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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Is it September already? It seems as if summer just started, but as they say, "Time Flies When You Are Having Fun." This has been a fun summer after last year when summer was lost to the virus.

I hope that you were able to join us in July for the ninth annual DeutscheMarques. The 2021 show was the best ever and we had our best ever Mercedes-Benz turn out. It was great to see the line-up of SLs, the two 300SLs, the two 190SLs, the AMG cars, and the array of sedans and wagons from different years. I'm always thrilled to see how well our M-Bs shine up, even after they have aged. Wish I could do so well. If you didn't make the 2021 DeutscheMarques, mark your calendar for 2022. The date is July 9, and our plans are to host a Friday evening dinner for our visitors from other sections. Another chance to share with those for whom cars carrying the three pointed star have a special appeal.

We are happy to announce that we will be hosting a Swap Meet for Mercedes-Benz parts and car memorabilia on September 25. This is a new event for us. We invite you to bring those excess parts, tools, or related items or to come for the joy of shopping and talking. More about this event can be found in this newsletter.

On October 9, you have one last chance to show off your car for the year. DeutscheMarques is hosting an Oktoberfest at the Gilmore Car Museum. This is a less formal gathering with no judging, but plenty of space to park with other Mercedes, enjoy a sociable beverage, and visit with other German car enthusiasts. Please introduce yourself when you attend.

It is time to elect new officers for 2022. If you have an interest in serving on the board or assuming one of the offices (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, or Board Member) please reply to Cyndi Vander Horn



or myself (rharshman1943@gmail.com). Currently, our Board Meetings are held virtually so there is no need to travel. We need your participation to keep this Section viable.

Finally, we are in the process of locating a restaurant for our 2021 Holiday gathering. The date is November 13, and we hope to find a location that will be convenient for most. Keep a look out for further information.

Have a wonderful remainder of the summer.

Ron Harshman  
*Acting President Western Michigan MBCA*

**NOT GETTING OUR E-MAILS? If you are not receiving our emails, please send your email address to [cyndivh@toast.net](mailto:cyndivh@toast.net) to be added to the list.**

## 2021 SECTION OFFICERS

We, the Board of Directors, would like your feedback, so please feel free to contact us with suggestions on event ideas. We look forward to hearing from you!

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# 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are hoping that you have been able to attend an event this year. We have been trying to plan events that ensure member safety with a combination of possible virtual events and outdoor events where social distancing is feasible. We will send out an email notice as soon as we have event information to share with you. We will also post on our Facebook page so make sure to "Like" us there to keep updated and events and any changes that may be necessary.

If you have any suggestions for an event: either social or mechanical, a color tour, a meet and greet in any area of Michigan, we would love your input and to hear any ideas you have. It is the members like yourselves that make our Section active and attractive to new members!

September 25	Swap Meet (See page 4 for details)
October 9	DeutscheMarques Oktoberfest, Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners (See page 9 for details)
November TBD	Holiday Party

## WELCOME!

We would like to welcome the following new members to our section of the MBCA. We encourage you to find out what the section has to offer by attending one of our activities. We're glad that you decided to join us.

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>City</u>
Michael Perry	Beulah
Matthew Alves	Kalamazoo
Ronald & Carol Tucjschmidt	Harbor Springs
Sue Sarin	Eastport
Tony Forentti	Caledonia
Kyle Canavan	Davison
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## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the following members for renewing their membership in the MBCA. We hope to see you at an upcoming event!

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>City</u>
Bruce Wagner	Palm Shores
James Strain	Marquette
Dakota Auw	Fremont
Austin Schank	Newaygo
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**Saturday, September 25**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

We will be holding our swap meet in the parking lot at:

5489 32nd Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426

Come to sell, buy or just hang out with other car guys and ladies.

If you are a MBCA member you are welcome to sell your Mercedes car parts and/or Mercedes car memorabilia. If you would like to sell, please email Cyndi at [cyndivh@toast.net](mailto:cyndivh@toast.net) no later than Monday, September 20 and let her know what you will be bringing (so we can let everyone know what will be available). You do not have to be specific, but year and model of car the parts are for would be helpful. You don't need a car load of stuff to sell, 4 or 5 items is great! Don't have that many, bring what you have!

Sellers will need to bring their own table and chairs.

Everyone is welcome to come shop and hang out. Feel free to bring a friend!

If you are just hanging out, please bring a chair(s).

Questions? Contact Ron Harshman at [rharshman1943@gmail.com](mailto:rharshman1943@gmail.com).

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR FURTHER DETAILS!**



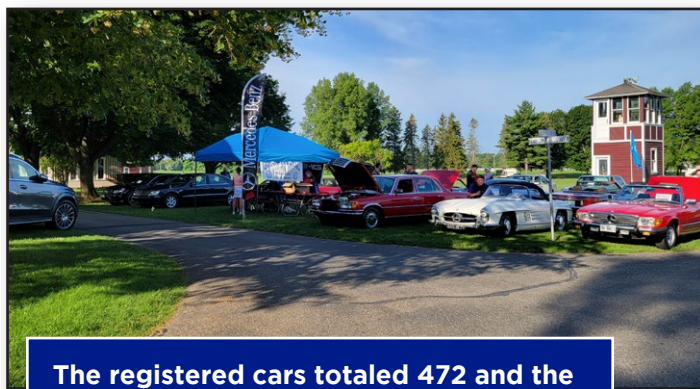
# DeutscheMarques

A gathering of German cars, owners and enthusiasts at the Gilmore Car Museum.

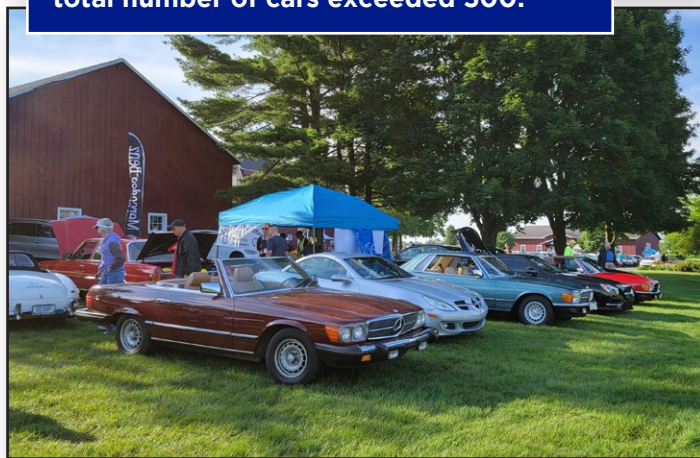
DeutscheMarques is the largest German car show in the country. It is conducted at the Gilmore Car Museum, the largest car museum in the United States and is a cooperative effort of the car clubs of the major German marques; Audi, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, and Volkswagen

DeutscheMarques 2022 is scheduled for July 9, 2022. Hopefully the number of Mercedes-Benz cars will continue to grow; doubling the number would be great and show that MBCA is an energetic and growing club. With the number of sections represented in 2021, and the numbers of people who traveled a distance to attend, the Western Michigan section is planning more activities to host participants, including hosting a din-

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The registered cars totaled 472 and the total number of cars exceeded 500.







Mercedes-Benz entrants were the highest of any year with at least 60 cars registered.







**MBCA sections represented included Western Michigan, International Stars, Three Rivers, Northwest Ohio, Central Ohio, and Chicagoland.**

ner on Friday evening and arranging a block of rooms in

a convenient hotel to make attendance easier.

Mark your calendar now, you won't want to miss it!

Judging at the event is informal with assessment completed by several sets of volunteer judges. No judge is allowed to evaluate his or her own marque. Each marque is judged individually in eleven categories:



Best of 2010s, Best of 2000s, Best of 1990s, Best of 1980s, Best of 1970s, Best of Classics (1969 and earlier), Best of Daily Drivers, Best Survivor, Cleanest Concours Car, Judges Special Award, and Best of Show. The Mercedes-Benz winners for 2021 were:

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| Best of 2010s:     | 2011 SLS AMG owned by Alex Ortner from Keeho Harbor, Michigan    |
| Best of 2000s:     | 2004 SL55 AMG owned by Robert Grabill from the Chicago area      |
| Best of 1990s:     | 300 CE-24 owned by Richard Vaughan from Berkley, Michigan        |
| Best of 1980s:     | 1983 380 SL owned by Jack and Mary Ryan from Vicksburg, Michigan |
| Best of 1970s:     | 1972 350 SL owned by Robert Kirshman from Augusta, Michigan      |
| Best of Classics:  | 1959 300 SL owned by Frank Butler from Maumee, Ohio              |
| Best Daily Driver: | E63 AMG owned by Ben Fisher from Grand Haven, Michigan           |
| Best Survivor:     | 1985 300 TD owned by Joe Royston from Grand Valley, Michigan     |

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Cleanest Concours Car: 1958 190 SL owned by Don Drabik from Maple City, Michigan

Judge's Special Award: 1978 6.9 owned by John Van Landingham from Columbus, Ohio

The Best of Show for Mercedes-Benz cars was a 2018 AMG GTR owned by Matt Short from Kalamazoo, Michigan.



*Left to Right: Matt Short, Western Michigan Section Member and DeutscheMarques Board Member, Ron Harshman, Western Michigan Section President, and Joe Prihoda, Western Michigan Section Membership Chairman and Director.*

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