

The Three Rivers Road Report

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A Summer Place in August



There's inconspicuous, and then there's inconspicuous. This was more along the lines of you'd better know what to watch for or you'll drive right by it without realizing it's even there. Fortunately, I had been told to watch for the wrought iron fence with the white painted brick posts. So we turned in, followed the long driveway around the back of the house, and there it was. That step back in time. A diner, barbershop, gas station, theater, and more. Even a railroad car and Ferris Wheel. All taking us back more than half a century. What a fun afternoon it was! We wandered around, snapping pictures, while our lunch was prepared. Lisa and Ken Long fit right in as they posed in front of the diner in the picture above. When lunch was ready, we headed inside and gobbled up the hot and juicy cheeseburgers and real French Fries, washed it down with our soda of choice, and finished off with a bananaless split. For some reason, they didn't have any bananas. Not that we needed them, because by then we were all stuffed. Then most of us headed to the theater to watch "Rebel Without a Cause". It was a unique and entertaining afternoon as you can see by the pictures on the next 2 pages.





Concours d' Elegance Elegant Indeed



It's one of the 3 biggest car shows in the country and you'll see cars there you'll not see anywhere else. Foreign & domestic, pre-war classics, race cars, and just about any category you can come up with, each one had a place on the show field. MBCA was the only club tent allowed on the field. Section President Julie Bruggner and Vice-President Jason Bogart traveled to Plymouth, Michigan to check it all out. It was a great opportunity to meet and talk with members from the National Board, as well as some from the National Business Office. Jason took the opportunity to snap a couple of "selfies" with International Stars President, and soon to be Regional Director, John Briggs, and with John's wife, and IS Secretary, Trish Briggs.





Left and Below: "Preferred" club parking on the grounds of the Inn at St. John's.

Next row: Julie Bruggner checks out the new S-Class provided by MBUSA for the show, and the sticker that came with it.

Bottom: Lisa Juhl, Director of Marketing for MBCA, chats with a member, and 2 of the 4 Mercedes entered in the Concours



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Who's Who in the Club

Lauren Bogart

Lauren Bogart, daughter to our Vice President Jason Bogart and his wife Amy, is the newest and youngest



member of the Mercedes Benz Club of America Three Rivers Section. They had an opportunity to purchase a car a little early for her. She won't be able to drive it for at least 6 more months, but it will be ready to go when she is. It's a 1999 Mercedes Benz E320 4MATIC Wagon. It was a light wreck and still ran but needed a new hood and a few other things. Jason and Lauren have worked really hard cleaning it and getting it put back



together. She has taken an interest in what things are and how they work. She helped out giving it an oil change and had questions. She will have a good knowledge of just routine maintenance and how to take care of the body of the car.

Lauren's exposure to Mercedes started when she was born. She was brought home from the hospital in the 1987 Mercedes Benz 402SEL that they had at the time. They took her to and from daycare, school, soccer practices and games, etc. in the various Mercedes that they've owned over the years. Every time they would see a Mercedes in the parking lot or at a car show she would always point it out. At a young age she knew what that three pointed star was.

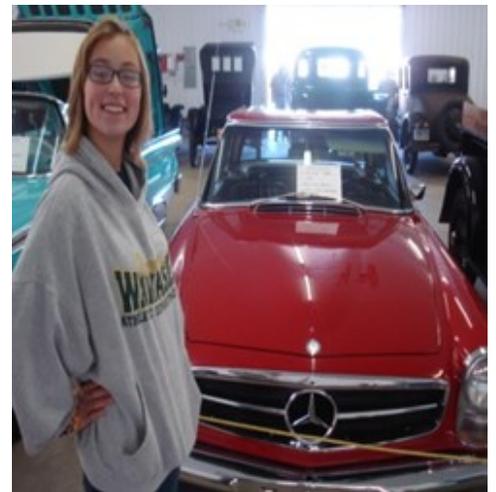
I guess you really can't say this E320 is her first Mercedes. When she was 3 years old, Santa Claus brought her a SL300 pedal car. She was so excited; it was a Mercedes like her dad drove.





Lauren's best friend, Riley Kunkle, can't wait for Lauren to get her license too. They can't wait to take shopping trips to the mall and go to Sky Zone. Riley and Lauren have been best friends for a long time. When asked to say something about Lauren for this article, Riley said, "She's a great person and will be a friend to anyone who needs one even if she doesn't necessarily like them. She likes to have fun and joke around but is serious when she needs to be."

Lauren is really a great kid. She is a sophomore in High School and is a straight A student. She ended up being #1 out of 263 students in her freshman class last year! Lauren is a very sweet girl and they are very blessed to have a daughter like her. In addition to her honors classes, this year she was chosen to be in Vocal Motion, the show choir for her school. She is also involved with student counsel this year.



Lauren needs to focus on her academics so worrying about getting a car was left up to her father. The plan was she is going to get Dad's C240 4MATIC when she got her license. Then the E320 came along and they did not know how a kid getting her license would react to getting a "wagon" as her first car. She was excited, her friends were excited. I guess wagons are cool again. They all love the 3rd row rear facing seat.



extra DETAILS

By Jason Bogart

This section is dedicated to the upkeep and detailing of our wonderful German vehicles.

We probably have all said we're not going to eat or drink in our new cars. Especially not in our Mercedes! For one reason or another we all cave in and end up taking something in the car or you hit your favorite drive thru when you're on your way to work. The only problem is that caramel macchiato with a double shot of espresso just fell out of your cup holder as the jerk in the American sports car cut you off.



Now it's a carpet macchiato and an espresso stain! What can you do to clean up this mess? Not everyone has access to a high end carpet cleaner. You may try a wet/dry vac or some carwashes have a carpet shampoo station along with their vacuums.



I try to start out with a light detergent depending on what is in the carpet. If it is grease stain, I use a little Dawn dish soap. If it is really bad I may put a small drop right on the stain and wet it. I use a small scrub brush and work it into the stain. You can have water in a bucket to work in as well. If I am doing an overall cleaning I like to use a laundry detergent diluted in water. I will use something like Tide that maybe has a scent to it. *(Make sure if you are using detergent you are not using "he" high efficiency soap it can discolor).* I



wet the area by misting it with water and then I may use a rag in the detergent water and add to the carpet. I scrub the area with a brush and then work the area till it appears that I have covered the whole area. I will extract the soap and water solution out of the carpet and inspect for any area's missed. I will then rinse the carpet with just clean water and extract this again.

I am a big believer in rinsing the carpet even though they say you don't need to. Soap residue can pull dirt and stains in and cause them to set. You don't want to overload the soap either. I would say half a cap to about 2 ½ gallons of water. Better to go light on the soap than have too much.

Even the cleanest cars have a dirty little secret. The carpet holds a lot more dirt than you would imagine. The carpet was not that bad after a quick vacuum. At least it appeared not too bad. But I feel a lot better having nice clean carpets. If you have a musty smell in your car shampooing the fabric portions in your vehicle is a good way to get rid of that smell.

This is the waste tank after extraction and you can see there was a lot hiding in this carpet.



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THREE RIVERS SECTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS — 2014

August 30: ACD Festival, *Reminder*, See you tomorrow at the Auburn Auction Park. \$10/person and bring a dish to share. Lunch will start at 11:30.

September 20: Nappanee Apple Festival, We're meeting at Egolf's IGA, 609 S. Main St., Churubusco, IN. at 11:30 and heading to Nappanee from there.

October 12: We're planning a fall drive to Sauder Village. More info to follow.

November: Still open. Got a suggestion? Let us know.

December 12: Christmas Party, Our annual Christmas Party will be at Autumn Ridge Country Club this year. Don your holiday finery and join us for a festive celebration. Details to follow.

National Event Coming to This Area!

Next year, **June 12-14**, StarTech will be taking place in Cincinnati, OH. If you've never been to one, a national event takes all the things we love about club events and raises them to a whole new level. There's always some sort of driving, or track, event, technical sessions (hence, the name Star**Tech**), social events, people from all over the country, and lots and lots of cars. In 2013, in Alabama, there were 230 registered participants. I strongly suggest you get these dates on your calendar now and plan to attend. I'll be there.

*Please consult your current issue of **The Star** magazine for listings of upcoming National, Regional and Sectional events throughout the country. Or log on to the National website at mbca.org and check out what's coming under the "Our Community" tab.*

More events will be added as they are scheduled and details for each event will be forwarded as needed. Ideas for events are always welcomed and encouraged. Contact any board member with suggestions.



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