



The Three Rivers Road Report

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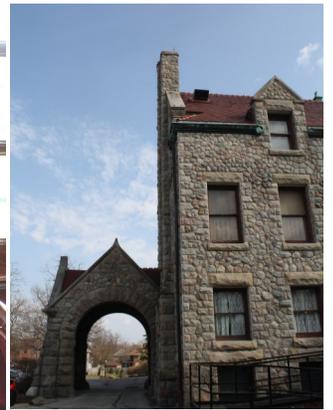
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Studebakers, Home & at Work



On Sunday April 13, seven cars made the drive from Fort Wayne to South Bend and met up with two more at Tippecanoe Place. A total of 17 members enjoyed the beautiful interior of the old Studebaker Mansion while partaking of the amazing selection of dishes offered for the Sunday Brunch. Roaming the floors of the mansion provided ample opportunity for unique photos. (See some of them on the next page.) After dinner, we proceeded on to the old Studebaker Factory, now a museum.







DID YOU KNOW?

The three-pointed star on the front was unique to early 1953 models. Studebaker changed the emblem after a complaint from Mercedes-Benz.



The last Studebaker to roll off of the line.



This carriage, used by Lincoln to get to the Ford Theater, was part of Studebaker's private collection



Who's Who in the Club

Compassion for Convertibles

By Darrell Post



Hi, I am Darrell Post. My wife, Marilyn and I just joined the MBCA earlier this year. We are enjoying participating in this fun group.

A little about us. We have been married for 41 years. We have three sons and three daughter-in-laws. Marilyn loves having all the ladies in our family as she used to be outnumbered with all the boys. There are currently 5 grandchildren. Marilyn and I are both born in Fort Wayne and have stayed around the area all of our lives, except my visit to Viet Nam. Marilyn does a lot of babysitting and volunteering and I like to fix up houses.

My first vehicle was a 1966 Lemans Convertible and I did not have another convertible until I purchased a 1976 Mercedes 450SL in the early 2000's. It was dark brown and had a 160,000 miles. It was fun and dependable, but I did have to put the convertible top up by hand when it rained. Those were the good ole days. I sold this SL because I did not drive it very much.



Several years later, I decided I really did need my sports car, so one winter day we drove to Chicago to purchase a 2001 Mercedes SL500. I was able to drive this car more since I now had retired from my Civil Engineering career. After a couple of years, I decided it was a pain to have to switch to the hard top during the colder months of the year. I sold the car to a gentleman, who was from Chicago (back home again).

I started looking for a Mercedes SL that had the retractable hard top, but soon found out that they still cost quite a bit of money, since they were newer and popular. So I started looking for a viable option and a Mercedes SLK came to mind and a lot less expensive.

Of course, it was winter time again when I purchased a 2007 Mercedes SLK350. This was great - it had a hard top that folded into the trunk at the push of a button. No more getting wet while I pulled up a rag top. The SLK was decidedly faster than the old SL and I found it even more fun to drive. It was my primary car, so I drove it all year round.





After I had SLK for a couple of years and the SLs with retractable hardtop were ten years old, I started looking for my next quest. So this last winter (of course), I found a reasonably priced (in Mercedes Dollars) 2004 Mercedes SL500. This has the least amount of miles of all the Mercedes that I owned and was a one owner car from Florida. This SL500 is fun, fast and the white color looks good. I guess I might have to keep this one for a while.

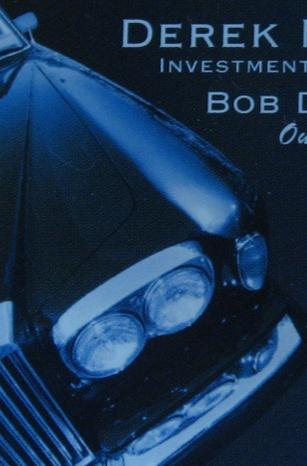


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extra DETAILS

By Jason Bogart

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

We all love our cars and want to make them shine. But we also want them to be safe as well. We all know that Mercedes are well known for their safety. One concern for safety is your headlamp assembly. Over time and with harsh road conditions, they can become dull and cloudy. Mercedes headlamps are not cheap and if you purchase used, your really just buying the same thing

I know a lot of you are not “do-it-yourselfers” but this is not hard and not that expensive. I purchased the 3M kit at Walmart. It comes with three different grits of sand paper, a disc to use in a cordless drill and a polishing waffle pad. You start out with the coarse sandpaper and you mist the lens and work evenly over the headlamp and getting all the major marks out of the plastic. You clean and continue with the next less coarse sandpaper which will smooth out marks from the previous sand paper. You continue this process till you have an even look to the lens. Even though the plastic is still cloudy, it will have an even look to it. Now here is where the magic happens. You will put the damp waffle buffing sponge on your drill and the supplied polishing compound and work across the lens and it starts to become clear again. It takes about 20 – 30 minutes and the results are amazing. I was worried about “sanding” on my headlamps and ruining them, but you just have to go for it. I was very happy with the results and I also watched a video of a similar product on Youtube as a how-to video on this.

Here is the link if your interested in watching it <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PEjJTUqJfw>. This will give you an accurate preview before you start.

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THREE RIVERS SECTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS — 2014

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). See the flyer attached separately.

June 13-15: "Second Annual ScottieDTV Traveling Charity Roadshow" It will be held at Auctions America Auction Park, 5536 County Rd 11A, Auburn, IN.

July 5: Autocross, A driving event not to be missed. This will also take place 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. I'll be sending a flyer for this event soon.

July 12: Three Rivers Festival Parade, A favorite event returns for another year. Shine up your baby and bring it down-town to show off to all the admiring crowds. Meeting time and details to follow later.

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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