

Southern Stars Section

Mercedes-Benz Club of America



July / August 2023

<http://SouthernStars.MBCA.org>

Welcome New Members!

As of 7/15/23
(May-July)

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

Martin Neville Jacksonville, FL

Welcome to MBCA members who moved into our section!

Steven Lewis From North Texas

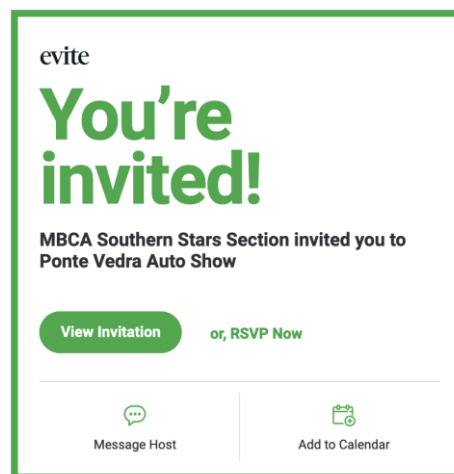
Thank you to our members who renewed their membership!

Gordon Earle	Jacksonville, FL
Jean Webb	Fleming Island, FL
Alan Roth	Fernandina Beach, FL
Monroe Taranto	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Rodney Matthews	Jacksonville, FL
Timothy Dee	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Mark Cummins	Jacksonville, FL
Donald Morford	Jacksonville, FL
Paul Newman	Jacksonville, FL
Steven Koskinen	Jacksonville, FL
John Jurick	Tybee Island, GA
Henry Webb	Fleming Island, FL
Todd Missroon	Savannah, GA
Jeff Rotatori	Narragansett, RI
Edwin Anderson	Jacksonville, FL
Joseph Dahm	Savannah, GA
Lillian Shinhoster	Savannah, GA
Michael Philippi	Jacksonville, FL
Antonio Cancel	Jacksonville, FL

Our "Evening with The Stars" event at the Jacksonville Sports Car Museum was a car lovers paradise!



We utilize **Evite** to share event announcements. Evite is a free app from Google Play or the Apple Store. If you create a free Evite account with the same email address on file with MBCA, you'll see our invitations in your app and in your email. Please add "evite@mailva.evite.com" and "info@mailva.evite.com" to your "safe senders" if needed.





The Heat is on....but so is the AC!

A big thank you to all our MBCA members and friends who attended our recent tour of The Brumos Collection and Midtown Table luncheon. As usual, their collection did not disappoint us as we took in an array of vintage classic cars, race cars, and specialty vehicles. To continue our escape from the heat, our next museum tour will be the Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine on Saturday, August 19th.

Our Evening with the Stars event was a huge success with MBCA Members from several sections in Florida in attendance. We celebrated 60 years of the Pagoda and Southern Stars member, Ray Hays, shared his beautiful 1968 280SL "California" Pagoda. Among the other Mercedes-Benz that were shared were a 2021 AMG GT "Stealth Edition" Roadster by Martin Neville, a 2008 SL65 AMG V12 by A.J. Blastos, and a 2023 SL 63 by General Manager, Moe Ghanimah and New Car Sales Manager, Alex Shelver of Mercedes-Benz of Orange Park. We are extremely appreciative that The Sports Car Museum of Jacksonville afforded us the opportunity to display some special vehicles at their facility and enjoy their very special collection of vehicles.

Have you heard of the Mercedes GRANDE? The [2023 Mercedes GRANDE](#) in Indianapolis, Indiana is a celebration of all things Mercedes-Benz. Four days of Mercedes-Benz Culture, Causes, People, Lifestyle, Technology and Cars Presented by the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. Please consider attending this special event.

As we head into fall, please save the dates for our **Oktoberfest Drive & Dine (Oct 21)** and the **Ponte Vedra Auto Show (Nov 12)**. Save the dates and consider registering your car for the Ponte Vedra Auto Show as registration will begin on Monday, August 7, 2023. To register, visit the link below:

<https://pvautoshow.com/m/login?r=%2Fregister-your-car>

Please remember that our newsletter is transitioning into a "clickable" format so when you see an image or link, give it a click!

Cordially,

Gary Keener
Southern Stars President

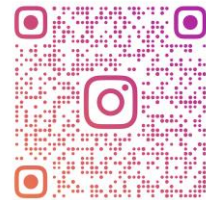
Technology News

Our social media accounts:

Instagram:

"Southern_Stars_MBCA"

https://www.instagram.com/Southern_Stars_MBCA



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Facebook Public Page:

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



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<http://SouthernStars.MBCA.org>

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Upcoming Events

August

12 – Saturday (Open to Public)

Caffeine & Octane Jacksonville

HOST: Avenues Mall

8-11 AM (See Page 6.)

19 – Saturday (MBCA & Friends)

Classic Car Museum of St.

Augustine Tour

HOST: Classic Car Museum of

St Augustine

8-10 AM (See Page 6.)

24 – Thursday (All MBCA Members)

Mercedes-Benz EQ Showcase

& Tech Session

HOST: Mercedes-Benz of

Orange Park & Ladies with

Mercedes (Jean Webb)

11 AM – 1 PM (See Page 5.)

September

9 – Saturday (Open to Public)

Caffeine & Octane Jacksonville

HOST: Avenues Mall

8-11 AM (See Page 6.)

23 – Saturday (Open to Public)

Cars & Cannons

HOST: Fort Clinch State Park

9 AM – 2 PM

October

14 – Saturday (Open to Public)

Caffeine & Octane Jacksonville

HOST: Avenues Mall

8-11 AM (See Page 6.)

21 – Saturday (MBCA Members)

Oktoberfest Drive & Dine

HOST: Southern Stars

8-11 AM (Location TBD)

November

12 – Saturday (Open to Public)

Ponte Vedra Auto Show

HOST: Art `n Motion

10 AM - 3 PM

2023 Southern Stars Officers & Directors

All the officers and directors' welcome calls and emails from the membership.

Please reach out to us if you have any concerns or suggestions

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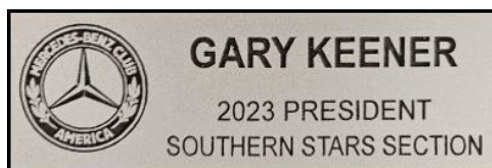
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MBCA "Refer a Friend" Program

Have you shared the benefits of MBCA? Rebates and discounts are just the beginning. For each new member who utilizes your membership number and/or name when they sign up, you will receive an additional month of membership! Just have them put your name and or member number on their "referred by" area of the membership application.

Do you have an official MBCA name badge?



Name badges help us all put a face to a name when we are together!
We recommend a 2-line silver version for most members.

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Ladies with Mercedes

Are you curious about Mercedes-Benz Electric Vehicles? Do you have questions you would like to get answered? This is your opportunity to see what the "EV's" are all about. Working with New Car Sales Manager, Alex Shelver of Mercedes-Benz of Orange Park, we have arranged to have a Technical Sales Instructor tell us what these vehicles are all about. Come armed with your questions and learn about the fascinating technology that is built into these vehicles. This event is open to ALL MBCA Members, not just the Ladies with Mercedes. The showcase will be on Thursday, August 24, 2023, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We realize that some of our members work and might have challenges during this time frame so we will work toward having another session in the future on a Saturday to accommodate members with schedule conflicts. Be on the lookout for an Evite email invitation as we need to provide the dealer with the anticipated attendance.

LOCATION: Mercedes-Benz of Orange Park – 7018 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32244

For questions, please contact Jean Webb (organizer) at the info below.

Jean Webb, Ladies with Mercedes Chair jfranw@bellsouth.net (904) 375-8751

Upcoming Events



Caffeine & Octane Jacksonville @ The Avenues Mall

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

Held on the Second Saturday monthly, we stage up next to the Exotics Lot, in front of the “Furniture Source” anchor store. Aim for Gate #3 if you can remain in the *Central Lot*.



Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine Tour

Saturday, August 19, 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM

4730 US-1, St. Augustine, FL 32086

On Saturday, August 19, from 8:00-10:00 AM, we will take a break from the summer heat of August for an air-conditioned tour of the Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine to have some car talk while enjoying each other’s Mercedes-Benz. Bring your kids or grand kids and let them enjoy the spectacular collection of cars at this museum.

Tickets are only \$15 + tax and children under 12 years old are free.



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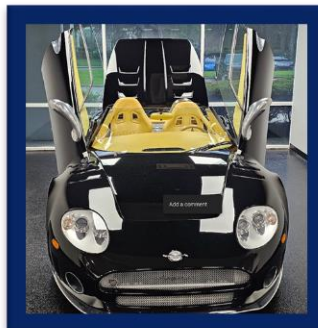
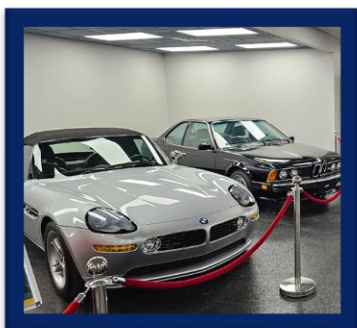
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June Events

“Car lovers paradise” would be a way to describe the collection we experienced at [The Jacksonville Sports Car Museum](#). From iconic classics to contemporary gems, this collection showcases the evolution of manual sports cars over several decades. Each meticulously curated vehicle told its own story, allowing us to immerse ourselves in the rich history and craftsmanship of these timeless automobiles. It’s safe to say that there was “eye candy” for every taste. During this event, we celebrated 60 years of the Mercedes-Benz Pagoda and our very own MBCA Southern Stars member, Ray Hays of Gemstone Media, was kind enough to share his “California” Pagoda with us. Special thanks also go to MBCA members Martin Neville of [Tint World Baymeadows](#), AJ Blastos and [Mercedes-Benz of Orange Park](#) for sharing their very special Mercedes-Benz vehicles with us. A huge shout out to the museum for hosting this event for us before they were open to the public and a huge thank you to our Regional Director, David Wommer, for coordinating this event.



July Events

MBCA Members, who joined us from three sections and two regions, toured [The Brumos Collection](#) automotive museum in Jacksonville, Florida for our "Summer Series" of air-conditioned experiences! The Brumos Collection has been named the Best Museum in Jacksonville and is ranked in the top 25 among the world's top 100 collections by The Classic Car Trust!

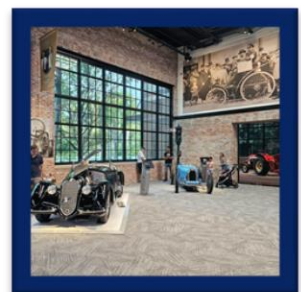
There is something for everyone to enjoy, appreciate, and admire!

Nearly a dozen students from the Jacksonville, FL [Mercedes-Benz USA](#) MB DRIVE program. Mr. Patel's a.m. and p.m. students, thank you very much for joining us!

Thank you to The Brumos Collection for having us out and the warm welcome for almost 30 of our guests; it was a great day!

After a couple of hours admiring the collection, learning a lot of history, and hearing stories of the legendary cars, About 20 MBCA Members joined us at ([Medure Brothers' Culinary Concepts](#)) [Midtown Table](#) where we always have a wonderful experience.

Some of the beautiful vehicles we enjoyed at The Brumos Collection.





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