

Three Rivers Section / MBCA



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Another Great Day at Auburn



Forty-one members from four sections attended our annual Labor Day Event, "A Day at Auburn". The turn out was great and so was the weather. Members explored the auction grounds, swap meet and the car corral as they made their way to the main auction house. Amazing cars came across the block as the bids continued to climb.

Members were treated to a tailgate style luncheon while we did a few small door prizes. President Jason called upon members to pass out the last of our membership brochures if they happen to find any fellow Mercedes owners. Multiple people stopped by to check out all the stars.



Three members cars received the Silver Star Preservation Certification today. It was a very enjoyable day for all members.





W124 Hood Pad Replacement

At some point your older Mercedes Benz is going to need a new hood pad. Time and temperature cause them to dry out and crumble. While you may not think they are that important they play an important role in keeping the paint on the hood from baking out and deteriorating.

On my W124 the original old pad was held on by some old duct tape and wishful thinking. At some point it was going to fall into the engine compartment and make a mess. I called around and got some quotes for the replacement and then decided this was an inexpensive weekend project for us.

I found that the OE replacement hood pad was available from several sources and I bought mine on Amazon. You will also need to purchase the necessary adhesive and this is critical. What is needed is a high temperature adhesive or is going to fall off. I used 3M Super Yellow Trim Adhesive that is also available on Amazon.



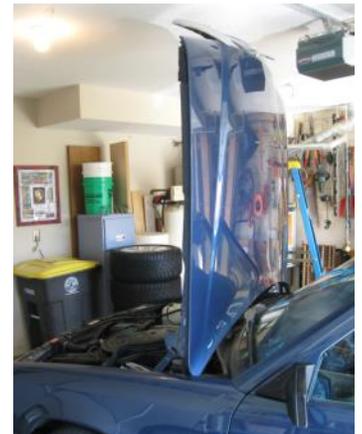
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3M 08090 Super Yellow Trim Adhesive, 19oz



Other supplies needed are a dust mask, at least 3 large plastic drop cloths, a stiff bristled brush, some painter's masking tape, a couple of step-stools and the all important helper.

Step one: Raise the hood to the service position. If you are unsure how to do this check your owner's manual.



Step two: Cover the entire engine compartment with one sheet of the plastic drop cloth. Now remove the old hood pad and toss it in the trash.



Step three: Use the stiff brush to remove any loose leftovers from the inner surface of the hood. There will be bits of old glue probably left on the inner painted surface. Getting them off will likely damage the original paint so I figured if the old adhesive is stuck on that hard it can stay. The plastic drop cloth will now be full of dust and old foam bits. Carefully remove it and try not to dump the mess on the engine. Fold it all up and toss in the trash.

Step Four: Use the other plastic sheets to cover the engine and fenders, the wind screen, doors, roof and anything else you don't want to glue. After the car is prepared it is time to test fit the new hood pad. I would suggest that you and your helper do this a couple of time to make sure it fits and you know how to align it on the hood. If it is all wrinkled up from shipping lay it in the sun for a half hour and it will flatten right out.



My pad came with a little notch that designated the exact middle of the pad. I put a small arrow of tape on the hood base as a target to help the alignment.

Step 5: Time to glue. The spray adhesive needs to be applied to both the foam side of the hood pad and the inner surface of the hood. Use at least two complete coats on both surfaces. The adhesive sprays in a

vertical fan shape so start in the middle to get accustomed to the spray area. Spray quickly and be ready to apply/position the hood pad fairly quickly.

Step 6: Placing the pad on the hood is a little tricky; this is where your helper is most needed. Have one person on each side of the car; align the notch and centering arrow keeping the edges straight. You really only have one shot at getting this correctly aligned. The glue will instantly bond. Press the pad into the edges recesses and smooth it out/press it on in the center areas.

Our application resulted in a small wrinkle as we didn't pull it tight enough at the extreme top.

Step seven: Remove the protective plastic and tape and you are DONE!

As mentioned earlier the hood pad protects the hood paint from the engine heat. An added benefit is the noise reduction. I was surprised how much quieter the car sounded from the drivers seat.



Total cost for my project was less than \$100. Well maybe it did cost a little more as I did have to buy dinner for my helper.

D. Gilbert (project lead) N. Gilbert (great helper)



It's time to kick off our annual toy drive to benefit Toys for Tots. This is something we started several years back to support a great cause. This is something I am very passionate about and I personally appreciate all the donations to help kids in need.

Each year this event grows and that's awesome! It's sad to think that some kids may not have toys to open on Christmas morning or may not have a good home life. It might be that one special toy that puts a smile on their face and gives them hope. We do fun stuff in the club that puts smiles on all of our faces. Let's do our small part to put smiles on their faces!

The Toys for Tots director and all the other people involved are all volunteers. Spending their own personal time devoted to making Toys for Tots a success year after year. I am so happy that Three Rivers can do our part to help.

Donations will be accepted [Now thru November 16th](#). You can bring them to an event or make arrangements with myself, our Treasurer Amy or Marilyn our Vice Presidents wife to collect the items.

If you are wanting to do a monetary donation please make payable to the [MBCA Three Rivers](#) and we will be happy to go toy shopping for you. Checks or money orders can be sent to our post office box. **[Mercedes Benz Club of America, Three Rivers Section, P.O. Box 25571, Fort Wayne, IN 46825-0902](#)**



New Venue, New Favorite



Three Rivers Members were "Jazzed up" to attend tonight's dinner. The Club Room at the Clyde was an excellent choice. Seventeen members attended and enjoyed great food in a musically inspired environment. The Clyde is owned by the same people who own Sweetwater Sound, Chuck and Lisa Surack. Sweetwater Sound is the largest online retailer of musical instruments and based in Fort Wayne. The Clyde underwent a \$9 Million renovation in 2017 - 2018. The structure was originally opened in 1951 as a movie theater, and is now a state-of-the-art performance hall and music center. The recently opened Club Room, attached to the music center, features a music themed décor and fabulous food. The service was great and everyone enjoyed their dinner.





Who's Who

In past we have periodically done an article in our newsletter about Who's Who in the club. We have always done the article featuring Three Rivers Members. The twist on this article is that it still involves Three Rivers Section but a member from one of the Pennsylvania Sections. It was around the beginning of July and I got a call from Mr. Glenn Lavey inquiring about the Three Rivers Section – MBCA wine glasses. He wanted to purchase a set of them for an upcoming car show. He was displaying his 380SL and wanted to include them as props for his display. We were able to help him out and I got the glasses shipped. Between the call and back and forth e-mail exchanges you could really tell that Glenn was a passionate car enthusiast. I followed up with Glenn after the car show and he said that "The wine glasses are beautiful— and a great hit. Had about 40 people photographing the set up." I really enjoyed talking to Glenn and I thought everyone would enjoy his story. I asked him to be our next feature for Who's Who in the club.

Jason Bogart

(See pictures on next page)

**GLENN LAVEY
BUCKS COUNTY, PA.**

IT STARTED IN 1978 WHEN I SAW A NEW 450SL PULL UP. I SAID TO MYSELF "SOMEDAY"—WELL, THAT "SOMEDAY" FINALLY CAME SEPTEMBER 2018. AFTER A SIX YEARS OF SEARCHING, I FOUND MY BEAUTIFUL SL. A 1981 380SL , SAND-YELLOW- WITH PALOMINO INTERIOR. I AM THE 3RD OWNER OF THIS ALWAYS GARAGED SL . THE CAR CAME WITH ALL THE RECEIPTS FROM THE 1ST AND 2ND OWNERS. EVERY RECEIPT DOWN TO BULBS AND OIL CHANGES. THE CAR HAS BEEN EVERYTHING I WANTED. MY FAMILY NOW INDULGES ME WITH ALL THE ACCESSORIES FOR MY BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS. I HAVE ENTERED INTO 2 BIG CAR SHOWS IN OUR AREA. THE "NEWTOWN PA." CAR SHOW, AND THE BIG ONE (OVER 500 CARS) "NEW HOPE PA." CAR SHOW. "NEW HOPE" SHOW IS 62 YEARS OLD. I'VE BEEN GOING FOR 46 YEARS. THIS YEAR WAS THE BEST. AFTER 46 YEARS OF WALKING INTO THE SHOW—I FINALLY DROVE IN WITH MY 380SL. WHAT A FEELING. THE FELLOW MERCEDES PARTICIPANTS MADE ME FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN A PART OF THE GROUP FOR YEARS. TRUE CAR PEOPLE!!! ALTHOUGH NO AWARDS—I RECEIVED OVERWHELMING COMPLIMENTS ON THE CAR. MANY FROM THE JUDGES THEMSELVES. I HAVE REALLY HAD GREAT RESPONSE TO MY PICNIC BASKET-WINE SET-UP. WINE GLASSES COMPLIMENTS OF "INDIANA MERCEDES BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA—THREE RIVERS CHAPTER". THANK YOU !!!!! I TRY TO GET THE CAR OUT AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK. GO OUT TO BREAKFAST OR DINNER ON THE WEEKENDS—OR JUST A LONG DRIVE IN THE COUNTRY. PROPER WEATHER OF COURSE. IT'S THE GREATEST THERAPY ! I COULDN'T BE HAPPIER WITH MY 380SL. BEAUTIFUL RIDE—AND CAN'T STOP LOOKING AT THE TIMELESS STYLING OF THE CAR. I ALSO HAVE A 1964 JAGUAR MARK 2. THE ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION REBUILT, AND READY TO BE INSTALLED. HOPE TO HAVE THAT CAR ON THE ROAD IN A YEAR OR TWO.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK JASON BOGART, PRESIDENT OF MBCA-THREE RIVERS FOR ASKING ME TO BE A PART OF THIS NEWSLETTER. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK MY WIFE SANDY, KIDS- SHAWN, KELLY, MARK, AND JAMESON, AND MY DAD AL FOR THEIR PATIENCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT IN MY CAR CRAZY HOBBY. SEE YOU AT THE NEXT SHOW !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By Jason Bogart

This has been a busy year so far for the Three Rivers Section. We started off the year wishing one of our own the best on her new move. We had a little Mardi Gras celebration. We met new friends at the Auburn City Steakhouse. We learned about windmills and enjoyed the hospitality of the Post's. We gained a new member at our Zianno's meeting. We tore up some of Purdue's blacktop at our Autocross. The storm blew in while dining at The Pier and we had just a great time at "A Day at Auburn". It was great that we had members from Indianapolis 500, International Stars and Western Michigan Sections join us.

Similar to the leaves in Indiana, Three Rivers Section is always changing. We are always trying new and different events to make this section fun for you, the members. We also like to revisit some of the more popular events that we have done in years past. If you have a suggestion, please feel free to let one of our event coordinators know. Lisa & Julie can look into it for us. Next time you see Lisa or Julie at an event please thank them for all their efforts.

The Three Rivers Section board will soon be meeting to plan the events for the 2020 year, and we look forward to putting together some more fun and exciting events we hope you will enjoy. But there are still things going on in 2019. We have a dinner meeting on Saturday October 12th, and we will get more information on that as it gets closer, we have a trip to Moose Lake Saturday November 16th and to round out the year we have our annual Christmas Party Saturday, December 14th. This year we will be holding the party at Biaggi's in Jefferson Point. Please remember to save these dates. Just a reminder, Three Rivers Toys for Tots Drive is going on now till November 16th.

I appreciate all of you for attending events and being involved. These events may seem effortless, but they do take some planning to get these setup. Seeing you, the members, show up and have a good time means a lot to me. So, for that I THANK YOU.





Treasurers Report

By Amy Bogart

Just wanted to give everyone an update on our club funds. We currently have \$2,921.65 in our account. This year we have purchased two club assets, our new club tent as well as the Indy 500 Section's used autocross cones. We have had three of our quarterly rebates come in so for the year totaling \$536.25

One of our fundraising events this year was the sale of the Ghost E Class Shirt. Our sales were low on that, so we did not make any money on the initial sale. We may run another production of the shirt if we can get a minimum order.

We have newsletter advertising that should be renewing soon so we will know more by the end of the year.



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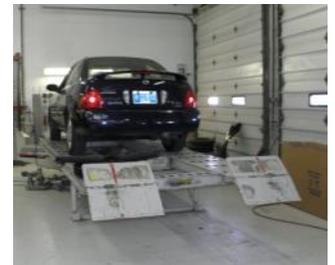
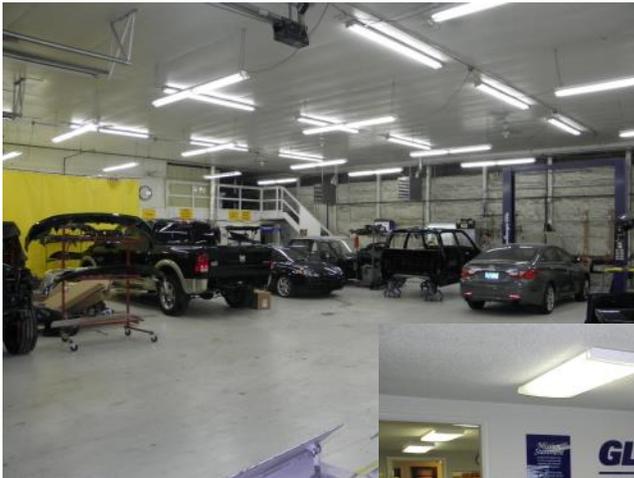
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September 1-November 16: We've started our annual Toys for Tots drive. Donations will be collected until November 16. See page 6 for details.

October 12: Dinner/meeting, details to follow

November 16: Moose Lake dinner, 3:00, details to follow

December 14: Our annual Holiday Party. This year it will be held at Biaggi's, so save this date.

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.

We're starting to plan for next year, so contact Julie or Lisa if you have any ideas for events. Contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.



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