

Southern Stars Section

Mercedes-Benz Club of America



May / June 2023

<http://SouthernStars.MBCA.org>

Welcome New Members!

As of 5/15/23
(March-May)

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

William Maule	Jacksonville, FL
Melinda Porro	Savannah, GA
Robert Siefert	Jacksonville, FL
Gorgui Ndoye	Jacksonville, FL
Eric Wangerin	Jacksonville, FL
Vito Vacca	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Robert Porter	St Augustine, FL

Welcome to MBCA members who moved into our section!

No transfers

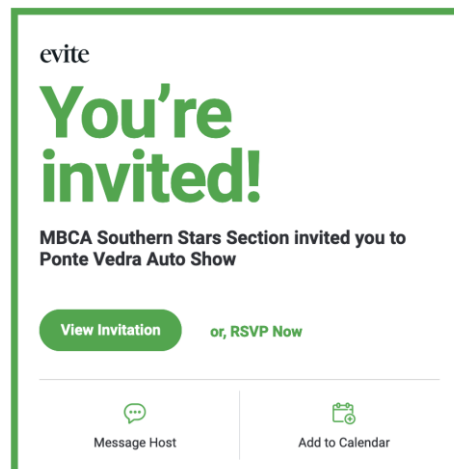
Thank you to our members who renewed their membership!

Peter Wodrich	Saint Johns, FL
Brandon Johnson	Palm Coast, FL
Alex Stone	Jacksonville, FL
Charles Taylor	St Simons Island, GA
Gene Gorman	Saint Johns, FL
John Rimer	Jacksonville, FL
Anthony Trakas	Palm Coast, FL
Neil Campbell	Fernandina Beach, FL
Joseph Grube	Yulee, FL
Luis Villamonte	Jacksonville, FL
Gary Keener	Jacksonville, FL
Alva Hollon, Jr.	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
Patrick Murphy	Jacksonville, FL

Our second annual photoshoot was a huge success! Click on the link or image below to see the full portfolio!
[https://bit.ly/MBCA SouthernStars 2023 Photoshoot](https://bit.ly/MBCA_SouthernStars_2023_Photoshoot)



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.



Second Annual MBCA Photoshoot - 2023 - Stars In Motion



The Stars are in motion!

We've been having some great turnout at our events lately! From our monthly gatherings at Caffeine & Octane to our annual Cars & Coffee at Art `n Motion and Southern Stars Photoshoot, the Stars are making their presence known. One of the many benefits of the MBCA is the ability to enjoy the diverse lineup of fellow member and enthusiast vehicles. Whether a classic, a daily driver, or an AMG performance vehicle, Mercedes-Benz has got us covered, spanning history back to the first patented car, the Benz Patent-Motorwagen in 1886 invented by Carl Benz. What will you share with us in the future?

It's no surprise that it gets hot in the southeast, so as we ease into summer, we will be doing more indoor, "Air Conditioned" events. First up on the list is our **June 24th**, ***Evening with The Stars*** (See Page 5 for details) hosted by the not yet open to the public, **Jacksonville Sports Car Museum**. Consider joining us for this special opportunity to enjoy their diverse collection of vehicles as well as celebrate the 60th year anniversary of the Mercedes-Benz "Pagoda." Next, as we slide into July, we will be touring **The Brumos Collection Museum** on **July 22nd**. One thing I can say from firsthand experience is, The Brumos Collection never disappoints! Though I have been there quite a few times, I am always captivated by the architecture of the building as well as the technology, style, and engineering that is on display in their very special collection. Consider soaking up some AC with us at one or both of these special events.

Lastly, realizing that most people most likely interact with our newsletter on their computer or smartphone, I am endeavoring to make it more "clickable" going forward so if you see an image, link, or even a QR code, give it a click and it should provide an enhanced interaction with our content.

Cordially,

Gary Keener
Southern Stars President

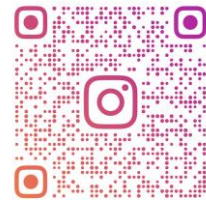
Technology News

Our social media accounts:

Instagram:

"Southern_Stars_MBCA"

https://www.instagram.com/Southern_Stars_MBCA



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Facebook Public Page:

"MBCA.SouthernStars"

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



Facebook Private Group:

"MBCA.SouthernStars"

<https://www.Facebook.com/groups/MBCA.SouthernStars/>

Southern Stars MBCA Portal:

<http://SouthernStars.MBCA.org>

Link Tree:

<https://linktr.ee/MBCA.Southern.Stars>

MBCA Website:

www.MCBA.org

Email us:

MBCA.Southern.Stars@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

June

8 – Saturday

Caffeine & Octane Jacksonville

HOST: Avenues Mall

8-11 am (See Page 7.)

24 – Saturday

An Evening With The Stars

HOST: Jax Sports Car Museum

5:30PM–8:00PM (See Page 5.)

July

8 – Saturday

Caffeine & Octane Jacksonville

22 – Saturday

Museum Tour

Host: The Brumos Collection

SEE NOTE BELOW

9-11 am

Ticket must be pre-purchased online. No tickets are sold onsite.

Buy your ticket(s) early!

TheBrumosCollection.com

Use Promo Code **MBCA** for \$5 off!

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

This is your club, and we are here to serve you!

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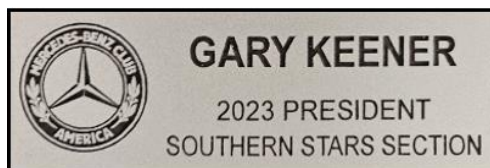
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MBCA "Refer a Friend" Program

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.

To order a name badge, log into your MBCA member account and click on the following link: <https://mbca.org/product/7265315>



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An Evening with The Stars

Jacksonville Sports Car Museum

Saturday, June 24 from 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
7601 Centurion Parkway, Jacksonville, FL 32256

Join us for An Evening with The Stars where we will celebrate 60 years of the Pagoda SL! **All Mercedes-Benz Club of America Members and their vehicles are invited!** Please be sure to RSVP with our MBCA Southeast Regional Director David Wommer who is coordinating the event among the Southeast Regional Sections.
David@MBCAsoutheast.org

On Saturday, June 24, from 5:30-8:00 p.m., we will take a break from the summer heat of June for an air-conditioned tour of Jacksonville Sports Car Museum to have some car talk while enjoying light refreshments.

60 years ago, the W113 230 SL "Pagoda" was introduced to the world at the 1963 Geneva Motor Show, from March 14-16, 1963. The W113 230 SL "Pagoda" was designed as a replacement for both the 300 SL and the 190 SL. On February 8, 1963, the final 300 SL and the last 190 SL were completed at the Sindelfingen plant. If you can share your W113 SL "Pagoda" on June 24, please email David@MBCAsoutheast.org; we would love to feature it!

Jacksonville Sports Car Museum is not yet open to the public; you don't want to miss this special opportunity! There are many classic and modern exotics in the museum, and it is sure to delight everyone!

We will also tour the Patrons Club and event facilities at Deerwood Castle (the former Lamborghini USA HQ). Nearby dinner options include Capital Grille, Seasons 52, and J. Alexander.

One of the most recent vehicles acquired at the museum is a 1966 Lamborghini 400 GT 2+2. Lamborghini is also celebrating their 60th anniversary this year, having introduced their first car, the 350 GTV, a two-seater coupe with a V12, at the Turin Auto Show in October 1963, from October 30 to November 10.

The reigning theme of the museum will feature modern manual muscle cars. There is also a very special Mercedes-Benz AMG SLS Roadster that has been enhanced with every available RENNTech option, including a Magnuson supercharger. It will certainly be a highlight of our evening.

Consider following the museum's social media accounts, including:

Instagram [@JaxSportsCarMuseum](https://www.instagram.com/JaxSportsCarMuseum) and [@PatronsClubJax](https://www.instagram.com/PatronsClubJax).

<https://www.patronsclubjax.com/>
<https://www.deerwoodcastle.com/>

RSVP Required. Space is limited. RSVP & inquiries: David@MBCAsoutheast.org

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Ladies with Mercedes

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and interest in Ladies with Mercedes (LWM). To the new lady members, we welcome all of you and invite you to join our activities! LwM is open to all women in the section, and no formal application is necessary. Special recognition is extended to all the Ladies who shared their short stories featured in 2022 newsletters. This year, we look forward to receiving more short stories! Let me know if you have questions or would like a guide with ideas and suggestions for writing your short story to share with the membership. Some of our events are listed below, so if you have interest in any of the events, please contact Jean Webb at her email or phone number listed below.

Event	Description	Date	Price	RSVP By Date
Commer Museum Tour	Lunch/Social at the C/CAFE; followed by a visit to an American Made exhibit and to their unique Gardens Topiary exhibition.	June 23, 2023 @ 12:30 PM	Adult - \$20 - Seniors - \$15	20-Jun-23
MB Dealer Electric Car Education	Mercedes-Benz Electric vehicle education / car talk at the Mercedes-Benz Orange Park Dealer	TBD	Free	TBD
UNF Jazz Ensemble	Jazz and classical music series during the semesters.	TBD	TBD	TBD
MBCA Octoberfest Celebration	MBCA All-Member Octoberfest Celebration	October 21, 2023 @ 8:00 AM	Cost of Lunch	TBD

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*.



An Evening with The Stars @ Jacksonville Sports Car Museum

Saturday, June 24, 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

7601 Centurion Parkway, Jacksonville FL

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Cruising, not streaming

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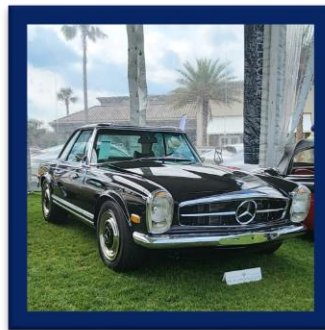
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March Events

The Cars & Community and The Amelia never disappoint!
Mercedes-Benz was well represented at both special events.

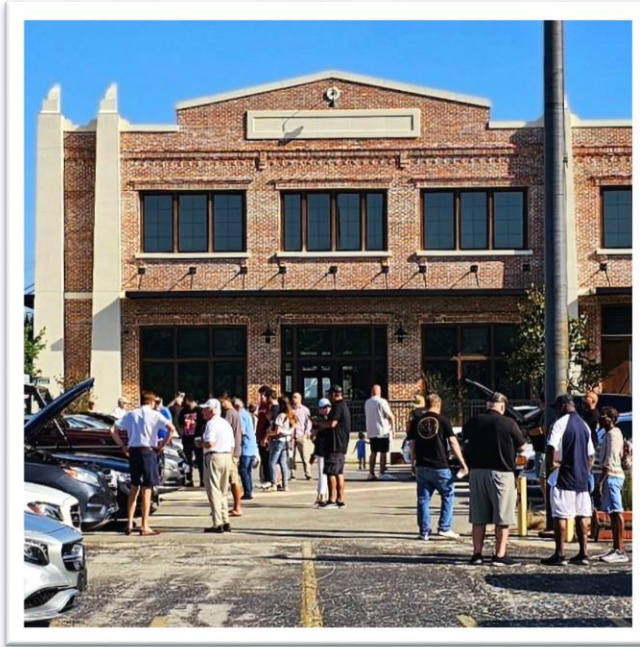


Thank you to Mercedes-Benz Club of America Members and Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts who shared many cars with everyone at the Cars & Caffeine and RADwood at The Amelia portions of the Cars and Community event on Saturday, and for those who shared Mercedes-Benz for the Concours d'Elegance!

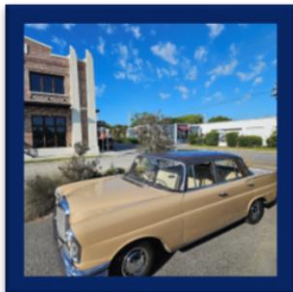
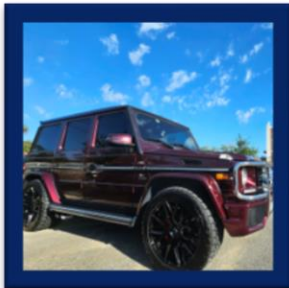


April Events

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our annual Mercedes-Benz Cars & Coffee at Art `n Motion in St Augustine, FL! The event was a huge success, and we had the largest turnout we've ever had at this event. From classics to daily drivers to AMG performance vehicles, all were represented very well. Thank you also to Justin Felker of Art `n Motion for being a most gracious host once again!



Just a few of the cars that were in attendance!





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



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