



Bluegrass Stars Section

Central Region

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MBCA Mission Statement: "To elevate the Mercedes-Benz experience through knowledge, camaraderie, and exceptional events."

Special points of interest:

- Membership Renewal
- Central Region Event
- MBCA National Event

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President's Message

Hello Stars!

2023 is well underway, and I hope you all agree that it has been a very successful beginning!

As with any President or Officer, new or a seasoned pro, I want this year to be what you, the members, want. Contact with all of you is a main goal, so please do not hesitate to contact me on any issues you have. I will always be open to suggestions, comments, concerns, or any thoughts you have about our Stars Section.

This year, we have two big events on the calendar, the Central Regional and the National, and they are both so close by that you won't want to miss either of them. Please read more about them in the upcoming pages.

And, of course, the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance will again be in Lexington, KY on July 15.

Before you know it, it will be the Christmas season again, with the Holiday Party at the Hurstbourne Country Club on December 10th!

We haven't forgotten the other months this year - we have even more new and exciting events in the works, so please stay tuned and watch your emails for announcements!

Jim Keith, Ann Mudge, Fred Mudge, and I hope to see you all at these special events!

J. Anne Gilliland
Bluegrass Stars
President

Saturday, January 28th, the Stars launched the 2023 events calendar with a Members Meeting and Dinner at the Common Haus Hall in Jeffersonville, IN.

Twenty-three members chose an authentic German meal from a menu of items all made in-house, served hot and delicious in the first floor dining room reserved for us.

New members, Bill and Sue Hall, joined us as well as returning members of ten years, Albert and Laurine Holmes, from Jeffersonville. We look forward to seeing them at many of our upcoming events.

Owner, Charles Crump, was especially inviting and accommodating to our group, as was Maggie and the wait staff.



Common Haus
Hall



Thursday evening, February 23rd, found the Bluegrass Stars Section at Mercedes-Benz of Louisville for our second event of the year.

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout for this event which included a tour of the beautiful facility, an extensive presentation of what we can expect from the new EQ electric Benz, and a delicious Italian meal catered by Buca di Beppo, all courtesy of the dealership. Thank you to the General Manager, Miller Warren, and Mercedes-Benz of Louisville for an incredible experience.

There were 29 Stars present, along with Andrew Backer, who drove down from the Cincinnati Section just to join us! He is welcome back anytime, and we look forward to seeing him again next month, March 18th, at Collection 21 in Erlanger, KY, with the Cincinnati Section!



Collection21 MEMORIES FROM THE PAST



Members from the HONK organization served as tour guides.



It was so good to see Steve Loboyko.



John & Suzanne Rice



Ken Koehler, Central Region Director, and wife, Sata

Mackenzie Pizza Erlanger, KY

Unseasonably cold weather and snow flurries couldn't keep the Bluegrass Stars from joining the Cincinnati Section on Saturday, March 18th, in Erlanger, Kentucky for their tour of the vintage cars at Collection21. The minimal entry fee to tour and view 232 vehicles on display in this one-owner collection benefits the non-profit charity, Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky or HONK.

Joining us were Ken Kikuchi, a new member who had joined the Bluegrass Stars only the day before, and Region Director, Ken Koehler and wife, Sara.

After visiting Collection21, the two Mercedes-Benz sections gathered for lunch at MacKenzie River Pizza Grill & Pub to enjoy good food, the company of new friends and old, and share stories about our favorite topic - Mercedes-Benz!

Thanks so much to Cincinnati's Acting Section President, Austin McAnanly, and Event Chairperson, Mark Smith, for their gracious invitation and the opportunity for the members of the two Sections to gather and enjoy the first of many more shared events in the future.





*April 29	Tony York's Glendale, KY
May 20	Bourbon on Main Restaurant Tours of State House & Vietnam Memorial Frankfort, KY
June 15-18	MBCA Central Region Event Nashville, TN
July 15	Concours d'Elegance Keeneland Lexington, KY
August 12	Schnitzelbank German Restaurant Jasper, IN
September 7-11	MBCA National Indianapolis, IN
October (TBD)	Tipsy Tour Frankfort, KY
November (TBD)	German American Club Louisville, KY
December 10	Holiday Party Hurstbourne Country Club Louisville, KY

*If you want to RSVP for Tony York's from here, click on <https://forms.gle/S81iuFDEv5YqMbWK9>.

Official Local Events



German American Club Louisville, KY

April 1,	6-10pm	Bierhalle - River City Polkatz
April 16,	4-7pm	GHA Grunderfest
April 22,	6-10pm	Bierhalle- Rhienehold Gold
May 27,	6-10pm	Bierhalle- Rounders Brothers Band
June 7,	2-11pm	Wurstfest - Rhienehold Band
July 8	6-10pm	Biergarten River City Polkatz
July 22 -	6-9pm	Biergarten Rhienehold Gold Band
Aug 12	6-10pm	Biergarten Rounders Brothers
Sept 30	6-10pm	Biergarten Hank Rose Project
Oct 28	6-10pm	Halloween Bierhalle River City Polkatz
Nov11	6-10pm	Veteran's Day Bierhalle Rounders Brothers
Dec 2	2 -9pm	Christkindlmarkt Rhienehold Gold

* Only serve food at Biergarten 6-10 pm

* No reservations

* Open to the public

1st Saturday each month (April - November)

Coffee and Cars
Fante's Coffee House
Louisville, KY

2nd Saturday each month

Cars and Coffee
Captain's Quarters
Louisville, KY