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ENDANGERED WOLF CENTER

Sunday, November 8th
Eureka, MO

Please join us at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 8th, at The Endangered Wolf Center, 6750 Tyson Valley Road, Eureka. Our private tour will start at 11:00 sharp and is expected to last two hours. We will have access to off-exhibit enclosures; meet Mexican wolves, African painted dogs, maned wolves and the swift fox.

In 1971, Marlin Perkins, who was made famous from the 1960's and 70's TV show "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom", joined a group of individuals and scientists to found the Endangered Wolf Center. For more than 40 years, through carefully managed breeding programs, inspiring educational programs and innovative methods for introducing releasable wolves into their native habitats, The Endangered Wolf Center set out to change the fate of endangered canids.

The Endangered Wolf Center's mission is to preserve and protect Mexican wolves, red wolves and other wild canid species, with purpose and passion, through carefully managed breeding, reintroduction and inspiring education programs.

There will be approximately 1 mile of slow paced walking, mostly on flat surfaces (some on gravel). **Cost is \$20 per person and \$18 per child. Please contact Jennie Hible at 636.328.7025 or jenniehible@hotmail.com to RSVP. Please make your check out to 'MBCA, St. Louis Gateway Section' and mail to 81 Deer Meadow Court, St. Peters, MO 63304 no later than October 25th.**

Please note: we will be driving down a gravel road to get to the classroom where the tour starts. For more information, visit: <http://www.endangeredwolfcenter.org/>

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

November

Mercedes-Benz of St. Louis Facility

Details for the Annual Planning Meeting are in work. A specific date and additional information will be sent out via e-mail soon.

ST. LOUIS GATEWAY SECTION

HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 12th

Doubletree Hotel - Chesterfield

The Doubletree Hotel is located at 16625 Swingley Drive Chesterfield MO 63017-1798.

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Cocktails from 6 to 7 pm

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Dinner at 7 pm

Doubletree Salad

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If you wish to spend the night at the hotel, call direct to the hotel at 1-800-222-tree, ask for code: MCH. The rate is \$99 plus \$8 for breakfast for your reservations.

(The hotel will hold this rate until November 27, 2015)

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Phone Number: _____

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Enclosed is my check for _____ people

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I've always loved this time of year, even though some of you may lament putting your beloved convertibles and or classics away for the season. This is great driving weather ! Going for a long drive, and taking in the splendor of our fall foliage is one of life's simple pleasures, and we're lucky to have some great roads nearby for the taking.

This is also a time to look forward to the holiday season, and with it comes the anticipation of the new year, and all the possibilities that holds. Our annual holiday party is always my favorite event of the year. If you're only able to make one or two events each year, make certain that the holiday party is on your list. Luella Perry has put together a fantastic evening of dinner, dancing, and cocktails. Our National MBCA President, Terry Kiwala, will be joining us as well. Please get your RSVP in right away.

The date for our 2016 Planning Meeting has not yet been set. I will email you once the details have been finalized. The Planning Meeting is your opportunity to guide the club's activities for next year. We will hold the meeting at the beautiful Mercedes-Benz of St. Louis facility. Even if you don't have an idea to share, we'd love to hear your opinion on the proposed events. There is no better way to get to know other members, than by hosting an event. Our club is only as good as our events, so please plan on attending.

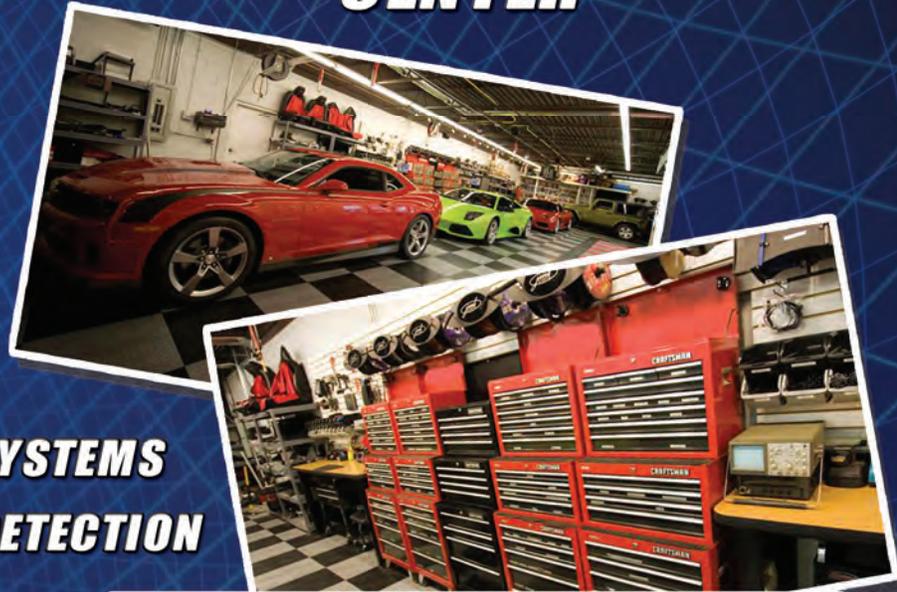
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SOME CULTURE FOR THE SECTION

Crystal Bridges – Bentonville, AK

On Friday, September 11th, nearly 40 members and guests of the St. Louis Gateway Section travelled to Bentonville, Arkansas to visit the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. After arriving at the hotel, and the obligatory happy hour, we had an excellent dinner at “The Hive” in the 21C Museum Hotel which has a unique large open wood fire where its beef and pork steaks are prepared. A tour of the hotel ensued after dinner, which proved to be very interesting and most enjoyable.

After breakfast the following morning, we headed for the museum. Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art is nestled in a beautiful natural ravine in a wooded park in the heart of Bentonville, Arkansas. Crystal Bridges is itself a work of architectural art, designed by world-renowned architect Moshe Safdie. The Museum features works by major American artists, including Charles Willson Peale’s portrait of George Washington, Rosie the Riveter by Norman Rockwell, and Kindred Spirits, a quintessential example of the famed Hudson River School of art by Asher Brown

Durand. There was also a special showing of works by famed artists Jamie Wyeth and Andy Warhol. Lunch was enjoyed by all at the “Eleven” museum restaurant, located on the Glass Bridge.

Another wonderful aspect and enjoyment of our visit was the outdoor sculptures on the paved and lighted Art Trail, Tulip Tree Trail, and the Rock Ledge Trail, which follows the route of a historical railroad bed. We could not have asked for better weather.

Some of us also traveled to the nearby excellent Museum of Native American History which featured five different time periods that guide you through the constant changing lives of the Native Americans, as seen through their artifacts. The displays feature relics that date from over 14,000 years old to historic times.

In the evening we enjoyed dinner with the Ozark Section at “Copelands” restaurant where the conversation and the food were great. The next day we headed back to St. Louis with fond memories of another excellent event. A special thanks to Rick and Patti Siefert for being the hosts for this unique activity. (See pics on pgs 6, 7, & 16)

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September 11th – 13th, 2015 - Crystal Bridges, Bentonville, Arkansas



Laurie & Tony Bauer, Shari Kinninger, Dave Pazdernik, Sally & Mike Gaan with Bob Frank



Marti & Steve Jacquemin with Karen & Don Barker



Marion and Russ Hughes with Patti Siefert



Dave Pazdernik & Shari Kinninger



Ceci Bartels, Patti Siefert and Sally Gaan



Joan Gruss, Alice Gore and Luella Perry

September 11th – 13th, 2015 - Crystal Bridges, Bentonville, Arkansas

Members and Guests ate dinner at The Hive Restaurant in the beautiful new 21c Museum Hotel in Bentonville and then were taken on a private tour of the Hotel



Mike and Alice Gore joined us from the Mississippi Section

The Green Penguins joined us for dinner and were a big hit with everyone !



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GATEWAY KARTPLEX - Sunday, October 10th
Gateway Motor Sports Park

On a beautiful afternoon 26 members and guests of the St. Louis Gateway Section checked into the Gateway Kartplex facility for an hour of racing. The go carts at the Kartplex are serious machines ! They are adult size, and very fast. Top speeds approach 60 miles per hour. The track was exclusively ours for an hour of racing. We were divided into two groups for our racing session. Each race lasted 12 laps or about nine minutes with each group doing two races. Full face helmets were provided at the track, although some of our members brought their own helmets (watch out for people who have their own helmets). At the end of each race, each participant was provided with a print out of their best lap time, as well as how they finished relative to the folks in their race. The racing was "completive" and the carts could be drifted in the corners which provided some real entertainment for the racers and the spectators. In addition, several spin-outs happened during the races. All of the participants had a great time, with several conversations about how the next time the results might be different. At the completion of the racing session plaques were presented to the racers with the fastest lap times. First place honors went to Todd Siefert, Second place was Chris Frank, and Third place went to Jim Boyk. After the racing we gathered at Tienda El Ranchito for some authentic Mexican food and more "bench" racing. A great afternoon ! A hearty thanks to our President, Dan Valle, who hosted this event.



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After 10 years in business, the Kemp Auto Museum recently closed its doors. The Kemp exhibition was a 30+-year process that began when Fred M. Kemp, Sr. purchased his first Mercedes-Benz.

Upon its closing, a Kemp Museum representative contacted Darryl Ross, who is the current President of the Board for the Transport Museum Association (TMA) in west St. Louis County and also a member of the St. Louis Gateway Section. The St. Louis Museum of Transportation houses one of the largest and best collections of transportation vehicles in the world. The Kemp Museum graciously offered to donate to the TMA a 1958 Mercedes-Benz 180D (diesel). Mr. Ross reached out to Central Regional Director, Rick Siefert, for assistance. Rick and original Kemp Museum Curator, long-time MBCA member, and restorer of many of Fred Kemp's automobiles, Bill Nelson, inspected the car. They found it to be a solid, nearly rust-free automobile. In fact, it has not been fully verified yet, but the less than 37,000 miles presently noted on the odometer may in fact be accurate. The 180D is also refuted to have relatively recently had the engine rebuilt, as well as new clutch, pressure plates, starter, brakes, wheel cylinders, and more. Also included with the car are the tool kit, maintenance box, repair manual, and owner's manual.



TMA Board Member, Jane Saunders and President, Darryl Ross

After cleaning, paint touch-up, polishing, and numerous minor repairs, the Transport Museum Association decided to utilize the 180D as a museum marketing piece as well as having it raffled off to the public, with proceeds being directed to the further enhancement of an already wonderful facility. **There are ONLY 1000 total raffle tickets being sold at \$25 each or 5 for \$100 and the ticket purchase is a 501(c)3 charitable donation.**

In 1948, the Transport Museum Association incorporated, as a non-profit educational organization to better serve the financial and volunteer needs of the Museum. The museum site also features more than four miles of switching and exhibition train track. Additionally, the Museum houses an acclaimed research library of transportation-related memorabilia and



documents. The museum's collection of automobiles, buses, streetcars, aircraft, horse-drawn vehicles, and riverboat materials are constantly expanding to reflect the ever-changing nature of transportation.

The Museum readily shares its resources with the community, hosting more than 50,000 school children for educational tours each year.

Now in its seventh decade of service to the St. Louis region, the Museum of Transportation is planning for a future that will enable it to expand its service to an even wider audience, including scholars and others who recognize the significance of this unparalleled permanent record of transportation evolution.

Raffle tickets can be purchased from the Transport Museum at <http://transportmuseumassociation.org>. For further specific information, one can contact Rick Siefert at rick.siefert@att.net.



Darryl Ross and the 180D, on display at the Transport Museum

BEST CARS OF 2015

Mercedes C300

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Consumer's report has named the Mercedes C300 as one of the best cars of 2015.

Redesigned for 2015, the Mercedes-Benz C300 is so impressive that it scores near the top of the sports sedan segment. The new C-Class has a beautiful interior and delivers a driving experience that is close to ideal when it comes to balancing performance and comfort. Simply put, the C300 delivers the driving pleasure people expect from the brand. For those new to the brand, we think you'll find the C300 comfortable, quiet, agile, and altogether well done.

The opening bid for a base, rear-wheel drive C300 starts around \$40,000. However, our test car, which represents what most people buy, rang in at \$47,560. It included 4Matic all-wheel drive, a rear camera, blind-spot assist, sunroof, heated seats, and Premium package (Burmester stereo, LED headlights). Among four-cylinder sports sedans, this is the higher end of the price spectrum, where it competes directly against the BMW 328i. Making liberal use of the options list can send the sticker into the stratosphere.

Buyers signing up for the base C300 get a 241-hp, 2.0-liter turbo four-cylinder engine. The up-level C400 (now called C450) bumps up to a 329-hp, 3.0-liter turbo V6. The C-Class is built in Alabama, alongside Mercedes' SUVs.

It may be surprising at first to hear and feel a

four-cylinder humming in such a plush and expensive car, but as you begin to cover some ground, it becomes clear that the power is ample and that turbo lag is near imperceptible. We measured a respectable 26 mpg overall - no small feat for an AWD car that catapults from rest to 60 mph in 6.8 seconds.

2015 FRANKFURT AUTO SHOW

Hits, Misses, and Revelations

September 16th, 2015

<http://www.automobilemag.com>



Hit and Miss: Mercedes-Benz Concept IAA

How about a 3/4 Hit, 1/4 Miss? Against the rules, perhaps, but the overall shape and the active aero aspect of Mercedes' Concept IAA are beautifully done. Love the idea of the extending Kamm tail and the flaps and louvers that divert air for better aero. But that front end? Ouch. It must look good in the wind tunnel, but on the road?

Revelation: Mercedes Concept IAA Would be the Perfect Tesla Model S-Fighter

Daimler CEO Dieter Zetsche says the Mercedes-Benz Concept IAA is not the next CLS-Class, though the interior portends that of the new E-Class coming later in 2016. Zetsche also hints that rumors Mercedes will have a Tesla Model S-fighting full-electric luxury sedan by 2018 are pretty accurate. I think this sleek, midsize sedan with its active aero that reduces drag from a 0.25 coefficient down to 0.19, could be the Model S competitor. The aero-aids are feasible for production and would help extend range.

--Todd Lassa

AUTOS ON VALHALLA

Sunday, September 27th

Members of the St. Louis Gateway Section participated in the annual Autos on Valhalla car show. The event was held on September 27th and proceeds from the event benefit Ride on St. Louis.

Ride On St. Louis uses the unique movement of the horse and emotional bond created between horse and rider to gain physical, mental, emotional and spiritual improvements in the lives of disabled children, adults and the at-risk youth of the greater St. Louis metropolitan area. The Valhalla event is not a concours but more of a show and shine. Since it is not marque specific, there is always a wide variety of exotic and American classic cars. The weather this year was about perfect and there was a cool breeze under the shade trees.

Thanks to Jerroy and Dodie Frank for hosting our participation in this event and working the registration and parking

ST. LOUIS GATEWAY SECTION Remaining 2015 Calendar of Events

Sunday – October 4th
Annual Fall Picnic / Show & Shine
Faust Park

Saturday – October 10th
Gateway Kartplex
Gateway Motorsports Park

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September 11th – 13th, 2015 – Crystal Bridges, Bentonville, Arkansas



A great turnout for this weekend event at Crystal Bridges in Bentonville, AR

Frank and Luella Perry



Debbie and Mike Fultz with Carol and Sonny Sterthman



Rick Siefert, Central Regional Director with Kathy Menold, Ozark Section President



Dinner at The Copeland's of New Orleans Restaurant with members from the Ozark Mercedes Club Section

October 4th, 2015 - Annual Fall Color Picnic, Faust Park, Chesterfield



Door Prize Winners



Coffee, Coffee! A watched coffee pot never perks fast enough!



A big thank you to our cook, John Springborn & host Jerry Wille



Cheers !! Mike Gaan, Rick Siefert and Dan Valle (Section President)



Cathie Wille and Luella Perry collect the \$\$\$\$\$

October 4th, 2015 – Annual Fall Color Picnic, Faust Park, Chesterfield

Our Annual Fall Picnic was held at beautiful Faust Park in Chesterfield. Faust Park houses the famous Butterfly House, the St. Louis Carousel, the Thornhill Home, and a wonderful historic village. Although the weather was a little cooler than we anticipated, we still had nearly 90 members and guests in attendance, including Kate Hennekes from the St Louis Mercedes-Benz Dealership.



The picnic included our traditional “Show & Shine Car Show” with prizes given to the three cars receiving the most votes by our club members. We enjoyed barbecued brats and hamburgers in addition to the salads, side dishes, and desserts brought by our members.

Show and Shine award winners were: First Place; Jorge & Alicia Monfrinnotti with their 1970 280SL; Second Place, was Alan & Judy Barker with their 1971 280S; and Third Place was Gary & Gail Griffin with their 2015 S550.

Picnic tables were decorated beautifully with Fall colored mums which were given as door prizes to many of our attendees at the end of the picnic.

Thanks are extended to Jerry and Cathie Wille for hosting this always enjoyable and popular club event. A special thanks goes out to John Springborn who prepared the barbecued brats for us.



1st Place winners; Jorge & Alicia Monfrinnotti



2nd Place winners; Judy & Alan Barker



3rd Place winners; Gail and Gary Griffin



Nancy and Bob Rece joined us from the Cincinnati Section

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Since the last publication of the Gateway News we are proud to announce and WELCOME the following new members:

Kate Hennekes
Josh Holdridge

Welcome to the St. Louis Gateway Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. We have over 280 members within a 200-mile radius of St. Louis & invite you to join us at our Events.

The success of our Club depends on the participation of the members to our scheduled activities. Thank you for joining. We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

- The St. Louis Gateway Section Officers & Board Members -

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