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Registration cost is \$35.00 - Includes box lunch

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SHOW 'N SHINE 2016 - SUNDAY AUG 7TH 1PM

Always a popular event, we are once again calling all members who love to show off their Benzes for our 9th Annual Show 'N Shine and Picnic. Don't worry! You can show your car without it being judged, so spiff up your Benz, bring a side dish, soft drink, or dessert, and head to Carmel West Park for some fun and lively conversation. We will

furnish brats, hot dogs, and hamburgers grilled to perfection. Cost: \$Free\$

If you have any questions, contact Ken Salter (317)695-5835 or ksalt@hotmail.com

Location: Carmel West Park, which is ¼ mile WEST of Towne Rd on 116th St

Reservations: Not necessary.

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2016 EVENT SCHEDULE

<p>JULY 2016 MBCA Central Ohio Autocross 7/10/16</p> <p>MBCA Fort Wayne Def Driving/Autocross 7/23/16</p>	<p>AUGUST 2016 StarFest 2016 Aug 3-6 MBCA Minuteman Section</p> <p>Show 'N Shine Aug 7th Carmel Clay Park West</p> <p>Louisville Bats Vs. Indianapolis Saturday, August 20th 5-7pm Louisville</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 2016 Cincinnati Bourbon Trail Sept 24</p>
<p>OCTOBER 2016</p> <p>Open</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 2016</p> <p>Open</p>	<p>DECEMBER 2016</p> <p>Holiday Party December 4th, 2016</p>

MERCEDES-BENZ NIGHT AT THE BATS - SUNDAY AUG 20TH 5PM

The Bluegrass Stars section would like to invite the Indianapolis 500 and Cincinnati sections to the following annual event:

Mercedes-Benz Night at the Bats game against the Indianapolis Indians on Saturday, August 20th. We'll have our mini-concours (free parking for Benzes) on the grass at the corner of Witherspoon St. and N. Preston St. at 5 PM, with the first pitch at 6:05 PM.

Free Buffet dinner will be at the right field covered patio. Game tickets are only \$15 per person

RSVP to Larry Gettleman to reserve space.
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Louisville Bats
 401 E Main Street
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Info at www.milb.com/or www.batsbaseball.com .

For additional information, please contact Larry Gettleman at lawrence.gettleman@louisville.edu.

ELECTION INFORMATION

With the ratification of the Indianapolis 500 Section's new bylaws, we will start looking for volunteers to be on the Board for 2017-2019 (2 year term).

As a section, we elect four positions:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Please contact us at ksalt@hotmail.com if you would like to run for one of these positions.

If you would like to be involved in our Board but do not want to be one of the four elected, we have other opportunities for you to participate. Elections will start October 1 and end October 31, 2016. Email us today with questions or to get involved.

Possible Board positions we will need include:

- Advertising chair
- Donors/Sponsors chair
- Event coordinator
- Membership chair
- Technical chair
- Webmaster

MEMBER STORIES

Fellow Benz fans - I have a personal story to relate regarding the following article. Back in 1989 Rose Ann and I flew across the pond to make our first European foray. We rented a four cylinder Benz 190E in Frankfurt and headed out to try it out on the fabled Autobahns. (So smooth, and with such great handling. That is how we caught the Benz bug, and we have had one in our garage from 1995 on.)

Anyway, several days later, one of our stops on our way to Salzburg, Austria was in the Bavarian mountain town of Berchtesgaden. (Hitler's Eagle's Nest is near there, but we didn't take time to tour that.) Anyway, we found a Zimmer (German B&B) on the edge of the mountain village with a room free (free) up on the hillside overlooking the mountain valley below. We parked our car in their parking space that nosed into the verdant hillside. When we got to our room and looked out from the small balcony, sheep were grazing on the slope just below our room. Very peaceful, and such a beautiful view.

HOWEVER, the next morning after a misty/rainy evening, our car seemed to have an engine miss. Oh well, the moist air "likely" had caused the problem. So, we went down into the town for breakfast and parked in an underground garage. After breakfast, tho, on our way up the exit ramp, I could tell that the engine was just too rough and not acting right. So, I pulled over in a bus stop area up on top to pop the hood and see what was a whoopin.

"Holy Shit!!!" (Rose Ann still remembers my now-classic family-history comment.) One of the four spark plug cables had been bitten clean in two, (and the core was made of multistrand SS wire). We had been attacked.... and we were running on only three cylinders. No wonder it felt rough. (A local lady parking cop came over while I was checking it out and told me in German that we couldn't stop there. I told her "Auto ist Kaput!!!" She could tell that she wasn't going to win this one, so she walked on. (Luckily I had taught myself enough basic German to help us get along over there.)

So, being the typical engineer who plans ahead, I had packed a small roll of duct tape, and I had a needle in our First Aid kit. Sooo... I used the needle to connect the two ends of the bitten cable's center wires, then wrapped it all in duct tape to hold the cable together. After I fired it back up, we had four cylinders with us again, as I suspected. But - how long would THAT hold up for the rest of our trip? Luckily, there was a Benz dealer not too far down the road, so we stopped in to see if they could replace the damaged cable.

Yep, they could. And they did so while we waited. When I went in to the desk to order the repair, I asked the desk clerk (who luckily spoke English) if they had seen this type of damage before. She pointed out a large picture stuck on the back wall of a weasel-looking critter, and told us that the local 'Steinmarders' (the local martens) were so well known for munching on auto rubber parts that they had to post that picture to help people understand just what was causing the damage. So, OK, that did help.

After a half hour or so, we were on our way again with a new spark plug cable, for 65 marks (~\$50 at that time). And, the car rental agency at the Frankfurt Airport reimbursed us for that expense as part of our travel insurance package. So, little harm and no foul. (Family history lore.....)

AND - it looks like the "legendary" Steinmarders have struck once again, although with far greater \$\$ consequences this time. Oh, those critters...

Terry Fenimore

Weasel Apparently Shuts Down World's Most Powerful Particle Collider

April 29, 2016 11:04 AM ET
Heard on All Things Considered

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The Large Hadron Collider uses superconducting magnets to smash sub-atomic particles together at enormous energies. CERN

A small mammal has sabotaged the world's most powerful scientific instrument.

The Large Hadron Collider, a 17-mile superconducting machine designed to smash protons together at close to the speed of light, went offline overnight. Engineers investigating the mishap found the charred remains of a furry creature near a gnawed-through power cable.

"We had electrical problems, and we are pretty sure this was caused by a small animal," says Arnaud Marsollier, head of press for CERN, the organization that runs the \$7 billion particle collider in Switzerland. Although they had not conducted a thorough analysis of the remains, Marsollier says they believe the creature was "a weasel, probably." (Update: An official briefing document from CERN indicates the creature may have been a marten.)



A small mammal, possibly a weasel, gnawed through a power cable at the Large Hadron Collider.

Ashley Buttle/Flickr

The shutdown comes as the LHC was preparing to collect new data on the Higgs Boson, a fundamental particle it discovered in 2012. The Higgs is believed to endow other particles with mass, and it is considered to be a cornerstone of the modern theory of particle physics.

Researchers have seen some hints in recent data that other, yet-undiscovered particles might also be generated inside the LHC. If those other particles exist, they could revolutionize researcher's understanding of everything from the laws of gravity, to quantum mechanics.

Unfortunately, Marsollier says, scientists will have to wait while workers bring the machine back online. Repairs will take a few days, but getting the machine fully ready to smash might take another week or two. "It may be mid-May," he says.

These sorts of mishaps are not unheard of, says Marsollier. The LHC is located outside of Geneva. "We are in the countryside, and of course we have wild animals everywhere." There have been previous incidents, including one in 2009, when a bird is believed to have dropped a baguette onto critical electrical systems.

Nor are the problems exclusive to the LHC: In 2006, raccoons conducted a "coordinated" attack on a particle accelerator in Illinois.

It is unclear whether the animals are trying to stop humanity from unlocking the secrets of the universe.

Of course, small mammals cause problems in all sorts of organizations. Yesterday, a group of children took National Public Radio off the air for over a minute before engineers could restore the broadcast.

NATIONAL EVENT - STARTECH 2016



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August 3-6, 2016

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LEGENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN CELEBRATES CLASSIC PERFORMANCE

The best-kept secret during Monterey Car Week will kick things up a notch in 2016 with a special theme called Classic Performance. Legends of the Autobahn® returns to the Nicklaus Club in Monterey on Friday, August 19th and is co-hosted by MBCA, BMW Car Club of America and Audi Club North America. This one day event is a celebration of German automobiles, and has been called a 'must see' during Monterey Car Week because of its friendly atmosphere and quality mix of cars on the show field.

For 2016, Mercedes-Benz at Legends of the Autobahn will feature a special performance class for cars that have been modified or tuned. This includes cars that have been modified for performance and/or appearance, such as pre-merger models from AMG, or modified Mercedes-Benz from Lorinser or Brabus. Mercedes-Benz automobiles used in racing are also invited to participate. To be eligible for this class, your Mercedes-Benz must be manufactured prior to 1997.

MBCA Members are invited to enter their automobiles in the judged Concours classes, the display-only corral, or the Silver Star Preservation class. Owners of largely original cars are invited to display their Mercedes-Benz in the Preservation class and have it certified at a MBCA Concours event.

Register for the judged classes, corral, and Silver Star Preservation classes by clicking on the 'Register Here' button below. You can also register at www.legendsoftheautobahn.org.

The \$75 registration fee applies for entries in the judged Concours classes for 1996 or older models. Silver Star Preservation Class registration fee is \$60 (your car will be placed on the field with the judged classes, but is not eligible for a trophy). To show your car in the display-only corral the fee is \$40. A breakfast buffet, VIP or buffet lunch and shirts are optional. The discounted early-bird registration deadline is August 1st and registration closes on August 7th.

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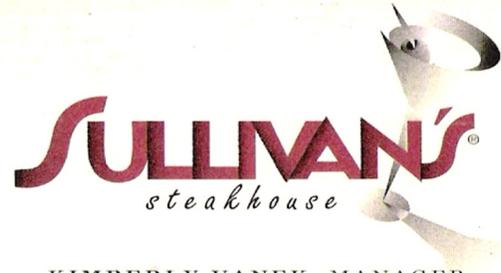


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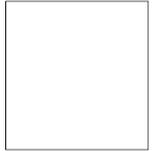


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Saturday, July 23, 2016
9am

2018 Mercedes-AMG GT-R is a 577-hp German missile

The latest addition to the Mercedes-AMG GT family is the most track-ready yet

During this year's Goodwood Festival of Speed, Mercedes-AMG unveiled the newest member of its AMG GT family -- the AMG GT-R. The latest weapon in Mercedes' arsenal takes what it's learned from the road-going GT and GT-S coupes and race-ready GT3 and brings it all together.

The hand-built DOHC 4.0-liter twin-turbocharged V8 powering the GT-R sits in same mid-front position as the rest of the GT lineup, but churns out 74 hp more than the current top-performing GT-S. This bump brings the GT-R's total output to 577 hp. The two turbos spool to a maximum speed of 186,000 revolutions per minute and stop building boost at 19.6 psi. That air is then rushed through liquid-to-air intercoolers before it's stuffed into the engine.

All those ponies go to the rear 20-inch lightweight aluminum wheels by way of a seven-speed dual clutch transaxle. Nestled inside the transaxle is also a much-needed limited slip differential. If you plan on tracking this, Mercedes has you in mind. The GT-R uses a dry sump oiling system to help keep the engine happily lubricated while cornering.

While the power is undeniably impressive, it's not all that's special about this Benz. This AMG GT-R sports rear-wheel steering, active aero and a double-wishbone coil-over front and rear suspension. The active aero kicks on in race mode, while going over 50 mph. The system drops a carbon fiber underbody spoiler just in front of the engine by 1.6 inches-reducing front axle lift by over 80 pounds at 155 mph.

Both the front and rear double-wishbone suspensions use forged aluminum control arms with adjustable coil-overs that still use AMG Ride Control active damping. Before hitting 62 mph, the rear-wheel steering turns the rear wheels by about 1.5 degrees in the opposite direction of the front wheels -- increasing maneuverability. From 62 mph to the GT-R's top speed of 198 mph, the wheels begin to turn the same direction as the front wheels, which should help you change lanes while you're tearing down the Autobahn.

Responsible for slowing this beast are the gigantic standard equipment 15.4-inch front and 14.2-inch rear perforated steel rotors. If that isn't good enough, you can spring for the 15.8-inch front and 14.2-inch rear carbon ceramic rotors. The AMG GT-R will roll into dealers around this time in 2017, but it won't be cheap. Mercedes hasn't released the price yet, but considering the base AMG GT-S starts at \$130,825 -- we can only imagine how much extra it'll be.

Source: Autoweek Wesley Wren - June 24, 2016