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A Star Studded Day

September 5, 2015 at the ACD Festival



It was another great day to look at cars. As 21 members slowly pulled in and lined up in front of our tent for the picnic, thousands of other cars of all kinds were making their way across the auction block. Jason and Lauren Bogart ran into **Barry from A&E's hit show Storage Wars** (see picture next page), and our own star, Mary Colwell (pictured left), went out searching for her next classic Mercedes. When the rain moved in later in the day, we took cover under the tent and just enjoyed the company.

Top: Dr. Ralph Merkel speaks to the members gathered around the tent.

Bottom: Youngest member Lauren Bogart with Mary Colwell, who will celebrate 40 years with the club next year.





Nappanee Apple Festival

It was cool & breezy when 5 cars headed for Nappanee for the annual Apple Festival. Meeting up with one more car once we got there gave us 12 members enjoying a perfect Fall day. Most started out the walk with a little energy from a piece of the 7-foot apple pie. Walking through the craft vendors, antique and second hand stores and multiple food carts soon gave us an appetite again and we stopped for lunch. Choosing from all of the carnival favorites was difficult and we all ended up with something different.



What Have You Done in Your Mercedes?

Jack Dever sent me the picture below and a paragraph to tell me what he thought about his experience. It got me to thinking how great it would be if members shared some of the fun experiences they have had in their Mercedes. So, send me your story, preferably with a picture, but not necessary if you don't have one.

Jack Dever

Here is a photo of my SL on the track at Indy. The speed is undisclosed, but I was **trying to catch the Pace car. A rare opportunity to see the track from the driver's view.** The place is big, but the straightaways are really short. No way can I imagine the speed at twice of mine on the straight stretches and then the corners. The old SL performed in the corners like a cat and then actually roared into the straightaways. This is the first time I have heard that car really sound off at full bore. The car, as old as it is, **held it's own except for the newer Corvettes. A Cobra did get me on the drag,** but he petered out on the corners. I was told by a veteran M/B owner/driver that that that old SL500 was originally built in limited numbers for competitive use and most all have been wrecked or parted out for the drivetrain. The trip was a once in a lifetime experience.



President's Message

We've had another great year so far and it's not over yet. We're still working on something for the end of this month, or the beginning of November, so watch for details coming later. But don't forget to save the date for the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 12th. It will once again be at Autumn Ridge Golf Club, since they did such a nice job for us last year. This year the section will be picking up the cost of the room rental in an attempt to make it more affordable for more members. I'll be mailing out invitations at the beginning of November and we'll have to have payment in advance, so be sure to get it sent back by December 1st.

As usual, elections for the next year will also be held that night. If you want to get more involved and help out, please call (260-348-1369) or e-mail (julesslb@msn.com) me to talk about options. This is YOUR club. We need your participation.

We're still considering doing another sweatshirt, but we're not sure if we can get enough orders to make it worthwhile. If you think you'd want one, please let me or Jason know soon, so we can start planning one.

Don't forget the calendar. The cost is \$21 per calendar. Please send checks to MBCA P.O. Box 533 Pier 28, North Webster, IN 46555. Please put in memo "calendar" and the quantity. Please make checks payable to Mercedes Benz Club of America Three Rivers. (If you need more details, e-mail me and I'll resend the original message)

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THREE RIVERS SECTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS — 2015

December 12: Our Annual Holiday Party will be at Autumn Ridge again this year. Details to follow.

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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