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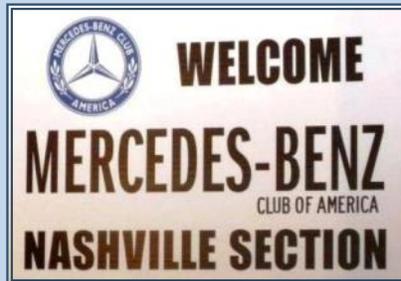
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# Welcome!

Allen Diehl  
Jack Madison  
Robert Miles

Clyde Ramey  
Evelyn Walker

# Give the Gift of Membership

**In 2019, the Mercedes-Benz Club of America's Nashville Section celebrates 41 years** as a gathering point for Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts in the central South. **Why not consider giving a gift 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 year-round 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! 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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membership in MBCA!**

# March 23 Cars & Coffee @ Bavarian Bierhaus

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## 2019 Nashville Section Calendar of Events

**Saturday, February 9 – Mercedes-Benz of Nashville Open House**

**Sunday, March 10 – Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, Amelia Island, Florida**

**Saturday, March 23 – German Cars & Coffee, [Bavarian Bierhaus](#), Opry Mills**

**Sunday, March 24 – Del Monaco Winery, Baxter, Tennessee**

**Saturday, April 13 – Jim Hery's Chalfont Motors Workshop, Belfast, Tennessee**

**Saturday, April 20 – Kars4Kids, Brentwood, Tennessee**

**Sunday, May 5 – Shadowbrook Concours d'Elegance, Joelton, Tennessee**

**Saturday, June 22 – German Cars & Coffee, [Bavarian Bierhaus](#), Opry Mills**

**Saturday, July 20 – Keeneland Concours d'Elegance, Lexington, Kentucky**

**Saturday, July 27 – Nashville Section Road Rally & Lunch**

**Saturday, August 24 – Shaker Village & Lunch, South Union, Kentucky**

**Saturday, September 14 – German Cars & Coffee, [Bavarian Bierhaus](#), Opry Mills**

**Sunday, October 6 – AACA 30<sup>th</sup> Antique & Classic Car Show, Franklin, Tennessee**

**Sunday, October 13 – Keg Springs Winery, Hampshire, Tennessee**

**Sunday, October 20 – Atlanta Concours d'Elegance, Tyler Perry Studios, Atlanta**

**Saturday, October 26 – Oktoberfest German Cars & Coffee, [Bavarian Bierhaus](#)**

**Saturday, November 16 – Mercedes-Benz of Music City Open House**

**Sunday, December 15 – Membership Appreciation Brunch, [Bavarian Bierhaus](#)**

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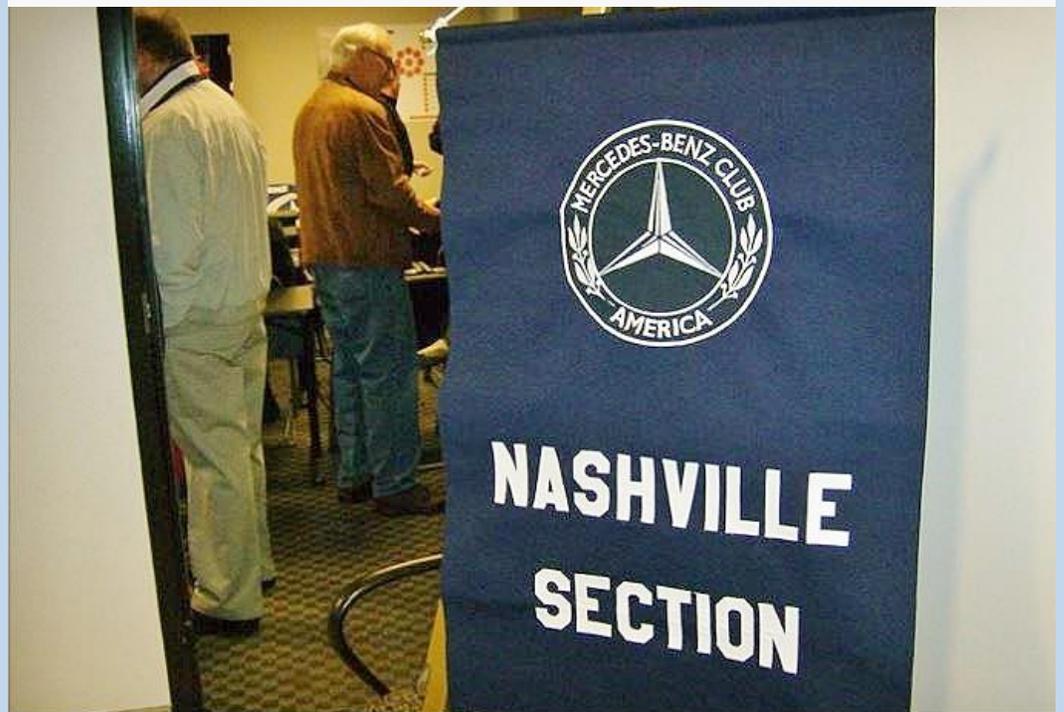
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With the overwhelming success of 2018's inaugural SMF, MBCA and PCA leaders are revving up the activities to meet a variety of interests for this year's event for all European Marques.

The Sandhills area in the heart of North Carolina attracts golfers, tourists and car enthusiasts to its world-renowned courses, unique shops, restaurants and quaint village charm. Lofty pine and lush magnolia trees bordering the streets of the Village of Pinehurst set the perfect background for displaying beautiful cars.

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### Details & Dates

- Prize: 2019 Mercedes-AMG GT 63 4-door Coupe
- MSRP: \$136,500
- Tickets are \$50 (US) each
- Last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, June 5, 2019
- Drawing is Thursday, June 13, 2019
- For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [raffle.mbca.org](http://raffle.mbca.org), call the NBO at **800-637-2360** or check your mailbox for an official mail-in order form.

Open to MBCA Members only. Must be 18 years of age or older. No limit on the number of tickets one member may purchase. The winner will choose an authorized Mercedes-Benz dealership where a check in the amount of \$102,375 (US) will be sent. The winner will shop for their vehicle at the dealership of their choice. If fewer than 5,450 tickets are sold, the raffle prize will be one-half (50%) of the gross raffle ticket sales - less Federal withholding of 25%, or at least \$5,000 (less withholding), whichever is greater. Vehicle featured in this ad is representative only. Odds of winning depend on the total number of tickets sold. Must be a current Member of MBCA at the time of purchase and day of the prize drawing. Members may attend the drawing (not required to enter or win). 100% of net raffle proceeds shall be devoted exclusively to the lawful purpose of MBCA International Stars Section. Raffle License Number R52158.

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# FRENCH LICK, INDIANA

**Friday, October 11th - Saturday, October 13th**



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Please join your fellow Central Region club members as we enjoy an extended weekend together in and around the French Lick, Indiana area.

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We are planning some very enjoyable activities, including a driving tour of the area, breakfast and tour at the West Baden Hotel, and dinner together on Saturday evening.

Lodging at the historic French Lick Resort is regularly \$304/night + tax, but our rate for the two days/nights is \$129 + tax. We have a 40-room block and 30 rooms already are booked at this fantastic rate!

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### **Optional Frankfurt Auto Show**

A trip to the Frankfurt Auto Show is offered on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019. Visit [www.mbca.org/travel](http://www.mbca.org/travel).

### **Optional River Cruise**

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## MBCA & Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance 2019

# Head for Hilton Head with MBCA

**The Mercedes Benz Club is returning to the Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance!**

The event will take place November 1-3 at the Port Royal Golf Club. This year is going to be our year! MBCA has designated Hilton Head 2019 as a multi-regional event supported by the Eastern, Southeastern and **Central** regions. Join us for the Saturday Car Club Showcase and for the Sunday Concours d'Elegance.

We have been given a prime location on the field for up to 40 cars on Saturday, November 2, to display our cars in the Car Club Showcase. This should be a truly spectacular showing of a variety of Mercedes-

Benz models. We can have at least 6-8 cars in the Sunday, November 3, Concours d'Elegance.

**What cars are we looking for?** Early Sedans/Coupes, Roadsters/SLs and Convertibles. We will select up to 15 cars from the Car Club Showcase to tell the "Mercedes-Benz Story." Our plan is to begin the story starting with the early sedans/coupes, show the evolution of the Mercedes roadsters from the 300SL to the AMG GT roadster and finish off with a series of classic Mercedes Convertibles. These cars will be in the front row and be parked in sequence to tell our story. Front row cars cannot be late models, 2013-2018.

### **The Mercedes Story we wish to display in the front row:**

- Early Sedans/Coupes: 1950s Pontons; 1980s 300SDLs.
- Roadsters: 1938 Roadster; 300SL Roadster; 300SL Gullwing; 121 Chassis - 190SL; R113 Chassis Pagoda; R107 Chassis; R129 Chassis; R230 Chassis; SLS; AMG GT Roadster
- Convertibles: W124 E-Class Convertible; 2011-13 E350 Convertible; 280SE Cabriolet; 2002 CLK AMG

**The Concours d'Elegance.** Cars will enter separately with the Concours selection committee to secure an invitation to the Concours d'Elegance. To be eligible, vehicles must be manufactured before 1974 and not shown at the Hilton Head Island event in 2017 or 2018. Nominations will be reviewed by the MBCA Selection Committee. Nominations will be accepted through mid-June 2019. If you have a truly classic Concours quality car, submit it to the Hilton Head Concours selection committee for consideration to be invited to the Sunday show. Register for the Concours d'elegance at <http://www.hhiconcours.com/register-a-vehicle.html>.

**This will be a Mercedes weekend event.** We'll have a club driving activity on Friday for those who do not participate in the Hilton Head Concours sponsored drive. On Friday night we are planning a club dinner at a local Hilton Head eatery for those who choose not to go to the Concours Gala at the airport. Events include:

- **Friday:** Mercedes Rally; Club dinner to socialize and meet members from other areas.
- **Saturday:** Car Club Showcase at Port Royal Golf Course; Mercedes-only Car Show; Silver Star Preservation; MBCA Tent; dinner at a local eatery to discuss the day's events and prepare for the spectacular Concours.
- **Sunday:** the Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance.

**Lodging:** We have a 20-room block at the Hampton Inn, our host hotel and headquarters, at \$149.00 per night. **The hotel is nearby Port Royal and will sell out fast! Call 843-681-7900 to reserve rooms and mention that you are with the Mercedes Club.** Rooms will be added if enough early reservations are made. The hotel has free parking, breakfast and plenty of parking space for those who are trailering their cars.



*Concours d'Elegance  
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*Our own Mike Gillespie shares this:*

Hey all, just got this email from Paul Collins who is the organizer of the Kars4Kids event that is held at the Brentwood Baptist Children's Home every year. Some of you may have re-

ceived it as well if you have participated in the past. I just wanted to share this with everyone and encourage your participation. It is a great show, at a super location and for an amazing cause. Hope to see you there. Mike.

# Kars4Kids Event

## April 20

**From: Paul Collins**

**Subject: KARS4KIDS - April 20, 2019**

All the Music City AACA, KARS4KIDS committee and the children at TN Baptist Children's Home's, Brentwood Campus, want to thank you for last year's participation and invite you to participate in **this year's car show event scheduled for April 20, 2019**. The event is open to all makes and models of automobiles and motorcycles. This is a family event and we want to get the whole family involved especially the children. Our goal is a day of fun for the family to enjoy the beautiful facility, enter the car show, and have a fun-filled day while supporting a very worthy cause. Past events have featured special displays from Alan Jackson's private collection, George Shinn's private collection and Lane Motor Museum.

This show began because Dr. Ivan Raley of TBCH was willing to take a chance on a couple of car guys who wanted to use the campus to put on a car show. We made Dr. Raley a promise that if he allowed us to do the event, 100% of the net proceeds would be given to the children. That is a promise we have always honored and will always honor. The individuals who work to put on this show do so out of the goodness of their heart as a way to give back to others; no one has ever or will ever make any money for helping with this event. We are proud of the fact that every year KARS4KIDS has been able to provide extra funding to the summer activities program.

We had over 200 entrants last year and hope to exceed that this year. We have always had representation of vehicle manufactures represented from all around the world and always the one or two of special interest. In years past we have had Corvettes, muscle cars, Ferrari, Aston Martins, Lamborghini, Canadian, British, Asian, amphibious vehicles, New and Old Fire Trucks, we've even had a Tatra and Messeerschmitt.

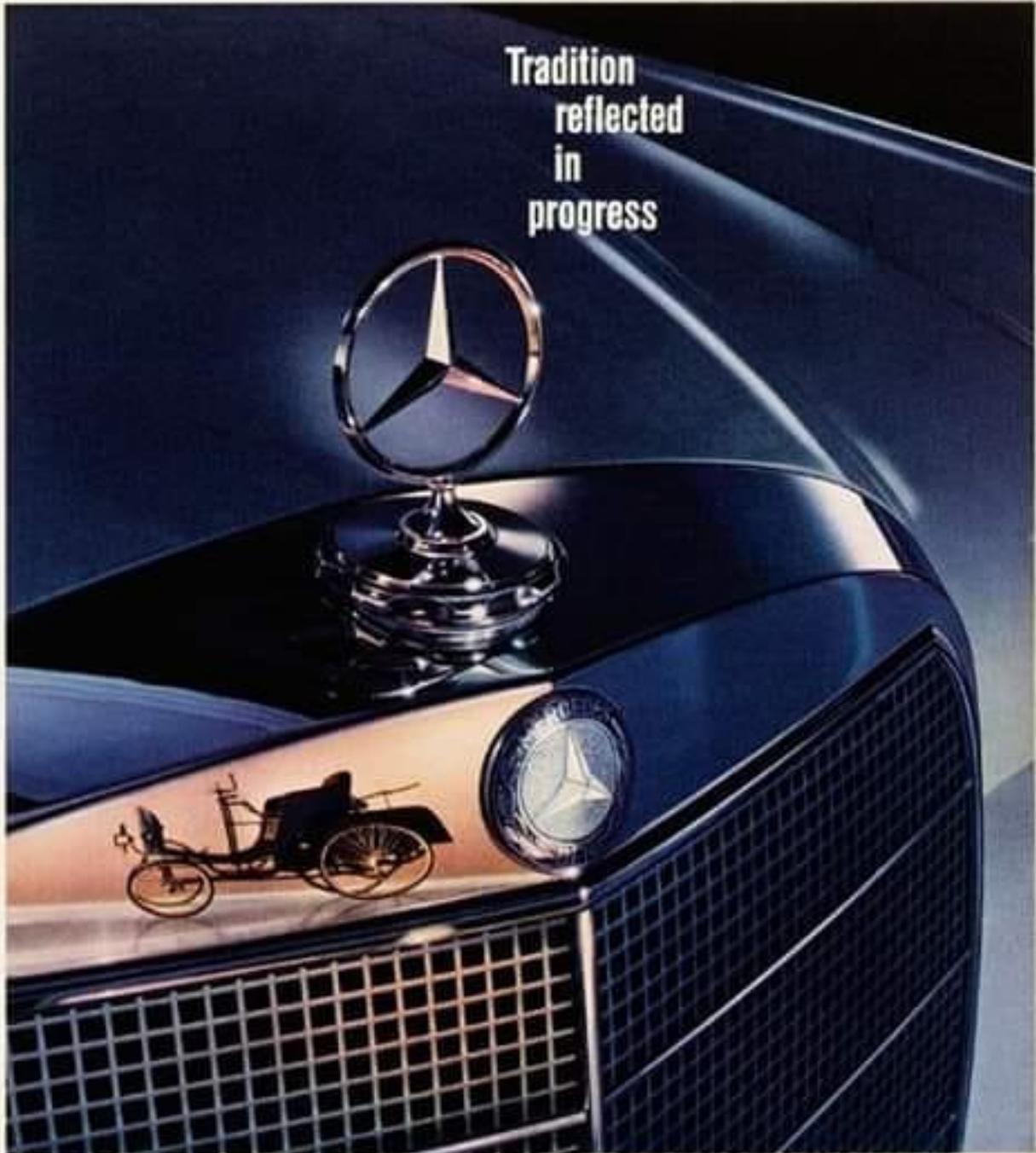
The main focus of this event is: 1) for the children at TN Baptist Children's Home's to have a day of fun, 2) to raise funds and provide public awareness of what TBCH provides (All net proceeds go to "The Tennessee Baptist Children's Home's, Brentwood Campus" summer activities program), and 3) for everyone involved in the show to relax, enjoy lovely Williamson County and most of all have a good time.

Throughout the day, children at the home will be going around greeting show participants and visitors. With over 50 acres of rolling, wooded show area, plenty of fresh hot-off-the-grill hot dogs and hamburgers, automotive related displays and activities for the children, we look forward to having your participation in a day of fun! Flyer attached and please feel free to share this notification

*Paul Collins*



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