



Mercedes-Benz Club of America | International Stars Section

Help out this July. Contact Pete Williams at pwmbca@aol.com

STARS News, April, 2011 The inside scoop on the MBCA | International Stars

2011 Coming Attractions

Mercedes-Benz 125th Anniversary July 23-24



The famous M-B Gull Wing of the 1950's

Mercedes Financial (formerly Daimler Financial) has let us know that there have been several changes to the original concept. They are working on the details of the event and the proposed budget numbers.

This event will have limited admission.

We will let you know when things have been finalized. We will be representing MBCA and trying to get you as much information as possible.

This looks like it will be a fantastic event! I'll let you know more as soon as I can. More at the following link: <http://www.luxist.com/2011/01/28/mercedes-benz-celebrates-125-years-of-automotive-excellence/>

The \$1,000 Car

The \$1000 car needed some more parts... The symptom this time was that pushing the clutch pedal down would not release the clutch on the engine. The only way to move the car was to start it in gear. Once the car was running it could not be shifted from one gear to another. The only way to stop the car from moving in that situation was to apply the brakes and stall the engine. With the clutch pedal positioned against the floor it was decided that the problem was the clutch slave and clutch master cylinder. The parts were ordered and installed by Roy Hunter. As the "assistant" I got the pleasure of pumping the clutch pedal up and down while Roy opened and closed the bleeder valve to allow the air to be removed from the lines and to be filled with hydraulic fluid. Curiously, during this experience I found that the brake system brake reservoir also is the clutch fluid reservoir. I had not expected that as I always thought that they were separate. They are not. Now the car runs and drives well. Stay tuned... something else will be needed.

GIANT AUTO COLLECTION TOUR April Dust-Off / Crank-Up Auto Collection Tour

RSVP TODAY 586-293-0935

Sunday, April 17, 2011 we have been invited to tour the Richard (Dick) Kughn auto collection. Mr. Kughn is a pre-eminent collector of a variety of classic cars. For many years he had a collection called Car Rail which only included selected vehicles and toy trains. Car Rail no longer exists. In the interim, Mr. Kughn has sold some of his cars and bought some more. His collection is exceptional and is not open to the general public. This tour will include his multiple storage buildings in the Farmington, Livonia and Plymouth area. If you have ever been to Car Rail, and wondered where the rest of the collection was located, you will see it on this tour. The tour starts at 10 AM with lunch at about 2-3 PM. See the flyer included in this STARS News. We will be joining VMCCA and Buick clubs. Bring your camera!

National Events:

There are three MBCA National Events that are close by and warrant your attention. Go to the link on the MBCA website to read about the events.

Star Tech – Milwaukee April 29 – May 1

<http://www.mbca.org/event/2011-04-29/startech-2011-april-29th-may-1st>

Gemutlichkeit 2011- May 20 – 24

Western Ohio

<http://www.mbca.org/event/2011-05-21/gemutlichkeit-2011-may-21-24> See the article below.

<http://benzclub.org/info/gemutlichkeit-2011/gemutlichkeit-2011-registration/>

The Circle Lake Huron Tour Sept. 24 – 30, 2011

You are invited to join fellow MBCA members in the second Great Lake Mille, a tour around Lake Huron. Registration \$235. There are many things to see and do on the tour. See the flyer below.

Financial Report: Our section is in great financial health. Treasurer Steve Mahac reported at the March, 2011 meeting that the MBCA Section Financial Report has been completed and has been accepted by the auditor. We are up to date on our financial and tax requirements. (Great job Steve.)

I'd like to thank Bob Beltz for his legal guidance and assistance. Bob has been very instrumental in ensuring that the MBCA Raffle meets state requirements.

Officers

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This issue's content was provided by Pete Williams. Want to participate?

Send your article to pwmmbca@aol.com.

Want to help? We need a Secretary. Drop Pete an email...

International Stars Section MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Go to this link: <http://www.mbc.org/section/international-stars>

The monthly board and membership meetings are usually held at **6:30 PM the first Tuesday of every month** at the **Crash Landing Restaurant., 2011: Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7, Jul 12*, Aug 2, Sep 13*, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6.** (* = 2nd Tuesday Meeting)

Please forward any agenda items to: Pete Williams, President, MBCA International Stars: via email, phone or by mail: 1-586-293-0935 or 15561 Sherwood, Fraser, Mi. 48026 **Location:** Crash Landing Restaurant - 26620 Dequindre Rd, Warren, MI 48091-3938, 586-751-4444 (Just North of 696)

Any current, new or prospective member is welcome to attend. We usually have a business meeting which is interrupted by a short dinner. We have always had a policy which allowed our attending members to either order – or not – a meal at our monthly board / general meeting.

This isn't about Me – It's your club

People sometimes think that the leader of an organization wants to be the only one who runs things. The leaders of car clubs are really only temporarily leading the parade. They are care-takers and ones whose job it is to ensure that the organization is healthy and continues. Good leaders want other members to participate and to help. After all it's much more fun to do something together than all alone. It's your club! Participate! Volunteer! Help out when you can! You can help this summer!

New MBCA Website? www.mbc.org

What's out there right now?

Have you traveled to another part of North America and wondered if there is a local MBCA section enroute or at your destination. There is an easy way to find out. Go to the www.MBCA.org website and click on the "**Local Clubs / Section**" tab. This will bring up a map of the USA and Canada. You can search by zipcode, click on the map or scroll down to see if there is a section where you are going to be. Contact information can be obtained by clicking on successive links to open new pages. This will allow you to find out who the respective section's officers are and their contact information. You can ask them about coming events. Then you can go there and participate in those events because you are an MBCA member.

Another option is to find out if there is a section where you may be contemplating retirement. Sometimes retirement, if one is fortunate enough, allows one to split their time between one part of the country and another. For a modest fee you can become a member of both our section and at your retirement destination.

Coming Events – Past Events

- January 29: Tour Eastern Market and Lunch at Roma Café – Dining with the STARS
 - February 28: Antique show – Southfield Pavilion with food
 - March: Just the regular meeting March 1
 - April 17 **SUNDAY:** Crank Up Tour the Dick Kuhn private collection – 4 buildings (Livonia area) see the flyer
 - May 14: MB-SCS Spring Value Day Open House Bring your M-B and Park at their Used Car showroom.
 - May: Spring Driving Tour: Nichols Arboretum
 - June 12: Car Show Participation (Cars R Stars).
 - July 21-23 M-B 125th Anniversary (see article) July 30-31 MBCA Regional Event 2 days in Plymouth area
 - July 30: Defensive Driving / Auto Cross,
 - July 31: Mini car show in the parking area of the Concours D' Elegance of America (formerly Meadow Brook) at the new location.
 - August 13: Eastern Market Summer Tour
 - August 20: Woodward Dream Cruise
 - September 18: Show / Shine / New Members party at the Shooting Club – Auburn Hills
 - October: Pumpkin Color Tour with other car clubs
 - November: Date TBD National Board Meeting, tours and parties; Pre Thanksgiving Pot Luck
 - December: Progressive Holiday Party
- If you have any event ideas, let us know.

We have **events in July** where we will need your help. Look at the coming events above and give me a call. Any level of participation is welcome. We can have some fun. Together many of us can have some neat experiences. It's much more fun to do all this stuff with other like-minded people! Pete Williams



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April 17, 2011 (Sunday)
Dust-Off / Crank-Up Auto Collection Tour

With The Buick Club and the VMCCA – Detroit Chapter

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Starts at 10:00 am

Meet at: 22456 Orchard Lake Rd, Farmington, Mi 48336
North of Grand River and South of 10 mile. It is on the East side of Orchard Lake.

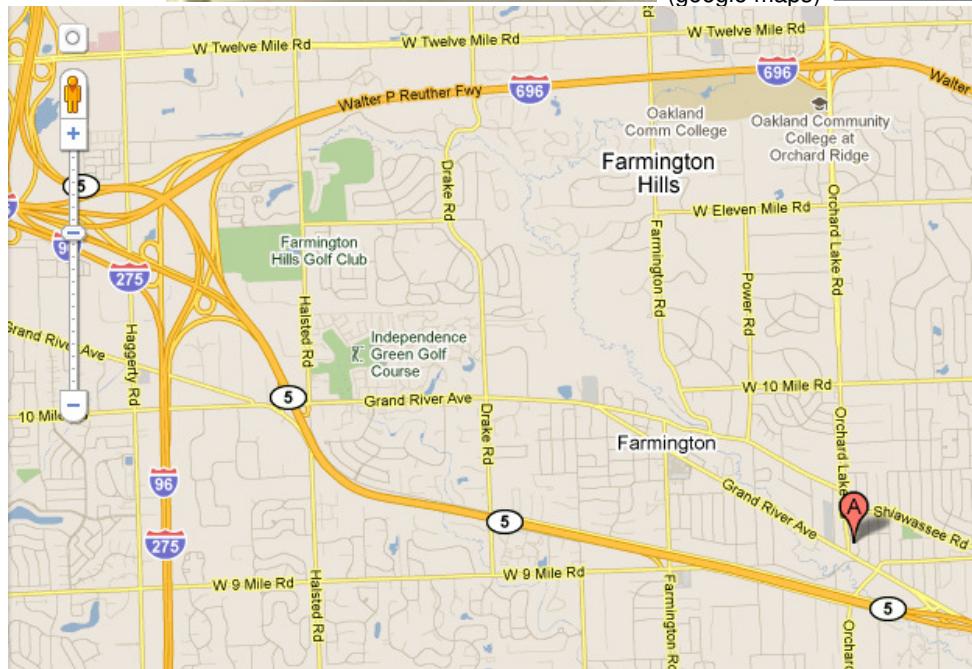


(google maps)

Subsequent destinations will be announced at the first destination.

For insurance purposes RSVP to Pete Williams at 586-293-0935 or via email pwmbca@aol.com

By April 14, 2011



PARKING:
Only antique cars park up by the first garage. Modern cars can park all around across the street etc.
No sense getting there at 9 because they won't open till Ruth & Don & Pete get there at 10 AM

Lunch will be at about 2-3 PM at **Thomas's Dining** 33971 Plymouth Rd (south side of the street between Farmington and Stark Rd) 734-261-8890

This is a great way to start the collector car driving season.

You are invited to join fellow MBCA members in the Second Great Lakes Mille

September 24 -30, 2011

The Circle Lake Huron Tour



Elk Viewing, Wine Tasting,
Gourmet Dinner Thunder Bay
Resort, Hillmand

Tour concludes with German
Buffet in Frankenmuth

Kick-off Dinner St Clair Inn
View Great Lakes Freighters
Visit the Wills-St Claire Museum

Orientation to Manitoulin Island at Gordon's Lodge

Chi-Cheemaun Ferry to Manitoulin Island

Reception Benmiller Lodge and Spa
Visit Canada's "Prettiest Little Town"

INVITATION

You are invited to join fellow MBCA members in the second Great Lake Mille, a tour around Lake Huron including the Bruce Peninsula and Georgian Bay. You may apply for participation with an interesting car of any marque as long as you are, or become, and MBCA member.

Registration fee of \$235 includes Kick-off Dinner, Reception at Benmiller, Ferry to Manitoulin Island, concluding German buffet, tour binder with driving suggestions, and commemorative vest.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
AUGUST 15, 2011

REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION MATERIALS

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State __ Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Car for tour: _____

Number participating: _____

Mail or Scan this form to :
Ron Harshman, Tourmeister
33 W Delaware Apt 10J
Chicago, IL 60610
r_harshmen1234@msn.com
218-213-4967

visit us on the web for important updates: www.carsrstars.com

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Cars 'R' Stars @ PPG

Returns

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2011

This year's theme:

**The Classic Beauty of Wood in Auto Styling
8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

- Huge Indoor/Outdoor Swap Meet with Arts & Crafts area
 - Large selection of cars for purchase (car corral)
 - Class & Club Awards - Custom Collectable trophies
 - Preferred Club Parking (must be reserved ahead)
- Music by DJ Jammin' Jerry - Food, drink and ice cream vendors
- Self-guided tours of historic 1928 Gate Lodge - Gift Shop Open

-----REGISTRATION FORM-----

Name _____ Show Cars # _____ @ \$15* \$ _____

Address _____ Car Corral Space# _____ @ \$15* \$ _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Swap Space Outdoor 10x30'# _____ @ \$15* \$ _____

Phone _____ Swap Space Indoor 10x12'# _____ @\$20** \$ _____

E-Mail _____ *\$20 Day of Meet **\$25 Day of Meet Total \$ _____

Show Car Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Stock/Modified (Circle)

Club Name Is swap space for Arts& Crafts? yes/no (Circle)

I accept and assume full liability for any injury or loss to me or my property, agents or employees at any time and from any cause on the premises of the show. I expressly release the management from any liability for such loss or injury and agree to provide and pay for my own insurance. Signature required below:

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail check payable to: CARS 'R' STARS @ PPG Send completed form and check to the appropriate address below:

CAR SHOW REGISTRATIONS: 9157 Timberline Drive, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

SWAP MEET/ARTS & CRAFTS: 1835 Spring Grove, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

Register now to guarantee preferred Club Parking
General Admission \$5/adult, Under 12 Free

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