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From the Nashville Section  
President's desk:

## Randy Bibb

### June 21: Belle Meade



On the first day of Summer — **Saturday, June 21, 2014** — histor-ic **Belle Meade Plantation** will be the site of the next outing for the Nashville Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. We plan to meet at **10 a.m. at the Visitors Center** for our tour.

Following the tour of the grounds, we will have lunch for those interested at The Harding House Restaurant located at the Plantation. The lunch menu features a variety of soups, salads, sandwiches and Southern entrees.

You can enter the Plantation off either Harding Road or Leake Avenue, and there's plenty of free parking. When you arrive, check in with the Ticket Booth inside the Visitors Center at the Plantation and let them know you're with the Mercedes-Benz Club. Our tour will begin after everyone has checked in.

Belle Meade was home to a thriving equine thoroughbred business throughout the 19th century. Belle Meade garnered international fame by purchasing the first American-born-and-bred horse to win the prestigious English Derby: Iroquois (as in the Iroquois Steeplechase now held each May in Nashville).

**The admission fee is only \$13 per person** (\$3 off the regular adult admission), but we must let the Plantation how many will be in our group **by Wednesday, June 18**. Please make your checks payable to "MBCA, Nashville Section" and send your checks to: Ms. Jan Diehl, Treasurer / 6728 Pennywell Drive / Nashville, TN 37205. You may also bring your check with you to the event.

Please **RSVP for this event** through our website or by e-mailing President Randy Bibb; or call Randy at 615-259-1349 (office) or 615-294-7325 (mobile).

For directions or more information about Belle Meade Plantation, please see www.bellemeadeplantation.com or call 615-356-0501.



BELLE MEADE  
PLANTATION

## Nashville Section Leaders



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# Chalfant Motors: March 22, 2014

World-famous automotive restoration specialist [Jim Hery](#) hosted the Nashville Section for a tour of his restoration shop, Chalfant Motor Company, on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

It was awe-inspiring.



Jim, whose restoration of a 1952 Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith won Best in Class at this year's Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, welcomed some 35 members of the Nashville Section to his shop in Belfast, Tennessee. Stuart Doane of [Doane Motorwerks](#) in Ringgold, Georgia, was also at the event.

After a drive to Chalfant Motors in Belfast, Nashville Section members were welcomed into Jim's shop, where many incredible sights were on display.

Jim Hery is a *coachbuilder*. That term is not often heard nowadays. Coachbuilders are artisans who build custom bodies fitted to a chassis, thus producing a finished automobile.



The Coachbuilders Encyclopedia describes it this way: "In the motoring days the process of acquiring a new vehicle was more complex. One approached a motoring brand who delivered to the customer only the rolling chassis. Subsequently the customer approached a coachbuilder, requesting a personal body design to be fitted on the rolling chassis." With this process, each finished automobile was unique. "I work on coachbuilt cars. No two coachbuilt cars are the same," Jim told the group. "And no two sides are the same: one side might be built by an artist and be all flowing lines, and the other side might be straight, built by an engineer. No two sides are the same, but then you can't see both sides at once!"

Jim's clients come from all over the world for his expertise in restoring the unique. Jim told the group that there are no "instructions" he can follow: "When I restore a car, all I have are pictures and photos. There are no plans or blueprints. I'm an artist, not an engineer, and that's where my skill comes in."

Jim offered a detailed description of the work for a Bugatti Royale in his shop. "Take a look. Everywhere you look, there's something missing," he said. "There might be a bumper, but there are no bumper brackets. It's job security!"

Jim, a history buff and [author](#), has been in the restoration business for more than 40 years. He has restored numerous concours d'elegance, Antique Automobile Club of America and Classic Car Club of America winners, including 18 cars



shown at the prestigious Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, two AACA Presidents Clubs and an AACA S.F. Edge Award.



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## 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 more than 250 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 first quarter 2014 newsletter include:

**Flint Adam  
James Bryant  
Mark Claypool**

**Robert Lentz  
Jay Page  
Kenneth Redditt**

**Scott Shields  
Patrick Sims  
Andrew Van Order**

# Welcome!

## Why Join MBCA Nashville Section?

### You have questions:

- What dealers are in the area?
- Where should I buy my new Mercedes-Benz?
- Where's the best place to service my vintage Mercedes-Benz?
- Which Mercedes-Benz model would best fit my needs?
- Where should I buy tires for my Mercedes-Benz?
- Who can answer my technical questions?
- Is the dealer the best place to go for non-warranty service?
- Does anyone offer discounts on parts?
- Can anyone tell me what my vintage Mercedes-Benz is worth?
- Are there other Mercedes-Benz owners who have experience with the car I own?

### We have answers.

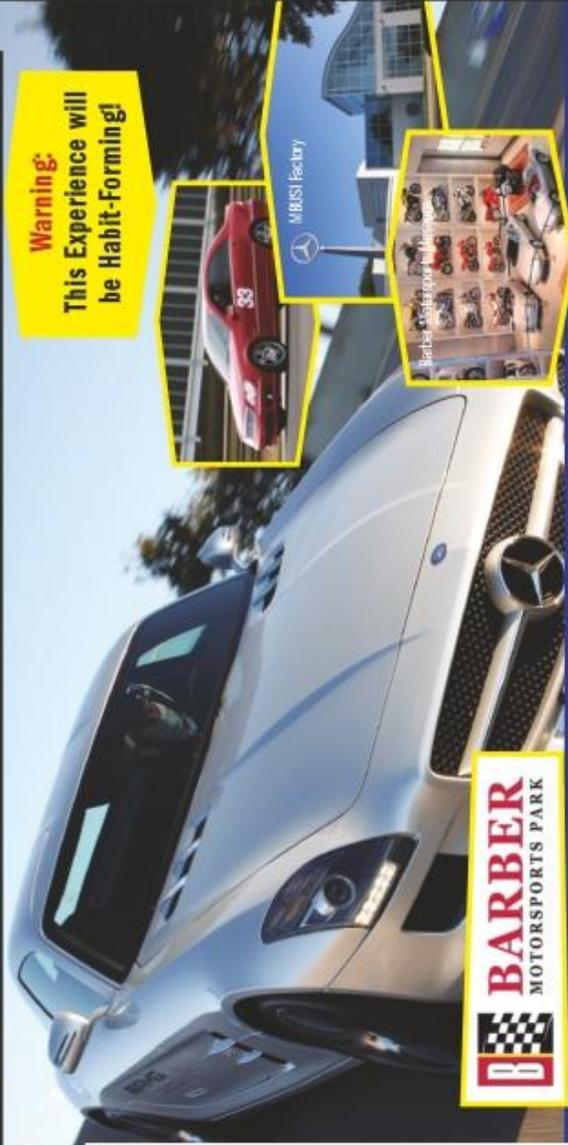
Come and talk to us: [www.mbcanashville.org](http://www.mbcanashville.org).

You'll get answers, meet some great people, and have a lot of fun!

**Join Mercedes-Benz Club of America,  
Nashville Section!**



# Accelerate Your Driving Skills at Heimatfest 2014!



## October 3-5 | Birmingham, Alabama

- Helmet-up for high-speed thrills and technical driving with Tracks Unlimited at Barber Motorsports Park – one of the most challenging and beautiful race courses in the world! (2.4 miles, 17-turns, Formula One-certified)\*
- On Friday morning, October 3, be one of the first to see the production of the NEW C-Class at Mercedes-Benz US International – the only Mercedes-Benz production factory in North America (includes lunch in the MBUSI employee lunchroom)
- Tour the Barber Motorsports Museum – site of the world's largest collection of Motorcycles and Lotus Race Cars. Tour the Museum's (normally off-limits) vehicle restoration facilities on Friday, October 3
- Visit with old and new enthusiasts at social events Friday & Saturday nights

\*Includes MBCA In-car instruction. Classroom instruction for novice and beginner drivers; tailored to driver experience. This will NOT be a timed or racing event; therefore all Mercedes-Benz makes/models are encouraged to participate

**Registration Fee:** Registration for October 4 & 5 Advanced Driving Skills on the Barber track \$589  
Rental helmets available

**Register by 09.12.14:** At [www.msreg.com/TUBarber2014](http://www.msreg.com/TUBarber2014). Use discount code "MBCA"

**Good to Know:** Register with the Alabama Section for MBUSI Factory & Barber restoration tours plus Friday & Saturday social events  
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# Precision Autohaus: April 26, 2014

**What a great day** the Nashville Section had at Precision Autohaus on April 29! The weather was gorgeous; the food delicious; and the 40 members who met at Andy Krych's repair shop had a wonderful time.



Precision Autohaus is a longtime sponsor of the Nashville Section and the crew from the shop set up a wonderful buffet inside so Nashville Section members could see exactly where the "precision" work happens!

The group heard from Tom Diehl about his 1959 220 S and from Joel Morris about his 1957 Gullwing [see more on Tom's car [here](#) (starts p. 7), and more on Joel's car [here](#) (starts p. 14)].

President Randy Bibb opened the meeting by reminding members of Shadowbrook on May 4, and the upcoming summer calendar of Belle Meade Plantation on June 21; Beechcraft Aviation on July 19; and Grinder's Switch Winery on August 23.



**A whole series of beautiful grills!**

Andy's son Sebastian Krych grilled sausages from Andy's famous recipe, and Hector, Sebastian, and Jorge Baez were terrific hosts for the day. Several Nashville Section members walked away with great door prizes.

Tire Rack sponsored the event, and the Nashville Section had a wonderful time and agreed it was GREAT FOOD!



**THANK YOU to Andy, Hector, Jorge and Sebastian for a fantastic day at Precision Autohaus!**



### **MBCA Membership Form**

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# Shadowbrook: May 4, 2014



1st Place SL, 1999 600SL  
Renntech, Michael Doehelner

Nearly 40 Nashville Section members and guests recently enjoyed the incredible hospitality of Shadowbrook in Joelton, Tennessee. The Nashville Section's traditional "Clean Car Classic" was held Sunday, May 4, at Shadowbrook Estate on Marrowbone Lake on an beautiful sunny spring day.

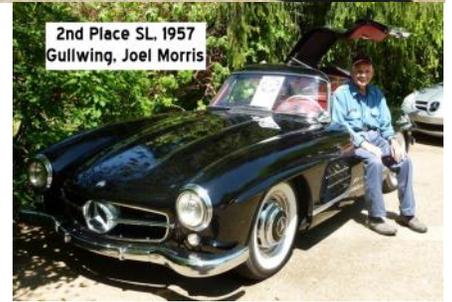


1987 560SL, Sherrie & Jerry Binkley  
2nd Place SL and President's Award



2nd Place SL, 2003 SL500,  
Bill & Olivia Hopkins

Long-time Nashville Section members Nelson and Clara Davenport are the proprietors of Shadowbrook Estate, and this year, Clara favored members with a wonderful presentation describing the incredible history of the estate.



2nd Place SL, 1957  
Gullwing, Joel Morris

Shadowbrook was built in 1929



1st Place Coupe,  
Valerie & Mike Gillespie



2nd Place Coupe, 2005 CLK 350,  
Monique Blackburn



3rd Place Coupe, 1991  
300CE, Gregg Horne

from stone and hand-hewn virgin timbers. It features arched doorways, stone rooms, three log-burning fireplaces and an ivy-covered tower that contribute to the English Tudor mansion's European ambiance. It has been a Nashville favorite for private dinners, weddings and receptions for many years.

President Randy Bibb and Mercedes-Benz of Nashville liaison Kirt Kuhn tallied the votes and presented prizes, graciously aided by Nashville Section member Karen Johnson.

The Nashville Section enjoyed a truly wonderful day at Shadowbrook, and we offer great appreciation to our wonderful hosts, the Davenports.



1st Place Sedan, 2012 S350 BlueTEC,  
Del & Donna Fann



2nd Place Sedan, 2003  
E500, Kelly Graham



3rd Place Sedan, 1983 300TD  
Station Wagon, Gregg Horne

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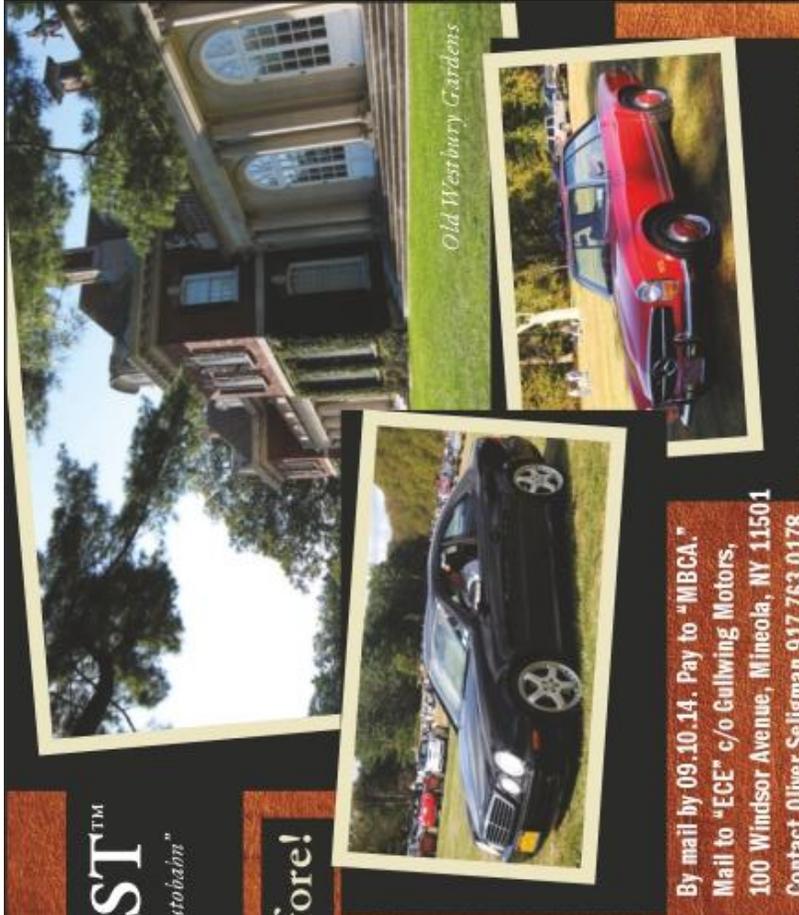
MBCA's New York City-Long Island & Connecticut-Westchester Sections invite you to join us:

- What:** EUROPEAN CLASSICS EAST™
- When:** Sunday, September 21, 2014 \* | 9:00am-3:00pm
- Where:** The grounds of Old Westbury Gardens in Old Westbury, New York
- Why:** To celebrate a multitude of Mercedes-Benz Classes and model years
- Who:** MBCA Members & guests are welcome! Stroll the grounds & take in the scenery of the world's most beautiful luxury vehicles
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Old Westbury Gardens

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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.

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# 2014 CALENDAR

Saturday, February 15 Mercedes-Benz of Nashville Open House Franklin, TN	Saturday, March 22 James Hery Workshop Belfast, TN	Saturday, April 12 German Cars & Coffee Fidelity Motors Nashville, TN	Saturday, April 26 Precision Autohaus Open House Nashville, TN	Sunday, May 4 Shadowbrook Concours Joelton, TN
Saturday, June 21 <u>Belle Meade Plantation</u> Nashville, TN	Saturday, June 28 German Cars & Coffee <u>Fidelity Motors</u> Nashville, TN	Saturday, July 19 <u>Beechcraft Aviation Museum</u> Tullahoma, TN	Saturday, August 23 <u>Grinder's Switch Winery</u> Centerville, TN	Saturday, September 20 <u>Pickers Creek Winery</u> Lewisburg, TN
Saturday, September 27 <u>German Cars &amp; Coffee</u> Fidelity Motors Nashville, TN	Saturday, October 11 <u>Oktoberfest</u> in Germantown Nashville, TN	Sunday October 19 <u>Mark Lambert:</u> <u>Concours Judging</u> <u>Lambert Auto</u> Nashville, TN	Saturday, November 8 German Cars & Coffee <u>Fidelity Motors</u> Nashville, TN	Sunday November 16 Member Awards Brunch

Updates are ongoing; please check our website, [www.mbcnashville.org](http://www.mbcnashville.org), for news and details

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There are plenty of knock-off products out there; a surprisingly cheap price might be a clue. Why should you care? Well, not all plastics are created equal, and there is a lot of plastic in parts these days. Cheap plastic lenses, for instance, will deteriorate faster and crack more easily. Rubber parts will fail more quickly if not up to Mercedes-Benz specs. Real parts are tested and will not fail under normal use. Installation of a knock-off or used part costs just as much as installation of a genuine part, so why not go for the quality?

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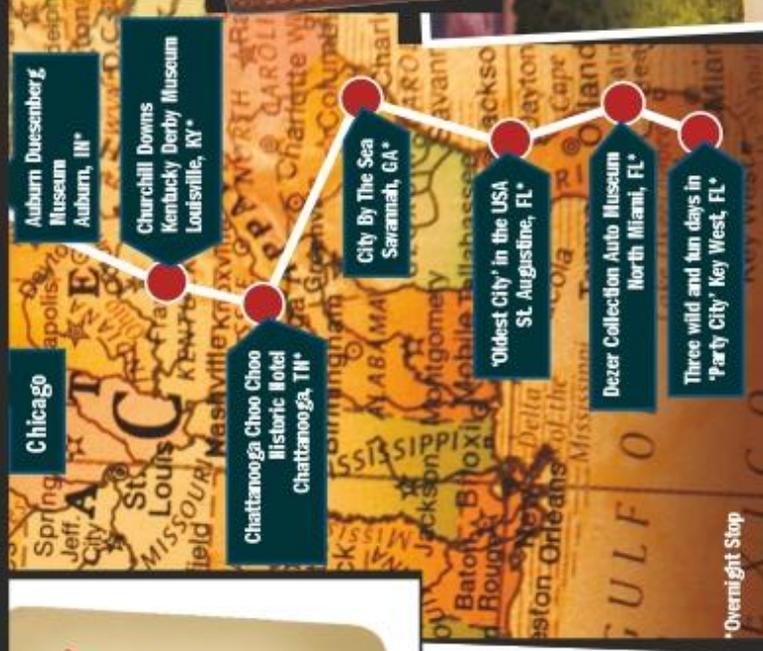
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