



MBCA Memphis Section Newsletter - Nov./Dec. 2022

River City Star



President's Message:

Greetings to all, and welcome to the November-December edition of the **River City Star**. Since our last newsletter, we made a day trip to Waverly, TN. to visit and tour the Pipestone Restoration facilities along with the Nashville section, and additionally entered several vehicles in the Memphis Euro Fest Car Show. Photos from both events are later in the newsletter.

We have two big events coming up on the calendar in the near future. The first is our quarterly dinner on November 12th at Salsa Mexican Restaurant on Poplar. An evite has been sent so check your in box if you haven't yet seen it. The next event is the annual Germantown Holiday Parade on December 10th. You will see that invitation (an evite) and some instructions on how to enter your vehicle, probably before you get this newsletter.

The big change to the club events as we wrap up 2022 is the cancellation of our annual Christmas Party that normally follows the Germantown Parade. Due to a number of factors including already busy schedules, rushing to get from the parade to a party, a potentially active flu and virus season, and others, it was a unanimous decision by the board to replace this event with another to be scheduled in January.

We are still looking for an individual to be our point of contact with the MBCA and the Alzheimer's Association. I sent out an email earlier on the subject, and if you have had a change of heart and would like to be a part of this worthy cause, contact me at sudekumwa@msn.com or on my cell phone (901) 299-0653.

I want to thank each of you for hanging in there with us for the past year. I know it has been rough for many of you and your families. Whatever you choose to celebrate this time of year, Christmas, Hanukkah, or something else, let us all look forward to a joyous season and a better and Happy New Year.

Happy Motoring,

Bill Sudekum
President, Memphis Section



The MBCA-Memphis Calendar of Events

Our events include delicious dinners, fun drives and demonstrations on how to fix your car. Regardless of your interests and preferences, you will have many different events to choose from. We at MBCA Memphis value the safety of our members. As COVID-19 subsides, we will add events and dates to the calendar while we continue to stay in compliance with local directives.

As always, go to memphis.mbca.org for the latest updates on our events.

Date

Nov. 12
Dec. 3
Dec. 10

Event

Dinner
Cars & Carbs
Germantown Parade

Location

Salsa Restaurant, 6150 Poplar Ave.
Panera Bread, Germantown
Germantown, TN

2023

Jan. 2
Jan. 14

Cars and Carbs
Pre Mardi Gras Dinner

Panera Bread, Germantown
Red Pier Cajun Restaurant, 5901
Poplar Ave.

Memphis and Nashville Sections Join In Trip to Waverly, TN

Mercedes-Benz Treasure Trove in Middle Tennessee

by Lynn Jones

On September 10 several members of the Memphis Section met up with members of the Nashville Section MBCA in a visit to Dave and Linda Miles' very nice collection of MB automobiles followed by a side visit to their Pipestone Restorations shop, all in Waverly, Tennessee. In between the two visits, the Miles hosted the group of almost 30 to a luncheon in Waverly.

While the Nashville Section has made occasional visits to Dave Miles' facility in the past, this was the

first time that Memphis Section members had seen this little jewel of a collection right here in Middle



Tennessee. The cars are well kept and shown in a metal building intended for the purpose and include everything from an old G Wagon with a snowplow to a more recent AMG V12 SL that, of course, sounds great when revved. As signs out front of both the



collection and the shop say, "Everything is For Sale". Dave apparently does a significant word-of-mouth business and is well known to collectors in Middle TN. A rough guess would be that the vintage of most cars and SUVs in the collection would be from 1995 to 2018. Some S Class models are (or could be) most impressive.

As well as the obvious pleasure of seeing all

those Mercedes in one place, another key point of the whole visit was to raise funds for the Waverly flood restoration fund that the Miles support. The August 2021 floods in the area devastated many homes and buildings, including the elementary school where Linda Miles taught for many years. Attendees were asked to contribute to the fund and Linda spoke at the luncheon and explained the real needs still evident in the Waverly area. The contributions made by the MBCA members from both Sections was gratefully received.

Our side visit to the shop at Pipestone Restorations was an eyeopener. Here, tucked away in the beautiful rolling hills of the area, is one of the South's largest and most complete restoration shops dedicated primarily to MB.

Restoration work is first class (i.e., it takes many months and perhaps years to complete one vehicle) but Pipestone has all the facilities needed to do the job, including an impressive field of parts cars sitting nearby. For instance, if you are in need of parts for a W201 190 or 190E from the 1982 – 1993 era, Dave's got them!



The weather was great, the Miles are generous hosts, joining in an event with Randy Bibb and the other Nashville Section members was fun, we saw a fine Mercedes collection and shop right here in Tennessee, and on top of that we made a modest contribution to a real need in our area. All of that and a road trip too!

Memphis Membership Matters

Mike McHann (Membership Chairman)



Please welcome our new members, Christopher Hadley and Brad Hescocock. Currently, our membership stands at 84, down from 96 members at the beginning of the year. We want to keep our Star Magazine Membership Displays current at the dealerships, so more old copies of the **Star** are needed. To donate let me know and I'll come by and pick them up. I talk with so many people who love their Mercedes and get very excited about the club, especially when learning about the 15% discount on parts and service at the Mercedes Dealership. In fact, the first \$370 spent at Mercedes will pay for the membership dues. I've been a member of MBCA for 30 years now, joining immediately after acquiring my first Mercedes (the first of 12!).

Let's keep up the effort and encourage our fellow Mercedes owners to join now! <https://memphis.mbc.org/join/national>



MBCA Website Receives Software

The MBCA National website along with the Memphis Section Website was recently updated with new software.

- The website comes with new encryption for the membership and requires a new password request.
- Login with your email address and it will request you reset your password.
- After resetting your password, login to the National Website and access the Section Website where it will automatically take you to your personal profile.
- This is a good time to edit your personal information and update info, comments and photos of your Mercedes.

<https://mbca.org>

<https://memphis.mbc.org>

Let me know if you have questions or comments about the websites.

Mike McHann
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Memphis Euro-Fest 2022

On Saturday, September 24th, the British Sports Club of Memphis hosted the Memphis Euro-Fest. Celebrating 60 years of Euro-sports car, the fest was held at 7410 Memphis-Arlington Road in support of Youth Villages. Several members of MBCA Memphis participated in the show.



MEMPHIS SECTION TO AGAIN PARTICIPATE IN 2022 GERMANTOWN HOLIDAY PARADE

Come Join Us and Be Part of The Fun!

The Memphis Section will again participate in the GERMANTOWN HOLIDAY PARADE. The parade will kick off at 2:00 PM Saturday, December 10 on its familiar route along Farmington Boulevard. Come join the parade and line up early and talk Mercedes stuff with other members.

The event is outside with plenty of fresh air and it supports our community. Staging for the Parade will begin at NOON in the southbound lanes of Kimbrough between Farmington and Wolf River Blvd. and will close at 1:30 PM, so arrive early and meet and greet with other Section members.

IMPORTANT: All drivers must submit proof of a valid driver's license and vehicle insurance in effect on parade day. Before Monday, November 28 email a PDF copy of your license and insurance card to MForbert@Germantown-TN.gov and indicate you will be part of the Memphis Section MBCA Holiday Parade. Also send copies to Lynn Jones at JL.Jones11@outlook.com so we know who will be participating and can send you maps and details.

Remember: NO DOCS, NO PARADE!
Come on out and be a part of this annual event!



Technical Tips and Tricks (TTT)

by Mike McHann

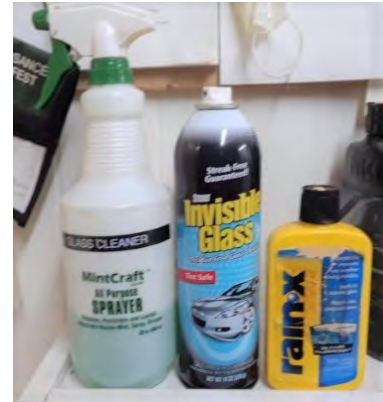
It's Autumn and soon will be Winter, a very hard time for your car with much rain and cold weather. Let's clean the windshield so we can see where we're going.

1. Start with a soap based cleaner like Windex. Remove dirt and grime using a terrycloth towel. Work the soap across the windshield in both directions to remove all loose materials, turning the cloth frequently, removing any loose particles.
2. Now for the hard-to-remove stuff, including motor oil, tar, and sand thrown from other cars in traffic. There are 2 methods for this. First is to clean with clay-bar and a lubricant, but this creates a mess that must be removed by washing the windshield again. The second method is a new technique using "0000" Steel Wool, polishing the windshield in both directions, leaving a very clean windshield.
3. The third step is to clean the windshield again with an alcohol-based cleaner like "Invisible Glass" that will remove any remaining residue.
4. Finally we want to seal the windshield using Rain-X, an awesome glass sealer that leaves a slick finish to repel water and allow the wipers to move effortlessly across the windshield,

TTT continued

reducing drag and chatter. Apply Rain-X sparingly over the windshield, then wipe clean with a microfiber cloth.

OK, the windshield is clean, but what about the wipers? The contaminants we removed from the windshield are also on the wiper blades. Remove the foreign materials using a paper towel and windshield cleaner. I will use a Scotch-Brite pad to soften the rubber. We don't want to treat the rubber, just to leave the natural properties of the rubber to do its job. While cleaning the wipers, inspect the condition of the rubber. If age has caused hardening, cracks or permanent curving of the rubber, it's time to replace the wipers. Wipers are relatively cheap. The newer Mercedes wipers come with a Mercedes Star embossed at one end of the wiper blade which turns yellow with time indicating it's time to replace the blade. I find wiper blades are good for several years.



Next time we'll cover how to clean the inside of the windshield. .



The Star magazine.

Along with a range of special offers and events, your MBCA membership entitles you to receive six copies of *The Star* magazine per year. Nowhere is the heritage and modern era of this timeless tradition more fully expressed than in MBCA's award-winning flagship publication. Along with its rich content and stunning photography, each issue features the latest news and in-depth information from Mercedes-Benz USA, as well as club events, restoration articles, and new-car road tests—plus a robust classified section and so much more.



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Classified Ads

For Sale

2014 Mercedes-Benz SLK55 AMG

Red with white interior

1600 miles

Appraised: \$55,000

Sale price \$45,000

Pristine

All records

Video <https://youtu.be/kBtUTnWVPFY>

Slide Show <https://youtu.be/XYepWmUF4Ew>

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