



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Road Star Section

Annual Valentine's Concours Saturday, February 16 at Mariner Sands Country Club

Welcome New Members

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Upcoming Event

Saturday, April 13, 2013
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tour of the NEW
Elliott Museum in Stuart, FL

See more info within



President's Message

The 2013 Valentine concours at the Mariner Sands Country club was a huge success! We had one of the biggest turnouts in the history of the club and the weather surprisingly stayed beautiful for the whole day...It was a little scary going into it with rain on Thursday and Friday, but then Saturday was perfect and Sunday morning it was back to 38 degrees at my house. Ooh, did we get lucky !!!

A great big thanks to Todd from Coggins Mercedes-Benz for his update on MB new products and great gifts for prizes. We are planning an event there in October when some of the new models are coming in...We'll give you dates and times as we get closer..

Also thanks to our own member Sidney Vallon who is serving on the board and donated a Mercedes typewriter to the club which we auctioned off and raised \$150.00 for the club...That was the first time we tried something like that and it seemed to work pretty well. We hope to do more things to raise money for the club so we can do bigger and better events and have the club supplement them so we can keep the costs down..... Sidney also donated some Mercedes books and keychains which we are saving for our next event..

Our next event will be April 13th, 2013 at the Elliot Museum....The old Museum was torn down and a new one has been built with lots and lots of cars...from there we will do a touring ride along the river to one of the restaurants on the water for lunch....more news to follow.

In May we hope to do a coffee and breakfast activity in Ft. Pierce, Stuart, Palm Beach Gardens and Boca.....Members can meet at the closest location for an hour or two of conversation about our cars, upcoming events, and anything else that interests you...We will announce the locations and who will be heading up each spot...It will be "order from the menu and pay for your own"... We hope to see you there.....

Autogeek in June – a Tech session with Mike Phillips on detailing your favorite car. We are coordinating an event for the ladies to enjoy on their own if they are not interested in cleaning wheels, polishing chrome, and preserving dashboards..

See you all at the April event. Happy motoring

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Save Saturday, April 13 for our next Road Star Section event

**to be held at the new Elliott Museum
10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon with lunch to follow
825 Northeast Ocean Blvd.
Stuart, FL 34996
Tel. 772-225-1961**



The Elliott Museum has been working on a \$20 million renovation, creating a 44,000 square foot museum that opened on March 3, 2013 and now includes the only robotic auto parking system situated in a museum. The system picks out the desired car from a 3 story parking grid and automatically “delivers” it to a turntable where it is rotated for viewing by the visitors....then returned to its storage space automatically. We’ll have a guided tour of the brand new facility and then head off for lunch at a local restaurant. Should be a great time. More info to follow as we get closer to the date.

Check out the new Road Star website on the World Wide Web

With lots of help from Daniel “Haus” Cartwright from the National Business Office of MBCA, the Road Star Section now has its very own web site. We plan to use it for many things - publishing our Road Star newsletter, event announcements and updates, links to both the MBCA website and events happening around Florida and the US. In addition, you can look up members of both our section and the National roster. We’ll continue to add features in the future. Any ideas or comments are welcome. Please take a look at your website.....

Go to : roadstar.mbca.org and check it out.

If you log into your regular www.mbca.org website first, then go to our website, all the links to the national website get activated. If you are not logged in to the MBCA website, ours will still work but some of the features that link our site and the national site will not. Any comments or suggestions would be appreciated and should be sent to the newsletter editor at “singdales@yahoo.com”

2013 Road Star Valentine's Concours
Mariner Sands Country Club
Stuart, Florida
Saturday, February 16, 2013

The Road Star section held its annual Valentine's Concours event on Saturday, 2/16/13 at the Mariner Sands Country Club in Stuart, Florida. Although weather is typically not an issue here in South Florida, we had some rain and clouds on Thursday and Friday and obviously worried about Saturday's forecast – we got very lucky as the weather could not have been nicer.....sunny and in the mid 70's. This was our second year at Mariner Sands CC and the venue is truly spectacular – a chapel on the grounds about a mile from their clubhouse is typically used for weddings and special events but on this day it's set aside for our section to be used as a dedicated display area.

We had 66 attendees along with 33 cars on display – everything from Sidney Vallon's 1954 Adenauer (a Star Magazine cover car) to a beautiful 1971 300 SEL 6.3 to a fairly rare 2008 SL65 and almost everything imaginable in between. This Concours is not a strictly judged event but rather an event where People's Choice prevails. Awards are given for Best in Show, Best "new" series car (2007 and newer) and "Best "old" series (prior to 2007).

After the display and voting, we had a great 4 mile caravan of all 33 cars around the grounds of the Country Club ending at the clubhouse where a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all. Mr. Todd Seth, General Manager of Mercedes-Benz of Fort Pierce gave a very informative talk on new Mercedes products coming – both CLA, E-class and S-class variants. We had a record setting turnout and all look forward to next year's event.....please join us next year.





Best "Old" Series - 1971 300 SEL 6.3
Christian & Connie Nast



Past President & First Lady Award
for Paul & Sherry's many, many years
of service to the Road Star section



Best "New" Series - 2008 SL65
Stuart & Karen Altfest



2013 CLS500
On display courtesy of
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Best in Show - 1954 300B
Sidney Vallon



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