Southern Stars Section

Mercedes-Benz Club of America

September / October 2021 http://SouthernStars.MBCA.org

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of 9/15/21
(July-September)

Total Membership (235)

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

New Members (6)

Matthew Mason	Davenport, FL
Matthew Wotiz	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Charles Shaw	Fernandina Beach, FL
Deborah Lindsay	Fernandina Beach, FL
Steven Jackson	Fernandina Beach, FL
Donald Gioia	Palm Coast, FL

Section Transfers (2)

Matthew Mason	From Central Florida
Michael Philippi	From San Francisco Bay

Renewed Memberships (12)

Kevin Weiss	St Simons Island, GA
Shelly Hyler	Orange Park, FL
Johan Harris	Savannah, GA
Danelle Kensbock	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Michael Jackson	Savannah, GA
Franz Nawrocki	Savannah, GA
Brian Gendreau	Gainesville, FL
Steve Jarecki	Atlantic Beach, FL
David O Brien	Ponte Vedra, FL
Sebastian Marcilese	Jacksonville, FL
Arthur Thumwood	Richmond Hill, GA
Jackie Keener	Jacksonville, FL

You never know what you will see at a Southern Stars Section Cars & Coffee!

Our September Cars & Coffee at Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine featured gorgeous SUVs including a GLC300, a GLS450 and a G55!

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 prior Evites, add "evite@mailva.evite.com" and "info@mailva.evite.com" to your "safe senders" list. Emails will look like this:

Dear Southern Stars Members and Friends,

Can you believe it is already September? It is now Fall and football season has already started!

A great time was had by all at our most recent monthly Cars and Coffee event, this time at the Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine. Sidney and Brenda Hobbs, the owners of the museum, were our gracious hosts. A row of gleaming Corvettes and American muscle cars greeted us as we walked in, but the classics didn't stop there. The 30,000-square-foot building houses more than 80 classic vehicles from every decade between the 1890s and 2000s. The oldest of these is an 1895 Rochet-Schneider Roadster, one of only 200 made. The museum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit educational and cultural institution and will be raffling off a 1970s 280SL in the future. Stay tuned!

Cars and Coffee will continue to be at Mercedes-Benz of Orange Park October for and December and for November we will be attending the Ponte Vedra Auto Show. Justin Felker of Art 'n Motion gallery and dealership in St. Augustine is heading up the event and has asked for our membership to enter classic and exotic Mercedes-Benz vehicles, if possible. Gary Keener can help you with questions you may have. Keep up the great work, Gary!

One piece of relevant maintenance information I learned over the past month is: if you have your Mercedes maintained at a dealership, you have to specifically request a new engine air filter at the proper maintenance intervals. Service "A" and "B" do not include it as a line item, although those services include a new *cabin* air filter. Your engine air filter is critically important to performance of your vehicle, and is luckily, one of those preventative maintenance items that can be done at home! I recently replaced the engine air filters on both my E550 and my wife's GLE400. After a few short YouTube videos, a Torx T20 screwdriver, and some new filters bought online, both cars were running at peak performance again.

As a reminder this Fall, we will be holding elections for officers of the Southern Stars section. If you have any interest in a leadership position within the club, we encourage you to consider applying to run. Additionally, we are looking for members in different areas of the section such as Savannah, Brunswick, St. Simons Island, Gainesville, St. Augustine and Jacksonville to assist in coordinating events. It is very helpful to have new suggestions and help from those local to an area, so everyone has something exciting to look forward to attending. If you have any questions regarding membership, events, renewal, etc., please send us an email at mbca.southern.stars@gmail.com.

Sending my best wishes for a beautiful Fall season,
Chase

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 Public Page: "MBCA.SouthernStars"

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Facebook Private Group: "MBCA.SouthernStars"

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

October

02 – First Saturday
8:00am-10:30am
Mercedes-Benz Cars & Coffee
Host: Mercedes of Orange Park

09 – Second Saturday
11:45am: Ladies with Mercedes
Host: German Schnitzel Haus
13475 Atlantic Blvd, Suite 40
Jacksonville, FL
See Page 9 for more details.

30 – Oktoberfest Drive & Dine
10:00am-4:00pm
Mercedes-Benz Cars & Coffee
Host: Yalaha Bakery, Yalaha, FL
See Page 7 for more details.

November

14 – Second Sunday
Ponte Vedra Auto Show
https://pvautoshow.com
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

December

04 – First Saturday
8:00am-10:30am
Mercedes-Benz Cars & Coffee
Host: Mercedes of Orange Park

04 – Ladies with Mercedes event
See Page 9 for more details.

12 – Second Sunday
1:00pm-3:30pm
Southern Stars Holiday Party
Host: Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine
Cost: $20 / per adult
See Page 5 for more details.

January

08 – Second Saturday
8:00am-11:00am
Caffeine & Octane
Host: Jacksonville Car Culture at the Avenues Mall
(No Section co-hosted Cars & Coffee due to the NYE Weekend.)

2021 Southern Stars Officers & Directors

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

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Do you have a 2021 Member Anniversary?

If you have been an MBCA member for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 45 or 50 years as of this year, please let us know your name for awards and certificates. Please email **DavidWommer@gmail.com** by November 12.

MBCA *"Refer a Friend"* program

Have you shared the benefits of MBCA with your friends and family? Rebates on new Mercedes-Benz vehicles as well as discounts on parts and labor (at participating locations) are just a few. You will receive an additional membership month for each new member who utilizes your membership number when they sign up!

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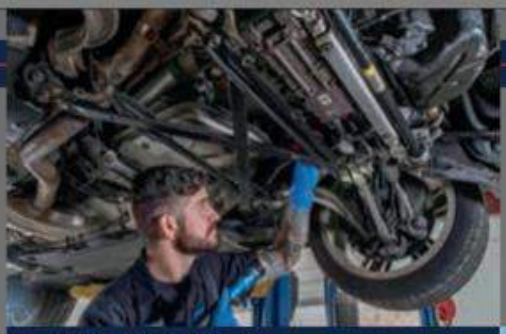

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Section News

In lieu of a section co-hosted Cars & Coffee in November, Southern Stars Members are encouraged to register eligible vehicles in the **Ponte Vedra Auto Show** on Sunday, November 14 10:30am-3:30pm.

Spectator admission and parking are free. Registration for the car show is $40.00 The show features up to 200 classic and collector cars all vying for the show's awards! We hope to see you there!

If you have a high-quality classic car, super car, modern collector car, or a custom, you are encouraged to register! We are anticipating some fantastic Mercedes!

https://PVAutoShow.com

After you register, please let us know via DavidWommer@gmail.com as we hope to form a Mercedes grouping at the request of *Justin Felker*, Ponte Vedra Auto Show Event Coordinator, also of Art 'n Motion.

Holiday Luncheon

The 2021 holiday luncheon will be on Sunday afternoon December 12 from 1:00pm-3:30pm at Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine, 4730 US-1 North, Saint Augustine, FL 32086

The cost is just $20.00 per person, including a catered meal, desserts, and admission to the museum showroom! *Pre-payment and RSVP are required.*

Pre-pay $20.00 by mailing a check to **MBCA Southern Stars Section, Inc.** P.O. Box 331193, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233 by **November 8th**, or you may give cash to David Wommer or Jackie Keener at any club event. *Please note, pets are not permitted.*

We will also be accepting new, unwrapped toys for our annual Toys for Tots Drive if you wish to donate a toy or a few toys! Thank you for your generosity!

If you have any questions, please reach out to us!

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Upcoming Events

Mercedes-Benz Cars & Coffee @ Mercedes-Benz of Orange Park
Saturday, October 2, 8:00am to 10:30am
7018 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32244

Oktoberfest Drive & Dine
Saturday, October 30, 10:00am-4:00pm

A perennial favorite! We will meet this year at the Walmart Super Center, at **1024 S State Road 19, Palatka, FL 32177**. From there, our Mercedes-Benz convoy will take us along scenic Lake Eustis on the way to Yalaha Bakery, Yalaha, FL. The duration will be approximately 90 minutes, or 75 miles. Yalaha Bakery is expected to have live music, a variety of German fare, delectable treats to take home, and a great selection of German beverages to enjoy on their outdoor dining terrace. It is suggested you bring a folding chair to ensure you have a seat in the event it is crowded! Arrive at the rendezvous point by 10:00am. Alternatively, you may meet us at the Bakery. Southern Stars Section Members, be on the lookout for an Evite invitation soon!

HAGERTY Let's Drive Together

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Recent Events

For August, Southern Stars celebrated the 8th month in style with E-Classes. The 8-Es of course! At Cars & Coffee Mark Cummins shared his high-spec E 320 wagon he custom-ordered in 2000. Top photos shared by VP Dave Wommer. For September, we showcased several stars at Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine where we saw a GLC 300, a G 55, a GLS 450, a classic SL, and a couple of E55s were shared for the first time! Bottom photos shared by Member Matthew Mason. Thank you!

For our September Drive & Dine event, we enjoyed a visit to *The Birthplace of Speed*, Ormond Beach. We toured "The Casements", the Winter home of John D. Rockefeller and current Cultural Community Center of Ormond Beach with many interesting exhibits. After the tour, we drove through the Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail before a water-front lunch overlooking the Tomoka River. Nearly a dozen MBCA members joined us. Photos 1-2 shared by Membership Director Gary Keener. Thank you to Jackie Keener for introducing us to The Casements! Thank you to Gary Keener for leading us through the scenic Ormond Scenic Loop and Trail. We look forward to more Dine & Drive adventures!

We look forward to our next events including the Ponte Vedra Auto Show and our Holiday Luncheon at Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine. *See more photos of our events on our social media, listed on page 2, or via MBCA Event Reports on www.MBCA.org*

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

Ladies with Mercedes

The Fall season is here, after a long pandemic delay, and we are hopeful that it will not hinder our plans for future Ladies with Mercedes activities together.

To start the season, two previously attended popular events, have been scheduled. German Schnitzel Haus Oktoberfest lunch and The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens.

October

October 9 – 11:45am. We will have lunch with fellow Southern Stars Section members, at the German Schnitzel Haus restaurant, located at 13475 Atlantic Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32225 (in Shopping Plaza**). RSVP by September 29** to Jean Webb - (904) 375-8751.

December

December 4 – 11:30am. The Cummer Museum. Lunch in the outside area of C/Café (optional), followed by a visit to a unique exhibition on "*Imprisoned but Empowered Cheyenne Warrior Artists at Ft. Marion, FL."*

For an explanation of the exhibit, visit: https://www.cummermuseum.org/visit/art/exhibition/imprisoned-but-empowered

Cummer Museum, 821 Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32204. (904) 356-6857 **RSVP by November 30** to Jean Webb - (904) 375-8751.

NOTE: Cummer Museum encourages visitors to call and verify their free admission. "*For the safety of our staff, community, and youngest visitors, masks are strongly recommended*."

Reserve today at:
https://www.cummermuseum.org/events/type/admission

Thanks again to Sulee Taranto for her participation in the Ladies with Mercedes "Lady-Of-The Month" photo/short story, for our previous newsletter.

The positive comments received about all the short stories have been great! Your Benz Short Stories are also needed and welcomed for future publications. Please send an e-mail with your "short story" to jfranw@bellsouth.net.

A special invitation is being extended to the Southern Stars Ladies to share their Mercedes stories in future Ladies with Mercedes-Benz newsletter articles. Will you be the next "Lady-of-the-Month"? Let me hear from you.

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