



# International Stars Section

## Quarterly Newsletter



**First Quarter Newsletter 2022**



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## Welcome to the following new members to our section

Bryan Dandurand, Brian Ruby, Elizabeth Johnson, Barbara Scappaticci,  
Jordan Sutton, William Woebkenberg

## Thank you to the following members for renewing their membership

Bryan Besler-Bergero	Michael Waldo	Charles Columbo	Raymond Putnam
Charles Yocum	Matt Zelond	Bruce Judycki	Ron Kadykowski
Harold Ruttan	MonuVell Kemp	David Cooley	Stephen Dakis
Steve Mahac	Sara Lancaster	Dewey Reeves	Syed Ahsan Warsi
Charles McIntyre	Jerry Youkelson	Andrew Emerson	Wendell Welper
	Albert Cassar	William Horner	Joseph Margevicius

## 2022 Kickoff Meeting

In case you missed the mid-quarter update or are a new member here is what we reviewed

- 2020-2021 Board Members
- Board Member Roles
- Election results for 2022-2023
- Review of 2021 events
- Member and officer of the year awards
- Member and vehicle profile of our section
- Events for 2022

Click the link below to view a copy of the slide show presented during the meeting

[Kickoff Meeting Presentation](#)

### Our Members

Model	2	Mercedes/Chrysler	3
Ann Arbor/Dallas	14	Netherlands	1
Bay City/Segway	1	New Orleans	1
Beaverton	2	Oakland	1
Belle Mead	2	Plymouth/Casco	10
Birmingham/Birmingham	28	Portland	2
Chicago	1	Pullman/Clark	4
Commerce/Turkey/Highland/White Lake	3	Rochester/Toyo	14
Dearborn	2	Rome	1
Detroit	8	Royal Oak/Detroit/Pensacola	4
Farmington/Bloomingtonville	8	South Carolina	1
Flint/Cleveland/Blacksburg/Dallas	5	South Lyon	2
Florida	6	Southfield	2
Grassie/Princeton	11	Stirling Heights	4
Indiana	2	Taylor	1
Lansing	7	Texas	1
Livonia	3	Warren	2
Macomb	8	Washington	1
Marysville	1	Waterford/Hoover/Detroit/Powder Mill/Pittsford	6
Midland	1	Windsor	1

200 Member as of 12/31/21  
Average Member joined in July 2008  
Longest member joined in 1975  
Newest Member joined in December 2021

### Cars we Drive

Model	Number of Vehicles	Model	Number of Vehicles
C	27	Mercedes	1
CLA	1	MUGLE	18
CLS	4	S	50
CLS	2	SL	61
E	68	SLC	2
G	2	SLK	2
GL450	2	SLR	1
GLA	1	Smart	2
GLK450	9	Sprinter	5

There are 258 Mercedes in the Club Data Base for our membership  
The average year is 1996  
E Classes are the most common follow by SL and S Class

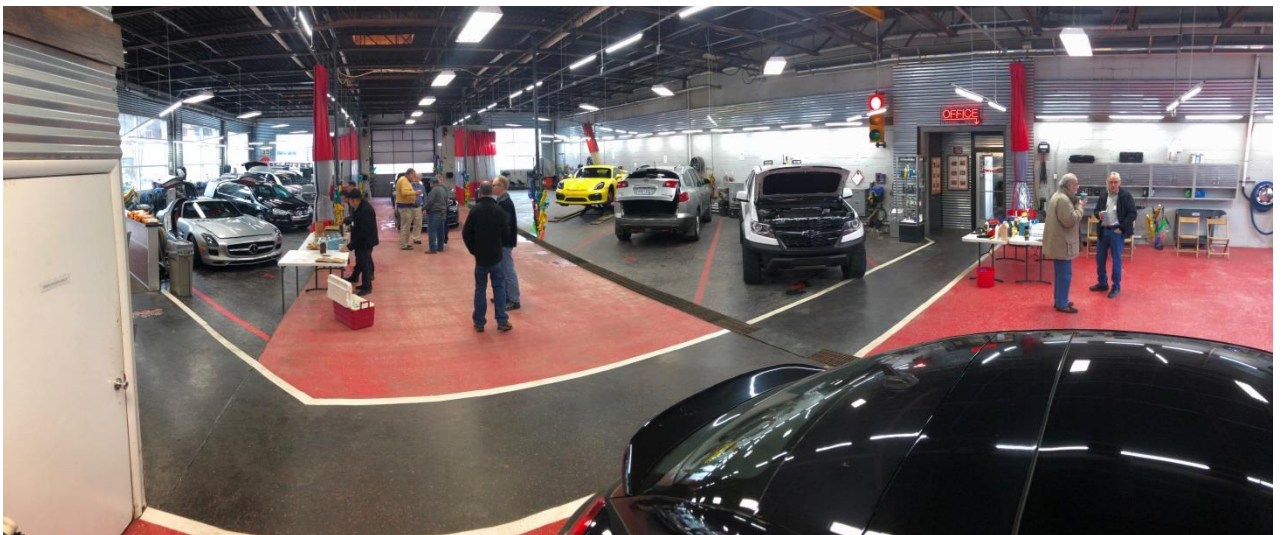


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## Postponed Event

### Detail Session

On Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> we had planned a detail session to be hosted by Classic Appreciation, however due to forces beyond their control Classic Appreciation requested we postpone to an as yet to be determined date in the future. We have had the pleasure of being able to see Classic Appreciation's facility and receive their coaching on how to care for our cars so hopefully it will be soon. In the prior kickoff presentation you can see some members getting door prizes at our last event there. To the right and below are some more pictures from that event to wet your appetite for when it gets arranged.





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## Upcoming Event!

### 2022 Spring Dust Off Driving Tour



Saturday May 21st, come out with the International Stars at our starting point of Mercedes Benz of Ann Arbor at 570 Auto Mall Drive Ann Arbor for our 2022 Spring Dust Off Driving Tour.

We will gather and start breakfast at 9:30 with time to mingle with fellow International Stars members, meet the team at Mercedes-Benz of Ann Arbor, check out the latest Mercedes models and talk cars with our fellow Mercedes enthusiasts.

At 10:30 we will head out for a drive through the hills, forest and lake area's west of Ann Arbor. We will work our way West and North and end at our final destination Zukey Lake Tavern for lunch.

This is a good time to take your baby out of storage, dust it off and get it ready for the driving season. Those of you who are early risers may also want to take in "Ann Arbor Cars and Coffee" at Zingerman's RoadHouse just prior to our event. It starts at 7:00 and ends at 9:00. It is located at 2501 Jackson Ave Ann Arbor MI in the Westgate Shopping Center, just 1.5 miles from our starting point at MB of Ann Arbor.

RSVP to [Rich Godfrey](#) (734) 377-7644 by May 12th



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## Comments from the board

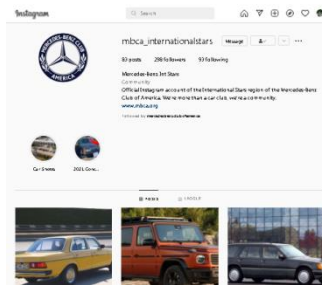
### Consider Becoming Part of Your Section Leadership:

Have you been thinking you would like to get more involved in the International Stars section of the Mercedes Benz Club in southeastern Michigan? Well, here is your chance.

#### - Social Media Chair

With everything being more digital, we need a person or more likely a team that can do the following.

- Updating the web page with content on the National club's web site for International stars
- Facebook page posts for members to stay current about the club
  - Gerry Mason our former membership chair has setup a Facebook and Instagram page for our section while also populating the sites with nice posts about various Benz models. Check them out below.
  - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IStarsMBCA/>
  - Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/mbca\\_internationalstars/](https://www.instagram.com/mbca_internationalstars/)
- Setting up a linkedIn account for the club
- Also any other potential ideas for the club in the online world



## Some things of interest in the car world.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each Month M1 Concourse Cars N Coffee 8:30-11am, Pontiac MI
- April 9<sup>th</sup> Waterford Hills Open Track Day, Waterford
- April 26<sup>th</sup> – September 27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Cruise Nights Holy Cow Creamery 5-8pm, Wyandotte
- May through September Wednesday night Cruise In Gilmore Car Museum 5-8pm, Hickory Corners
- Last Saturday of every month Caffeine and Chrome Gateway Classic Cars 9am-12pm, Dearborn
- May 7<sup>th</sup> Milan Dragway Grudge Racing, Milan
- May 15<sup>th</sup> All Mopar Car Show & Swap Meet Packard Proving Grounds 8am-3pm, Shelby Township
- May 29 41<sup>st</sup> Festival of Cars – Factory or Restored Original Vehicles Only Rochester Municipal Park 9am-5pm, Rochester



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## 2022 Schedule of Events

- **May 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30am:** Spring dust off driving tour from Mercedes Benz of Ann Arbor to Zukey Lake Tavern.
- **July 9<sup>th</sup>:** Deutsche Marques All German Show at Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners. Multiple sections in the region will have representation there and Western MI MBCA section president Matt Short is on the Executive Committee of the Deutsche Marques
- **August TBD:** Car show at MB Financial – Farmington, MI
- **August TBD:** Car show at Mercedes Benz R&D – Redford, MI
- **September 16-18:** Detroit Concours (Concours of America) at the DIA
- **October 15<sup>th</sup>:** Deutsche Marques Oktoberfest at Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners (Western MI MBCA)
- **October 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Fall color tour
- **December:** MBCA International Stars Holiday Party

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 2022?



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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.