



Tampa Bay Star

August 2024

Events June/August 2024



Imagine Museum
June 23, 2024



Tampa Theatre
August 18, 2024

August Showcase of Member's Cars



Left: David Halpern's 1958 SL
Roadster, 55,000 original miles

Right: Jeff Munzing's 2023 E450



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Note: The night for the monthly business meeting is the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month (except for September and sometimes July & January when it is delayed a week) and is open to **ALL** members. Attending members go to a nearby restaurant for dinner after the meeting. Please join us and help us with your input. All meetings are held at **Crown Eurocars, 8302 US Hwy 19 N, Pinellas Park, FL**

Meeting Dates

Sept 9 Monday 6:30PM

Oct 7 Monday 6:30PM

Nov 4 Monday 6:30PM

Dec 2 Monday 6:30PM

Business Meeting & Dinner after each meeting on the above scheduled dates.

Event Dates

Sept 29 Lunch at Jack's London Grill
Details in this issue

About the Newsletter

The Tampa Bay Section, Mercedes-Benz Club of America Inc., publishes this bi-monthly newsletter. Opinions expressed are those of the authors. Express permission is hereby granted to other Sections of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America to reprint articles contained herein without exception. Articles of general interest are solicited for inclusion in the newsletter and should be mailed to the Editor or e-mailed to pwatson511wedge@gmail.com. Copy deadline is the first day of the month.

An Overview of the Club

Established in 1956, MBCA has more than 15,000 members in over 84 sections across the nation. Those local sections organize hundreds of events each year, ranging from social gatherings to specialized technical sessions. This is a not-for-profit organization.

Join the Club

Enroll as a member of MBCA for
One Year \$85
Two Years \$165

Call 719-633-6427 Tues-Thurs 9:00AM to 3:00PM or sign in to MBCA.org

Local Activities

Your dues include membership in the section of your choice. Each section publishes a newsletter with news of its activities and its year-round calendar of events, including rallies, defensive driving courses, car shows, technical sessions, and dinner meetings. Many sections host special events. Any MBCA member may attend any section, regional, or national event.

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President's Message

Hello to all Tampa Bay Chapter Friends,

Our June 23rd event hosted by Connie Dolin was to the Imagine Museum in St. Petersburg. We had 25 members in attendance and afterward we went to Red Mesa restaurant and enjoyed a great Mexican lunch.

I was on vacation so I missed our July event. However, I've been informed by Dave and Lynn Hutchinson that the lunch visit to the Old Castle restaurant in Sun City Center was very good. Our club had 15 members and guests in attendance and along with the main dishes the Apple strudel was fantastic.

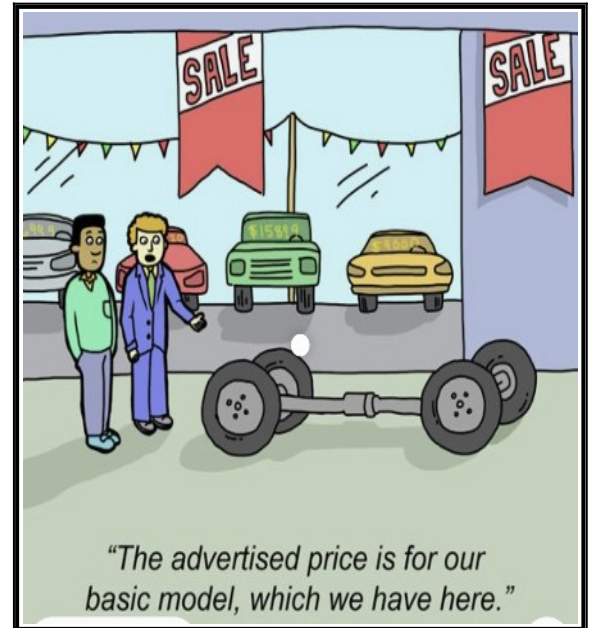
Our August 18th event was a huge success. We had 25 members and guests attend the Tampa Theatre for the viewing of the movie, Casablanca from 1942. To our surprise, the theatre was "SOLD OUT" so it was great that we had pre-purchased our tickets. Afterwards, we met at the Original Columbia restaurant and we all enjoyed our dinners. See more details and pictures about all three past events on the following pages.

Our September event is lunch at Jack's London Grill. We are looking forward to your participation.

Once again, I want to remind all of our members that the events that we all enjoy so much have been planned by just a very few volunteer members. I encourage all of our members to take an active role in planning some events, so that a true representation of all views of entertainment/excitement may be realized. You may contact me on my email to get the "Event Planning" form.

Remember, Be Safe and Have Fun.

*Regards,
Greg Watson*



Please note the MBCA national business office mailing address and main phone number have changed as follows:

Note: New website at MBCA.org

Mercedes-Benz Club of America
10 Boulder Crescent Street, Suite 200
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Please note the 800# is no longer in service. The existing non-toll-free number will remain as the sole number.

(719) 633-6427 (Tues-Thur, 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Mountain time)

Jacks London Grill Lunch, St. Petersburg, FL



Important Info

When: September 29, 2024
Where: Jacks London Grill
1050 62nd Ave. N
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
727-289-7170
Call or Text: Greg or Pat Watson
941-539-8700 or 941-840-2906
Email: gwatson511@verizon.net
Lunch: 1:PM
Received By: September 20, 2024

Details: Jacks is an English Pub-style restaurant owned and operated by a chef from the London area. The restaurant has a full menu of British and American specialties including meat pies, shepherd pie and the best fish and chips in town. See the website at jackslondongrill.com and see you there. If you can't find a choice parking spot, there is a shopping center across the street from the restaurant. Lunch will be off the menu at member's expense. The \$2.50 PP is a small fee so that people remember to attend the event. The fee is deposited into the club treasury to cover some expenses and charitable donations.

Directions: Put the address into your navigation system, smart phone, GPS, google maps or Mapquest for specific directions from your location or call.

Lunch at Jacks London Grill September 29, 2024

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

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Address _____

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Imagine Museum & Lunch, St. Petersburg, FL

June 23, 2024

By: Connie Dolin

On June 23rd, the Tampa Bay Chapter MBCA experienced a docent led tour of the Imagine Museum in St. Petersburg. Our docents, Paige and Judy, were very knowledgeable about the glass works and the special exhibit of Louis Markoya.

Louis Markoya studied under Salvador Dali for six years and developed his own method of melding classical painting techniques and subject matter with fractal and lenticular technology to render the most beautiful holographic works of art. The lenticular art pieces start with an original oil painting done by Markoya and in the museum you can see this original oil painting side by side the lenticular, holographic, 3D print.

As always, the Imagine Museum did not disappoint in it's exhibits of amazing works of glass art. Some exhibits are temporary so the Museum can be visited repeatedly with something new at each visit. One of the favorite glass works was the Portal Icosahedron by Anthony James. If you did not attend our tour, I strongly recommend you visit, especially soon while the Louis Markoya display is there.

After the Imagine Museum tour the 26 members of the club went to Red Mesa restaurant for an excellent Mexican lunch.



Event Sponsor Connie Dolin and Gary Dolin



Left to right: Chris Cotronei, Maria White, Pat & Greg Watson, Susan Contronei, Chris Gregoriou



Chris and Margaret Gregoriou



Dave (our photographer... who is taking the photo??) and Lynn Hutchinson

Old Castle Restaurant Lunch

July, 2024

By: Dave Hutchinson

A great time was had by all 15 Tampa Bay MBCA Chapter members and guests who attended our July event at the Old Castle German Restaurant on Saturday, July 13th in Ruskin. It was a great opportunity to discuss our cars and our summer travel... just a great social club event. Of course, the German Schnitzel and their delicious apple strudel was fantastic.



Left side: Chris and Susan Cotronei, Right side: Lynn Hutchinson, Ravi Kanuri



Left side: Maria and Fred White, Right: Paul Cooper, Cathy and Jonathan Sones



Left side: Bob Martino, Chris and Susan Cotronei, Right: Catherine Martino, Lynn Hutchinson



Chris and Margaret Gregoriou

Tampa Theatre and Early Dinner

August 18, 2024

By: Dave Hutchinson

25 members and guests of the Tampa Bay Chapter of MBCA enjoyed a Sunday afternoon showing of the classic movie Casablanca at the Tampa Theater. What a pleasure it was to enjoy this incredible 1942 movie in The Tampa Theater, one of the 10 most beautiful theaters in the World (The BBC)! Tampa Theater opened in 1926. The movie was in beautiful dark black and white noir...and in my opinion, the sound was incredible. I didn't expect that. The event began as all of the Theater's movies have with music played on the 1920s Wurlitzer organ from the house organist, Steven Ball. Plus, the show was even preceded by a Bugs Bunny cartoon. The line spread around the building an hour before the sold out show!

Following the movie we all traveled to another classic for dinner, the Original Columbia Restaurant (1905) with it's white tablecloths and formally dressed waiters. This is an event that I know our members will be talking about forever. Watch your e-mail for your MB Tampa Bay Chapter newsletter for updates on future events.



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Front to back:
Chris and
Susan
Cotronei,
Greg Watson,
Len Berman,
Ben Berman,
Terri Barcza



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Front to left:
Maria & Fred
White, Pat
Watson, Elaine
and Jimmie
Lee, Dave &
Terri Barcza,
Right: Chris
and Susan
Cotronei,



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Left: Dennis
Dwyer, Larry
and Diane
Gilley,
Bobbie Ross



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Right: Lynn
Hutchinson,
Connie and
Gary Dolin,
Debbie and
Dan Cabrera



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Right:
Frank &
Laura
Angelelli,
Paul
Cooper



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Front to left:
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Berman, Ben
Berman, Greg
Watson,
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