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Fall

**Mercedes-Benz Club of America  
Indianapolis 500 Section**

Sept 2015

## Seymour Oktoberfest

**Saturday October 3rd**



**The 43rd annual Seymour Oktoberfest** runs from 10/01/15-10/03/15 from 11AM to 11PM daily.

### Road Trip :

**10/3/15**

### **9:30 AM Depart**

Let's plan on meeting off I65S at Exit 103 at the Steak & Shake parking lot, which is adjacent to the first stoplight West of the exit.

### **DINING & SHOPPING**

The Seymour Oktoberfest prides itself in the variety of foods that our vendors offer. From brats to alligator, you are sure to find something great eat. Also, we have numerous arts & crafts booths that offer handmade items. Grab some food, grab a beer, and get ready for a great weekend of fun!

### **FOOD Booths**

With over 60 food booths, our festival has something to offer any taste. From traditional German cuisine to the Jackson County staple fried tenderloin sandwiches, the choices can be overwhelming. Luckily for you, our festival lasts 3 days!

### **BIERGARTEN**

What's an Oktoberfest without a biergarten? The biergarten is a great place to grab a beer to go with our food, meet up with friends and family, and kickoff your Oktoberfest experience the right way.

### **ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTHS**

We have pride in our festival being family friendly. As a result, we offer a variety of activities for kids, including our carnival, activity booths and One Kid's Square.

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### **Here is a list of our newest members:**

- M. Ignacio Aguirre
- Kathleen Beache
- Jeffrey Brewster
- Patrick Duffy
- Clinton Hiatt
- Preferred Eqt Leasing
- Jill Walker

### **Special Thanks to the following members that renewed their membership:**

- Jim Beaty
- Kelly Brown
- Drew Butzow
- Fred Carter
- Richard Datzman
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# 2015 EVENT SCHEDULE

For the latest event information see our website - [www.mbca500section.com](http://www.mbca500section.com)

<p><b>JULY 2015</b></p> <p><b>Board Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>AUGUST 2015</b></p> <p><b>Show n' Shine/Concours</b> August 9th, 2015 Carmel Clay Park West</p> <p><b>Gemütlichkeit 2015</b> 8/19/15– 8/22/15 Pittsburgh, PA</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER 2015</b></p> <p><b>Board Meeting</b></p>
<p><b>OCTOBER 2015</b></p> <p><b>Seymour Oktoberfest</b> October 3rd Meet at 9:30am Steak &amp; Shake I6S Exit 103</p> <p>Casual Concours d'Ordinare October 10 1:30PM Lone Oak Meadows Shelter in Sharon Woods 11450 Lebanon Rd Sharonville, OH 45241 <a href="http://www.mbcacincinnati.org/concours.html">http://www.mbcacincinnati.org/concours.html</a></p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER 2015</b></p> <p><b>Drive &amp; Dine</b> November 7th To the Schnitzelbank in Jasper Southern Indiana's Premier German Restaurant.</p>	<p><b>DECEMBER 2015</b></p> <p><b>Holiday Party</b> December 6th, 2015 1:30pm-4:30pm Sullivan's Steakhouse</p>
<p><b>JANUARY 2016</b></p> <p><b>New Member Breakfast</b></p>	<p><b>FEBRUARY 2016</b></p> <p><b>Valentine's Day Brunch</b></p>	<p><b>MARCH 2016</b></p> <p><b>Board Meeting</b></p>
<p><b>APRIL 2016</b></p> <p><b>Tech Session</b></p>	<p><b>MAY 2016</b></p> <p><b>Indy 500 Activities</b></p>	<p><b>JUNE 2016</b></p> <p><b>Autocross</b> 6/11/15 Center Grove High School</p>

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Show 'N Shine

There's something about cars on display and lots of food that bring a crowd. Members from Three Rivers, Cincinnati, and St. Louis Gateway Sections joined the Indianapolis 500 Section on Sunday, August 9th at Noon for the 7th Annual Show & Shine Picnic.

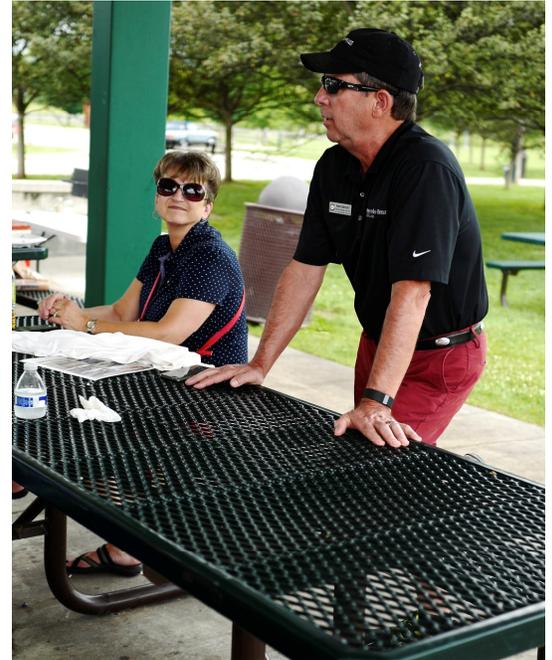
Roye Gaha prepared burgers, brats, and hot dogs on the grill, supplemented by side dishes and desserts pitched in by owners and visitors alike. Conversation flowed in the shelter house as we enjoyed a pitch-in lunch.

Our members shined up and showed off their Benz's with pride and joy, communed with fellow car lovers, and enjoyed the food and fellowship. We had an informal judging and awards.

Thanks to Kevin Williams for making park reservations and donating food, our Regional Director, Rick Siefert for providing us with a stipend to assist in paying for the costs incurred (shelter rental, food, drinks, door prizes, etc.) and to all the members from the 4 different sections attending this Central Regional Event



*Come share the pleasure of Mercedes  
with those who understand the joy!*









## Concours d'Ordinaire benefiting Stepping Stones

On Saturday, October 10th at 1:30PM the Cincinnati Section will be Hosting a Casual Concours d'Ordinaire to benefit a local Charity. This year it is Stepping Stones.

We will have this gathering at the Lone Oak Meadows Shelter in Sharon Woods. This shelter has plenty of paved parking, so bring your "vehicular baby" and support a great cause!

The cost is \$25 a car, and we will provide you with food and drinks while you look at the cars, vote on your favorites, and enjoy the raffles.

Stepping Stones will be present to provide information, and hopefully educate us with a short speech about everything they do to help handicapped youth.

We will have 5 Awards:

1. Fan favorite
2. Longest distance traveled.
3. Best in class before 1970
4. Best in class 1970-2000
5. Best in Class 2000- Present

We are going to have a great time, we would love to see you, and cannot wait to give some money to one of Cincinnati's best causes.

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## 600-hp C-Class: Brabus dials up Mercedes-AMG C63 S for Frankfurt motor show

Submitted by Jeff Klepac on 09-04-2015 (Source Autoweek)



The C-Class is now available with 600 hp. Just let that wash over you for a couple of minutes.  
PHOTO BY BRABUS

Compact Benz sedan receives more power than it knows what to do with

Just when we think we've reached peak Brabus, the Bottrop-based Mercedes-Benz tuner yanks another AMG model off the production lines and makes it even more ridiculous. It'll show off one of its newest creations at the Frankfurt motor show in just a matter of days.

The tuning house's latest canvas is the Mercedes-AMG C63 S sedan, a vehicle that we were convinced was not in need of any improvement, but received said improvement anyway from Brabus and others.

In stock form, the second-smallest sedan from Stuttgart (remember the CLA45 AMG) already produces 503 hp at 5,500 rpm and 516 lb-ft of torque from 1,750 to 4,500 rpm, courtesy of its 4.0-liter twin turbo V8. That's good enough for sprints from 0-60 in just 3.9 seconds, in something that weighs 3,935 pounds.



The Brabus version of the C63 S will of course receive aerodynamic upgrades in addition to the extra horsepower.  
PHOTO BY BRABUS

Brabus' work on the C63 S has yielded an extra 90 hp, going from 510 hp (on the European version, ours produces 503) to an even 600 hp. Torque has been similarly dialed up from 516 lb-ft all the way to 591 lb-ft. The result is a sprint from 0-to-62 mph of just 3.8 seconds.

Brabus has achieved this via the PowerXtra B40 ECU kit and the addition of a stainless steel sport exhaust system with a controlled butterfly valve. And that's about it. In essence, Brabus has uncorked the stock C63 S a bit instead of boring out the cylinder block like in the good old days.

Like most Brabus Benzes, the C63 S receives its own body kit with updated fascias front and back, which can be optioned with a surprisingly restrained spoiler lip. The carbon fiber surrounds for the side air intakes are more show than go, as are the caps for the mirrors. Brabus almost always adds wheels of its own design to its tuned machinery, and in the case of the C63 S it features 20-inch Brabus Monoblock T wheels that once again feature carbon inlays. Brabus' C63 S will be offered with Continental, Yokohama or Pirelli tires; 255/30 ZR 20 up front and 275/30 ZR 20 in the rear. Adjustments to the interior are a little more varied, with the tuner offering Alcantara and Mastik leather upholstery and details, in addition to items like aluminum sill plates and mood lighting.

Brabus' C-Class will make its debut at the Frankfurt motor show, where the company will also showcase its tuned Mercedes-Maybach, just in time for the economic downturn in China and Russia.

This is actually the company's second crack at the C-Class; a year ago the tuner unveiled upgrades for versions less heroic than the C63 S. Brabus found a few extra horses for the C200 and the C220 Bluetec diesel models.

How will Brabus' version be priced? We'll have to wait a couple of weeks to find out, but the stock Mercedes AMG C63 S starts at just over \$72,000 in the U.S.

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## 2016 Mercedes-Benz C-Class Gains Three New Variants Including Plug-In Hybrid And Diesel

Submitted by Jeff Klepac on 09-04-2015 (Source: MotorAuthority)



Mercedes-Benz's latest C-Class was all-new for 2015 and for its first year on the market the vehicle was

offered in just two variants, a C300 and C400, both of which came standard with 4Matic all-wheel drive. For the 2016 model year, the C400 is replaced by the sporty new C450 AMG, and fuel-efficient C300d diesel and C350e plug-in hybrid variants also join the fold.

The entry-level option remains the C300, but it now comes with rear-wheel drive as standard. All-wheel drive is still available, though. The engine in this model remains a turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder good for 241 horsepower.

Next in line is a new C300d diesel. Details are yet to be announced but we can expect it to feature Mercedes' turbocharged 2.1-liter four-cylinder diesel engine good for 201 hp. This one will have all-wheel drive as standard.

Further up is the C350e plug-in hybrid. It features a turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine plus an electric motor integrated with the transmission. This variant features rear-wheel drive only, and its peak output is 275 hp. It is being introduced initially in ZEV-states only.

Above this is the C450 AMG. This is one of the new AMG Sport models and gets a twin-turbocharged 3.0-liter V-6 with 362 hp on tap. It also features all-wheel drive as standard.

Finally, at the top of the range are the C63 and C63 S from Mercedes-AMG. They're twin-turbocharged 4.0-liter V-8 engines continue to deliver 469 hp and 503 hp respectively. These cars come with rear-wheel drive only, and for 2016 the only change is the availability of some new Designo interior options.

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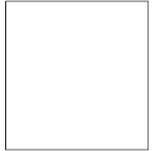
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### **Seymour Oktoberfest**

Saturday, Oct 3rd, 2015

Time: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

In Seymour, IN

Meeting off I65S at Exit 103 at  
the Steak & Shake parking lot,

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## **Claying Your Car**

My car's finish felt bumpy and sticky from dirt, bugs, and tree sap, even after hand washing, drying, and waxing with Brand "X". Have you ever used paint cleaning clay on your car? I discovered Griot's paint cleaning clay is the perfect tool for removing dirt, tar, and bird droppings.

I start by taking a small amount of clay and kneading it into a ball, spray Griot's Speed Shine over a 18"-24" area, then wipe the clay back and forth quickly with light pressure covering all the area. Do not use clay without using a spray lubricant or you will scratch the finish. The clay is sticky and lifts away the contaminants. If the clay starts getting dirty, try re-kneading it which gives you a clean surface. Wear latex gloves or your fingers will pick up the clay. I speak with the voice of experience! Follow up with a generous spray of Speed Shine and wipe down with a micro fiber towel. You should now feel a baby smooth finish. Now is the time to protect that clean finish with a fresh coat of quality wax. Since I just happened to have a brand new Griot's car care kit, I decided to try the Best of Show Wax. I was amazed that the wax did not build up in the cracks or leave white residue on all the seals like most of the products I have tried in the past. Of course after buffing out with my micro fiber towels, I was not disappointed, the finish was brilliant and deep. I only use micro fiber towels on my Mercedes, as the others leave stray lint. I recommend washing micro fiber towels separately with a special micro fiber cleaning solution and then drying on high temperature WITHOUT using fabric softener sheets, which gum up the micro fibers.

I recommend using clay and waxing very 3-6 months or at least once a year. The clay is easy to apply and you will be pleased with the results. You can wash, dry, clay, and wax in a couple of hours. My next project is to buy the random orbital buffer so I can apply and buff out the wax like the pros. Stay tuned.

Ken Salter