



# The Bluegrass Star

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## President's Message

Hello Stars and Happy Spring!

The first and constant issue on my mind as we begin the second quarter of 2025 is membership.

First, let me say we are not the only Chapter that finds ourselves in the same dilemma: dwindling membership. I attended a ZOOM MBCA Chapter President's Meeting on February 18th, and the continually decreasing number of members was a main topic, along with the MBCA budget.

I was disappointed to learn that many other Chapters had little or no Board of Directors participation, let alone a full roster of executives – one Chapter was being supported by ONLY ONE member. There are some very large, active Chapters – Atlanta, North Texas, and St. Louis, to name a few, but, obviously, they are the exception.

Parallel to this challenge is the decline in membership. Our Chapter consists of 65 current members, with several of those memberships having expired in February 2025. This is down from our previous roster of 114 just a couple of years ago.

Good news? YES! We have had three great events this quarter – all repeats from previous years – but, all well received. Read more about these events below and on Facebook. And, we have an exciting calendar of events planned for the next nine months, many in conjunction with our neighbors and good friends in Cincinnati. We are even in the process of planning a weekend Mini-Regional Event in the fall. Stay tuned!

I look forward to seeing lots of Stars at our next event, The Second Annual Derby Party at Tony Yorks in Glendale, Kentucky on April 26th. Until then, I am always available if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,  
J. Anne Gilliland  
President

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

On January 25th, we kicked off the new year at Martin's Bar-B-Que Joint for our 2nd annual Members' Meeting and Movie night. The barbeque was excellent, as usual, and Martin's always accommodates us with a free room and video setup.

Our members had a chance to discuss and select some of the events they would like to see on our 2025 calendar.

***"C'etiat un Rendez-vous" called the Holy Grail of Auto Racing!"***

We then watched a 1976 film, "C'etiat un Rendez-vous," called the Holy Grail of Auto racing! We also saw "The Truth About the Shooting of "C'etiat un Rendez-vous" and "C'etiat un Rendez-vous, the Original street Racing Video—'LIVE AND LET DRIVE.'" These are amazing films. If you haven't seen them and have read this post, you can click on these links and watch: [C'etait un Rendezvous \(1972\) Claude Lelouch](#), [The Truth about the Shooting of "C'etait un Rendez-vous" by Claude Lelouch](#), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmdR6B1DPac&authuser=1>

BAR-B-QUE  
JOINT™



Saturday, March 22nd, the Bluegrass Stars and the Cincinnati Chapters took a beautiful drive to Shaker Village in Harrodsburg, KY for a second visit in three years, and we are so glad we returned.

The meal, ambiance, and the service were lovely and gave the 23 members from both Chapters a chance to enjoy a leisurely and delicious meal at the Trustee's Table and have a chance to catch up after the long winters months with good friends who share our love of all things Mercedes.

After lunch, we visited the various gift shops before taking a beautiful, although windy, stroll through parts of the village itself.



Tree!

Menu





Collection21 again proved to be an ongoing favorite place to tour and view 270 vintage automobiles of all makes and models. Members from the Bluegrass Stars and the Cincinnati Chapters visited again on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The collection has grown so large that the owner has purchased another building next door to store another 30 cars. Cars are the main attraction, but there are other interesting items that the owner has a soft spot. There is a huge miniature model train exhibit that has thousands of detailed moving parts with a volunteer train conductor manning the switches. There is a collection of kids mini cars, and now the owner is collecting and mounting hundreds of neon signs from the past. You can even listen to 45 RPM "oldies but goodies" on the vintage juke box.

The entrance fee is \$15 (or more if you choose) which 100% goes to an amazing charity called Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK). More on that can be found on their website. Click on this link: <http://honkhomes.org/>. Our own members, Nancy and Bob Rece volunteer at this great attraction and have become very knowledgeable of the history of this beautiful collection.

After the tour of Collection21, members went five minutes away to MacKenie River Plaza, Grill & Pub where the food and service were outstanding.

Future overnight excursions were discussed which will result in a September event.

Jim Keith was presented with a new MBCA name tag which honors him as our Bluegrass Stars Past-Vice-President. Jim is a genuine supportive member who continues to attend and support all of our events. Thanks again Jim.

Our next event will be on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at noon at Tony York's on Main in Glendale, KY. This will be our annual Derby luncheon, so, ladies and gents, wear your most festive Derby outfits. If you want to RSVP from here, click on <https://forms.gle/Ey6KgJR6BaTk3L65A>. Deadline to RSVP is 4/21 @ 5PM.



Crosley Radio



Neon signs being displayed



Back to the Future Delorian



1926 Chain-Driven Truck



Model Train Collection



Vintage Coke Machine



Bob Rece gives tour.



Kids Mini-Cars



Plenty of places to rest



# REMAINING 2025 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>April 26 @ Noon</b>	<b>Tony York's Derby Lunch Glendale, KY</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Dust Off with Cincy</b>
<b>June 8</b>	<b>Cincy Concourse Cincinnati, OH</b>
<b>June 14 2nd Sat. each month</b>	<b>Cars and Coffee Captain's Quarters Louisville, KY</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>To be determined.</b>
<b>July 19 (All day)</b>	<b>Keeneland Concours d'Elegance</b>
<b>August (TBD)</b>	<b>Cars and Coffee; James Motors; Pot Luck @ Paige &amp; Ken Kikuchi's; Lexington, KY</b>
<b>September (TBD)</b>	<b>Overnight Event</b>
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Tech Talk &amp; Pizza Picky &amp; Todd Ryan's Frankfort, KY</b>
<b>November 9 @ 11AM</b>	<b>Fall Meet @ Churchill Downs Louisville, KY</b>
<b>December 7 @ 5PM</b>	<b>Holiday Party @ Hurstbourne Country Club Louisville, KY</b>

## MBCA MERCHANDISE

The MBCA on-line store now has various items that you may be interested in. Click here [Home | Mercedes-Benz Club of America](#) to see everything that is available and instructions on how to order.

# MBCA MERCHANDISE

## License Plates



MBCA Metal License Plate Cover Black- Single (1)

MBCA Metal License Plate Cover Black- Single (1). The dimensions are 11.25 inches by 6.25 inches. Shipping is included....

\$20.00



MBCA Metal License Plate Cover Black- Set of Two (2)

MBCA Metal License Plate Cover Black- Set of Two (2). The dimensions are 11.25 inches by 6.25 inches. Shipping is...

\$30.00

## Order Your MBCA Name Tags Today!



**JOHN SMITH**  
LINE 1 ADDITIONAL  
LINE 2 CHAPTER NAME

Name Tags

# SECURITY

As with everything, it is recommended to change our passwords in order to keep our passwords secure. MBCA.org is reinforcing that suggestion with instructions on how to do that. Please see and follow the illustration below if you want to change yours.

The screenshot displays the 'Sign-in & Security' settings page on the MBCA.org website. On the left is a sidebar with 'Activity' and 'Settings' sections. The 'Settings' section includes links for Profile, Privacy, Sign in & Security (which is highlighted), Site Preferences, Notification Settings, and Billing Information. The main content area is titled 'Sign-in & Security' and includes a sub-header 'Connect existing GlueUp accounts to your main to expedite future access.' Below this are four tabs: 'Linked Accounts', 'Change Password' (which is active), '2-step verification', and 'Delete Account'. The 'Change Password' section contains three password input fields: 'Current Password', 'Enter new password', and 'Confirm New Password'. Each field has a 'Forgot password?' link and a copy icon. Between the 'Enter new password' and 'Confirm New Password' fields is a list of password requirements: at least 8 characters long, at least 1 uppercase, at least 1 lowercase, at least 1 symbol, at least 1 number, and can't be the same as current password. A large blue 'Change Password' button is at the bottom of this section. Below the password change section is a 'Password Change Interval' section with the text 'Determine how often passwords should be changed to minimize the risk of compromised credentials being exploited for malicious purposes.' It features three radio button options: '3 Months' (selected), '6 Months', and '12 Months'. A blue 'Save' button is at the bottom of this section.

**Activity**

- My Connections
- Memberships
- Accreditations
- Saved Posts

**Settings**

- Profile
- Privacy
- Sign in & Security**
- Site Preferences
- Notification Settings
- Billing Information

**Sign-in & Security**

Connect existing GlueUp accounts to your main to expedite future access.

Linked Accounts **Change Password** 2-step verification Delete Account

Current Password

[Forgot password?](#)

Enter new password

- at least 8 characters long.
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- at least 1 lowercase.
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Confirm New Password

**Change Password**

**Password Change Interval**

Determine how often passwords should be changed to minimize the risk of compromised credentials being exploited for malicious purposes.

☒ 3 Months  
☐ 6 Months  
☐ 12 Months

**Save**



**DERBY LUNCH  
AT  
TONY YORK'S ON MAIN**

**April 26, 2025 @ Noon**

201 East Main Street  
Glendale, KY

# Spring

Be in your Derby best to enjoy a wonderful lunch with your Stars friends at a Chapter favorite. The familiar entrée favorites remain country ham, fried chicken, or meat loaf. Included are delicious sides and cobbler for dessert for \$25. Tony always gives an update on what is going on around Glendale. Please RSVP here:

<https://forms.gle/Ey6KgJR6BaTk3L65A>

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