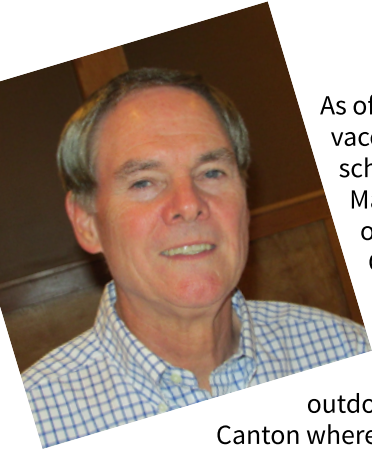




Western Reserve Section

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President's Letter *By: Rod Thompson*

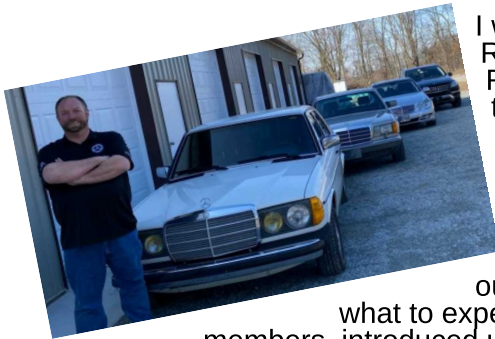
As of our last board meeting in early March, all of our board members had received at least one vaccination, and most of us had received two. Therefore our club is tentatively planning to hold a full schedule of summer events, all of which are outdoors. Our first event will be our attendance at the Zoar Maifest on Saturday, May 8th. Subject to Governor DeWine's orders, we will send out an invitation to our members to meet together and drive to Zoar, where our cars will be parked together as part of a German car show. German food, music, and dancing will be available, and we will not require reservations or charge for this event.

In June we encourage members to attend the Father's Day Car Show at Stan Hywet on Sunday, June 20th. We may also conduct a tech session at SwitchCars in Macedonia in June if it can be held outdoors. On Wednesday, July 14th, we have been invited to display our cars at Gervasi Vineyards in Canton where Mercedes-Benz will be the featured marque. In July we hope to sponsor our outdoor family picnic at The Hale Farm Car Meet on Sunday, July 18th where we will reserve the pavilion for a technical presentation on classic car restoration.

We plan to have our annual Old Car Fun Day at my home in Hunting Valley on Saturday, August 14th. On Sunday, September 19th board member Allan Pintner has again invited our club to attend the DTJ Taborville Clambake and Car Show. In October board member Jim Tullis plans to schedule our annual Fall Leaf Tour, as he has done for many years past.

So please keep your fingers crossed that Ohio's success at fighting this pandemic permits us to enjoy these club events starting in May!

New Regional Director *By: Jason Bogart*



I would like to introduce myself as your new Great Lakes Regional Director, Jason Bogart. I am from the Three Rivers Section based out of Fort Wayne, IN. I have held the offices of Section Vice President and President over the last several years. The Three Rivers Section is a small but mighty section with a great group of what I consider friends and family, not just members.



Years ago when my wife and I initially joined the MBCA, we had two memorable experiences. The first one was our initial meeting and we did not know anyone or know what to expect. One member took the time to welcome us in as new members, introduced us to everyone and made us feel comfortable. It was a positive experience and appreciated. Another experience was a meeting where an individual leading the group spent the entire evening sharing personal stories that did not pertain to the club. It was not a positive experience and one that left us questioning if we made the right decision to stay in the club.

I share these experiences with you because I want all members, current and new members to feel welcomed and part of the MBCA. I also never want members to have a poor experience or feel excluded. My number one priority is to make sure that members enjoy themselves and have fun. As Regional Director I would like to be a resource to section leaders for help and guidance. I look forward to meeting section leaders and members in our region in the months to come.

My family & I live in a resort community in Northern Indiana. My wife, Amy, is the Three Rivers Section Treasurer and my daughter, Lauren, is a recent college graduate that we are extremely proud of her. My love of Mercedes Benz started many years ago when I purchased my first 300D. We've had 15 Mercedes over the years and have enjoyed many years of trouble free driving. I have had two W123's and five W126's. My wife and daughter both drive black ML350's. I do a lot of my own maintenance on my vehicles and take satisfaction in doing my own work.

Formula 1 – 2020 History - 2021 Outlook

How fast is a F1 car and how does it compare? Find out at:

- <https://www.autosport.com/f1/news/150934/how-fast-is-an-f1-car-top-speeds-of-f1-and-more>

2020 is History

The recent issue of “The Star” magazine covered the 2020 record setting accomplishments of Mercedes-AMG Formula 1 team and its drivers Lewis Hamilton and Valtteri Bottas. A few items of note that occurred following that article you may find interesting are:

- Lewis Hamilton is now Sir Lewis Hamilton
- Laureus World Sportsman of the Year, BBC sports personality of the year, GQ’s Game Changer Of The Year and was named in Time Magazine 100 most influential people.
 - <https://www.formula1.com/en/latest/article.arise-sir-lewis-hamilton-to-be-awarded-knighthood-after-historic-seventh.2oKynH8fOmJytSk8mOo0o9.html>
- Valtteri Bottas deserves immense recognition for his 2020 performance as he placed 2nd in the drivers championship. This put Mercedes-AMG in the enviable position of the top 2 drivers on its team.
- The 2020 Formula 1 awards ceremony was virtual. It can be seen at:
 - https://www.formula1.com/en/video/2020/12/2020_FIA_Prize_Giving_Ceremony_highlights.html
- There is a raft of F1 historic and upcoming 2021 season videos at:
 - <https://www.formula1.com/en/video.html>

After 17 races in the 2020 F1 season the Constructor and Driver standings are as follows:

| Standing | Driver | Nationality | Car | Points |
|----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| 1 | Lewis | GBR | Mercedes | 347 |
| 2 | Valtteri | FIN | Mercedes | 223 |
| 3 | Max | NED | Red Bull | 214 |
| 4 | Sergio | MEX | Racing Point | 125 |
| 5 | Daniel | AUS | Renault | 119 |
| 6 | Carlos | ESP | McLaren | 105 |
| 7 | Alexander | THA | Red Bull | 105 |
| 8 | Charles | MON | Ferrari | 98 |
| 9 | Lando | GBR | McLaren | 97 |
| 10 | Pierre | FRA | Alphatauri | 75 |
| 11 | Lance | CAN | Racing Point | 75 |
| 12 | Estebon | FRA | Renault | 62 |
| 13 | Sebastian | GER | Ferrari | 33 |
| 14 | Danlil | RUS | Alphatauri | 32 |
| 15 | Nico | GER | Racing Point | 10 |
| 16 | Kim | FIN | Alpha | 4 |
| 17 | Antonio | ITA | Alpha | 4 |
| 18 | George | GBR | Williams | 3 |
| 19 | Romain | FRA | Haas Ferrari | 2 |
| 20 | Kevin | DEN | Haas Ferrari | 1 |
| 21 | Nicholas | CAN | Williams | 0 |
| 22 | Jack | GBR | Williams | 0 |
| 23 | Pietro | BRA | Haas Ferrari | 0 |

| Position | Team | Points |
|----------|--------------|--------|
| 1 | Mercedes | 573 |
| 2 | Red Bull | 319 |
| 3 | McLaren | 202 |
| 4 | Racing | 195 |
| 5 | Renault | 181 |
| 6 | Ferrari | 131 |
| 7 | Alphatauri | 107 |
| 8 | Alpha | 8 |
| 9 | Haas Ferrari | 3 |
| 10 | Williams | 0 |

2021 is Upon Us

If you have a little extra pocket change you may consider fielding a Formula 1 team in 2021 since the maximum a team can spend was reduced to \$145 million. It's doubtful your friends will consider you a penny pincher since that doesn't include marketing costs, driver salaries and top team earners, team medical benefits, etc. nor \$45 million for capital expenditures through 2024. There are a variety of F1 rules changes for

the 2021 season affecting; aerodynamics, weight, tires, parts copying, and Mercedes dual axis steering was banned.

- A 2021 F1 rule change overview along with links to deeper coverage at:

<https://www.formula1.com/en/latest/article.aero-tweaks-new-tires-and-the-cost-cap-the-2021-f1-rules-and-regulation.r1c036a16bvzMeZtiFru3.html>

Lewis Hamilton has signed to drive for Mercedes-AMG in 2021. Hamilton commented that Max Verstappen and the Red Bull Racing Honda team made great progress during the 2020 season and should prove to be strong challengers in 2021

Red Bull will join Mercedes and Ferrari as builders of their own engines. Honda will be leaving Formula 1 as of 2022. Red Bull will use the old Honda engines until 2025 then it will develop its own engines.

FIA is considering a sprint race in addition to the time trials before the race events to encourage fan following and enthusiasm. At this time the proposal is for a test before the 1st three races in 2021. However, it doesn't

appear that F1 will use the reverse poll positioning as does F2. Mercedes challenged this approach saying it would unfairly handicap Hamilton.

Michael Schumacher's son, Mick, has signed to drive for Haas in 2021. Mick has been driving in F2 races. It will be interesting to watch and see if Mick has the race record setting genes of his father. The 2021 F1 season is planned to have 23 races starting March 28th in Bahrain and ending December 12th in Abu Dhabi.

THE HISTORY OF THE AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATE

By: Morgan Taft



****Editors Note:** In the November, 2020 issue of the CRIER, Jan Pesta wrote an interesting, informative article entitled, "What's on Your Plate?" Longtime member, Morgan Taft, has written 3 related articles leading up to his collection of license plates. In this issue, we are using, "The History of the Automobile License Plate". Next quarter, the article will be "Ohio License Plate History-1908 to Present". The final article in the 3rd quarter will be "A Different Auto Related Hobby—Collecting License Plates". We thank Morgan for these great articles and hope you enjoy them, as well.**

The license plate to most auto owners is merely a part of auto owning and driving a car. Each year we owners purchase and receive our new registration and a sticker to place on the license plate on the rear of our car, or in some states where the license plate is a multi-year permanent plate, a sticker to replace the one on the windshield indicating the registration year. Historically, the renewed registration was not always a sticker, but new license plates to

replace the ones issued the previous year. In some cases, owners, instead of throwing the old plates in the trash, placed the old plates on the garage wall beneath the ones placed there the previous year, the start of a new hobby - collecting license plates.

The issuance of license plates began in the early 1900's when the growing number of automobiles caused some larger cities to decide to register them and began by issuing a number to owners to be displayed on their vehicle. In some cities it was the responsibility of the owner to make some way of displaying the number on his vehicle. However, some of the larger cities provided a numbered metal porcelain plate when the owner registered his vehicle.



In 1903, the State of Massachusetts, issued the first official state issued license plates manufactured by the Baltimore Enamel and Novelty Company to vehicle owners. It was a white on blue porcelain plate with "Mass. Auto Register" across the top as the initial license plate series that numerically began with the number "1" and continued to the number 26207 in 1908 when they issued a second series that began again at number "1" including the year 1908 and subsequently issued a new plate annually. Today the number "1" Massachusetts plate is still issued to the same family that received it back in 1903!

A second manufacturing company, The Ingram Richardson Company of Beaver Falls in 1906 manufactured the first Pennsylvania porcelain license plates. Both plate manufacturing companies competed, manufacturing porcelain plates for various states-actually about twenty eight states and the District of Columbia issued a porcelain license plate for one or more years during the period 1903-1919. By 1919 most states switched to painted flat or embossed steel license plates.

By the early 1920's license plates the numbers became too long in length to accommodate only numbers (most states annually issued plates beginning with number 1 to a six-digit number) as the auto population in some states reached over one million, some states began to add letters followed by five numbers to limit the length of the plate to accommodate only six characters. (Before adding letters, Ohio first placed a star at the left side of the plate before five numbers on their license plates.) License plates varied in length in many states depending upon the length of the registration number although some included a letter or two to shorten the plate.



During World War II some states, due to the war effort, instead of issuing an annual new steel license plate, issued a metal tab to be affixed to the rear plate or a windshield sticker that validated the 1942 plates for 1943 and in some cases for 1944-1946 registration years. Illinois actually issued annual fiber board license plates 1943-1946 to save metal during the war years. In the Korean War years many states began renewing their plates with an annual sticker either applied to the rear plate or on the windshield.

In 1956 the auto industry was able to get the federal government to enforce a requirement that all license plates would be issued in a standard size of 12 inches long by 6 inches wide that solved the problem of fitting some of the larger size state plates on the rear of automobiles. As I indicated above, the states had been issuing license plates in several different sizes of lengths and many different widths, some as long as fifteen inches and wide as six and one-half inches.



By the 1960's many states adopted reflectorized plates for safety. Today many states issue a lot of different environmental and plates supporting colleges and various organizations at extra cost. "Vanity license plates" that permit a combination of letters and numbers had also become popular in the 1950's. People in earlier years had considered the lowest numbers in plate issues somewhat a "vanity plate" such as the aforementioned Massachusetts "1".

Today's license plates are basically created by a computer program on a reflective sheet that enables the states to create a variety of reflective license plate graphic designs and many states now offer a large number of different plates at a varying cost to the automobile owner. The State Registrars of Vehicles have found these options are a valuable extra income source or their respective Departments of Transportation!

1954 300SL SILVER STAR IS INTRODUCED THIS DAY IN NY

On February 6, 1954, the Mercedes-Benz 300 SL was first revealed to the public under the shining indoor lights of the Seventh Regiment Armory on Park Avenue in New York City, the location of one of three New York automobile shows that year.

Benz chose this New York venue at the behest of one-time jewelry manufacturer turned European automobile import magnate Maximilian Hoffman, who convinced the German company of the promising business prospects for adapting their LeMans-, Nurburgring- and Carrera Panamericana-winning Werknummer 194 (W 194) racing platform as the design basis for the production model W 198 300 SL sports touring coupe; furthermore, Hoffman convinced Benz to globally launch the 300 SL campaign at this very US event, even before the car had ever been seen by the German public.

In some respects, the production W 198 car was more mechanically sophisticated than the racing platform. For example, the racing W 194's 3-liter inline six-cylinder engine was carbureted, while the W 198 300 SL coupe was not only fuel-injected, it employed an advanced direct-injection system adapted from the Daimler V-12 DB 601 series of fighter aircraft engines. To understand how cutting-edge the Gullwing's direct-injection fuel system was in 1954, consider that many leading automobile manufacturers have introduced true direct-injection only within the last decade and, in some cases, just within the last several years. Even today, 67 years after this introduction of the Gullwing, some auto manufacturers are still relying upon less efficient port fuel-injection.

Benz prepared for the launch of the 300 SL at an exceptionally frenetic pace, especially considering the post-war condition of its factory facilities. The company did not make the decision to move forward with the 300 SL until late September 1953, after Hoffman presented his business case to the Daimler-Benz board of directors in Stuttgart. Less than six months later, on February 6, 1954, the W 198 300 SL coupe was launched in New York, with early production cars shipping in August and full-scale production cars shipping in September. The 300 SL coupe production continued through mid-1957 and totaled approximately 1,400 Gullwings, around 80% of which were shipped to US-based customers.

Shortly after the commercial launch of the 300 SL, the car received rave industry reviews and accolades from such publications as AutoSport, Sports Car Illustrated (predecessor to Car & Driver), Road & Track, Motor Trend and others. Emblematic of these first Gullwing impressions is this excerpt from British periodical AutoSport: "The Mercedes-Benz 300 SL is a car with a wonderful external appearance, coupled with virtually unbelievable performance. Its design and production quality border on perfection and the entire concept represents the uncompromising realization of all the new ideas the car incorporates."

Fast forward 67 years and we still find glowing automotive press coverage of the Gullwing. For example, a feature story of the November/December 2020 issue of Road & Track is titled "The Search for the Greatest Sports Car of All Time." The 300 SL is one of the cars spotlighted in this story, and the Gullwing segment opens with this first line: "First principles first: This car is exceptionally, fundamentally, absolutely beautiful."

The Road & Track story on the Gullwing concludes with this passage: "Every person who drove the Gullwing wrote a variation on the same two notes: I would drive this car anywhere, coast to coast, to the drive-through for coffee, for groceries, anywhere; and... oh, man, just look at it. The magic is in the simplicity."

For posterity's sake, a partial roster of key Daimler-Benz employees responsible for the Gullwing is listed below:

- Fritz Nallinger: Daimler-Benz Technical Director
- Rudolf Uhlenhaut: Chief Engineer, Head of R&D and Racing
- Ludwig Kräuse: Uhlenhaut team member
- Manfred Lorscheidt: Uhlenhaut team member
- Hans Scherenberg: Fuel-injection engineer
- Alfred Neubauer: Manager of the Benz racing program in the early 1950s
- Karl Wilfert: Chief Designer of the w194 coupe body
- Paul Braig: Designer who worked for Wilfert
- Franz Roller: Designer of the w194 chassis

Finally, listed below are some of the noteworthy period drivers who campaigned the W 194 and/or the W 196 race cars (listed in approximate chronological order):

- Karl Kling
- Hans Klenk
- Hermann Lang
- Hans Hermann
- Stirling Moss
- Juan Manuel Fangio
- Rudolf Caracciola
- Fritz Reiss
- Theo Helfrich
- Norbert Niedermayer
- John Fitch
- Denis Jenkinson
- Pierre Levegh

Chief engineer Uhlenhaut was 48 years of age when the 300 SL was first revealed to the public. One wonders how Uhlenhaut, also an expert test driver himself, would have responded if he had been told on this day in 1954 that Road & Track and other journalists would still be singing the praises and virtues of his creation 67 years later in 2021.

"This anniversary tribute was compiled by John R. Bucher. Shared with permission." Art Thumwood, a 50 year member of the MBCA and the Gull Wing Group, International (GWGI) made this article available for publishing in this quarter's Crier.

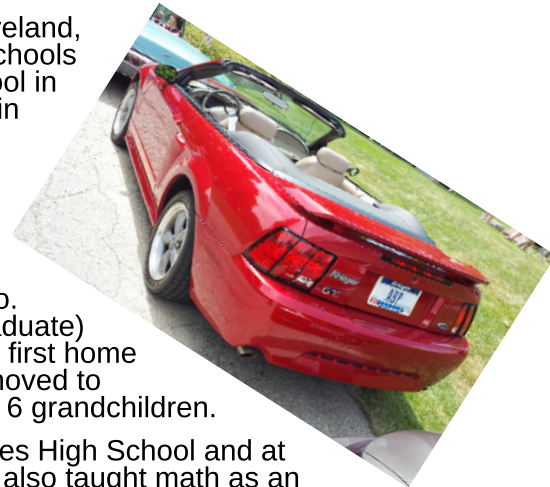


The Black 1954 300 SL is owned by Mike Schiltz. It is was being shown at the Gervasi Cruise-In which featured the Western Reserve Section of the MBCA on July 22, 2015.

Quarterly Feature - Allan B Pintner



Board Member Allan B Pintner was born in Cleveland, Ohio in July 1944, attended Cleveland Public Schools and graduated from Cleveland South High School in 1962 where he played football and participated in other extracurricular activities. Allan graduated from Kent State University in 1967 and has a Master of Arts in Mathematics from Cleveland State University (1972). He was certified by Ohio to teach any math class and any science class at the secondary level and was also licensed as a School Business Manager by Ohio. Allan and his wife Phyllis (also a South High graduate) were married in August 1966. They bought their first home in Cleveland in 1967 and lived there until they moved to Brecksville in 1978. They have 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren.



Allan taught math and coached football at Rhodes High School and at Brecksville High School from 1967 to 1973. He also taught math as an Adjunct Instructor at Cuyahoga Community College for about 10 years while his daughters were in college. Holly (Hasman) has a BS in Accounting from the University of Akron and Heidi (Alvarez) has a BM from Oberlin College and a MM and Doctorate from Florida State University.

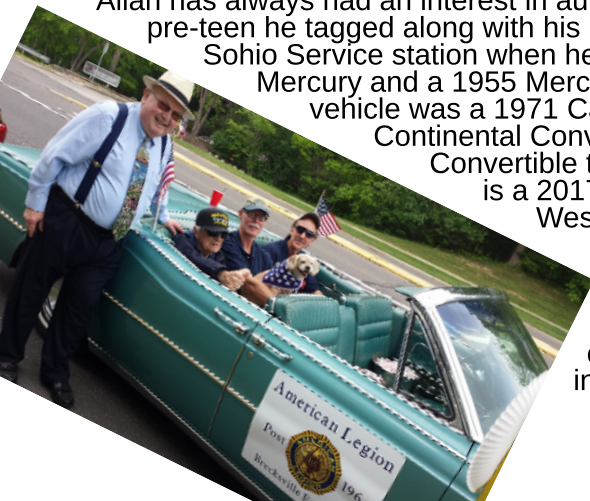
He sold real estate starting in 1973 and purchased his first rental property that same year. He likes to tell people he was a professional gambler for 4 years as he worked for the Ohio Lottery from prior to when it actually began selling tickets working both in the Cleveland and Canton Regions of the Lottery. Following the Lottery Allan worked for the Premier Industrial Corporation in various marketing and sales management positions. He began working in property management in 1985 for what eventually became the Associated Estates Real Estate Corporation. He was director of their Government Programs Division for most of his time there, responsible for compliance and operational management of about 11,000 apartment units connected with various HUD Programs including over 9,000 units of Section 8 in Northeastern Ohio. In 1996 he joined Millennium Housing Management, Ltd. as Director of Operations where he later became Vice President. He is still the Principal Real Estate Broker for two different Millennium Brokerages. He is also a Licensed Residential Appraiser in Ohio and a Licensed Broker in Michigan and Licensed Managing Broker in Illinois. The Millennium Companies currently manage over 30,000 apartment units in 26 states, most of which are affordable housing units, several restaurants, and over 1,000,000 square feet of A+ office space.

Allan has taught many real estate classes and seminars related to Fair Housing and Property Management. He has served as an editor for a Fair Housing book and contributed sections and edited a text on Multifamily Housing. He was President of the Northern Ohio Apartment Association for two terms and continues to be a member of their Executive Board and a Life Trustee. He was President of the Midwest Affordable Housing Management Association for 3 terms and Chairman of the Senior Committee of the National Affordable Housing Management Association. He also served as Chairman to the Property Management and Investment Forum for the Ohio Realtors. He has been a committee member of many advisory committees for the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. Allan has also served on an advisory committee on property management for the Ohio Real Estate Commission.



Board Member Pintner officiated football for 40 years. He is a Past President of the Cleveland Football Officials Association where he was rules interpreter for 19 years and is a Member of their Hall of Fame. His experience also includes working with the Cleveland Browns Chain Crew at home games for 27 years and assigning officials at their practices during the period Sam Rutigliano, Marty Schottenheimer and Bill Belichick coached.

Allan has always had an interest in automobiles which he believes came from his father and brother. As a pre-teen he tagged along with his brother at stock car races in Northfield and Painesville. He worked in a Sohio Service station when he was in high school and helped his brother rebuild engines in a 1949 Mercury and a 1955 Mercury. His first car was a 1958 Rambler American. His first collector vehicle was a 1971 Cadillac Eldorado Convertible and he currently has a 1966 Lincoln Continental Convertible, a 1986 Mercedes Benz 560SL, and a 2002 Ford Mustang GT Convertible that he bought new (it has never been driven in the rain). His daily driver is a 2017 Black Label Lincoln Continental. He has been a member of the Western Reserve Section of the MBCA for over 8 years and has served as Secretary for the Section. He has organized and led one tour event, The Kentucky Driving Adventure and will be organizing the 6th Annual Cruise in and Clam Bake at DTJ Taborville for September 2021. Don Velcio's Ohio Backroads Tour in 2012 and the Circle Lake Erie Tour cemented his interest in the MBCA. His board membership and involvement are due to encouragement from Ted Gottfried.



Welcome New Members! 11-22-20 to 3-13-21

William Vesla
Douglas McDonald
Lesa Allio
Andre Burke
MacKenzie Golden
Jill Colburn
Toby Banks
Tim Johnson
Richard Betschel
Tess Connolly
Celeste Francis
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Renewing Members So glad you're back!

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Dana Little
William Shelton
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Sue Wilson
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Adolphus Harris
Brent Gundian
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National News

Now is your chance to sign up for the spring, 2021 Raffle. Visit www.raffle.mbca.org or call the NBO at 800-637-2360 for more information.

A new and improved national event that incorporates the most popular activities of both StarFest® and StarTech events! The kickoff of Mercedes Freude ("The Joy of Everything Mercedes") is Tuesday, Nov. 2, at the Omni Hilton Head Oceanfront Resort on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

MBCA events and activities will run through Friday evening, Nov. 5. Saturday, Nov. 6, will be the kickoff of Legends of the Autobahn East Coast, which will be held on the Port Royal Golf Course. On Sunday, Nov. 7, will be the Hilton Head Island Concours d' Elegance, also held at Port Royal.

Continue to watch your email and check the website for virtual tech sessions and other upcoming events. Your edition of the CLICK in your email also has upcoming events around the country, as well.

The 42nd Annual Concours d'Elegance of America will be held on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, Michigan. This year's field boasts over 300 significant classic and historically relevant vehicles ranging from the Gas Light era to Modern Collectables to Super Cars. This event has something for everyone!

Member of the Year

By: Ted Gottfried

Rod Thompson was unanimously selected as Member of the Year for 2020 by the Board of Directors of the Western Reserve Section of the Mercedes Benz Club of America.

During this most difficult pandemic year Rod introduced monthly Zoom meetings open to all members, hosted scenic drives, and continually offered meaningful suggestions to continue member interaction throughout the year. No mean feat given these trying times.

Rod returned to Cleveland in 1985 and we first met that Fall at Dowd Mercedes in Cleveland Heights during a tech session being held to instruct members on basic maintenance procedures that could be performed by owners on their own cars. While helping Rod do an oil and filter change on his 1969 280SL Pagoda, I let Rod know that I could help him at my home to learn how to keep his car up. Well 36 plus years later we are still at it. Most recently this past Fall we installed a new dark green soft top on his car. Over the years we have worked together to keep his car in top shape. For a retired banker Rod has become a most competent mechanic. But more important we have developed a strong friendship that goes far beyond the nuts and bolts of what drew us together initially. We have travelled to Florida together, had meals in each other's homes, and enjoy each other's company immensely. Rod is most generous with his time and abilities in continuing to make our club strong and beneficial for our membership. I take great pleasure in telling you all how important I feel it is to have Rod as a fellow member, but more importantly as a friend.

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Western Reserve Section of MBCA Schedule of Events

Board and Membership Meetings—First Tuesday of each month

As social distancing and limited group size continues, our board meetings have been held on Zoom on our regular dates (first Tuesday of the month). If you wish to be included in these meetings, contact Rod Thompson at: renold.thompson@clevelandship.com. He'll send you the invitation. We always welcome all members and guests and look forward to your input. Watch our website for notifications of our return to Brewster's for our meetings and for date changes. Next meeting is April 6.

At our last board meeting, we worked on a tentative, partial schedule for the year.

- May 8 ~ Maifest at Zoar We will have our own section at their German Car show. As we get details, we'll put them on the website—www.benzclub.org. We'll also send a flyer when details are confirmed.
- June 20 ~ Stan Hywet Father's Day Car Show—Not a club function but a good outing
 - Donaushwaben Car Show—not a club function but a big show, too.
- July 14 ~ Gervasi Winery Cruise-in This is a confirmed event. We'll have the featured car area.
- July 23-25 ~ Concours d'Elegance of America, The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, Michigan
- Aug. 14 ~ Old Car Fun Day at Rod Thompson's
- Sept. 19 ~ Clambake at Taborville
- Oct. 16 ~ Fall Leaf Tour
- Dec. 4-12 ~ Cleveland Auto Show

We are checking other events for availability. Please refer to the web page often for updates. Flyers will be sent for our events when confirmed.