

Southern Stars Section

Mercedes-Benz Club of America



May / June 2022

<http://SouthernStars.MBCA.org>

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of 5/15/22
(March-May)

Total Membership (238)

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

New Members (3)

Rodney Matthews	Jacksonville, FL
Timothy Dee	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Maxwell Goldman	Jacksonville, FL

Section Transfers (0)

Renewed Memberships (12)

John Rimer	Jacksonville, FL
Alex Stone	Jacksonville, FL
Mark Cummins	Jacksonville, FL
Delano Deen	Alma, GA
Gene Gorman	Saint Johns, FL
Charles Taylor	St Simons Island, GA
Gale Robinson	Jacksonville, FL
Robert Schlessinger	Jacksonville, FL
Raymond Hays	Jacksonville, FL
Monroe Taranto	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Brian Buda	Hilton Head Island, SC
Alva Hollon, Jr.	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

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



**Enroute to a photoshoot in Saint Augustine from
Art 'n Motion, we seem to have formed
a parade of amazing Mercedes-Benz vehicles!**

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 almost-Summer!

Can you believe we are almost halfway through 2022? We appreciate Mercedes-Benz Club of America members who participated in our April Cars & Coffee event hosted at Art ‘n Motion in Saint Augustine, followed by a photoshoot by Nathan Deremer of Deremer Studios. We even had some sister section members show up! It is always a treat when MBCA members from other MBCA sections participate. The photo above was shot by Nathan Deremer before we departed Art ‘n Motion, to capture the beautiful architecture meant to recall a classic building on a “main street” a century or so ago!

As Summer approaches, we are planning Drive & Dines as well as tours in air-conditioned museums to beat the heat! We have an Ormond Beach Drive & Dine in June, and a Brumos Collection Tour coming up in July. We also have a Zoom member meeting coming up in June, which you can attend from the comfort of your home.

Have you added an associate member to your membership at no additional cost? It is one of the many benefits of an MBCA membership! Associate Members are members that are 18 years or older, living in the same household. They will be added to national and local event notifications, stay in the loop with club news, and be eligible to participate in Members-only Club events! To add an associate member, simply log into your account, click on “Profile”, and look for the “Associate Member” area to edit. This is where you can add their name and contact info. If you have any questions, you may contact the National Business Office (NBO) at (800) 637.2360.

We hope to see you at an event soon and look forward to meeting our newest Members!

Cordially,

Dave Wommer, President

Technology News

Members can go to our social media for event coverage, or email us: MBCA.Southern.Stars@gmail.com

Instagram:

“Southern_Stars_MBCA”

https://www.instagram.com/Southern_Stars_MBCA



Facebook Public Page:

“MBCA.SouthernStars”

<https://www.facebook.com/MBCA.SouthernStars>



Facebook Private Group:

“MBCA.SouthernStars”

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

Southern Stars MBCA Portal:

<http://SouthernStars.MBCA.org>

Link Tree:

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

MBCA Website:

www.MCBA.org

Summary of Events

June

11 - Second Saturday

8:00 am-11:00 am

Caffeine & Octane

Avenues Mall
10300 Southside Blvd
Jacksonville, FL

15 - Member Meeting (Zoom)

Details will be sent to members around June 1.

25 - Fourth Saturday

Ormond Beach Drive & Dine
Details will be sent to members around June 11.

July

09 - Second Saturday

8:00 am-11:00 am

Caffeine & Octane

Avenues Mall
10300 Southside Blvd
Jacksonville, FL

23 - Fourth Saturday

10:00 am-12:00 am

The Brumos Collection

Museum Tour
5159 San Pablo Rd S
Jacksonville, FL

August

13 - Second Saturday

8:00 am-11:00 am

Caffeine & Octane

Avenues Mall
10300 Southside Blvd
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### November

**5 - Legends of the Autobahn**  
East @ Hilton Head Island

**4-6 Hilton Head Island**  
Concours d'Elegance

**13 - Ponte Vedra Auto Show**

## 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?***

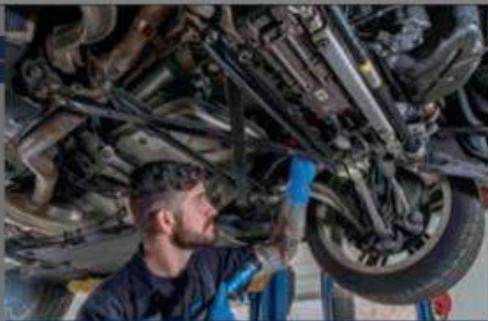


Do you have an official Mercedes-Benz Club of America name badge? Name badges help everyone identify you as an MBCA Member! To order a name badge, <https://www.mbc.org/name-badge>



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# EUR SPEC



A 1953 300 S greeted us in 2021.



The same 300 S reflecting at dusk.



Porsche 917K that was driven by Steve McQueen in the *Le Mans* movie, acquired by Brumos in 2017 for slightly over \$14M (fourteen million!)



Our members arriving at Brumos Collection in 2021!

## Upcoming Events

See our next two events on Page 7!

### ***The Brumos Collection***

<https://www.TheBrumosCollection.com>  
5159 San Pablo Road S., Jacksonville, FL  
July 23, 2022, 9:00 AM

The Brumos Collection is a fascinating place filled with many aspects of automotive history with cars from three centuries!

<https://www.TheBrumosCollection.com>

The Brumos Collection has two sections; The first is a collection of open-cockpit race cars and early automotive innovations. The second section features a collection of rare Porsche race cars from 1953-present. Come out and see a prototype Porsche 959, or the Mercedes Transporter bus, nicknamed "Buster" that transported many race cars!

Anyone may join us at the Museum of course. You do not have to be an MBCA Member, all we ask is that you let us know you are arriving on behalf of just so we have a tally of the expected number of adults, and children.

***Please Note:*** Before arriving, a ticket must be purchased via the SHOWCLIX website (below). **Tickets are not sold on-site, and no admission will be granted without a ticket.** We encourage you to buy your ticket(s) early to ensure they do not sell out in our desired time slot.

**Purchase your July 23, 9 AM ticket(s) here:**  
<https://www.showclix.com/event/the-brumos-collection-eeTISQI>



## *Ladies with Mercedes*

Spring Greetings to all of you! During the next three months, we will be celebrating or observing several important holidays; Memorial Day (May 30), Flag Day (June 14), Father's Day (June 19), Juneteenth (June 19), The first day of Summer (June 21), and Independence Day (July 4). So many days to enjoy and places for us to drive our Mercedes-Benz as we try to return to normalcy!

Thank you again, for reserving some time to share your Mercedes-Benz Short Story with us for future newsletters. The March 7, 2022 "*Guide for Writing a Short Story*" may be helpful. Let me know if you have any questions or more suggestions. It is great fun to recall the history of our attraction to the Mercedes-Benz brand!

If you have recently purchased your first gasoline or electric Mercedes-Benz, it would be very exciting to hear your Mercedes-Benz story, and to

have a photo of you posing together! Let me know if I can assist you in any way.

Recently, since January 2022, we have had several new Ladies join the MBCA Southern Stars Section. We would like to extend our welcome, and an invitation to join activities with the Ladies with Mercedes group. Please check the newsletter to learn the names of our new members.

Have you considered attending the "Caffeine and Octane Jacksonville" every second Saturday of the month at the Avenues Mall? It is a lot of fun and afterward, you can enjoy shopping at the Avenues Mall! Look at our *Summary of Events* on page 3 or our *Upcoming Events* on page 7 for more information.

Stay safe and healthy and enjoy celebrating during the Spring and Summer holidays.

Mercedes-Benz -  
Fun, Family & Friends!

*Cheers, Jean.*

Ladies with Mercedes Chair  
(904) 375-8751

## Upcoming Events



### Caffeine & Octane Jacksonville @ The Avenues Mall

10300 Southside Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32256. 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

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

**Club parking map:** <https://bit.ly/3qR6eER> / <https://www.CaffeineandOctane.com/Jacksonville>



### Ormond Beach Drive & Dine

Saturday, June 25, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

We'll meet up at ***Birthplace of Speed Park***, then take a drive through the "Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail". As there are many Members from a variety of directions, ***we will meet in Ormond Beach, at "Birthplace of Speed Park" 21 Ocean Shore Blvd, Ormond Beach, FL 32176.*** From there, we will begin our journey through Ormond Scenic Loop & Trail, then head up to Stonewood Grill & Tavern, 2150 LPGA Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL 32117. Members, please be on the lookout for an Evite for this event!

<http://www.OrmondHistory.org/Birthplace-of-Speed> [www.OrmondScenicLoopAndTrail.com](http://www.OrmondScenicLoopAndTrail.com)  
<https://www.stonewoodgrill.com/locations/DAYTONA-BEACH/index>

If you have questions or would like more information, please reach out to [DavidWommer@gmail.com](mailto:DavidWommer@gmail.com)



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## Recent Events

In April, Caffeine and Octane Jacksonville designated a special display area for “April AMG & AUDI Sport”! We had an AMG G 55, an AMG GT S “Edition 1”, a couple of SL 63s, an Ocean Blue Edition C 63 Cabriolet and a beautiful 2019 S 63 Cabriolet in addition to our regular hangout area that included coupes, wagons, and cabriolets!



In May we were equally excited to see a matte blue AMG GT S, a 1997 40th Anniversary SL 500 (with EVO II wheels!), and a few sharp sedans including a sharp E 350!



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



In the final weeks of April, we had a Mercedes-Benz Cars & Coffee hosted at Art 'n Motion in Saint Augustine, FL (<https://www.ArtnMotionCars.com>). Art 'n Motion VP Justin Felker welcomed a tour of his building, and the beautiful vehicles and event spaces (<https://houseofassemblyevents.com>). We look forward to participating in The Ponte Vedra Auto Show later this year, which he also manages. Thank you very much Justin!



Our Cars & Coffee was followed by a fantastic photoshoot with the esteemed Nathan Deremer of Deremer Studios. All photos on this page were taken by Nathan Deremer. If you missed the photoshoot, schedule your own via <https://www.DeremerStudios.com>!

**See more photos of our events on our social media, listed on page 2, or via [MBCA.org](https://www.MBCA.org) *Event Reports*!**



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