

Southern Stars Section

Mercedes-Benz Club of America



January / February 2022

<http://SouthernStars.MBCA.org>

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of 1/15/21
(November - January)

Total Membership (233)

*Welcome to all the new,
transferred, and renewing members!*

New Members (6)

Jeffrey Brewster	Jacksonville, FL
Carl Naso	Saint Augustine, FL
Steven Monzon	Jacksonville, FL
Jerry King	Fernandina Beach, FL
Gavin Copper	Jacksonville, FL
Rich Hoffman	Ponte Vedra, FL

Section Transfers (1)

Mark Dupuis	From Tampa Bay
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Renewed Memberships (14)

Tim Donaldson	Lonaconing, MD
Victor Witten	Jacksonville, FL
Clark Vargas	Jacksonville, FL
Grant Wilson	Jacksonville, FL
Gregory McKinley	Fernandina Beach, FL
Stephen Silver	Ponte Vedra, FL
Barry Noll	Ormond Beach, FL
Craig Smith	Jacksonville, FL
Mary Ann Baugh	Jacksonville, FL
Luis Villamonte	Jacksonville, FL
Robert Hickey	Jacksonville, FL
Christopher Perry	Saint Augustine, FL
Betty Ann Colclazier	Jacksonville, FL
Robert Caravello	Orange Park, FL

***You never know what you will see at a
Southern Stars Section event weekend!***



A '58 220 SE, a '61 190 SL, a '68 280 SL, a '71 280 SL, and an '05 Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren were the All Stars at our "Car Club of the Month" at *Caffeine and Octane Jacksonville* in December! What will you share next?

We utilize **Evite** to share event announcements. It's a free app from Google Play, or the Apple Store. If you create a free Evite account with the same email address you utilize with MBCA, you'll see the invitations in the app. Please check your email account spam folders for older Evites. Please add "evite@mailva.evite.com" and "info@mailva.evite.com" to your "safe senders" if needed.





Happy New Year!

In 2021, we had a great year of enthusiastic support from our members who shared their vehicles, often several, throughout the year! We went to a few new destinations including Ormond Beach, Tallahassee, and St. Simon Island, Georgia among others. We were selected as the “First Coast Car Council” Featured Car Club of the Month in December at Caffeine and Octane Jacksonville, where we were able to assemble nearly 40 vehicles, including the 2021 Ponte Vedra Auto Show “Best of Show” 1961 190 SL, a Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren, two 280 SL Pagodas (A traditional configuration, as well as a California 2+2), and a 1958 220 SE Cabriolet! Thank you again to everyone who graciously shared your vehicle with an appreciative crowd, it was a huge hit, and we hope to do it again this year!

We participated in Amelia Island Concours *Cars & Coffee* (Renamed *Cars & Caffeine* for 2022), the Ponte Vedra Auto Show, even claiming a few awards including Best in Show! We hosted events at *Art ‘n Motion & Classic Car Museum*, both in St. Augustine. We held several *Drive & Dines* throughout the year. Members and enthusiasts contributed the largest number of donations for Toys for Tots we’ve collected so far at our December events!

At our holiday event, our Member of the Year plaque was presented to Gene Gorman. Regional Director Hank Webb presented a Membership Director of the Year plaque to Gary Keener. Gary Kenner also became the 2022 VP, and Matthew Mason became the 2022 Secretary. Carlos Malpartida joined the Board of Directors. Jackie Keener has graciously agreed to serve a third term as our treasurer! Thank you all very much!

The Jacksonville International Auto Show is scheduled for February 17-20. We will be a part of the exterior German car display on Friday, February 18 with some terrific examples of history and performance cars. We hope to see you at Amelia Island Concours d’Elegance, or at The Amelia *Cars & Caffeine* event, please let us know if your vehicle has been selected!

If you can help host an event in your area or have a great place in mind for a drive & dine, let’s talk! This is your club, and we appreciate your enthusiasm!

Cordially,

Dave Wommer, President

Technology News

Members can go to our social media for event coverage, or email us:
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Instagram:

“Southern_Stars_MBCA”

https://www.instagram.com/Southern_Stars_MBCA



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Facebook Private Group:

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<https://www.Facebook.com/groups/MBCA.SouthernStars/>

Southern Stars MBCA Portal:

<http://SouthernStars.MBCA.org>

Link Tree of Resources:

<https://linktr.ee/MBCA.Southern.Stars>

MBCA Website:

www.MCBA.org

Summary of Events

February

8 - Second Saturday

8:00 am-11:00 am

Caffeine & Octane Jax

Avenues Mall-10300 Southside Blvd
www.caffeineandoctane.com/Jacksonville

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Member Meeting & Lunch Miller's Ale House

10334 Southside Blvd
Jacksonville, FL

17-20 Thursday-Sunday

8:00 am-11:00 am

Jacksonville Auto Show

at Prime Osborn Center
<https://JaxAutoShow.com>

**Southern Stars Mercedes-Benz
vehicles will be on display!
See page 7.**

March

3-6 Thursday-Sunday

Amelia Concours d'Elegance
<https://www.ameliaconcours.com>

5 - First Saturday Morning

Amelia Cars & Caffeine

12 - Second Saturday

8:00 am-11:00 am

Caffeine & Octane Jax

Avenues Mall-10300 Southside Blvd

April

23 - Fourth Saturday

8:00 am-10:00 am

Mercedes-Benz Cars & Coffee
+ Follow-on photo shoot with
Nathan Deremer of Deremer
Studios.

Host: Art 'n Motion
283 San Marco Ave.
St. Augustine FL 32084

<https://www.ArtnMotionCars.com>
<https://www.DeremerStudios.com>

2022 Southern Stars Officers & Directors

All the officers & directors welcome calls and emails from the membership.
Please reach out to us if you have any concerns or suggestions.
This is your club, and we are here to serve you!

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MBCA "Refer a Friend" program

Have you shared the benefits of MBCA? Rebates and discounts are just the beginning! For each new member who utilizes your membership name and number when they sign up, you will receive an additional month of membership!

Do you have an official MBCA name badge?

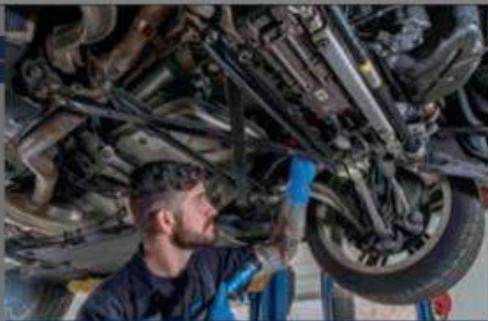


Do you have an official Mercedes-Benz Club of America name badge? Name badges help everyone identify you as an MBCA Member! To order a name badge, <https://www.mbc.org/name-badge>



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Section News



THE AMELIA

In June 2021, building on its purpose to save driving and its focus of preserving and expanding inspiring experiences for automotive enthusiasts, Hagerty announced its acquisition of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance.

The next Amelia Concours is March 3-6, 2022. If you wish to purchase tickets for their events, including the renamed "Cars & Caffeine" event on Saturday March 5, please check their website. <https://www.AmeliaConcours.com>

The registration period for the 2022 "Cars & Caffeine" opened and closed in January. If you missed it this year, please make a note in your calendar for 2023.

We can't wait to return this year and meet Members and fellow Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts! If your vehicle has been approved for *Cars & Caffeine* as part of the *Cars & Community* Saturday morning event, we would appreciate hearing about it!

CAFFEINE AND OCTANE

Southern Stars Section will be in the "Central Lot" at Caffeine and Octane Jacksonville every month, always the second Saturday of the month, from 8-11 am. If you are unable to remain until 11 am in the Central Lot, please park in the Exhibit Lot. We suggest arriving early to secure a spot. For a parking map, <https://bit.ly/3IUegez>, or check out our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/MBCA.SouthernStars

2021 Award Recipients & 2022 Leadership Positions

Gene Gorman was awarded the Member of the Year, and Gary Keener was awarded the regional Membership Director of the Year by Hank Webb, our Regional Director. Congratulations! For 2022, David Wommer became the President, Gary Keener became the VP, and Matthew Mason became our Secretary. Jackie Keener will continue to serve as our Treasurer! Carlos Malpartida joined the Board of Directors. Thank you to those who volunteered and continue to serve!



Ladies with Mercedes

As the new year begins, I hope you and your family members are enjoying each day, and staying safe and well during these uncertain times, while you enjoy your Mercedes-Benz. Thank you for your replies and comments about the new years' e-card I sent you via email on January 1, 2022.

Until we can have regular Ladies with Mercedes activities together, our email contact and sharing of our Mercedes-Benz short stories for future newsletters may be another way to keep in touch with Members of Southern Stars. It is always a pleasure communicating with you, especially during these pandemic times, and I thank you for your interest in the section, and with Ladies with Mercedes. May all your hopes and new year's "resolutions" come true. With Best wishes for the new year. Jean Webb, (904) 375-8751

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Would you like to advertise your business in our bimonthly newsletter? We distribute the newsletter via email to hundreds of primary and associate members in the region, regional and national leaders of Mercedes-Benz Club of America, as well as pass out at automotive events such as Cars & Coffee and regional car shows. *Contact DavidWommer@gmail.com for a rate card! We currently offer full page, ½, and ¼ page rates.*



Upcoming Events



We will be in the Central Lot on the Second Saturday of every month

The Avenues Mall, 10300 Southside Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32256, 8:00am to 11:00am

For a full-size parking map or additional information: <https://www.CaffeineandOctane.com/Jacksonville>
If you have questions or would like more information, please reach out to DavidWommer@gmail.com



February 17-20, Prime Osborn Convention Center

**MBCA Southern Stars Section will display several Mercedes-Benz vehicles
at “The Great German Marques” exterior display at
the Jacksonville International Auto Show on Friday, February 18**

The auto show will begin Thursday February 17, and continue through Sunday, February 20. Tickets: free (Children under 6), \$5.00 for Military and Vets (Must purchase at the onsite box office, with a military or veteran ID), Senior (65+) tickets: \$9, and adult tickets: \$13. **Friday ONLY, February 18** is Active Military & Active First Responders Day. Frontline heroes, first responders, EMTs, nurses, doctors, health care workers and active-duty military receive FREE admission on Friday with valid ID.

For additional information: <https://jaxautoshow.com/events-attractions>



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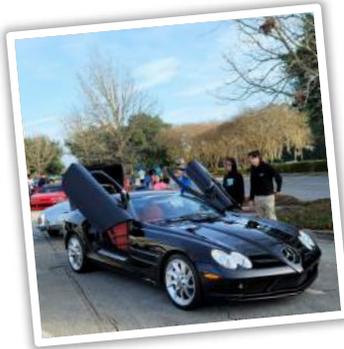
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Recent Events



In December at Caffeine and Octane Jacksonville, we were the First Coast Car Council's Car Club of the Month and the Mercedes-Benz's showed up in force to utilize our reserved parking corral, with about 40 Mercedes-Benz vehicles! Member Lew Bednarczuk shared his Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren, Member Jack Schmidt graciously shared his 1958 220 SE Cabriolet.



We had a cabriolet from the 1950s, a roadster from the 1960s, a coupe from the 1970s, a sedan from the 1980s, AMGs from the 1990's, and nearly everything in between! It was a terrific event and a rare opportunity to group over three dozen Mercedes-Benz vehicles together at Caffeine and Octane.

Check out First Coast Car Council to see their events and cruise-ins. <http://www.CarCouncil.org>

See many more photos of our events on our social media, listed on page 2, or via MBCA Event Reports with many more photos! <https://southernstars.mbca.org/section-event-reports>

Visit our Link Tree: <https://linktr.ee/MBCA.Southern.Stars>



We had our holiday event this past year at Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine! The above photos were shared by Jason "Jay" White, Section Photographer. View more of his photos from the holiday event: <https://JasonjWhite.shootproof.com/gallery/13991836/>



Above photos shared by Matthew Mason, Secretary. View more of his photos from the holiday: <https://www.Facebook.com/MBCA.SouthernStars/Community/>

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