



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 15th 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 or Nancy Rece, our new Membership Chairperson, at 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.

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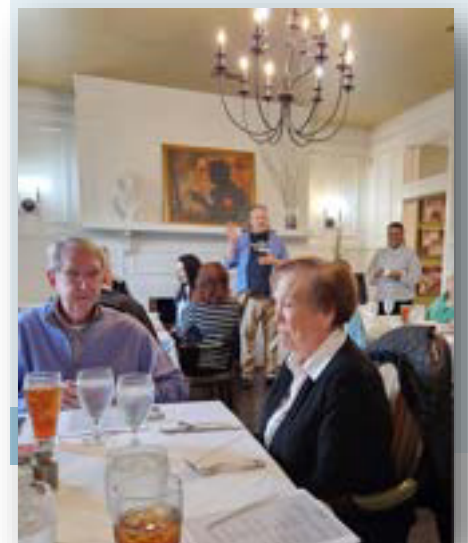
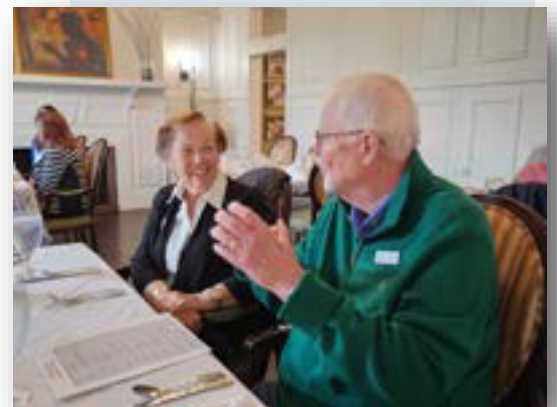


"Tony York's on Main; Glendale, KY

We had a great turn-out for lunch at Tony York's on Main in Glendale, KY on Saturday, April 29th. 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.



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.



CW5 (Ret) Vic Gilliland



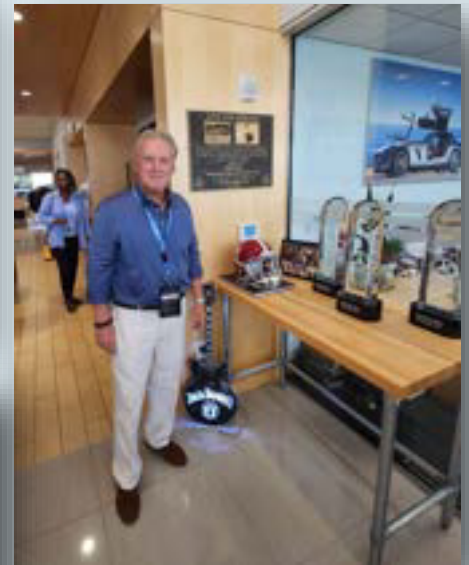
Mercedes-Benz Central Region Event



Maryam Malikiyar, 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.

