



International Stars Section

Quarterly Newsletter



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Welcome to the following new members to our section

Todd Gessert, Michael Hurley, Dina Jarouche, Lee Pratt

Thank you to the following members for renewing their membership

Jonathan Adams	Don Mac Donald	David Milling	Tatiana Springs
Karl Heinz Bekemeier	Steve Mahac	Alexander Ortner	Mike Studnicki
Bruce Gearns	Mike Mangrum	Dewey Reeves	Michael Waldo
Robert Harris	Eric Manting	Stephen Saph	David Wathen
Ron Kadykowski	John Mc Curdy	James Schoonover	Wendell Welper
MonuVell Kemp	Charles McIntyre	James Scohy	William Woebkenberg

Upcoming Event Save The Date!

2023 Dust Off Driving Event

Saturday May 20th, come out and join the International Stars along with the Mercedes Benz of Ann Arbor team for our 2023 Spring Dust Off. We will meet at Mercedes Benz of Ann Arbor, located at 570 Auto Mall Dr, Ann Arbor. We will gather about 9:30 for coffee and mingling with fellow International Stars members and the team at Mercedes Benz of Ann Arbor.



Check out the latest Mercedes models and talk cars with fellow Mercedes enthusiasts. At 10:30 we will head out for a drive through the hills, forest and lake areas west of Ann Arbor. We will work our way west and north and end at our final destination Zukey Lake Tavern for lunch.

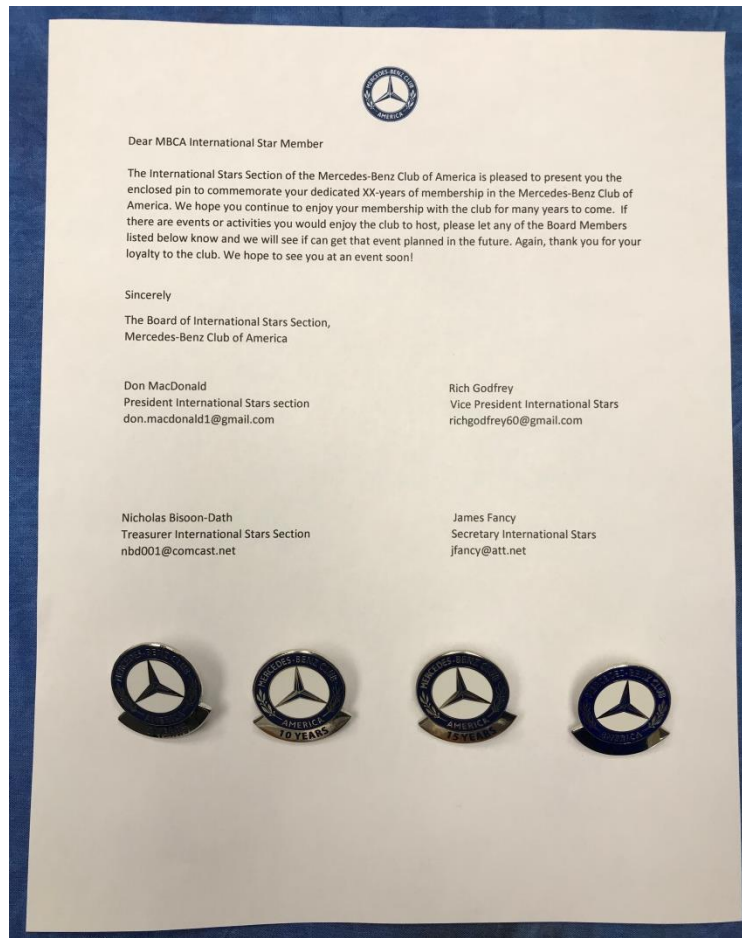


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Recognizing Our Members!

Anniversary Pins On The Way

The International Stars section board has gotten together to celebrate the members by sending anniversary pins to those who have reached an incremental five year milestone with the Mercedes Benz Club of America. The club is the members so whether you have been here one year or more than 45 we look forward to seeing you at an event and hearing your Mercedes story.





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Our Neighboring Western MI MBCA Section

The Western Michigan section has Gilmore Car Museum in their backyard so they are very involved with the Deutsche Marques event.

They could use a few more people to help with the Deutsche Marques event in July. Please contact Matt Short at (269) 760-7204 if you are willing to help!

Here is a bit of their schedule:

- Thursday, April 27 Garage Kept Motors Spring Open House. 6:00 - 9:00 pm, 420 36th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49548
- Friday, July 7 Deutsche Marques Pre-Show Dinner
- Saturday, July 8 Deutsche Marques All German Car Show at the Gilmore Car Museum.

<https://gilmorecarmuseum.org/events/deutschemarques-2023>



Photo is courtesy of photographer, Ryan Lubbers from Ryan Lubbers Photography (www.rlubbersphotography.com). It is from the 2022 Deutsche Marques Oktoberfest.



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Greetings from the New Great Lakes Regional Director, Jeff Hirst

I want to thank you for this opportunity to serve as the Great Lakes Regional Director. I look forward to serving you. If I can be of assistance, please contact me at MBCAGreatLakesRD@gmail.com.

I trace my interest in Mercedes-Benz vehicles when I was a teenager and had an opportunity to buy two 1975 220Ds for a couple hundred dollars. Those two got away but sparked my interest, especially the cars designed by Mr. Bruno Sacco (Head of Design for Mercedes-Benz from 1975-1999), specifically the 124, 129, and 170 series cars.

Being a member of the Pittsburgh Section of the MBCA for years, I have met many wonderful enthusiasts that enjoy Mercedes-Benz vehicles - both modern and classics. I always enjoy the camaraderie, the conversations, and the cars. Since December 2020, I have been on the Board of the Pittsburgh Section overseeing the dealer outreach and classifieds in the section newsletter.

I look forward to working with the officers and members of the International Stars Section and to learn more about your successes in membership, club events, and community and share these successes at the regional and national levels.

I live in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania (20 miles south of Pittsburgh) with my wife, Susan, and our two sons – Alexander and Matthias. We are currently custodians of a 1993 300 CE Cabriolet (featured in the March 2018 Star magazine), a 1997 SL320 40th Anniversary Edition (featured in the March 2022 Star magazine), and a 2002 SLK32 AMG.

Thank you again for this opportunity. I hope to see you at an upcoming event in the region.

Godspeed –
Jeff Hirst





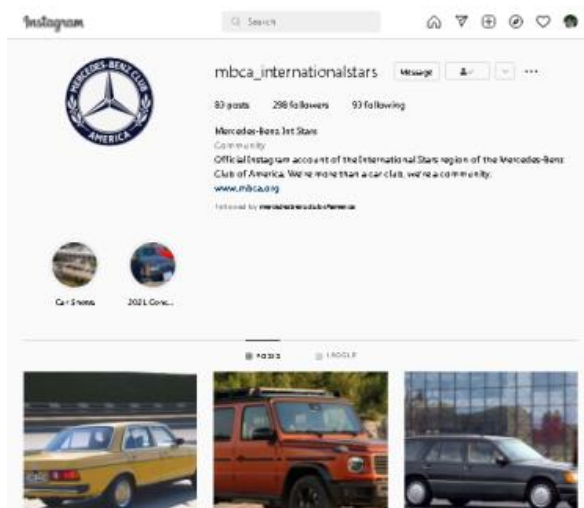
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Comments from the board

We want to find a Social Media Chair

With everything being more digital, we need a person or more likely a team that can do the following.

- Updating the web page with content on the National club's web site for International stars
- Facebook page posts for members to stay current about the club
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IStarsMBCA/>
 - Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/mbca_internationalstars/
- Setting up a linkedIn account for the club
- Also any other potential ideas for the club in the online world



Some things of interest in the car world.

- Saturday April 8th, 8am-5pm, MI Car Culture Season Opener, 597 S Adams Rd, Birmingham MI.
- Saturday April 15th, 6pm-9pm, Northville Concours d'Elegance Founders Dinner and Live Auction, Genitti's 108 East Main, Northville, MI.
- Saturday April 22nd, 6pm-10pm, Tom Cotter: Stories in Steel, Ford Piquette Plant, 461 Piquette Ave, Detroit, MI
- Saturday April 29th, 10am-1pm, Caffeine and Chrome: Sparkplug Spectacular, Gateway Classis Cars of Detroit, 15000 Commerce Dr N. Dearborn MI.
- Monday May 15th – Friday May 19th, 8am-5pm, Lap the Lake Road Rally Presented by Hagerty, Evanston IL.
- Every Saturday 8am-10am Parking at Pasteiners, 33202 Woodward, Birmingham, MI.
- Every Saturday 6:30am-11am Rochester Ram's Horn Breakfast Club , 1990 S Rochester Road, Rochester Hills MI.



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2023 Schedule of Events

- **May 20th:** Spring Dust Off Drive
- **July 8th:** Deutsche Marques at Gilmore Car Museum - Hickory Corners MI. (Western MI MBCA)
- **July:** Cars and Kettles
- **August:** MB Financial car show
- **September:** Concours d'Elegance / Detroit Concours
- **October 14th:** Deutsche Marques Oktoberfest at Gilmore Car Museum - Hickory Corners MI. (Western MI MBCA)
- **October 22nd:** Fall color tour
- **December 2nd:** MBCA International Stars Holiday Dinner

The board would like to hear from the members on activities they feel are fun and what they would like to help with. Take an active role in making your club what you want it to be. Any small task however minor it may seem adds up to a greater list of things we can enjoy together. What do you want the club to do in 2023?



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International Stars is an inclusionary group, and we welcome, encourage and support all of our members to step into leadership positions at the officer or board level.