

# Southern Stars Section

## Mercedes-Benz Club of America



September / October 2023

<http://SouthernStars.MBCA.org>

### Welcome New Members!

As of 9/24/23  
(Jul-Sep)

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

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| Charles Cortinovis | Ponte Vedra, FL      |
| Nancy Cortinovis   | Ponte Vedra, FL      |
| Ignacio Soto       | Savannah, GA         |
| Ric Walters        | Savannah, GA         |
| Michael Ruddy      | St Simons Island, GA |

### Welcome to MBCA members who moved into our section!

Janet Linger                      From Wichita

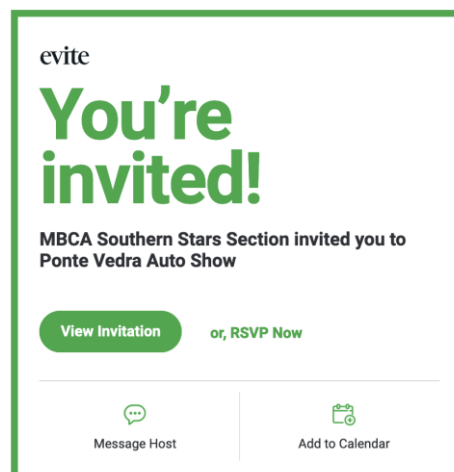
### Thank you to our members who renewed their membership!

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| John Brown          | Savannah, GA         |
| John Glas           | Bradenton, FL        |
| Sebastian Marcilese | Jacksonville, FL     |
| Gale Robinson       | Jacksonville, FL     |
| Arthur Thumwood     | Richmond Hill, GA    |
| Michael Black       | Fernandina Beach, FL |
| Robert Price        | Fernandina, FL       |
| Jadranka Devcic     | Jacksonville, FL     |
| Johan Harris        | Savannah, GA         |
| Adam Gross          | Saint Johns, FL      |
| Dylan Galindez      | St. Augustine, FL    |
| George Pappas       | Jacksonville, FL     |
| Brad Louis          | Jacksonville, FL     |
| Brian Gendreau      | Gainesville, FL      |

Just a few of the beautiful Mercedes-Benz Vehicles that were at our tour of the Classic Car Museum in St. Augustine



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.





It's official....Fall is here!

As usual, we had a great time at recent tour of the Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine. A big thank you to all our MBCA members and friends who attended. We would also like to thank Sidney & Brenda Hobbs, as well as Madison Hobbs (the Executive Director of Classic Eventage, their events arm of the museum) for welcoming us back and opening two hours earlier than their typical opening time on a Saturday, so we could beat the heat!

As we head into the fall and winter months, we have plenty of events to keep the Stars in motion. Please carefully review the "Upcoming Events" column on page 3 and make sure you save the dates for events that interest you. ***Our annual Oktoberfest celebration is only 9 days away and you should have received an evite invitation for this event by now. The details can be found on page 7 of the newsletter.*** For the past couple of years, the MBCA Southern Stars Section has been the First Coast Car Council's "Featured Car Club of the Month" for the December Caffeine & Octane (December 9<sup>th</sup> this year). We use this special event to support the Marines Toys for Tots toy drive which benefits the Wolfson's Children's Hospital. Please consider sharing your vehicle at this event and donating some toys for a very worthy cause. We set a record for the number of toys we collected last year and hope to do the same this year.



The ***Ponte Vedra Auto Show (Nov 12)*** is fast approaching so save the date and consider registering your car for the show. To register, visit the link below:

<https://pvautoshow.com/register-your-car>

Cordially,

**Gary Keener**  
Southern Stars President

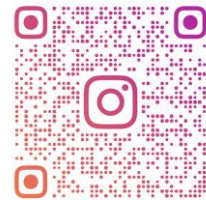
## Technology News

Our social media accounts:

**Instagram:**

**"Southern\_Stars\_MBCA"**

[https://www.instagram.com/Southern\\_Stars\\_MBCA](https://www.instagram.com/Southern_Stars_MBCA)



**SOUTHERN\_STARS.MBCA**

**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](http://www.MCBA.org)

**Email us:**

**MBCA.Southern.Stars@gmail.com**

# Upcoming Events

## October

### 13 – Friday (Open to Public)

*EUROFED - Friday the 13th  
(Open House Meet)*

**HOST: EUROFED (MBCA Southern Stars Sponsor)**

**Euro Cars Only**

7-10 PM (See Page 6.)

### 14 – Saturday (Open to Public)

*Caffeine & Octane Jacksonville*

**HOST: Avenues Mall**

8-11 AM (See Page 6.)

### 14 – Saturday (Open to Public)

*SMBC Annual Car Show  
Benefiting the JROTC*

**HOST: Southside Business Men's Club**

12-4 PM (See Page 7.)

### 21 – Saturday (All MBCA Members)

*MBCA Southern Stars  
Annual Oktoberfest Celebration*

**HOST: Mercedes-Benz Club of America – Southern Stars Section**

11 AM – 1 PM (See Page 7.)

## November

### 11 – Saturday (Open to Public)

*Caffeine & Octane Jacksonville*

**HOST: Avenues Mall**

8-11 AM (See Page 6.)

### 12 – Saturday (Open to Public)

*Ponte Vedra Auto Show*

**HOST: Art 'n Motion**

10 AM - 3 PM

## December

### 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fri & Sat (Open to Public)

*Jekyll Island Holiday Lights Tour*

**HOST: Jacksonville Car Culture**

5 PM (Friday) – 8 AM (Saturday)

### TBD – Saturday (MBCA Members)

*MBCA Southern Stars Holiday Party*

**HOST: MBCA - Southern Stars**

(Time and Location TBD)

### 9 – Saturday (Open to Public)

*Caffeine & Octane Jacksonville*

**HOST: Avenues Mall**

8-11 AM (See Page 6.)

## 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

### President

Gary Keener (904) 635-9888 [Gary.Keener@mbcasouthernstars.com](mailto:Gary.Keener@mbcasouthernstars.com)

### Vice President

TBD (Open)

### Secretary

Robert Hickey (603) 568-7859 [roberthickey698@yahoo.com](mailto:roberthickey698@yahoo.com)

### Treasurer

Jackie Keener (904) 349-4621 [Jackie.M.Keener@gmail.com](mailto:Jackie.M.Keener@gmail.com)

### Membership Director

TBD (Open)

### Section Directors

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### Ladies with Mercedes

Jean Webb (904) 375-8751 [JFranW@bellsouth.net](mailto:JFranW@bellsouth.net)

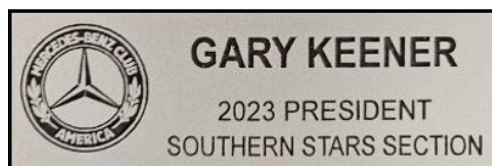
### Southeast Regional Director

David Wommer (904) 534-7319 [DavidWommer@gmail.com](mailto:DavidWommer@gmail.com)

### 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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## *Ladies with Mercedes*

On August 24, 2023, the management of Orange Park Mercedes-Benz Fields Dealership, gave the Southern Stars members an excellent and informative presentation about the new Electric Mercedes-Benz. (EQ). Due to the interest shown by the group, another "EQ - Car Talk" event is being considered for the near future. Many thanks to our President, Gary Keener for attending, and for inviting the Southern Stars members who came; and thanks to our Regional Director, David Wommer who was also in attendance.

The Ladies with Mercedes, and all members of the Southern Stars Section, are invited to attend our annual Oktoberfest outing, held at the Buchner's Bierhalle Restaurant & Biergarten, located at:

**Address: MURRY HILL 1188 Edgewood Avenue - S Jacksonville, FL.**

**Telephone: (904) 325-6004**

**Date & Time: Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 4:00 PM**

They offer an authentic selection of German foods, including German wurst; the Rubenstein; Schnitzel sandwiches; fine cheeses; wines; rare beer; an outside Biergarten, and much more! Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 25th to Jean Webb: Via email: or telephone.: (904) 375-8751.

**Jean Webb, Ladies with Mercedes Chair [jfranw@bellsouth.net](mailto: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*.



Click Image Above For more Details.



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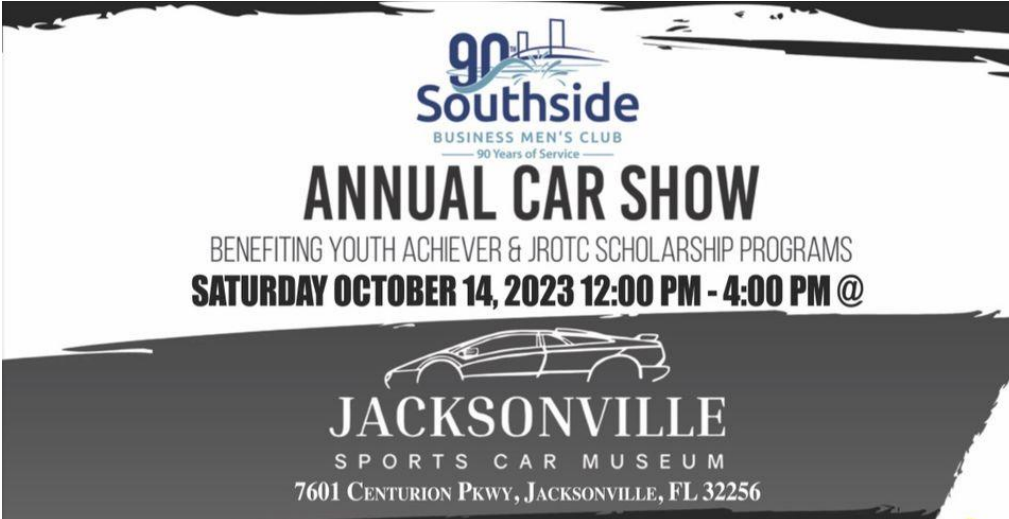


**HOLLERBACH'S**  
GERMAN RESTAURANT

**Oktoberfest Celebration**

Saturday, October 21st  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Hollerbach's German Restaurant  
205 E 1st St  
Sanford, FL 32771

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## *August Events*

In August, Mercedes-Benz Club of America Southern Stars Section members were invited to attend a private showing of the Mercedes-EQ series of electric vehicles available, as well as the new Mercedes-AMG EQ offerings at Mercedes-Benz of Orange Park, one of the Fields Auto Group Mercedes-Benz dealer locations.

We were greeted by the General Manager of Mercedes-Benz Orange Park Moe Ghanimah, who educated us with some great facts about the Mercedes-Benz EQ line of options. We were then treated to a tour of the AMG EQE SUV and AMG EQS Sedan by Sales Advisor Marc Miller. Thank you very much for your time, Moe, and Marc!

Experience first-hand the exhilaration and power of driving the all-electric EQ portfolio from Mercedes-Benz! Call Marc Miller at (904) 777-5900 ext.7356 if you missed the opportunity to join us.





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