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Dear Nashville Section Members:

It's hard to believe, but October is nearly here. This year there's something for everyone on the Nashville Section October calendar.

The month kicks off with the October **Food & Wine Launch Party at Mercedes-Benz of Nashville** in Cool Springs on Thursday, October 3, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Kirt Kuhn, our Nashville Section Liaison at Mercedes-Benz of Nashville, tells me that the evening will feature:

- A live culinary showdown between three area chefs
- Food and cocktails from local restaurants
- Local bartender spotlight
- Live entertainment
- Silent Auction with all proceeds going to Mercy Community Healthcare

There is **no charge** for this event, but please RSVP through this link:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/october-food-wine-issue-launch-party-tickets-71190407425?fbclid=IwAR02x0yqQxSVfSMa5jgRKpChJvLDEcHHFxaAnie3Lw_G8IW8CQahZIFVeI

On the following Sunday, October 6, 2019, the Battlefield Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America will hold its **30th Annual Antique and Classic Car Show** at The Factory at Franklin. There are 27 classes in the show, including a class limited to Mercedes-Benz. Nashville Section member Joel Morris is a past winner of the show with his 300SL Gullwing.

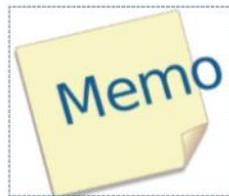
Registration runs from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., and it is a judged show. If you would like to show your car, the entry fee is only \$20, and the proceeds go to three local charities, Brightstone, High Hopes, LLC and Enrich for Life. Admission for spectators is **FREE**. This is a rain or shine event.

The next weekend, on Sunday, October 13, the Nashville Section will visit the **Keg Springs Winery** in Hampshire, Tennessee. This marks the Club's second trip to the Keg Springs Winery, our first since the spring of 2017. The winery is located just off the Natchez Trace Parkway, and the trip will give us an opportunity to enjoy the early autumn colors en route.

October wraps up with what else but **Oktoberfest** and the final **German Cars & Coffee** on Saturday, October 26, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Bavarian Bierhaus in Opry Mills. Nashville Section member Mike Gillespie welcomes all German cars to this event, and as always, Mike promises that a European-style breakfast will be served at the Bavarian Bierhaus beginning at 9:00 a.m.

For more details about each of these events, go to the Nashville Section website at www.mbcnashville.org or check your e-mail in-box. I hope that you can join us for one of our many events during the month of October. Happy Motoring!

Randy Bibb
President, Nashville Section
Mercedes-Benz Club of America



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the Nashville Section
President*

Nashville Section Leaders



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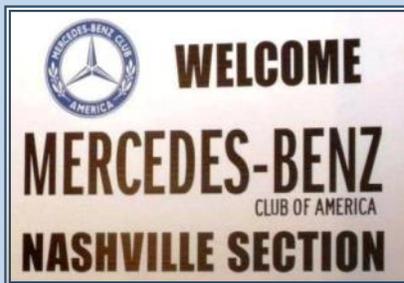
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Celebrate Oktoberfest 2019

When the son of Bavaria's King Maximilian I married Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen in 1810, the king invited the entire country to the wedding reception. There were horse races, games, and of course, Bier. A year later the future King Ludwig I and his wife celebrated their first anniversary the same way and a tradition was born. Munich has celebrated its Oktoberfest nearly every year since.

This year Munich will welcome over 6 million visitors and pour 7.7 million liters of Bier. But numbers alone don't quite portray the enormity of the world's largest annual festival that is Munich's Oktoberfest. So let's put those numbers into perspective.

Munich's 6 million Oktoberfest visitors crowding the *Theresienwiese* every year is the equivalent of nearly the entire population of Tennessee going to a space the size of Opry Mills plus the adjacent Grand Ole Opry and the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center over the span of just 16 days.

Here's another way to think about that many people: Bonnaroo might seem like a crowded and crazy place. Oktoberfest has the same attendance as 80 Bonnaroo's going on all at once. Oh, and Bonnaroo's 700 acre site is nearly three times the size of Munich's *Wiesn* where the Oktoberfest is held.

But what about all that Bier consumed at Oktoberfest? A liter stein is about 4 inches in diameter. So those 7.7 million liters of Bier placed side by side would stretch 486 miles, enough to reach from Nashville to Panama City Beach, Florida, and still leaving 24 miles, or another 95,000 Steins of Bier to drink once you got to the beach. If all those Biers were in standard 50-liter kegs and loaded on beer trucks parked nose to tail, they would stretch the 8.9 miles between Bridgestone Arena and the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills. That's a lot of Bier.

Starting September 20, the Bavarian Bierhaus will have live music every day for the following six weeks. Below is a schedule of just some of their Oktoberfest events both at the Opry Mills location and on the road. Check out their calendar for more details: <https://www.bierhausnashville.com/musik>



- **Friday Oct 4.** Visit the Bavarian Bierhaus where they will tap Pflugstädter's Oktoberfest Bier at 8 pm. FREE Bier until the keg runs dry. Live music by Alicia Baker.
- **Thursday Oct 10-Sunday Oct 13.** The Bavarian Bierhaus will host Nashville's first and only authentic Bier Tent at the Nashville Oktoberfest on Bicentennial Mall in Germantown.
- **Friday Oct 11.** Visit the Bavarian Bierhaus where they will tap Paulaner's Oktoberfest Bier at 8 pm. FREE Bier until the keg runs dry. Live music by Karen & the Musik Meisters.
- **Friday Oct 18.** Visit the Bavarian Bierhaus where they will tap Spaten's Oktoberfest Bier at 8 pm. FREE Bier until the keg runs dry. Live music by Ken & Mary.
- **Friday Oct 25.** Visit the Bavarian Bierhaus where they will tap Hofbräu's Oktoberfest Bier at 8 pm. FREE

Bier until the keg runs dry. Live music by Bea & Derrol.

- **Saturday Oct 26.** Visit the Bavarian Bierhaus at its Oktoberfest tent at Franklin's Pumpkinfest.

So enjoy Oktoberfest Music City style at the [Bavarian Bierhaus](https://www.bierhausnashville.com), 121 Opry Mills Drive, Nashville!



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July 20: Keeneland Concours d'Elegance



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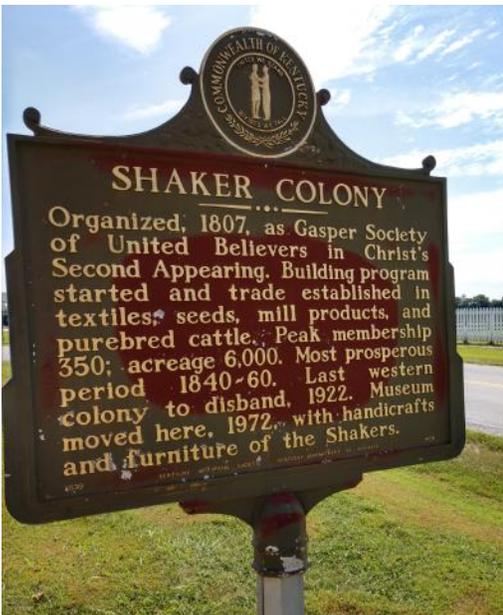
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August 24: Shaker Village & Lunch



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Ed Johnson



Welcome to New Members

Each month brings more new members to the Nashville Section. THANK YOU to all who have referred new members to us. 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 2019 newsletter include:

Welcome!

Harrison Bond
P Honeycutt
Susan Potts

AJ Underwood
Nathan Weinberg

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!

**The gift that keeps on giving:
membership in MBCA!**

Sept. 10: Colorado Grand Rally



Randy Bibb's rally car, 1957 300SL roadster



Mountain view



Rest stop



Mike Kunz, from the Classic Center USA, with a friend on the Colorado Grand Rally

Pictures courtesy
Randy Bibb



Lunch break



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 30th 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](#)

Sept. 14: German Cars & Coffee, Bavarian Bierhaus



Pictures courtesy
Linda Miles



2019 GERMAN CARS, MOTORCYCLES & COFFEE



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Bavarian Bierhaus Opry Mills

Oct. 26, 9-11 a.m.

Brunch to be served at the restaurant's Jagerstube,
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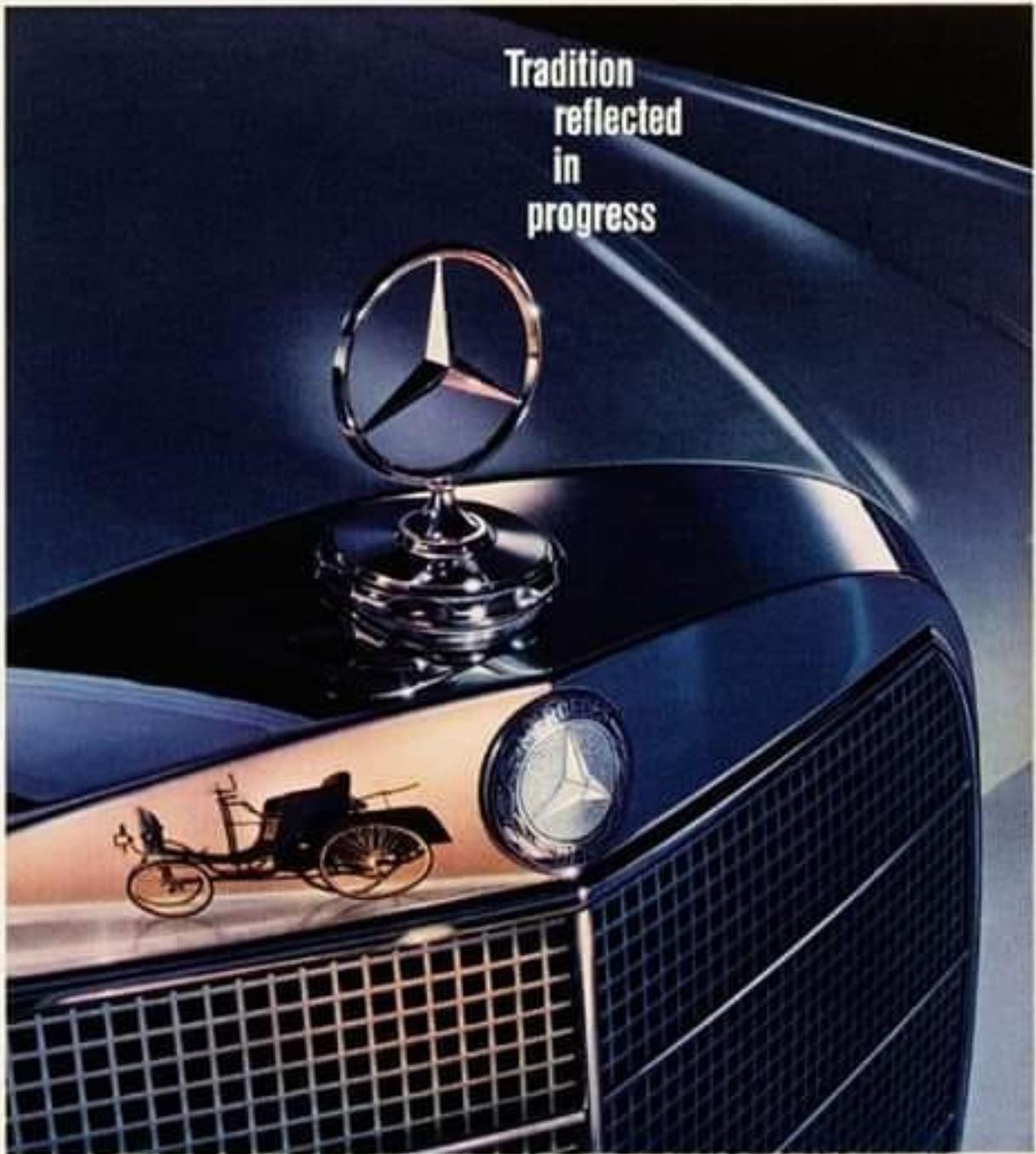


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