



The Circle and Star

Mercedes-Benz Club of America Nashville Section

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From the Nashville Section
President's desk:

Randy Bibb

2013: The Year In Review

In 2013 the Nashville Section celebrated its 35th birthday. Mercedes-Benz celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 230/250/280SL "Pagoda" in 2013, and introduced the all-new S-Class and CLA.



2013 was a terrific year for the Nashville Section: our kick-off event was a visit to Mercedes-Benz of Nashville in February. In March we visited Mark Lambert's restoration shop, and we followed that in April with an open house at Precision Autohaus.

We met for the annual Shadowbrook Luncheon and concours in May and went to Carnton Plantation in Franklin in June. We saw the unforgettable *Sensuous Steel* show at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts in July.

In August we took a road trip to Luxury Imports of Bowling

Green, and in September the Arrington Vineyards outing drew a great crowd. We celebrated Lane Motor Museum's 10th Anniversary in October along with our fellow members from the Smoky Mountain Section, and November saw our annual Member of the Year awards meeting, this year a brunch at Sunset Grill.

Check our website, www.mbcnashville.org, for updates as our 2014 calendar develops. We hope to see you in 2014!



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2013: The Year In Review



Left, Mercedes-Benz of Nashville in February



Right, dinner at Amelia Island in March



Left, Mark Lambert's restoration shop in March



Left, Precision Autohaus in April

Right, Shawdownbrook in May



Below, Carnton Plantation in June

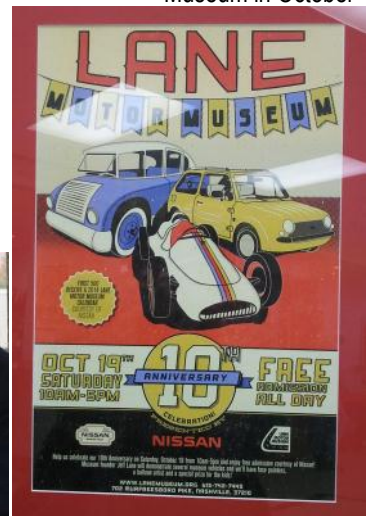
Below, Sensuous Steel in July



Below, Luxury Imports of Bowling Green in August



Below, Lane Motor Museum in October



Below, Arrington Vineyards in September



Below, Kelly Graham, Randy Bibb, Joel Morris at the Awards Brunch in November



Welcome to New Members

2013 has been a great year for new memberships for the Nashville Section. THANK YOU to all who have referred new members to us, bringing us to 205 membership units representing 246 members to date.

Remember, you can benefit from referrals as well, with an extra month added to your membership for every new member you refer! New members since our third quarter newsletter include:



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Arrington Vineyards, September 29



Members and guests of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Nashville Section, gathered on Sunday, September 29 at Arrington Vineyards in Arrington, Tennessee, for a fantastic Club event.

The group outnumbered the picnic tables – but that worked out just fine, since many rotated out for the free wine tastings.

It was an ideal afternoon for this event. With a high of 75 and just a few scattered drops of rain, the weather was perfect to enjoy what the vineyard describes as “breathtaking sunsets and spectacular vineyard views.”

We met at Arrington Vineyards around 1:30 p.m., just in time to watch the Reed Pittman Trio set up for the vineyard’s signature Music in the Vines weekend event. The vineyard offers Music in the Vines every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, described as “a live outdoor jazz event featuring local groups.”



Our group brought guests, kids, and picnic baskets to the venue, and all three were quite welcome. Pets (and soccer balls!) aren’t allowed, but otherwise it’s a gorgeous and welcoming atmosphere. The Nashville Section had a great afternoon and it’s an experience we hope to repeat!

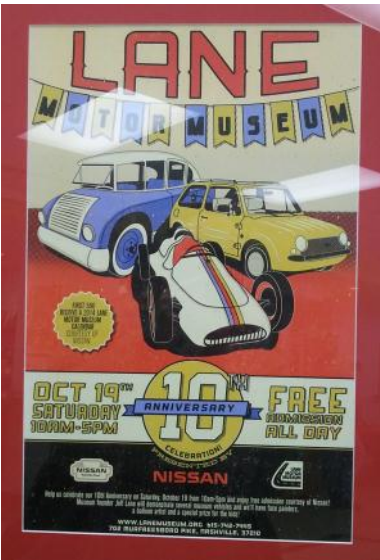


Lane Motor Museum, October 19



Nearly 50 members of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Nashville & Smoky Mountain sections, met on Saturday, October 19 at Lane Motor Museum on Murfreesboro Road for the museum's 10th anniversary, followed by a terrific lunch at the Gerst Haus.

The weather was cold and rainy, but inside the museum the atmosphere was warm and welcoming.



TripAdvisor ranks Lane Motor Museum as #10 of 113 attractions in Nashville: behind the Ryman, the Grand Ole Opry, and the Hermitage, and ahead of the Country Music Hall of Fame, Cheekwood, Belle Meade Plantation, and the Parthenon.

After visiting Lane Motor Museum, many of us would agree with the travel reviewer who wrote: "Seriously, if you want to maintain your motorhead cred, you need to spend a few hours here and take plenty of pics of cars you may have never seen before, and most assuredly will never see anywhere else." Lane Motor Museum is open Thursday



through Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed Tuesday and Wednesday. The museum is located at 702 Murfreesboro Road.

Member Awards Brunch, November 17

Kelly Graham was named 2013 Member of the Year for the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Nashville Section, and Nashville Section co-founder Joel Morris was presented with a special Certificate of Appreciation at the Member Awards Brunch on November 17, 2013, at Sunset Grill in Nashville.



President Randy Bibb commended Kelly for her contributions in building and maintaining the website and producing the newsletter. Joel was honored for his many contributions to the Nashville Section and the Gullwing Group. He is the current Vice President and served as the third President of the Nashville Section. Joel, the original owner of a 1957 Gullwing, has driven it to two Gullwing conventions -- 2012 in Hot Springs, Virginia and this year in New Orleans.



The group braved cold temperatures, rain and wind to meet for brunch at Sunset Grill, but the meal was definitely worth it! With a choice of steak, salmon or pasta, all enjoyed their selections as well as the slideshow of pictures from 2013 events.

Special guest Mark Lambert joined the group for brunch; members saw many pictures of the March visit to Lambert Auto in the slideshow and Mark graciously offered to host the group again at some point in the future.

Randy previewed possibilities for the Nashville Section calendar for 2014, and mentioned to the group that the 2015 Gullwing Group Convention will be in Nashville at Union Station Hotel.

The Nashville Section awarded a year's free subscription to one lucky winner: Valerie Gillespie. 2012 Member of the Year Kirt Kuhn donated door prizes from Mercedes-Benz of Nashville, and many members won terrific prizes.

This wonderful event closed the year for the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Nashville Section. We're looking forward to another great year in 2014!



Member Classified Ads

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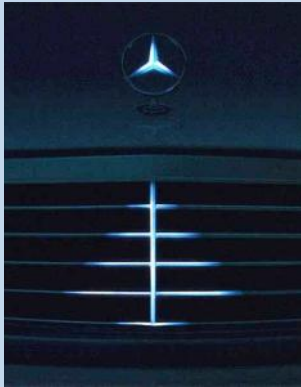
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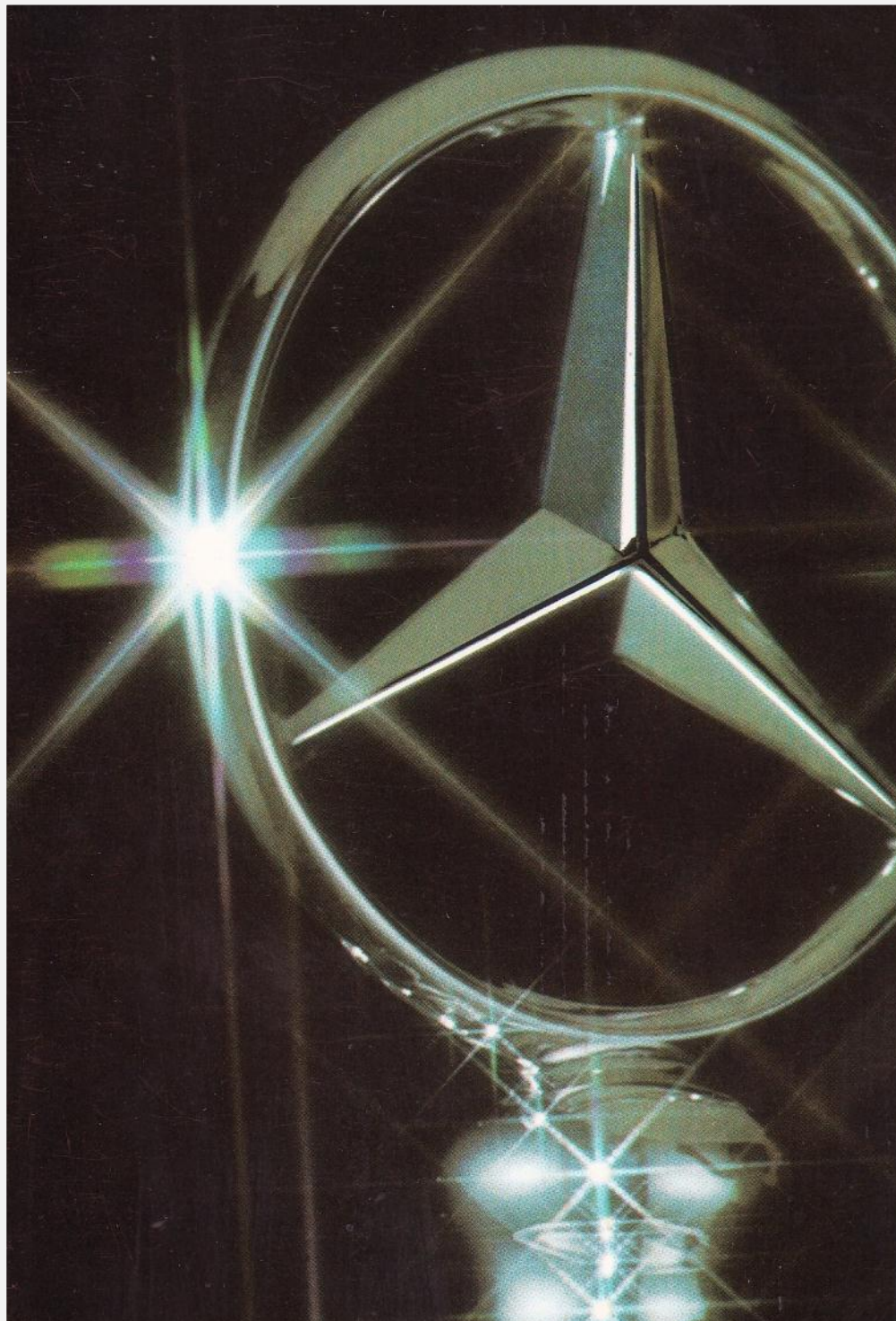
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