



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Road Star Section

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Detailing Seminar at AutoGeek in Stuart, Florida June 8, 2013



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Upcoming Event

Road Star Section
Meet & Greet
Saturday, July 13, 2013
9:00 AM to ??
TOOJAYS

PALM BEACH GARDENS
STUART
VERO BEACH

See further info inside



President's Message

What an exciting time we had at Star Tech!!!! It was a four day event in Birmingham, Alabama , a state we had never visited and our first national event. Being we had never been to that neck of the woods and now because we are somewhat retired (at this point I don't know how I had time to work) we thought we would take the tourist route on the way up and leave a few days early.

First stop Ruby Falls Tennessee. They take you down in an elevator 1,120 ft and you see these falls that are 145 ft high. Most of the passages are about 5 ft high so we spent the rest of the day sort of stooped over until we arrived in Chattanooga to ride on the CHOO CHOO !! Went to a huge train and ended the day with a dinner cruise on the Tennessee River. By the way, we don't take restful trips. As a matter of fact when we get home we usually have to go right back to work to "rest up" for our next trip. Not sure how I'm gonna handle this new life style.....

Next day left Chattanooga and off to Nashville. Back stage tour in the morning and tickets for a show the next night {country music really isn't my thing but when in Rome, do as,well you know the rest of that saying.....although when I was playing music in bars and restaurants I did play "Take me home, Country Road" a few times..... if a minimum of \$5.00 tip went in my JAR..

The Grand Ole Opry was really a highlight and well worth the time...Hit the Lane Motor Museum, which houses 45 different marques from Asia, Europe, North and South America. Really saw a lot of different cars.....

Before you can say "Jack Daniels" we are in Memphis at GRACELAND with Elvis Presley ! Well, he died at 42 yrs. old, but all his stuff is still there !!! Next day went to Tupelo where Elvis was born and raised and then on to Birmingham.

MBCA, on the first day, took us to NASA US Rocket Center. Gave us a wonderful tour and learning experience. The next day, they took us to CLASSIC CAR MOTORING which is a certified collision repair center for MB in Alabama. Very hi tech body shop where cars are made to look like new..

The next day. they took us to Barber Motorsports Museum with 800 motorcycles and assorted race cars. Biggest motorcycle display in the world. There we got to do some some touring laps on their race track, which was quite a treat....

The final day they took us to the Mercedes-Benz Factory Tour and Museum. That was just amazing. Robotics everywhere and a very detailed tour for the club. There were many banquets and meeting of higher up's in the club and everyone welcomed us with open arms. John Corcia also attended and agreed it was definitely a worthwhile event..

Hope to see many of you at one of our three breakfast "Meet & Greet" meetings on July 13th and.....

Keep Motoring.....

Barry Paraizo
President
Road Star section

Next Road Star Section Event

Saturday, July 13, 2013
Road Star Section

Meet & Greet

Our 1st coffee “meet and greet” is scheduled for July 13th. Come join our Road Star Section members for an hour or two of conversation about cars, upcoming events, or anything else that interests you.

We'll have three locations to meet and socialize with your fellow members..... all beginning at 9:00 AM

TOOJAYS - PALM BEACH GARDENS

Downtown at the Gardens
11701 Lake Victoria Gardens
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
561-622-8131

Hosted by: Barry Paraizo and John Corcia

TOOJAY'S - STUART

Regency Square
2504 SE Federal Hwy
Stuart, FL 34994
772-287-6514

Hosted by: Paul Rodecki and Vito Cucinelli

TOOJAYS - VERO BEACH

Treasure Coast Plaza
555 21st St.
Vero Beach, FL 32960
772-569-6070

Hosted by: Les Goldman

Order from the menu and pay for your own.....a chance to relax, enjoy the cars and the conversation.

See you there !

Detailing Seminar at Auto Geek in Stuart, Florida
June 8, 2013

On Saturday morning, June 8, a group of Road Star members met at AutoGeek in Stuart, Florida for what turned out to be a VERY educational learning experience on the proper way to detail your ride. For those of you who may not be familiar with AutoGeek, the company started about 15 years ago and have become a major supplier of just about any auto detailing product or accessory you can think of. They also do a fantastic job of educating anyone who wants to learn more about which products to use and the proper way to make your car look the best that it can. AutoGeek Show Car Garage is the place where AutoGeek films their detailing videos. These videos are featured on the SPEED channel and you can view their entire video library for helpful tips on everything from polishing to convertible top care ! You can find it all at www.AutoGeek.net.

We were quite lucky to have Mike Phillips as our host. Mike has over 33 years of experience in the field of auto detailing and reconditioning and a true passion for automobiles. He has over 250 articles to his credit and he has hosted two full-length instructional videos for Autogeek. Mike has taught countless detailing classes since 1988 and has been a guest speaker at numerous car club events and car shows. Prior to working at Autogeek, Mike worked at Meguiar's as a sales rep/trainer for Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho training body shop and dealership technicians how to use Meguiar's professional detailing products. Later, he became the online administrator and instructor of Meguiar's detailing classes. In 2009, he joined Autogeek as Director of Training. He's appeared on Two Guys Garage, Motorhead Garage, My Classic Car, and is the host of Autogeek's "What's in the Garage?" on the Fox Sports Network.

Anyone who started with us at 9:00 and did the simple "baggie test" became a true believer by 12:00 - listening to Mike discuss the right steps and process for detailing a car and then actually showing us the amazing improvements that can be made to the look and shine on an everyday black Mercedes driver.... very impressive. For those of you who didn't attend the session, you can read about all of it in Mike's book - **Mike Phillips' - The Art Of Detailing - Proper Techniques, Tips and Tricks to Achieve a Show Car Shine** available on AutoGeek's website for \$14.99.

We'd like to not only thank Mike for his willingness to share his amazing depth of knowledge and the great job he did with his presentation but also thank Bob "Max" McKee, CEO of Autogeek and Nick Rutter, for their tour of AutoGeek and the overall genuine welcome we all felt in being there.



Mike Phillips, AutoGeek Director of Training and our host with a great array of products, going through his detailing presentation.....



Reflections of the wall through the deck lid after final waxing



Hangin our "sign" out at Duffy's for lunch

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Concours of America at St. John's, July 25-28: Celebrate the 50th anniversaries of the Mercedes-Benz Grosser 600 and Pagoda SL at this coveted event, held on the golf course surrounding the exquisite Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, MI. Sponsored by MBCA's International Stars Section, everyone is invited to enjoy four days of spectacular events: a Hall of Fame & Awards celebration on July 25; motoring tours on July 26; an RM Auction on July 27 followed by an International Stars' evening dinner; and the Concours on July 27, featuring over 300 vehicles on display.

Go to <http://www.concoursusa.org> or <http://internationalstars.mbca.org/> for more info.

Legends of the Autobahn, August 16: Thanks to its extreme popularity and swelling crowd size — MBCA's Laura Simonds, along with leaders from Audi, Porsche and BMW Car Clubs — are upsizing Legend's location in Monterey, California this year. Join us at the Pasadera Country Club this August for the time of your life! Hundreds of vehicles will be on display for viewing and judging. Register your Mercedes, of any age or model, at www.motorsportreg.com > "August 16" >

"MBCA — Legends of the Autobahn" or email Laura Simonds at simondsl@pacbell.com for more information

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