



The Three Rivers Road Report

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Diners, Drive-ins, and



Cars?

The Three Rivers Section started off the month on a fun note by driving to Goshen, IN, to visit the Old Bag Factory and then go to dinner at the South Side Diner. The Diner was featured on an episode of Diners, Drive-ins and Dives, starring Guy Fieri, and is famous for a huge assortment of pies and ice cream. (See more pictures on page 2)

Two weeks later, on the 16th, members donned their green attire to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Flannigan's. (See page 3)





Pictures in this newsletter provided by Janice Derek.



Top: Jackie & Jack Dever, Darrell & Marilyn Post
Second Row: Irma & Werner Niederholtmeyer, Ken & Lisa Long, Amy & Jason Bogart
Third Row: Dave Shouweiler with his son Ehren and wife Marie, George & Dee Lindsay
Bottom: Bob & Janice Derek, Suzanne Noblett, Janice Derek & Julie Bruggner



Who's Who in the Club

His & Hers



2003 Mercedes-Benz CLK-430 Cabriolet

Janice Derek

I worked at *Zollner Pistons* for most of my life; we made pistons for the American automotive market, so, naturally, I drove American cars. A yellow 1973 Mercury Cougar XR7, a Blue Pontiac Esprit, a dark green Pontiac Grand Am, then my first luxury car, a 1999 Bronze Mist Oldsmobile Intrigue GLS, followed by a Mercury Sable, then a Ford Taurus. Good, reliable American transportation. Then I met Bob, love at first sight. I was no longer working in the automotive industry, and found out what fun it was to drive exotic sports cars! Derek MotorCar carries a wide variety of cars. When they get something new in, he drives it home to check it out, see how it runs, and what it might need. I first fell in love with a beautiful 2004 Champagne Jaguar XJ8. Luxury! Had to have it. I usually keep my cars 5 years, then trade, however...I have only had it 3 years, and guess what 'followed him home'?

I always wanted a little red convertible. He brought home a beautiful bright red 2003 Mercedes-Benz CLK-430 Cabriolet. OMG! Charcoal leather, AMG Alloy Wheels, the retractable convertible top. It looks like brand new! Someone took excellent care of this baby! He said it is a 'cream puff', what did I think?? I grabbed it quickly before it could be put out for sale, I didn't want it to 'get away'! The style, class and comfort! It is fun to drive and gets great gas mileage. I can't wait to show it off at *Eurofest* in June, *Three Rivers Festival Parade* in July – but the most fun of all will be driving it at our *MBCA Autocross* event in July!

We are now a **two Mercedes Family**. *His and Hers*. We have our luxury model, the 91 420 SEL, and now the



1991 Mercedes-Benz 420 SEL

Bob Derek

I am just the second owner of this white/gray 1991 420 SEL, purchased in 1995. It currently boasts just 136,000 miles. Beautiful in white, with gray leather interior. I love the look, size, ride, comfort and roominess of this car. 1991 was the last model year for the W126 body style, which is one of my favorite qualities, in addition to the fact that it is a very safe car, built like a tank.

The older models are easy to maintain, and I love to hand-wash it in my driveway in the Summer time. It continues the Mercedes-Benz tradition of long lasting autos which never go out of style.

I love cars, and have an advantage, being in the car business. We buy stellar examples of the most desired cars. It's hard not taking them all home!

Another, not so new, feature

Starting with this issue, we are reinstating the advertising in the newsletter. We'll keep it to the calendar year, so rates will be adjusted for the remaining months. See page 6 for our first ad.

Business card ads are \$60/year or \$5/month
1/4 page ads are \$120/year or \$10/month
1/2 page ads are \$240/year or \$20/month
Full page ads are \$480/year or \$40/month

Send ads and payment to:
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Coming Up

Our next big event is our trip to South Bend to visit the Studebaker Mansion and Museum. First we'll have brunch at Tippecanoe Place, the former Studebaker Mansion. Get a preview here: <http://tippe.com/tour.html>. From there we'll head to the Museum for the afternoon, <http://www.studebakermuseum.org/p/whats-happening/exhibits/>. Brunch will be \$17 plus tax & tip. The museum entry fee is \$8 and we'll have to pay as a group, rather than individually. So please bring cash, preferably the correct change, so we can collect it in advance. We'll be meeting at 8:30, but the location has yet to be determined. Watch for an e-mail next week for that information.

Also in April, Sweetcars is having a free breakfast on the 12th, starting at 9:00 am.

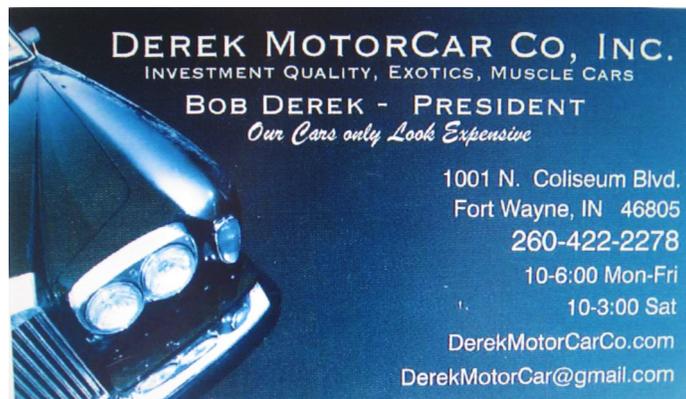
May is our trip to North Carolina. We'll be leaving on Thursday, May 15th, staying at the Lion's Gate Inn, in Wake Forest, and departing there on Sunday, the 18th. Formerly local club members, Bill & Louise Howard are gracious hosts and are giving us a great rate of \$100/night. <http://www.lionsgateinn.net/> We still have a couple of rooms left in the Inn and there are several hotels close by, so come join us on this wonderful trip.

June 8th is EuroFest and I'll attach the flyer separately from this newsletter.

June 13-15 is the "Second Annual ScottieDTV Traveling Charity Roadshow". It will be held at Auctions America Auction Park, 5536 County Rd 11A, Auburn, IN. Due to technical difficulties, I'll have to forward that flyer in another message later.

July 5th we'll be hosting an autocross at IPFW. If you've never participated in one, you really should try it. We'll have experienced instructors here to help and you'll only go as fast as you feel comfortable going. But you just might surprise yourself.

July 12th is the annual Three Rivers Festival Parade. Shine up your baby and bring it downtown to show off to all the admiring crowds. Meeting time and details to follow later.



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extra DETAILS

By Jason Bogart



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

With the high prices of “Everything” we could all use a break. This section is a resource center for detailing ideas, used part dealers, discount parts and possibly hard to find parts for our older Benz. If you have anything, websites or phone numbers that you find helpful and would like to contribute please E-mail the information to Julie Bruggner @ juleslb@msn.com we would be happy to add your useful information.

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DETAIL

Spring is upon us! It's time to get out and clean up our Benz's. I can't help it, but I love a clean car. I love driving around in a fully detailed car. I don't know about you but I am looking forward to the first nice day that I can put a fresh coat of wax on my car(s). I may be old school but I think some elbow grease and a good paste wax make a car shine. Here is some simple proof. Put a coat of wax on a fender or half your hood and then wipe clean with a soft damp towel. Run the back of your hand across the waxed portion then do the same on a body panel you haven't waxed. Feel the difference? I am a firm believer in Turtle Wax paste myself but you can use your own preference. One product that I love is a liquid wax and it is also made by Turtle Wax. It is a "BLACK" wax. This is great for freshening up faded plastics, hiding marks or defects in any dark or black vehicles. I have even used it on interior black plastic to camouflage defects or marks (a word to the wise – wear gloves to prevent it staining your hands). I try and wax couple times a year. I think that before and after a hard winter is the best. Make sure you go back over the car and get all the wax off in the cracks door handles etc. I never let wax dry 100% on the finish as it will create a lot of dry wax crumbs and dust. If you allow it to semi dry and then use a slightly damp towel this will cut down on the wax debris. Always remember never to wax your car when it is in the hot sun or if the body is hot. A shaded area, a garage or in the evening is best. Trying to wax a hot vehicle will be a mess. I hope everyone gets out in this nice weather and has fun putting some shine on these cars we love so much.





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THREE RIVERS SECTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS — 2014

April 13: Studebaker Mansion and Museum, We'll driving to South Bend for brunch at Tippecanoe Place and then on to the Studebaker Museum. Meeting place and time will be sent the week before.

May 15-18: North Carolina trip, We'll be travelling to NC, to stay at the Lion's Gate Inn, a beautiful Bed & Breakfast owned by gracious hosts Bill & Louise Howard, former local club members.

June 8: EuroFest, Our European Car Show will be held at IPFW (2101 E Coliseum Blvd).

July 5: Autocross, A driving event not to be missed. This will also take place at IPFW.

July 12: Three Rivers Festival Parade, A favorite event returns for another year.

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.

*Please consult your current issue of **The Star** magazine for listings of upcoming National, Regional and Sectional events throughout the country.*

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