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and Exceptional Events.

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NEW DATE AND LOCATION FOR POSTPONED ANNUAL FALL PICNIC!!

ADDIE'S RESTAURANT, CHESTERFIELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen issues, our original planned Annual Fall Picnic and Show & Shine Car Show was postponed and has now been rescheduled for Sunday, October 8th!

Our new location will be at Addie's Restaurant (14156 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO). Owner, Louis Brinkwirth, has graciously agreed to let us have our picnic at his restaurant for what will assuredly be a fun and interesting location! The Show Car location will be in a prominent spot at the front of the restaurant and if, by odd chance it was to rain, there is underground parking where the show cars can park. Louis will also provide us with undercover seating, if we were to get a sprinkle.

Louis is promising us a fantastic gathering, with food and drink, still at the ridiculously low cost of just \$18/person.

For those of you who were not able to join us on September 24th and are able to join us on October 8th, please RSVP to Patti (patti.siefert@att.net) NOW, so that we can add you to the list. You will also need to mail her your check, made out to "MBCA, St. Louis Gateway Section", for \$18/person to Patti Siefert, 846 Nardin Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63017.

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING FOR 2024 EVENTS Plaza Mercedes-Benz, Creve Coeur Saturday, November 18th

This year's planning meeting will be held at **Plaza Mercedes- Benz**, **Creve Coeur**, located at 11910 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO. The meeting date is **Saturday**, **November 18th**, **from 9:00 to 11:00 am**.

This is an important meeting where ideas for our 2024 events and activities will be discussed and decided on. We encourage Section members to attend and hosting or co-hosting an event can be fun and is much appreciated!

Light breakfast items and drinks will be provided. **General Manager**, **Daniel Branca and Product Specialist**, **Preston Bluett** will provide us with some updates on the dealership and new product launches.

If you have any questions about the planning process, please contact our Section President, Rick Siefert at rick.siefert@att.net or 314-435-1903. So as to enable us to appropriately plan for this gathering, please also RSVP to Rick of your attendance. Come prepared with your ideas so that we can have another great year of excellent events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE HELLO ST. LOUIS GATEWAY SECTION MEMBERS!



St. Louis Gateway Section members certainly enjoyed their time together as they embarked on a **Grafton river boat cruise** and then lunch at Fast Eddie's in Alton. Thank you, Joan Walsh, for hosting this fun one for us!

In August, my son, Todd, and I thoroughly enjoyed six days together in Monterey, CA for **Car Week and the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance!** Further specifics of our trip, along with photos, are on page 7 of this newsletter.

Due to an unfortunate set of circumstances, our **Annual Fall Picnic** originally scheduled for Sunday, September 24th, was postponed. But.....it has now been **rescheduled for Sunday, October 8th**. You don't want to miss this one, as it will be at **Addie's Restaurant in Chesterfield**. See page 1 of this newsletter for details. Because of the picnic rescheduling, our visit to Ed & Tina Knoll's Farm in Fults, Illinois will likely be rescheduled next Spring.

Our other upcoming events are also assuredly going to be ones that you won't want to miss. We have our **Annual Planning Meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 18th at Plaza Mercedes-Benz**. Your input and volunteering to host or co-host an event is what continues to make our Section so successful and enjoyable to be a member of.

Our Annual Holiday Party is scheduled for **Sunday, December 3rd** and will once again be held at **Greenbriar Hill Country Club**. This had been a great venue in the past for us and Joan Walsh has put together another special party for us this year.

And...plan to join us for a repeat "performance" of last year's super popular **New Year's Brunch**, which will be held this year on **Sunday, January 14th**. You won't want to miss this year's brunch at **Addie's Restaurant in Chesterfield!**

Your St. Louis Gateway Section is still looking for a Newsletter Editor. As you likely noticed, the recent issues have a new look, as a template has been created, which should make future editions of the newsletter easier to put together. If you have an interest in possibly taking on this position for us, please contact me. The job is not as difficult to handle as one might think.

Gute Fahrt Liebe Freunde (Have a Good Trip Dear Friends!)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SLGS HOLIDAY PARTY! BACK AGAIN AT THE WONDERFUL GREENBRIAR HILLS COUNTRY CLUB Sunday, December 3rd

Hard to believe that we would be "thinking" about the holiday season, but Joan Walsh has already put together a St Louis Gateway Section's Holiday Party that you definitely will not want to miss! Remember the days when Marti Jacquemin hosted the great parties that we would have at Greenbriar Hills Country Club? Well.... Joan is bringing it back for us! She is hosting this year's party on Sunday, December 3rd, at none other than Greenbriar Hills Country Club! It was always an extremely nice venue, but with recent remodels and updates, it's even nicer!

This year's menu selections includes one of the following:

- Chicken Marsala sauteed chicken breast, Marsala wine sauce, sauteed mushrooms and fresh herbs
- Beef Tenderloin Tips beef tenderloin tips, mushrooms, red wine demi, sour cream, egg noodles
- Vegetable Lasagna

Each one of these entrees include: Herb roasted potatoes, green beans Almondine, and a house salad. There will also be a selection of cheeses during our cocktail hour and a complimentary Prosecco toast upon arrival.

Here's one added "bonus" to this year's party! We are bringing back, the Rob Your Neighbor gift game. Each couple to bring a wrapped "gift" valued at \$25 or less. This "gift" can be holiday-oriented or not. Just something that will entertain all! We have always had a lot of fun with this in the past!

Your don't want to miss this party! Only \$65/person for a wonderful evening with special people! Sunday, December 3rd, 2023, 6:00 – 10:00 pm. Greenbriar Hills Country Club 12665 Big Bend Blvd, Kirkwood, MO 63122

To RSVP please contact Joan Walsh (314-517-5389 or stljoan64@yahoo.com) and mail your check, payable to Joan Walsh by November 25th to Joan at 13301 Wood Creek Court, St. Louis, MO 63141. BE SURE TO NOTE YOUR MEAL SELECTIONS.

NEW YEAR'S BRUNCH

Sunday, January 14th | Addie's Restaurant, Chesterfield

Save the date NOW for our **2024 New Year's Brunch!** The date is **Sunday, January 14th**, beginning at 10:30 am and the location will once again be at last year's extremely popular, **Addie's Restaurant**, 14156 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield.

Addie's restaurant owner, Louis Brinckwirth will again put together a fantastic selection of traditional American and Thai foods for us. Coffee, tea, and juice will be included, but one can also purchase delicious Bloody Marys, Mimosas, Bellinis, etc.

Cost for this wonderful gathering is just \$35/person, including tax and tip. Please RSVP to Rick, along with mailing him your check made payable to: 'MBCA, St. Louis Gateway Section', to Rick Siefert, 846 Nardin Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63017.

2023 PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE BEST-OF-SHOW 1937 Mercedes-Benz 540K Special Roadster



The Best-of-Show recepient, presented by Jim Patterson of the Patterson Collection, is one of just three long-tail Special Roadsters that survive with special covered spare bodywork. The majority of 540K roadsters feature exposed

spares.

This car was bodied by Sindelfingen in Germany when new, and was delivered to the Shah of Afghanistan in September, 1937. It survived World War II in Paris, stored away at the Afghan embassy, and was later given to the Shah's son-in-law, who drove it around London until 1952. A year later, it was in the United States, and was later restored. It came to the Patterson Collection via RM Sotheby's Monterey sale in 2022.

The competition was a tough one, as over 216 cars took to the field this year from 18 countries and 30 U.S. states. Other contenders for Best in Show included the Auriga Collection's 1930 Mercedes-Benz 710 SS Special Roadster, the 1932 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 Corto Figoni Cabriolet, and the 1939 Delahaye 165 Figoni et Falaschi Cabriolet owned by the Peter Mullin Automotive Museum Foundation.

"This 540K balances strength with sweeping lines and style, and its history is unique," said Concours Chairman Sandra Button. "In talking with Jim about this car, I was impressed by the time and thought invested in this restoration. Every piece of this beautiful Mercedes-Benz was researched so carefully to honor its history."

"In Kentucky, you know, we talk about winning the Derby. Well, there's such a thing as winning the Triple Crown," said Jim Patterson. "And so I've won this Concours twice before today. This is a Triple Crown for me."

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GRAFTON RIVER BOAT CRUISE & FAST EDDIE'S GRAFTON HARBOR, GRAFTON, IL | SUNDAY, JULY 9TH

Joan Walsh provided our members with an extremely enjoyable river boat cruise on the Hakuna Matata in Grafton, Illinois! The weather was absolutely perfect! We then traveled the scenic Great River Road back to Fast Eddie's for lunch in Alton, Illinois. As typical, members thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie that always exists among our members!



2023 MONTEREY CAR WEEK WITH MY SON, TODD MONTEREY, CA | AUGUST 2023

My son, Todd, and I checked off a sizeable bucket list item in August together as we attended Monterey Car Week, which included numerous automotive shows, including Legends of the Autobahn, auctions, driving events, and of course, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. St. Louis Gateway Section members, Ed & Tina Knoll also joined Todd and I. We even enjoyed connecting with Kelly Telfer at Porsche Werks, who is the wonderful artist that painted the beautiful poster for Mercedes Freude, our club's National Event in 2021.

Legends of the Autobahn and Concours d'Lemon were also fun events that we attended. If you have ever viewed Wayne Carini's, Chasing Classic Cars, you would be familiar with his friend, Dodie, the used car dealer in Monterey. The two of them were at the forefront of Concours d'Lemon, thirteen years ago. We met Dodie early in the week and he invited us to a fabulous breakfast at one of his dealerships. It was here where Wayne was "given" his car to submit to d'Lemon. We also had the privilege of meeting and spending some time with Paul Devers, who is the owner of Vin Devers Autohaus in Sylvania, Ohio, and a long-time supporter of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. It was enjoyable meeting and spending time with Wayne, Dodie, and Paul.

Attached are just a few of the many photos taken during Todd's and my week of super cool car overload!



















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McPHERSON COLLEGE AND ITS AUTO RESTORATION PROGRAM SECURE \$1.5 BILLION ENDOWMENT FUNDING

McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas—a town of 14,000 about an hour north of Wichita—now boasts an endowment of \$1,592,000,000, the largest of any small liberal-arts college in the United States. We mention this because the college, with a student enrollment of a little over 800, is home to the nation's only four-year degree in automotive restoration. The 150-student program has graduated hundreds of technicians who now work at some of the most prestigious restoration shops in the world.

The contribution to the endowment of McPherson College (pronounced mick-fur-son) was based on a 2-to-1 match; an anonymous benefactor promised that they would donate \$500 million if the school could raise half that by June of 2023. McPherson raised \$250 million, and then some, by that date, and the same donor surprised the college by committing an additional \$500 million estate gift. That \$1B, combined with the \$342M raised by the college and the existing \$250M endowment, brings McPherson's funding to \$1,592,000,000.

Part of the endowment match was \$50 million given by Richard and Melanie Lundquist, who also donated a vintage Ferrari to the restoration program. "McPherson College has been a special place for Richard and me for over a decade," said Dr. Melanie Lundquist. "It has also been one of our greatest pleasures to support McPherson's one-of-a-kind automotive restoration program. We are both thrilled that this unique program—and McPherson College—will be on solid footing for perpetuity."

McPherson College president Michael Schneider announced the endowment at an on-campus event Friday morning. "Today is historic, not just for McPherson College, but for all small liberal arts colleges in America," said Schneider. "I am incredibly grateful to our anonymous donor for giving us an unprecedented opportunity—and responsibility—to build and implement our strategic vision of becoming a destination learning community." Hagerty has been a partner in promoting the school's curriculum since 1998.

Originally the restoration program was only a two-year degree. At first, it wasn't doing well. "Just as the program was on the verge of being eliminated, a hero came to the rescue: Jay Leno, comedian and noted car enthusiast," said a story on McPherson that appeared on Hagerty.com in 2022. "Jay learned about the program through his friend, Randy Ema, a restoration expert and one of the world's experts on the Duesenberg marque,' said Amanda Gutierrez, executive vice-president of the school. 'When Jay called the school, no one believed it was him!' They confirmed that it was Leno calling, and he went on to become a generous supporter of the program."

In 2006, a bachelor's degree in automotive restoration was added to the McPherson catalog. "That shift afforded our students a broader range of opportunities," Gutierrez said last year. "Our degree helps graduates develop skills not just for a first job, but for an evolving career over a lifetime."

Recently, McPherson College's automotive restoration program made its first-ever appearance on the industry's biggest stage—the 2023 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. The students' fully restored 1953 Mercedes-Benz 300 S Cabriolet competed at this year's event, a milestone for the program.

Brian Martin is a graduate of McPherson's program who returned to be the director of auto restoration projects. "This forthcoming endowment gift will allow us to plan for the future in a way we never dreamed would be possible before," he said, "and to look at how we can build the school and build the restoration program. We'll be able to provide students with a better experience, a better education. There's a lot of excitement here. "Back when I went through the program there was nothing like this," Martin said. "The only other options available were traditional tech programs. Which are great, but that's not what I wanted to do. I wanted to be able to work in automotive museums and on private collections, and that would not have been possible without the focus on historic and collector vehicles we have here. And that gap has only widened—that difference between repairing and restoring collector cars versus modern vehicle auto repair."

For Martin, it wasn't just the restoration curriculum that prepared him for the future. "Probably the biggest thing for me aside from the hands-on restoration experience was everything that went along with the rest of the college—making sure I'm able to communicate with customers and employees effectively, being able to write and speak, and understanding how the science and art goes along with it. The rest of the campus enhances the restoration program as much as the technical work."



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Sunday,

October 8th

Fall Annual Picnic

Addie's Restaurant

Chesterfield, MO

Saturday,

November 18th

Annual Planning Meeting

Plaza Motors, Creve Coeur

Sunday,

December 3rd

Holiday Party

Greenbriar Hills Country Club

Sunday,

January 14th

New Year's Brunch

Addie's Restaurant

Chesterfield, MO

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Audrey Biby has 2 SL's FOR SALE – a **1996 SL500**, 110K miles, \$6900 OBO, & a **1982 380SL**, 106K miles, \$2900 OBO. *Rick Siefert (rick.siefert@att.net) for further information and pics.*

300SC Coupe, 1955. Blue over grey leather, fully restored by Charles Brahms, matching numbers, and colors. \$590,000. **Shawn Dougan (Hyman LTD) at shawn@hymanltd.com.**

200GE Cabrio, 1988. Beige grey over light brown Tartan upholstery, very well sorted, original G Wagen. \$98,500. **Shawn Dougan (Hyman LTD)** at **shawn@hymanltd.com.**

540K 1938 Cabriolet A. Claret over tan leather, ex Sir Peter Ustinov, ex John Bond, shown at Pebble Beach, beautiful older restoration. \$1,490,000. **Shawn Dougan (Hyman LTD) at shawn@hymanltd.com.**

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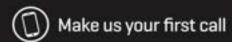
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