coffee House



Saturday, September 2nd, was a beautiful morning to visit Coffee and Cars at Fante’s Coffee House. The music was Jimmy Buffet, in tribute, and the Porches and muscle cars were there to be loud and proud! Only one MB was inside the ropes - a cool AMG CLA, whose owner we invited to join MBCA. We hope to see him at our event in October. Until then, happy motoring, Stars!



Keeneland Concours d'Elegance

Saturday's Keeneland Concours brought lots of rain, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the many loyal Mercedes-Benz owners who weathered the storms to meet up with old friends and to meet new ones. All of the Bluegrass Stars Officers were on hand, as was the Regional Director, Ken Koehler and his wife, Sara, who had both attended the 20th Emerald Anniversary Celebration Party the night before.

Also joining us were Stars, Tina and Tom Weisman, Margaret and Todd Ryan, and our Membership Chairperson, Nancy Rece and her husband, Bob, in their new EQ Mercedes! In spite of the rain, we had more beautiful Benz on hand this year than in years past, which drew lots of potential members to peer and take lots of pictures! We hope soon that they decide to avail themselves of the many advantages of joining mbca.org and the Bluegrass Stars Section!

We have been informed that Mercedes will be the feature for the 2024 Keeneland Concours d'Elegance.



Libby and Tom Abell's GT63



Margaret and Todd Ryan's exchange guest with their 1966 230SL "Sophie" & Michael Morris's 1980 Euro model 500SEL.



Nancy and Bob Reece with their new EQ Mercedes



Ken Koehler, Central Region Director, and wife Sara



The Stars new feather flag was flown for the first time.

