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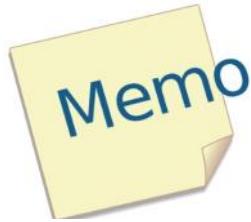
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***From the desk of  
the Nashville Section  
President***

## **2017 Member Appreciation Luncheon: Saturday, January 14**

The Nashville Section kicks off its 2017 calendar on Saturday afternoon, January 14, 2017, with a special Members Appreciation Luncheon beginning at 12:00 p.m. at a new venue, the Westhaven Golf Club in Franklin. We hope all of you will join us to ring in the Nashville Section's 39th year.



The Members Appreciation luncheon takes the place of the end-of-year dinner held in mid-November during the busy holiday season. While the date may have changed, Nashville Section traditions have not. As in past years, **we will honor our 2016 Member of the Year with a special award, and we will recognize the many contributions of our Section's members, both old and new.**

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## Nashville Section Leaders



**Randy Bibb**  
*President*

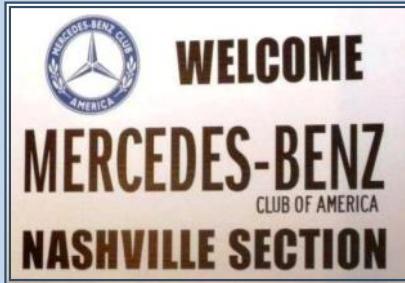
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## CONTINUED: Member Appreciation Luncheon Saturday, January 14

Nashville Section Member Perry Lancianese will be our host for the luncheon at Westhaven. Perry serves as the General Manager and Director of Golf at the Westhaven Golf Club. Before moving to Franklin, Perry was a member of the Road Star Section in South Florida. Those who attended the Battlefield Region AACA car show in early October will remember Perry's beautifully restored 280SL that won Best in Class. He is also the proud owner of a CL55 AMG.

Perry has made arrangements for us to meet in the Club's dining room with a spectacular view of the golf course. We're holding the meeting in the afternoon so that (weather permitting) we can display our vehicles on the lawn behind the clubhouse that overlooks the first tee. We'll be able to view and photograph our Mercedes-Benz vehicles while we dine. Be sure to bring your special Mercedes for this unique opportunity to display your prized possession.

Perry and his staff have put together a special three-course menu for the Club's luncheon:

### **Salad**

*Harvest Salad - Bay Greens - Granny Smith Apple - Dried Cranberry  
Candied Pecans - Feta Cheese - Balsamic Vinaigrette*

### **Entrée(s)**

*Your Choice of*

*Char Broiled 5oz Filet of Beef with Red Wine Demi  
or*

*Crab Stuffed Filet of Sole with Lemon Butter*

### **With Sides**

*Grilled Asparagus and Lyonnaise Potatoes*

### **Dessert**

*Smoked Chocolate Lava Cake with Chocolate Frangelica Ice Cream*

**Your choice of non-alcoholic beverage is also included with lunch. All this for only \$45 per person.** Finally, for those wishing to have wine, beer or cocktails, there will be a cash bar.



The Westhaven Golf Club dining room seats 50, and **in past years we have sold out**, so please make your reservation early. And please remember that the Members Appreciation Luncheon is not limited to MBCA members; so feel free to bring a guest (a/k/a "future member") with you.

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## **CONTINUED: Member Appreciation Luncheon Saturday, January 14**

Let's be sure to welcome our new member Perry Lancianese with a big turnout for this year's awards luncheon.

The Members Appreciation Luncheon will feature a slide show of the highlights of the 2016 Nashville Section year, including the Mercedes-Benz of Nashville Open House, the Hermitage tour, Jim Hery's workshop in Belfast, Tennessee, *Bellissima!* at the Frist, the trips to the Pickers Creek Winery and Arrington Vineyards, the annual Shadowbrook luncheon, the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum tour and lunch at the Gerst Haus, Mark Lambert's classic car talk, and the tour of Cliff Ernst's private collection.

Finally, we will preview the 2017 Nashville Section calendar and other MBCA regional and national events.

And as always, there will be plenty of Mercedes-Benz themed door prizes.

Westhaven Golf Club is located at 4000 Golf Club Lane, Franklin, Tennessee 37064, off Highway 96, about four miles west of downtown Franklin. For those of you wanting to caravan to Westhaven, please plan to meet at the old Harris Teeter parking lot (where "[Spaces]" is now) at the fork of Highway 70 and Highway 100 in Belle Meade at 11:00 a.m. We'll take a beautiful 30-minute drive west on Highway 100 to the Natchez Trace Parkway. After we cross the arched Highway 96 bridge, we'll exit and head east for the short drive over to Westhaven. Once we arrive, we'll place our cars on display and have some time to catch up.

In case you get lost and need directions, Westhaven's number is (615) 224-2991. For more information about Westhaven, go to its website, [www.westhaventn.com](http://www.westhaventn.com).

**To RSVP for this event, you should send your check for \$45 per person payable to "MBCA, Nashville Section" to MBCA, Nashville Section, Post Office Box 50291, Nashville, Tennessee 37205 by Wednesday, January 11, 2016, as we need to confirm the number of attendees with the Club. Your check will confirm your reservation.**

**For more information, check out the Nashville Section website, [www.mbcanshville.org](http://www.mbcanshville.org), or contact Randy Bibb at [rbibb@lewisthomason.com](mailto:rbibb@lewisthomason.com) or (615) 259-1349 (office) or (615) 294-7325 (mobile).**

We hope that all of you will be able to attend this highlight of the Nashville Section year.

**Randy Bibb**

President, Nashville Section



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## Mark Lambert: October 16



## Cliff Ernst Collection: November 12



The Nashville Section 2016 calendar of events concluded Saturday, November 12 with German Cars & Coffee at The Factory at Franklin. After Cars & Coffee, the Nashville Section traveled to Hendersonville to tour **Cliff Ernst's private collection** – one of the most spectacular private automobile collections in Middle Tennessee. The Cliff Ernst Private Collection includes 1960's American performance cars as well as full classics, including a V12 Packard and a very rare Ruxton.





## I'm dreaming of a Music City Christmas

Nashville artist Anna B. Webb graciously gave us permission to use the piece you see *above* on the front page of our website, [www.mbcnashville.org](http://www.mbcnashville.org), during the holidays. THANK YOU, Anna!

Take a look at the work of this fine local artist — some of her work might be the perfect piece for your home or office, or you might find a terrific gift for someone else.

Her website is [www.heartofnashville.net](http://www.heartofnashville.net), and you will often find her traveling with Ginger, the HeArt of Nashville art trailer (pictured *right*).

Find Anna on [Facebook](#), follow her on [Instagram](#), and purchase her work [online](#) or in [these](#) select Nashville stores.



## **MBCA Membership Form**

Please print clearly

Full Name

Associate Member (spouse or dependent)

Address

City                      State                      Zip

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone                      Business Phone

Occupation

E-mail Address

Mercedes-Benz cars now owned (model/year)

New Member     Renewing Member (check one)

If Renewing, Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests:

<input type="checkbox"/> Driving Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Car Shows	<input type="checkbox"/> Car Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Technical	<input type="checkbox"/> The Star

Please enroll me as an MBCA Member for:

1 Year (\$55)     2 Years (\$107)  
 3 Years (\$157)

Make check payable to MBCA; Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express also accepted. If using a credit card, please complete the following:

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Account Number

Applicant's Signature

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Hello Central Region members from the Bluegrass Stars, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Memphis, Mississippi, Nashville, Smoky Mountain, and St. Louis Gateway Sections. Patti and I have been travelling extensively as of late, both personally and for the club. Late this summer we spent ten days in beautiful California, beginning our trip in San Francisco and then essentially heading south along the Pacific Coast Highway, spending time in Monterrey, Pebble Beach, Paso Robles Wine Country, LA, and Irvine. While in the Irvine area, I once again had the opportunity to visit my good friend, Tom Hanson, of the Classic Center and paid another visit to Fletcher Jones in Newport Beach, which is the largest M-B dealership in the country !



St. Louis Gateway Section President, Dan Valle, retires after two years of service, as Steve Jacquemin takes over the reigns for the next two years.



Mississippi Section Vice President, Scott Boone and President, Mike Marsh, after

Mike was awarded the 2016 Central Region Officer-of-the-Year award. And no, I'm not that short ! Both Scott and especially Mike, are very tall !

over the reigns as Section President a year ago, Peter has been the driving force in significant membership increase within the Cincinnati Section. Congratulations are heartily extended to Peter & his team !

As the holiday season approaches, Patti and I look forward to celebrating with you at your holiday events and parties. I encourage you to continue to embrace the interesting, fun-loving, and down-to-earth members within your Section and participate in the many Section, Regional, and National activities throughout the year. Please consider offering to volunteer as a Section Board Member, Officer, and/or Host of one of their monthly events. You'll be glad that you did !!

The St. Louis Gateway Section had a very nice early Fall picnic recently at the Museum of Transportation, located in west St. Louis County. The setting was excellent for members and their families, where all dined on a wide-array of picnic food items, enjoyed viewing and selecting their favorites from the many beautiful cars on display in the Show 'n Shine, rode around the park on a miniature train line, and viewed the many fine exhibits within the museums.

Several St. Louis Gateway couples joined Patti and I as we traveled together to Historic Louisville, Kentucky, spending the night in the Dupont Mansion, which is now a charming bed and breakfast ! We all enjoyed visiting with Bluegrass Stars' members for dinner and then breakfast the next morning, before continuing our travels towards the Lexington area, joining the Cincinnati and other Sections for an excellent Bourbon Tour.

October 1st, marked the 9th anniversary of Renaissance Euro-Fest, in Ridgeland, Mississippi. Yours truly was fortunate to be there and participate in the many activities associated with this wonderful event.

Mississippi Section President, Mike Marsh is the Founder and Director of this all-European Show, which attracts exceptionally fine automobiles from across the country. At the conclusion of the award ceremony, I was honored to present Mike with the Central Region's Officer-of-the-Year award.

On the weekend of October 7th-9th, Patti and I motored to Cincinnati in the SEC for jam-packed events celebrating their Section's 55th Anniversary as part of the MBCA. President Peter Emslander and Vice President, David Hagood, along with a solid board, really outdid themselves, hosting wonderful dinners, a challenging road rally, award-winning car show, and many prizes and gifts, including beautiful drink glasses commemorating this special club event. Since taking



Frank & Luella Perry, Patti & Rick Siefert, and Dana & Ron Faerber enjoy an evening at the DuPont Mansion in Louisville, KY.



Cincinnati Section members pose in front of their Section's beautiful new tent ! And yes, Patti and I are in this photo. See if you can find "Waldo" and his wife !

## Member Classified Ads

### MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

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## Welcome to New Members

2016 brings more new members to the Nashville Section! THANK YOU to all who have referred new members to us. 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 2016 newsletter include:

**Ward Brown**  
**Brad Currie**

**Joelle Frasca**  
**Martin McNamara**

**G Pinson**  
**Ron Pope**

# Welcome!

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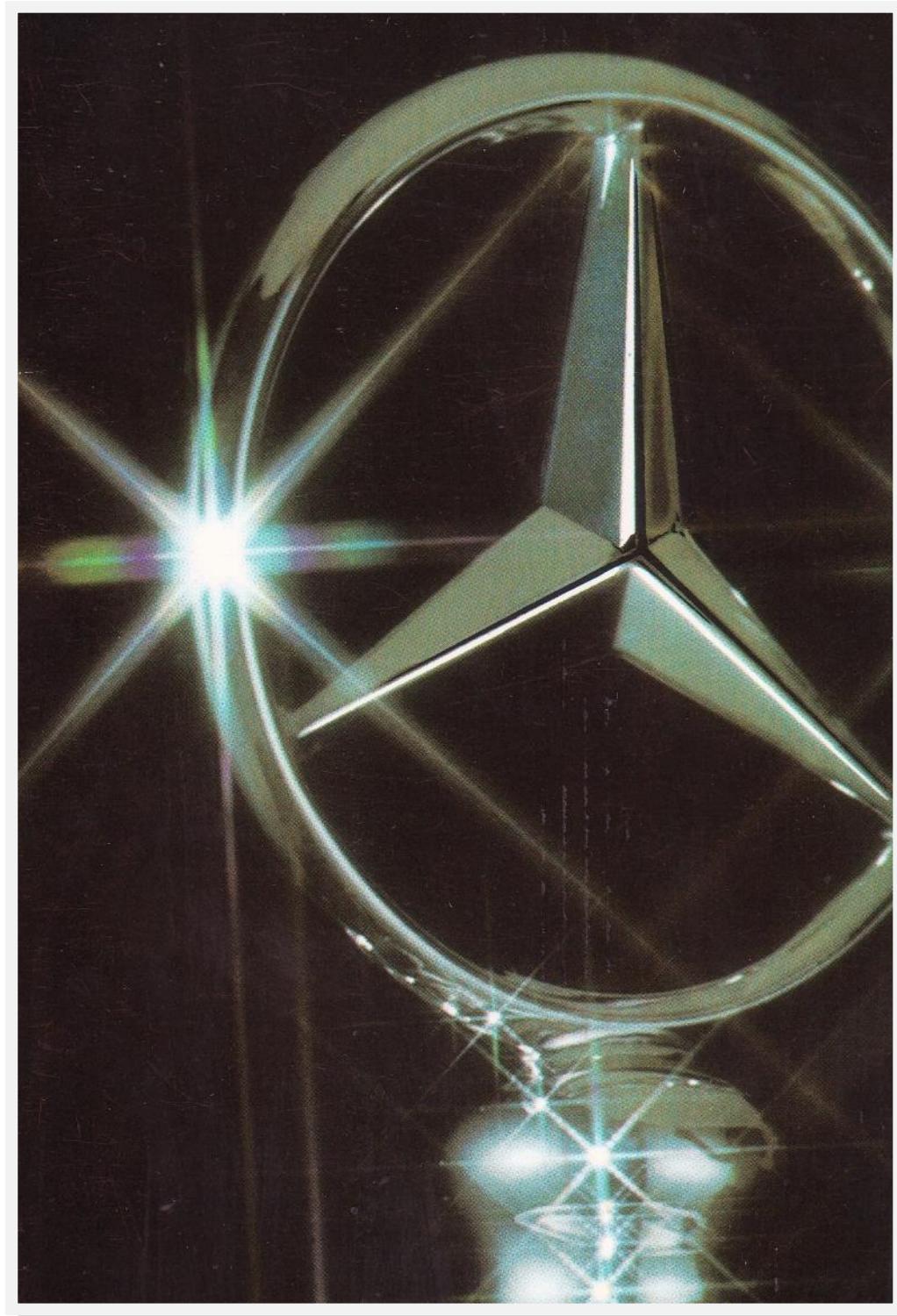
For 38 years the Mercedes-Benz Club of America's Nashville Section has been a gathering point for Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts in the central South. Why not consider giving a gift membership?

With a charter dated October 15, 1978, the Nashville Section has been serving as a resource and focal point for those who appreciate the performance, history, and beauty of the Mercedes-Benz marque for more than a generation.

The Nashville Section hosts activities year-round that can include winery tours, rallies, luncheons and dinners, tech sessions, driving events, new product ride-and-drive introductions, and a year-end awards ceremony.

Membership is the perfect gift for the Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts in your life, and it's a gift that keeps on giving for an entire year! Members enjoy instant savings on parts and service at Mercedes-Benz of Nashville and local independent Mercedes-Benz specialists; discounts on accessories and apparel from our Club Store; the award-winning MBCA magazine, *The Star*; free expert technical advice; discounts on the price of a NEW Mercedes-Benz; and much more!

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