



International Stars Section

Quarterly Newsletter



Second Quarter Newsletter 2023



International Stars Section

Welcome to the following new members to our section

Jennifer Cloherty, Paul Holliday, John Mitchell Sr.

Thank you to the following members for renewing their membership

Gerald Abel	Ted Davlantes	Tim Kopec	Joseph Spallina
Mark Arnold	Alan Freeborn	Michael Lewis	Richard Vaughan
John Ball	James Hasselle	Changzhou Li	Uli Von Gliszynski
Ronald Bassey	Richard Huddleston	Adam Lumsden	Todd Warriner
Nicholas Bissoon-Dath	Bruce Judycki	Thomas Photsios	Adam Wilson
Robert Cady	Randy Kart	Raymond Rahi	Matt Zelond
Angus Campbell	Diana Kinsey-Steele	Glenn Shaw	David Zimmerman
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Upcoming Event Soon!

Join Western Michigan Section For

Deutsche Marques At Gilmore Car Museum July 8th



A gathering of German cars, owners and enthusiasts at the Gilmore Car Museum.

Deutsche Marques

**America's Largest All-German Car Show
German Cars, Music, Food, Beer & Wine**



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More Event Details

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The Western Michigan Section is inviting International Stars and other MBCA sections to join them at the Deutsche Marques event. As of June 21st pre-registration was in excess of 300 cars for this 11th year of the Deutsche Marques. This includes in excess of 40 Mercedes Benz vehicles of various types, and that will only grow larger as we get closer.

MBCA members (and their guests) are invited to join the section for dinner the night before DeutscheMarques:

Friday evening, July 7, 5:15 pm - TBD

Four Roses Cafe (Casual fine dining)

[663 North 10th Street, Gun Plain Township, MI 49080](#)

Seats are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The menu selected for the group includes a variety of entrees for all tastes.

Whitefish Grenoble

Maple Mustard Baby Back Ribs

Bells Braised Beef

Grilled Chicken with Hummus and Fig Jam

(Vegetarian option on request)

Each dinner includes the entree and vegetable side, along with coffee, tea or soft drink, and includes tax and gratuity.

Soup or salad, bar drinks and desserts are available at your own expense.

Cost for dinner is \$40 per person, benefitting the Western Michigan Section.

Payment can be made at the dinner by cash or check or prior to the event by paying Cyndi Vander Horn, Section Secretary, by:

Venmo: venmo.com/u/Cyndi-VanderHorn

or by

PayPal: paypal.com/paypalme/cyndivh

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

**RSVP to Matthew Short, Western Michigan Section President,
no later than July 5 at mshort2@gmail.com or 269-760-7204.
Confirmations will be provided.**



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Gilmore Car Museum
[6865 Hickory Rd., Hickory Corners MI 49060](https://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org)
www.gilmorecarmuseum.org

Please join The Western Michigan Section Saturday, July 8, 2023, 9:00am - 3:00pm At the Gilmore Car Museum.

2023 Gilmore Care Museum Admission Charges:

Show cars: Driver PLUS first passenger \$20 - collected at the gate by GCM staff

We are looking forward to seeing you!



If you are coming from out of town, rooms have been reserved at a discounted rate at the Comfort Inn in Plainwell, Michigan ([622 Allegan St, Plainwell, MI 49080](https://www.comfortinn.com/hotels/mi/plainwell)).

This location is within 30 minutes of the DeutscheMarques site at the Gilmore Car Museum.

To make reservations, call the hotel direct at (269) 685-9891 and tell them you are with the German Car Event.



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Event Recap

2023 Dust Off Driving Event

International Stars held its Spring Dust-off Drive and Cars and Coffee in conjunction with Mercedes-Benz of Ann Arbor Electric Car Dream Days on May 20, 2023.



The day started off with about 50 members and their vehicles for Cars and Coffee, after which, Don MacDonald, International Stars Section President, hosted a brief chat session. Don introduced the International Stars Board and presented the 2022 Member of the Year Award to Bryan Dandurand of Mercedes-Benz of Ann Arbor, who has been instrumental in hosting events with the International Stars Section.





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Event Recap

2023 Dust Off Driving Event Continued

Two guest speakers addressed the attendees. Nicholas Bissoon-Dath, the International Stars Section Treasurer and former Technical Editor of *Car & Driver* Magazine, talked about the magazine's 10Best evaluation loop as well as the other roads in the area that were used to evaluate test vehicles and which were part of this day's driving route.



Matt Turner, a former Porsche factory driver, talked about his experiences of driving in the British Supercup and US IMSA series, including racing at Le Mans and Daytona.

Don then held a short driver briefing and 22 members left on a pre-planned route through the scenic lakes area of Southeastern Michigan that ended with a stop for lunch at **Zukey Lake Tavern**. Some members returned to **Mercedes-Benz of Ann Arbor** to test drive the many Mercedes electric vehicles that were available for sampling. Everyone was delighted by the fun they had during the event and thanked Mercedes-Benz of Ann Arbor for their kind hospitality and excellent test driving opportunity.





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Upcoming Event !

2023 Cars and Kettles at Wheels on the Water

International Stars former membership chair, Gerry Mason has again this year put together a car show for the Salvation Army and MBCA members are invited.

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (RAIN OR SHINE)
DESMOND LANDING ON THE PORT HURON RIVERFRONT
(In front of the YMCA building at 1525 3rd Street)
FOR MORE INFORMATION: (810) 984-2679

Here are the highlights

Cars and Kettles to benefit the Salvation Army's local community support efforts. This is a cars and coffee style car show and the fifth annual Cars and Kettles event. The event is an opportunity for participants to be a donor, exhibitor, and/or sponsor of this unique community event. There will be: coffee and doughnuts from Neiman's Family Market, juice and water from Pepsi Beverage Company, and live radio broadcasts during portions of the show.



At Mainstreet Memories
Wheels On the Waterfront



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From MBCA National

MBCA's July Special Rewards Opportunity!

International has an exciting opportunity for you and MBCA Sections this summer!

To reward and show our appreciation of your continuing engagement in our community we are offering **Special Rewards** this July:

- Any member who refers a new member will be entered to win an **AMG Performance Driving School Certificate** valued at **\$1,995**.
- Every section who increases their membership by a minimum of 10% between July 1st through July 31st will be entered into a **drawing to receive \$2,500**.



DRIVING ACADEMY

This offer is valid during July 1st – July 31st. To receive credit for referral, your member ID and your first and last name must be provided when joining.

Mercedes Grande is Fast Approaching and Some Events are Selling Out!

September 7-10

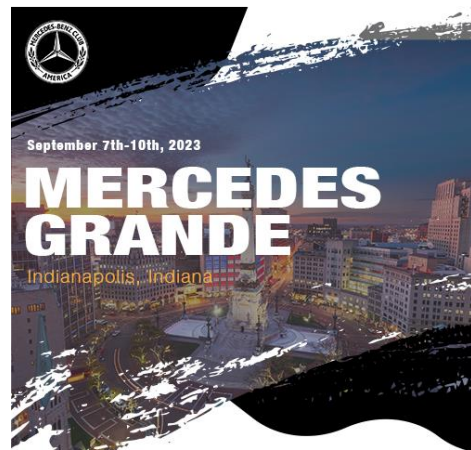
Indianapolis, IN

<https://www.mercedesgrande.org>

in association with Artomobilia

<https://www.artomobilia.org>

[Register Now!](#)



The **2023 MERCEDES GRANDE** in Indianapolis, Indiana is a celebration of all things Mercedes-Benz. Four days of Mercedes-Benz Culture, Causes, People, Lifestyle, Technology, and Cars Presented by the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. Join your friends and plan now to be a part of this exciting and extraordinary affair!

Book your VIP package [here](#)



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Greetings from the Great Lakes Regional Director

As warm weather continues in our Great Lakes Region, I hope you have had an opportunity to get your Mercedes-Benz out for a drive. In April, both the Western Reserve and Pittsburgh Sections took advantage of the good Spring weather for a drive to Hahn Restoration in Harmony, Pennsylvania for a tour of their shop and then enjoyed lunch at a local restaurant. It was a great opportunity for the two sections to join an event together for the community, camaraderie, and the cars. It was most enjoyable to meet new members and share stories of our vehicles.



As you may have read in recent Star articles, membership, and subsequently revenue, in the MBCA has been declining. The National Board is currently looking at ways to increase both membership and revenues. But, as I have told our hard-working section presidents in the Great Lakes Region, the success of the MBCA starts at the local level. We can do our part in increasing and maintaining

membership by offering events of varying interests – driving, social, and tech-related – for our members. In addition, when planning events, we should make sure to send the event information to neighboring sections for inclusion in communications to their members. Here is just a sample of some of the events that are being planned this year in the Great Lakes Region:

- July 8 - Deutsche Marques at Gilmore Car Museum (Western Michigan);
- July 22 – Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show (Central Ohio);
- July 22-23 – Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (Pittsburgh);
- August 13 – Spread Eagle Brunch and Ice Cream Social (Western Reserve);
- September 7–10 – Mercedes Grande;
- October 22 – Fall Color Tour (International Stars).

To learn more about these and other events or if you have a question, please contact me at MBCAGreatLakesRD@gmail.com.



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Greetings from the Great Lakes Regional Director

I hope to see you at an upcoming event in the Region. It is a wonderful way to catch up with friends and is a perfect way to make new ones as well.

Godspeed –

Jeff Hirst
MBCA Great Lakes Regional
Director



Some things of interest in the car world.

- Sunday July 9th, 9am-4pm, Mad Dogs & Englishmen, Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners, MI
- Sunday July 16th, Cars Under the Stars, M1 Concourse, Pontiac, MI
- Saturday July 22nd, 10am-4pm, Motor City Solutions, Open House, 24331 Brest Road, Taylor, MI
- Sunday July 23rd, 2pm-6pm, Balers Bash, Bakers of Milford 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford, MI
- Every Sunday 2pm-6pm, The HUB Stadium Weekly Car Cruise, 2550 Innovation Drive, Auburn Hills, MI
- 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 29:** 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.