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From the Nashville Section
President's desk:

Randy Bibb

October 19, 2014: Mark Lambert

On Sunday afternoon, October 19, 2014, the Nashville Section makes a return visit to [Mark Lambert's](#) classic car restoration garage, Lambert Auto, on Charlotte Pike in Nashville. Mark will speak on judging classic cars - what judges look for, how scores are tabulated, authenticity and originality, and what it takes to have your car judged "Best in Show." The Club's visit to Lambert Auto last spring was one of the most popular events on the calendar, and I can assure you that you won't want to miss this event.

Located in an old firehouse on Charlotte Pike in Nashville, Lambert Auto specializes in servicing the [Full Classics™](#) along with other pre-war American and post-war European cars. Not only will you have an opportunity to take a rare behind-the-scenes look at the process of restoring classic cars to their original glory, but Mark will also answer your questions concerning what makes a car a classic, how classic cars should be restored, how they are judged and what trends he sees in classic car collecting.

Mark has been in business for more than 30 years, and his customers are located around the globe. Lambert Auto was featured, along with [Jay Leno's](#) garage and 23 others across the U.S., in author Phil Berg's best-selling book, [Ultimate Garages](#). Mark is a veteran judge at several major Concours including the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, The Elegance at Hershey and The Glenmoor Gathering.

Getting to Lambert Auto is easy. It's located at 4406 Charlotte Pike, just to the east of the 46th Avenue North exit on I-40 in West Nashville.

Mark's presentation will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 19. Those interested in having brunch before the garage tour should plan on meeting at [M.L. Rose](#) around noon. Located right next door to Lambert Auto at 4408 Charlotte Pike, M.L. Rose is in the old Lavender Motors building. The restaurant specializes in craft beers and burgers, and the decor is automotive, including a number of pieces donated by Mark Lambert. There are literally dozens of draft and bottled beers, and while burgers are the house specialty, there are also soups, salads and sandwiches (and the "Super BLT" with avocado and Kenny's cheddar is an experience not to be missed!). See the [website](#) for more information; you'll see both lunch and brunch menus.

There is no charge for this event, but lunch or brunch is on your own. In order to let the restaurant know how many to expect, please RSVP no later than Thursday, October 16, 2014, through the Nashville Section website, www.mbcnashville.org, by giving me a call at 615-259-1349 (office) or 615-294-7325 (mobile) or by e-mail at rbibb@lewisthomason.com. I have already heard from a number of you, and we are expecting a large turnout for this special event.

We hope all of you can join us for what will be an unforgettable experience.



Nashville Section Leaders

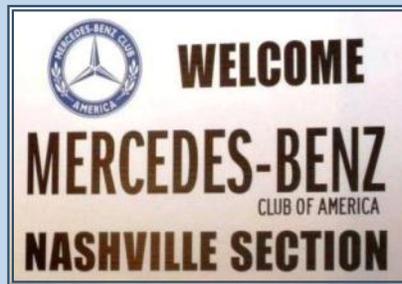


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Belle Meade: June 21, 2014

30 Nashville Section members and guests toured the National Register Historic Site of Belle Meade Plantation on June 21, 2014.

Built on 200 acres originally purchased by John Harding in 1806, Belle Meade grew to a working plantation of more than 3500 acres by 1860. In addition to being a working antebellum



plantation, 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 Der-



by: Iroquois (as in the Iroquois Steeplechase now held each May in Nashville).

Our guide for the tour through the plantation's beautiful Greek-Revival mansion was Jesse Williams. Jesse, whose job title is actually "Interpreter," began what he calls his "dream job" at Belle Meade on May 5 of this year, and even those of us who had visited Belle Meade several times were impressed by the depth and breadth of his knowledge!

Following the tour, half our group enjoyed Southern fare at The Harding House Restaurant on the grounds of Belle Meade Plantation, coming away from the meal with this tip: order extra biscuits! The rest of our group enjoyed a terrific lunch at Sportsman's Grille with President Randy Bibb.



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 second quarter 2014 newsletter include:

**Sam Carver
Bruce Chelton
Jonathan Cole
Jim Coltharp
P. Gene Cook
Kimberly Ely**

**Steve Graham
Robert Henry
Jane Holston
Dr. Graham Locke
Dennis Milnar
Jerry Quinn
Patrick Sims**

**Tom Smith
Bill Vanatta
Tim Villager
Rob Waggener
William Whetsell
Dennis Zamojski**

Welcome!

Why Join MBCA Nashville Section?

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- 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?
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- 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.mbcnashville.org.

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

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



Beechcraft Aviation: July 19, 2014



36 Nashville Section members and guests toured Beechcraft Heritage Museum in Tullahoma, Tennessee on Saturday, July 19, 2014.

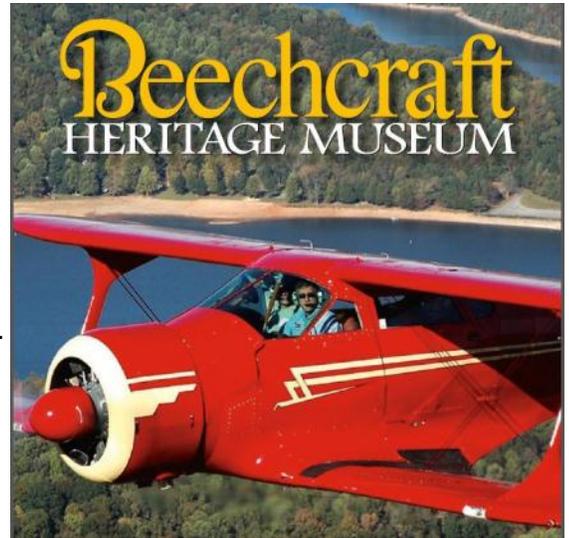
This was the Nashville Section's first tour of Beechcraft Heritage Museum, a distinctly original one-of-a-kind "living and working" aviation museum that traces the line-

age of the Beechcraft family of airplanes.

The founder of the Beech Aircraft Company, William



H. Beech, was born and raised in near-by Pulaski, Tennessee. The Museum itself started as the Staggerwing Museum Foundation in October 1973 under the auspices of the Staggerwing Club. In April 2007 the Museum became the Beechcraft Heritage Museum.



Today the 60,000 square foot facility houses more than two dozen aircraft dating from 1924 to 1999, plus many aviation artifacts and memorabilia.

Following the Museum tour, 26 of the group enjoyed lunch at The Celtic Cup Coffee House in Tullahoma, with a full lunch menu of soups, salads and sandwiches, all with an Irish flair.



MBCA Membership Form

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Occupation

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Account Number

Applicant's Signature

Nashville Section

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Nashville, TN 37205

Website: www.mbcanashville.org

Club Event Hotline
888-800-0982



Grinder's Switch: August 23, 2014



Nashville Section members and guests joined Dave & Linda Miles for a lovely day and wonderful hospitality at Grinder's Switch Winery in Centerville, Tennessee on Saturday, August 23, 2014. The Nashville Sec-



tion's last visit to Grinder's Switch in 2010 proved the most popular event of that year, and this year's event garnered 52 attendees very quickly.



Joey and Gail Chessor founded Grinder's Switch Winery, nestled on 110 acres of rolling farmland, in 2006. Grinder's Switch wines have won awards and medals across the country, including the prestigious "Wines of the South" competition.



While Gail handled the crush of Nashville Section members and guests in the winery's picturesque log cabin tasting room, Joey escorted groups through a short tour of the wine-making process.



Joey Chessor shared the story of the winery's "Caritas" wine, Grinder's Switch's new sweet elderberry wine produced in honor of The Daughters of Charity. A portion of the proceeds from each bottle benefits St. Thomas Health Center in Hickman County.



The group enjoyed a wonderful meal of beef brisket with all the fixings, and presented a t-shirt to Joey with the group's gratitude for a terrific outing. And a huge "thank you" to our hosts, Dave and Linda Miles!



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How Members Qualify

1. You must be a "Member in Good Standing" with MBCA to qualify for the Loyalty Rewards discount. To check your member standing, go to www.mbca.org, click the login button at the top right corner of the page then enter your username and password. If you are a current MBCA member and have been a member for 12 or more consecutive months, a 'Member in Good Standing' symbol will appear in the bottom left corner of your profile page.
2. From your profile page, go to 'Click Here' to view time-sensitive terms and conditions and to print an official Loyalty Rewards Certificate, redeemable only at U.S. Mercedes-Benz dealerships. **NOTE: Your Loyalty Rewards Certificate may only be printed ONCE. It will expire 60 days from the print date.**
3. Go to your local Mercedes-Benz dealer to negotiate the best price for your NEW Mercedes-Benz vehicle. Remember to ask your dealer if they are offering any special price discounts like a summer or winter clearance sale. On the day of your purchase, present your Loyalty Rewards Certificate to the dealer to receive an *additional* \$500 off the price of your new vehicle.

Can the \$500 Discount be Combined with Other Discounts?



Yes. MBCA members in good standing can take \$500 off a NEW Mercedes-Benz vehicle and combine that discount with a second MBUSA incentive, including: Guest Appreciation Certificates, European Delivery, seasonal event discounts, clearance sales and other dealer offers.

Which Mercedes-Benz Vehicles Qualify for the \$500 Discount?

You may apply your \$500 discount toward the purchase or lease of any NEW Mercedes-Benz vehicle *except*: Sprinter Vans, smart, SLS AMG Coupes and SLS AMG Roadsters.

Are there Dealer Incentives that CANNOT be Combined with the \$500 Discount?

Yes. There are some dealer incentives that may NOT be combined with the \$500 discount, including: DEI (Dealer Employee Incentive); MBDEAL (Mercedes-Benz Drive Employee Appreciation); MLP (Master Lease Program); Diplomat (designated diplomat program); all fleet programs (business-to-business purchases). Your dealer can explain these exceptions in detail.

Questions or More Information

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Mon-Thurs 8a.m.-4:30 p.m. & Fridays 8 a.m.-4 p.m. MT



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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 Belle Meade Plantation Nashville, TN	Saturday, June 28 German Cars & Coffee Fidelity Motors Nashville, TN	Saturday, July 19 Beechcraft Aviation Museum Tullahoma, TN	Saturday, August 23 Grinder's Switch Winery Centerville, TN	Sunday, September 21 Pickers Creek Winery Lewisburg, TN
Saturday, September 27 German Cars & Coffee Fidelity Motors Nashville, TN	Saturday, October 11 <u>Oktoberfest</u> in Germantown Nashville, TN	Sunday, October 19 <u>Mark Lambert:</u> Concours Judging <u>Lambert Auto</u> Nashville, TN	Saturday, November 8 German Cars & Coffee <u>Fidelity Motors</u> Nashville, TN	Sunday, November 16 Member Awards Dinner at Amerigo

Updates are ongoing; please check our website, www.mbcnashville.org, for news and details

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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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- ✓ 12-month membership in MBCA (2 and 3 year memberships also available). See 'BECOME A MEMBER' postcard in this Issue for details **Included**
- ✓ 12-month Associate membership for your spouse or partner (18 years of age or older, living in same household) **Included**
- ✓ Receive one month FREE membership for every new Member you recruit **Included**
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- ✓ Resources for enthusiasts, including: an email directory to pre- and post-war brand experts; a calendar of car shows and auctions; access to Mercedes-Benz book authors; a listing of automotive museums and more **Included**



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Mark Your Calendar! Nashville Section Member Awards Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 15 Amerigo

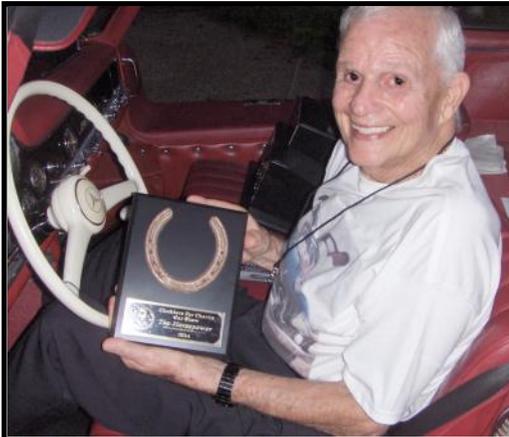
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See our website, mbcanashville.org, for details and updates, and our [Facebook](#) page for daily postings.

Take a look!

Joel Morris Wins at Chukkers For Charity



The annual Chukkers for Charity Polo Match and Classic Car Show was held September 6, 2014 at Riverview Farm in Franklin, Tennessee.



Congratulations to Nashville Section founding member and former President Joel

Morris! Joel won the Top Horsepower award with his beautiful 1957 Gullwing. Joel is the original owner of the car, and notes that the 2015 Gullwing Convention will be held in Nashville, Tennessee.



Chukkers for Charity benefits the non-profit Rochelle Center, offering support for adults with developmental disabilities, and Saddle Up, a Middle Tennessee program exclusively serving children and youth with disabilities.



Seated L-R: Jeff Coker, Kevin Pomeroy, Richard Coker. Standing L-R: Ray Coker, Rick Wolfe



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