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From the Nashville Section
President's desk:

Randy Bibb

2014: The Year In Review

2014 was a terrific year as the Nashville Section celebrated its 36th birthday. Our 2014 kick-off event was a visit to Mercedes-Benz of Nashville in February.

In March we visited James Hery's workshop, Chalfant Motors, in Belfast, Tennessee. What an experience! Hery, a world-famous restoration specialist, saw his restoration of a 1952 Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith win Best in Class at the 2014 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance.

We followed that in April with an open house at Precision Autohaus and the annual Shadowbrook Luncheon and concours in May.

We had a wonderful tour of Belle Meade Plantation in June. July saw the Nashville Section travel to Tullahoma to visit Beechcraft Heritage Museum.

In August we took a road trip to Grinder's Switch Winery in Centerville, and in September we visited Pickers Creek Winery in Lewisburg.

October saw the Nashville Section return to Mark Lambert's Lambert Auto in Nashville, and in November, at the Member Awards Banquet, Jerry and Sherrie Binkley were named Members of the Year.



Jerry & Sherrie Binkley with President Randy Bibb

Check our [website](#) and our [Facebook](#) page for updates as our 2015 calendar develops. We hope to see you in 2015!



Nashville Section Leaders



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Pickers Creek: September 23, 2014



Nashville Section members and guests visited Phil & Lydia Butler George's [Pickers Creek Winery](#) on Sunday, September 23, 2014. Despite predictions of rain, the day turned out to be great and the Nashville Section enjoyed terrific hospitality at this beautiful winery in Lewisburg, Tennessee.

This was our first visit to the winery, founded in 2009 on Phil's parents' former corn, tobacco and hay [farm](#). Music plays a big role in Pickers Creek Winery (hence the name!) and you can learn of upcoming events [here](#).



25 Nashville Section members and guests brought picnic lunches and enjoyed the bucolic setting, wide-ranging (and creatively named) [wine list](#), and art from Smyrna artist Debbie Michaelson.



Phil George shared with the group the genesis of the winery, the provenance of the grapes used in their wines, and Lydia Butler George's paintings, which are used as the basis for Pickers Creek wine labels.



Welcome to New Members

2014 has been a wonderful year 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 third quarter 2014 newsletter include:

J. E. Barlow
Annemarie Bryce

Billy Carrington
Richard Matthews

Thomas Scales
Brandon Sharp

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.

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

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

Lambert Auto: October 19, 2014



On Sunday afternoon, October 19, 2014, 40 members and guests of the Nashville Section made a return visit to Mark Lambert's classic car restoration garage, Lambert Auto, on Charlotte Pike in Nashville. From the first story about the license plates on the walls to his answers of numerous questions, Mark once again reminded MBCA Nashville why visiting Lambert Auto is such a popular event.

Mark spoke about 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." Mark fielded questions about 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. 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. Members and guests were thrilled to have the opportunity to take a rare behind-the-scenes look at the process of restoring classic cars to their original glory.



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. The Nashville Section is very appreciative of the visit to Lambert Auto, and we offer our thanks to Mark Lambert for the opportunity.



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: _____

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- Driving Events Car Shows Car Care
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Awards Dinner: November 15, 2014

Jerry & Sherrie Binkley were named 2014 Members of the Year for the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Nashville Section at the Member Awards Dinner on November 15, 2014, at Amerigo in Nashville.

Two special guests who are regulars at German Cars & Coffee and at Cars & Coffee in Cool Springs joined the group: we welcomed Al Gloddeck and Mark Tanaka from Nissan. Al is an engineer in Nissan's regulatory and compliance department, and Mark is an engineer in the Nissan product safety department.

Randy previewed the Nashville Section calendar for 2015, including visits to Jack Daniels Distillery, Fontanel, the National Corvette Museum, Del Monaco Winery,



the Sam Davis Home, Shadowbrook, Precision Autohaus, Arrington Vineyards and Lane Motor Museum, all beginning with the Nashville Section's traditional February visit to Mercedes-Benz of Nashville. Membership Director Ed Johnson spoke about how much the Nashville Section has grown in the last year, and he encouraged the

group to continue inviting others to join us.



This wonderful event closed the year for the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Nashville Section. We're looking forward to another great year in 2015!



Mercedes-Benz Club of America
Nashville Section

2015 CALENDAR

Saturday, February 21 Mercedes-Benz of Nashville Open House Franklin, TN	Saturday, March 28 Jack Daniels Distillery Tour Lynchburg, TN	Sunday, April 19 Del Monaco Winery Baxter, TN	Sunday, May 3 Shadowbrook Concours Joelton, TN	Saturday, June 20 Sam Davis Home Smyrna, TN
Saturday, July 11 Lane Motor Museum Basement Tour Nashville, TN	Saturday, August 22 Fontanel Joelton, TN	Saturday, September 19 Precision Autohaus Open House	Sunday, October 11 Arrington Vineyards Arrington, TN	Saturday, November 14 National Corvette Museum Bowling Green, KY

Updates are ongoing; please check our [website](#) and our [Facebook](#) page for news and details

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- MBCA 50th Anniversary Grill
Badge

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Give **MEMBERSHIP** for the holidays!

For 36 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 a gift membership this year?**

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



**OWNERSHIP
NOT
NECESSARY**

*Just bring your
enthusiasm!*

Give the gift that keeps on giving: membership in MBCA!

StarTech 2015 — Cincinnati, Ohio



StarTech 2015 is coming to Cincinnati, Ohio the weekend of June 12-14th 2015!

We are partnering with DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Cincinnati Airport for the event space and lodging. It is located in Northern Kentucky right at the airport – particularly convenient for those of you planning to come a long way. You can already book your hotel [here](#), or go to the MBCA StarTech webpage and clicking on the Hotel section.

Expect many exciting announcements as the speakers develop, but one big attraction for the weekend is the Cincinnati Ault Park Concours d'Elegance where Mercedes-Benz will be the featured marque. Why not bring your classic Mercedes-Benz and enter it into the field?

Check the StarTech website regularly for updates: <http://startech2015.mbca.org/>



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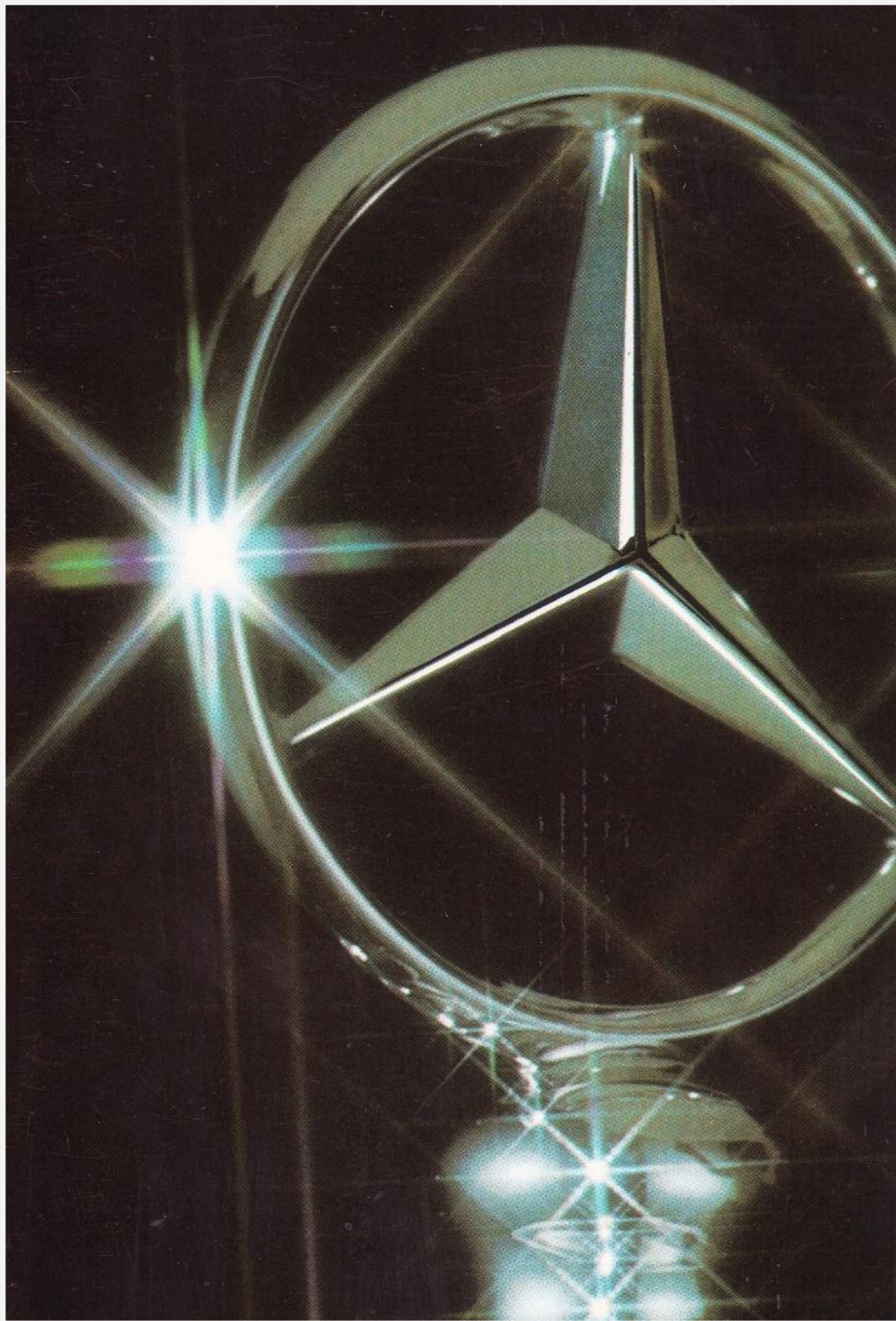
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