



STARS News

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International Stars Section

September, 2011

Coming Events:

September 17 – Show & Shine / New Members Party

October 15 – Color Pumpkin Tour

November 19 – Pre Thanksgiving Party

December 10 – Progressive Holiday Party

President's Message

October Color Pumpkin Tour – Oct. 15

Our events this year have been fantastic. Not much can top the Concours 125th Anniversary event. (see the pictures later in this newsletter) Our International Stars Section is strong both financially and in spirit. We have several events remaining for 2011. Come out and bring your favorite Mercedes-Benz. If your MB is in the shop, drive whatever else you drive... but come and join us in having fun.

In October we will have our Color Pumpkin Tour with other car clubs. Right now the VMCCA-Detroit Chapter is going to be joining us. Our tour this year will take in the sights on the northeastern part of the Detroit Metro Area.

Show & Shine / New Members Party - Sept. 17

The 2011 Show and Shine / New Members Party will be held back at the German American Marksmanship Club, 2650 Auburn Rd, Auburn Hills Michigan. We will start at 11 AM and wind up around 3 PM. The cost for current members is \$10 per person. New members (within the last 12 months) are free. Teenage and younger children are free.

We start out by meeting at the Big Boy restaurant at Garfield and Hall Rd. If you want breakfast please get to Big Boy before 8 AM. We will be leaving the Big Boy parking lot at 9 AM for our drive to Marysville. In Marysville we will stop and tour the Wills St. Claire museum. After about an hour (it's a small museum) we will drive to the Dorsey House for Lunch in Clyde, Michigan. After lunch we will proceed to Selfridge Air Museum to view their collection. The museum is housed on the military base (behind the security fences) <http://www.selfridgeairmuseum.org/> If you want to visit this museum we must comply with the security regulations. They are regularly open noon – 4:30 PM on weekends until the end of October.

Bring a pot luck dish for the buffet. If your address Ends in an even number, bring a dessert. If your address ends in an odd number bring a salad or a specialty food. Bring your own beverages. Bottled water will be provided. If your dish requires chilling bring it in a cooler with ice. If you are a vegan, bring your own food. MBCA will provide brats, burgers, buns, and tableware.

The Wills St. Claire was a car that was made by one of Henry Ford's engineers after he was bought out by Mr. Ford. The car was produced from 1921 – 1926. They were robust and very advanced for their time. While this is a small museum, it is an interesting peek into the early 1920's. If you want to know more about Wills St. Clare visit their web page at: <http://www.willsautomuseum.org>

The cars will be judged by acclamation. Cars will be positioned by color.

There is a large pavillion and a cook house.

RSVP to Adam Lumsden, 214 Grosvenor, Rochester Hills, Mi. 48307. New Members call Adam at 248-505-4832. **See the attached flyer.**

RSVP to Pete Williams via email (pwmbca@aol.com) or **after Sept 10 586-293-0935**

Pre Thanksgiving Party – Nov 19

We are going to have a Pre Thanksgiving party again this year. This year it will be at Pete Williams' home in Fraser, Mi. Last year's event was fun and wonderful. **Please view the attached flyer** for more information. RSVP by Nov. 12 to Pete Williams at 586-293-0935 or pwmbca@aol.com.

Progressive Holiday Party – Dec 10

We are going to have another progressive Holiday Party December 10. We are looking for 3 places to have the event. We are looking for a place where we can start out. We'd like the place to be a beer sampling or wine sampling establishment. Next, we would like to have someone volunteer their home to have the main course. Finally, we need to have a third destination where we can display your desserts and then consume them. (Yum!)

We would like to have this event in the Ferndale / Pleasant Ridge / Royal Oak area.

If you have any ideas let Pete Williams know. See the "under construction" flyer later in this newsletter.

International Stars Section MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Go to this link: <http://www.mbca.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., Sep 13*, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6. (* = 2nd Tuesday Meeting)**

Special note: Nov 1 Meeting will be at the Henry Hotel in Dearborn. This will be where the National MBCA will be having their fall Board Meeting. We will provide more detail as the months proceed.

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.

Officers

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

Send your article to pwmbca@aol.com.

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

Concours 2012 - Many say "Do it again!"

We got many emails from folks who liked the show enough to write to us and ask us to do it again. We have put a budget together and submitted it to the National MBCA. We are asking them to support the event. We have received warm notes of encouragement from various MBCA Board Members to support this event. We will not do Defensive Driving / Autocross on the same weekend as another section in our region will be holding one in June. We will keep you informed of our plans.

NEW WEB SITE for INTERNATIONAL STARS Have you visited our new web page yet?

<http://internationalstars.mbca.org/>

In order to get to the newsletters you must go to the bottom of the page and click on "Newsletters".

August 13 – Eastern Market Summer Tour

This event was almost a bust! While there were a lot of Eastern Market "folks" present, no MBCA members were at the meeting place. Eastern Market which is a great place to buy produce from the many vendors. Antique shopping at one of the stores that border the Market area was also fun.

At around 11 AM we went to the Roma Café There Juergen and Jabi Kiehne and their guest Jan Jessberger came to join us. We had a very nice lunch. After lunch Juergen, Jabi and Jan went to visit the Eastern Market Stalls. It was great to meet Juergen, Jabi and Jan and to have lunch partners.

August 19 - Mercedes-Benz Research and Development

The event started at 11 AM the Redford M-B Research and Development Center (MBRD). We were greeted by a very friendly staff and we parked our cars to display them for the staff at the MBRD. Several employees also brought their favorite collectable car as well.

We had a very nice mix of cars from a 1956 190 SL to a 2008 SL550. Fifteen MBCA members were there in 13 cars.

We had a very nice barbeque lunch along with the employees of the MBRD. Next, we were given a demonstration of an Electric A Class MB and its charging station. Finally we had a tour of their facility.

At the end we got a surprise... Namely that Don Mac Donald had won a trophy for Best Car!

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)
- May 14: BTL- Breakfast, Tech, Lunch Event Novi, then Manchester, Mi. After lunch drive to; MB-SCS Spring Value Day Open Haus. Bring your M-B and Park at their Used Car showroom.
- June 12: Car Show Participation (Cars R Stars).
- June 25th Algonac Boat and Car Show
- M-B 125th Anniversary
July 30-31 MBCA National and Regional Event 2 days in Plymouth area
 July 30: Regional Defensive Driving / Auto Cross,
 July 31: National MBCA Special Event with Mercedes-Benz Financial Services Concours D' Elegance of America (formerly Meadow Brook) at the new location.
- August 13: Eastern Market Summer Tour (flyer)
- August 19: MB Research & Development in Redford: Show Your Car, Lunch & Tour 11 am- 3 pm (see small article elsewhere in this newsletter)
- August 20: Woodward Dream Cruise
- **COMING EVENTS**
- **September 17: Show / Shine / New Members party at the Shooting Club – Auburn Hills (flyer)**
- **October 15: Pumpkin Color Tour with other car clubs**
- **November 1-5: National Board Meeting, tours and parties**
- **November 19: Pre Thanksgiving Pot Luck see the flyer**
- **December 10: Progressive Holiday Party see the flyer**

If you have any event ideas, let us know



Jerison Bradshaw's 1956 190SL, Dewey Reeves' Coupe



John Ball Checks out the all electric A Class – a new racer?

August 19 - Mercedes-Benz Research and Development - Pictures



A little extra polish always works! – Don Mac Donald



Wally Semaru wonders why Trish Briggs' Car is more red than his. Trish Briggs points out features to Lynn Semaru.



Jerison Bradshaw (hat) shows an employee his 190SL



Dewey Reeves and Darryl James enjoy a cold Coke

August 19 - Mercedes-Benz Research and Development – Pictures - continued



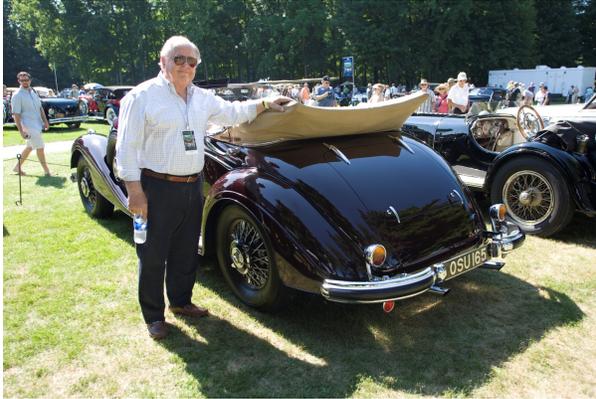
Clockwise: Top- A line of MBCA cars, Lunch, Lunch, Group shot of Don Mac Donald's winning 280SL... maybe the extra polish helped!, Lunch, MBRD employees puzzle over Pete Williams' diesel – simple but confusing
The weather was beautiful. All in all it was a fun day. Thanks to all who came to the event!



125th Anniversary Concours Pictures



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It was a very busy day! Congratulations to MBCA for supporting a great event at a very nice new venue for the Concours d' Elegance of America at St. John's. Also... Many thanks to the extremely generous Mercedes-Benz Financial Services employees and staff. Even our photographer got into the spirit of all things Mercedes-Benz! (the last picture)



Mercedes-Benz Club of America | International Stars Section

SHOW & SHINE / NEW MEMBERS PARTY

September 17, 2011

REVISED FLYER **11:00 AM – 3:00 PM**



GERMAN-AMERICAN MARKSMANSHIP CLUB

Deutsch-Amerikanischer Schuetzenverein

MBCA |International Stars will host our annual picnic and show and shine car show. This is also our **NEW MEMBERS PARTY**, so if you have joined recently – This is your opportunity to meet the club and show your car!

There will be informal vehicle** judging with ribbons for the winners. Voting is by acclamation for the best car by color!

Bring a potluck dish for the buffet.

If your address ends in an even number, bring a Dessert, or a Side Dish. If your address ends in an odd number, bring a Salad or a Specialty food. If your dish requires chilling, bring it in a cooler with ice. Bring your own beverages. If you are a vegan, bring your own food!

MBCA will provide tableware, napkins, sausages (Wurst und Brats) and buns. Gas grills inside the food pavilion will be available.

RAIN OR SHINE



[2650 Auburn Road](#)
[Auburn Hills, MI 48326](#)

Directions:

I-75 to Opdyke Exit. South on Opdyke to Auburn Rd. Left on Auburn Rd, go under I-75, The club will be on the South side of the road just past the bridge. We are using the park behind the building

RSVP and remit \$10.00 per person*
(Make Checks payable to MBCA-IS)

Mail to: Adam Lumsden, 214 Grosvenor, Rochester Hills, Mi. 48307
Please call 248-505-4832 if you have any questions

*** NOTE: New Members = Free (but we still need to know if you are participating)**
**** Judged vehicles will be of European origin (preferably not your daily set of wheels)**
If you bring your normal daily car, and it's not a MB please park in the front parking area.



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2011 Pumpkin Color Tour Marysville to Clyde to Selfridge

Saturday October 15

Have breakfast and start at the Big Boy Restaurant at the corner of M59 and Garfield. If you are going to have breakfast, please arrive at least by 8 AM so you can finish before we leave.



Leave Big Boy Restaurant parking lot at 9 AM for a back road drive to the **Wills St. Claire Museum** in Marysville. <http://www.willsautomuseum.com/> We expect that we will stay at the museum for about an hour. We should get there around 10 – 10:30 AM



Drive to Clyde, Michigan to have lunch at the **Dorsey House**. A restaurant has been at this location since 1847. This is a fairly new building with all the amenities we need. If you want to know more about the Dorsey house see their web page: <http://www.thedorseyhouse.com> Check out their moderately priced menu.

After lunch we drive to **Selfridge Air Museum** in Harrison Township. Check out their web page. <http://www.selfridgeairmuseum.org/> We will have to enter their secured military facility to visit the museum. Be sure to have your ID (each person in the car), registration and proof of insurance.

We do not travel on any interstate freeway. We are only traveling on back roads which are paved. The entire route is around 100 – 105 miles. Directions will be available at the starting point.

RSVP to Pete Williams at pwmbca@aol.com or call **AFTER Sept 10. 586-293-0935**

Your hosts are MBCA-International Stars and VMCCA-Detroit Chapter: Scott Manning & Pete Williams



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Pre Thanksgiving Pot Luck

November 19, 6:30 PM

At Pete Williams' home: 15561 Sherwood, Fraser, Mi. 48026

RSVP by November 12 to pwmbca@aol.com or call 586-293-0935

Roast Turkey & Potatoes provided by Pete Williams

Pot Luck dishes to be provided by you:

If your address ends in an **Odd number** bring a dessert or a side dish.

If your address ends in an **Even number** bring a salad or a specialty food.

Suggested items needed: Cooked Stuffing / Dressing, Vegetables, Salad, Dessert, Cranberry Jelly / Sauce.

Refreshments: BYOB



Walk or Drive your Benz or daily driver for some fun and really good food.

Directions: From 696 – North on Grosebeck to Utica Rd. Left on Utica Rd to Masonic. Left on Masonic to Sherwood Lane. Rt on Sherwood Lane. First house on the cul de sac. Note: Please observe no parking zones. Suggestion: Use a GPS or look up on an internet map.



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Progressive Holiday Dinner Party



Under Construction... We're just starting to put this together... Watch this spot... Got any ideas... Let Pete Know. We're targeting Ferndale to Royal Oak Area

December 10, 2011,

5:30 PM

\$35 Each

Reservations are already being accepted.

*Starting At:
To be announced*

RSVP by 11/22 needed from you. Contact Pete Williams at 586-293-0935 or pwmbca@aol.com