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DEALER
details!**



From the Nashville Section
President's desk:

Randy Bibb

2014: The Year Ahead

The Nashville Section offers great variety in 2014:

- Saturday, Feb. 15: [Mercedes-Benz of Nashville](#), Franklin, TN
- Saturday, Mar. 22: James Hery's Chalfant Motor Company, Belfast, TN
- Saturday, Apr. 12: [German Cars & Coffee](#), [Fidelity Motors](#), Nashville, TN
- Saturday, Apr. 26: [Precision Autohaus](#), Nashville, TN
- Sunday, May 4: Shadowbrook Concours, Joelton, TN
- Saturday, June 21: [Belle Meade Plantation](#), Nashville, TN
- Saturday, June 28: [German Cars & Coffee](#), [Fidelity Motors](#), Nashville, TN
- Saturday, July 19: [Beechcraft Heritage Museum](#), Tullahoma, TN
- Saturday, Aug. 23: [Grinder's Switch Winery](#), Centerville, TN
- Saturday, Sept. 20: [Pickers Creek Winery](#), Lewisburg, TN
- Saturday, Sept. 27: [German Cars & Coffee](#), [Fidelity Motors](#), Nashville, TN
- Saturday, Oct. 11: [Oktoberfest](#) in Germantown, Nashville, TN
- Sunday, Oct. 19: [Mark Lambert's Lambert Auto](#), Nashville, TN
- Saturday, Nov. 8: [German Cars & Coffee](#), [Fidelity Motors](#), Nashville, TN
- Sunday, Nov. 16: Member Awards Brunch

Our website, www.mbcnashville.org, offers details and updates. Take a look!



Nashville Section Leaders



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Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance 2014



Nashville Section members Randy & Brenda Bibb, Ed & Karen Johnson, and Tom & Jan Diehl attended the 2014 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance.



While viewing the world-class vehicles, our group also visited with other MBCA friends, including Rick and Patti Siefert of the St. Louis Gateway Section, Central Region Director Cliff Reyle of the Memphis Section, Jim Roberts of the Alabama Section, and Lisa Juhl from the national Mercedes-Benz Club of America office.



MBCA Membership Form

Please print clearly

Full Name

Associate Member (spouse or dependent)

Address

City State Zip

(_____) (_____) _____
Home Phone Business Phone

Occupation

E-mail Address

Mercedes-Benz cars now owned (model/year)

New Member Renewing Member (check one)

If Renewing, Member Number: _____

Interests:

- Driving Events Car Shows Car Care
- Social Events Technical The Star

Please enroll me as an MBCA Member for:

- 1 Year (\$49) 2 Years (\$95)
- 3 Years (\$139)

Make check payable to MBCA; Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express also accepted. If using a credit card, please complete the following:

- Visa MasterCard
- Discover American Express

Expiration Date

Account Number

Applicant's Signature

Nashville Section

Referred by (Member name/number)

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Harold Hamilton Accepts “Star Dealer” Award

The Mercedes-Benz Club of America’s Nashville Section held the first event of 2014 on February 15: the Section’s traditional visit to Mercedes-Benz of Nashville followed by lunch at Buca di Beppo.

Harold Hamilton, Mercedes-Benz of Nashville General Manager, joined the group to offer a welcome and overview of the dealership.

Nashville Section President Randy Bibb presented Harold a plaque stating that Mercedes-Benz of Nashville is one of the very first dealerships to be recognized as a Star Dealer by the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. The Nashville Section is the first Section to nominate a dealer for this award.

The award was quite a surprise to Harold, who graciously thanked the group and said he was grateful to work with the best-made cars in the world. The Nashville Section is grateful to have such a wonderful partner in Mercedes-Benz of Nashville.



Welcome to New Members

2014 has been a great year so far for new memberships for the Nashville Section. THANK YOU to all who have referred new members to us, bringing us to 215 membership units representing 256 members to date.

Remember, you can benefit from referrals as well, with an extra month added to your membership for every new member you refer! New members since our fourth quarter 2013 newsletter include:

**James Alsema
Sheridan Banks
Matt DeLong
Douglas Joyce
Cory Holman**

**C. Anthony Just
Mark Lynes
Steven Meranze
Mike Priddy**

**Vincent Quarantello
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Mercedes-Benz of Nashville, February 15, 2014

The Nashville Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America kicked off the 2014 calendar on February 15 with the traditional gathering at Mercedes-Benz of Nashville. Mercedes-Benz brand specialist Kirt Kuhn, the Club's dealership liaison, hosted the event and President Randy Bibb offered a recap of 2013 and a look at the calendar for 2014.

This year's calendar brings quite a variety of events, from visits to local destinations as well as road trips to Tullahoma, Centerville, Lewisburg and Belfast

(that's Belfast, Tennessee, by the way!). Planned activities include winery visits, a tour of a National Register historic site, the traditional Shadowbrook Concours and a trip to an aircraft museum. One of the most popular events in 2013 was the Club's visit to Lambert Auto; the Nashville Section will return to Lambert Auto in 2014, this time to hear Mark Lambert speak about Concours judging.

Randy noted that this year's calendar includes the German Cars & Coffee events at Fidelity Motors in Nashville, as well as Oktoberfest in the Germantown area of Nashville.

Dealer liaison Kurt Kuhn updated Nashville Section members on the dealership's latest offerings, and noted that instead of drawing for door prizes, for this meeting the dealership was presenting each member in attendance with a Mercedes-Benz of Nashville t-shirt – a very generous gift indeed! Membership Chairman Ed Johnson updated Nashville Section members with the excellent news that we added 25 new members in 2013. He encouraged everyone to invite others to join the Club, suggesting that both our Facebook page and website could be used to


help describe the Nashville Section's activities to prospective members.

Harold Hamilton, Mercedes-Benz of Nashville General Manager, was invited to join the group, and when he did President Randy Bibb presented to him a plaque stating that Mercedes-Benz of Nashville has been recognized as a Star Dealer by the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. The award was quite a surprise to Harold, who graciously thanked the group and said he was grateful to work with the best-made cars in the world.

After the meeting, the group toured the dealership and watched Kirt Kuhn demonstrate the new S550 sedan before heading to Buca di Beppo for lunch. About 21 members met for lunch, and enjoyed a wonderful meal and some great conversation with fellow Nashville Section members.



Member Classified Ads

| MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS | |
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MEMBERSHIP—a gift that keeps giving!

For more than 35 years, the Mercedes-Benz Club of America's Nashville Section has been a gathering point for Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts in the central South. **Why not consider giving the gift of membership?**

With a charter dated October 15, 1978, the Nashville Section has been serving as a resource and focal point for those who appreciate the performance, history, and beauty of the Mercedes-Benz marque for more than a generation.

The Nashville Section hosts activities each month from February through November that can include winery tours, rallies, luncheons and dinners, tech sessions, driving events, new product ride-and-drive introductions, and a year-end awards ceremony.

Membership is the perfect gift for the Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts in your life, and it's a gift that keeps on giving for an entire year! For less than 14 cents per day (\$49 annually), members enjoy instant savings on parts and service at Mercedes-Benz of Nashville and local independent Mercedes-Benz specialists; discounts on accessories and apparel from our Club Store; the award-winning MBCA magazine, *The Star*; free expert technical advice; discounts on the price of a NEW Mercedes-Benz; and much more.

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