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Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

May/June 2011

Keystone Section Events 2011

February 20 (Sun.): 2011 Kick-Off dinner at Roosevelt Tavern in York

March 19 (Sat.): Tech Session at Sun Motorcars, Mechanicsburg, PA

April 10 (Sun.): Carriage House Tour Drive and Dine, Jefferson, PA

May 6 -8 (Fri. thru Sun.): Annual Kentucky Derby weekend in Cape May, NJ

Details Inside

***May 21 (Sat.): Carlisle Import and Kit Car Show, Carlisle, PA

***June 18 (Sat.): Yuengling Brewery & Jerry's Classic Cars Tour, Pottsville, PA.

***July 9 (Sat.): Deutsche Classic German Car Show Fleetwood, PA.

August 7 (Sun.): Picnic at Allenberry

September: Possible Auto Cross

October: Fall Rally

November 7 (Mon.): 2012 Planning Meeting at Culhane's Restaurant 6 PM

If you wish to share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2012, plan on attending this meeting. Contact Larry Taylor, 717-627-1423 or larryt543@yahoo.com, for directions; or if you are joining us at Culhane's.

If you have ideas for events, and can't be present, please contact any Officer or Director with your ideas.

December 3(Sat.): Holiday Party at Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA

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From our President~~~~~

We had our biggest ever tech session at Sun Motors on March 18. Over 30 members and guests attended. Thanks to Max and Donna Copenheaver who organized our tour of the carriages and antiques collection. These events were a great way to start our active calendar. Our club, also, traveled to Cape May for our annual "Derby Weekend" in May, hosted by John & Mary Kensek.

We have 2 car shows and a trip to Yuengling Brewery planned for the next few months. Please see the articles in this edition.

These are excellent ways to get out and enjoy the nice weather and give your favorite Mercedes-Benz some needed exercise.

Larry Taylor

Spring & Summer 2011 Car Shows

Carlisle Import and Kit Car Show, May 21, 2011

After a great turnout last year, we've decided to return to the Carlisle Import and Kit Car show. The show runs May 20-22. Our club will be meeting on Saturday May 21. The show times are 9am-4pm.

It showcases euro-classics to import sports cars and attracts all genres of attendees. Coupled with the largest kit car gathering in the nation, this event provides spectators with a multitude of activities for car clubs and families alike, with special activities for kids.

Along with over 1,200 imports and kits of all makes and models, the 2011 Carlisle Import and Kit Nationals Show Field will feature French vehicles. This year's theme is Around the World in 80 Acres. We will be celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Mercedes-Benz.

Online show field registration is now available. See the link our club's website at www.mbca.org/keystone. Registration is also available by calling their office at 717.243.7855, or by mail using their registration form. The cost is \$30 per car and includes a vehicle on the show field and three-day admission for two. Children 8 and under are free.

Please indicate Mercedes-Benz Club on the application. Please note: refunds will not be issued less than 19 days prior to the beginning of the event.

Visit <http://www.carlisleevents.com/ce/events/import> for more information and to register.

Deutsche Classic Car Show Fleetwood, PA, July 9, 2011

We will be returning to the Deutsche Classic Car show at the Fleetwood Park in Fleetwood, just north of Reading. The show starts at 8:00 am and ends at 4 pm. Cars on display will include: Audi, BMW, Mercedes Benz, Porsche and Volkswagen as well as the unique "orphan" cars. German motorcycles will also be displayed in a non-judged display. This show continues to grow every year. Last year, it rained all day. Hopefully we will have nice weather this year and a full field of German cars again. More MBCA members from neighboring sections have been joining us each year. Events include: swap meet, judged car show, BBQ chicken dinner, new car displays, a tire toss competition, a ladies in jeans contest, tech sessions, club displays, live DJ, and awards presentation. The Blues Factor will keep you entertained on the main stage during lunch in the style of Duane Allman, Eric Clapton, & BB King.

The admission price is \$15, which includes BBQ chicken lunch. (¼ chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, and coleslaw) A free continental breakfast is served until 10:30 am. Children under 12 are free. The cost to show your car is \$25 which includes one admission ticket and lunch. The judged show will have winners for each marque. Other trophies, such as best motor and best interior will also be presented. Judged cars must be on the field by 11:30 am. The judging process is very relaxed. We encourage all members to display their cars regardless of age so that our club will be well represented. Awards will be presented at 3:00 pm. If you have a car for sale, you can put it in the car coral for \$25.

For more information please visit their website at www.deutscheclassic.com. You can also access the link from our website, www.mbca.org/keystone. There is no official pre-registration. Just register at the gate. RSVP to Larry Taylor (717) 627-1423 or larryt543@yahoo.com by July 5th.

Directions:

Rt. 30 East or PA Turnpike (Reading Exit) to US-222N (proceed 22 miles north of the Turnpike exit); Exit onto Allentown Pike/US-222 N toward Allentown and travel 1.8 miles; Turn right at Main St and travel 0.8 miles; Turn left at Park Rd and travel 3.3 miles; continue on W. Main St to 333 W. Main St. (Fleetwood Park)

Yuengling Brewery & Jerry's Classic Cars Tours
June 18, 2011

Our Club will be making a trip to the Yuengling Brewery in Pottsville on Saturday, June 18. We will be leaving at 8:00 a.m. from in front of Sears, (between Sears and Mountz Jewelers) at the Colonial Park Shopping Center on Route 22 in Harrisburg. Take the Colonial Park/Rt 22E exit from Rt. 83. The Colonial Park Mall is on your left, and Sears is at the far end. From Sears we will caravan to Pottsville for the 10:00 a.m. tour. Special note: **No open toe shoes are allowed on the tour.**

Afterwards, we will motor to Maroon's Bar and Grill for a buffet luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Following lunch you may visit Jerry's Classic Car Museum if you wish. Directions will be available at lunch. The Yuengling Brewery tour is free, the buffet at Maroon's Bar and Grill will be \$12.00, and admission to Jerry's Classic Car Museum is \$8.00.

Please contact Ken Harms at krharms@comcast.net or at (717) 545-9228, by Monday, June 13th with your reservations.

Do we have your Email Address?

If you did not give the national office your email on your membership application, **or it has changed since you joined,** please consider sending it to me at kitjan613@aol.com. It will be used for **only** Keystone Section communications! We are trying to compile as complete a list as possible of member email info. This helps us with last-minute reminders, changes or cancellation of events. It would, also, enable us to send the newsletter by email in the future, and save the club some of the costs of printing and postage.



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Pennsylvania License Plate Program for MBCA

Pennsylvania license plates with the Mercedes-Benz Club of America on them are now available. These organizational plates are only available to MBCA members in good standing who reside in PA. The license plates may be put on any brand of vehicle. Please see the restrictions on PENNDOT MV-904SP.

They are only available through our club and not through any PENNDOT office. To get your special license plates, please send the application forms to John Schumann, the program coordinator. The forms include PENNDOT MV-904SP, PENNDOT MV-1L (for leased vehicles), and the PA MBCA form. You must include two checks: one for \$14 payable to Keystone Section, MBCA, and a second one for \$20 payable to PENNDOT. Contact John Schumann, 484-410-6344 or John.W.Schumann@gmail.com.

Spring Events a Huge Success!

Sun Motors Tech Session, March 19th

More than 30 Keystone Section members took part in the largest turnout for a tech session in our section's history. Tim Knapp greeted us with fresh bagels, donuts, and coffee. Tim filled in for Parts Manager and acting Sales Manager Mike Lombardi, who was celebrating Sun Motor's recent Best of the Best Award. Allen Moyer and Jonathan Moe presented the new Blue Tec technology in a way that we could all understand it. After answering many questions, they raised the ML350 BlueTec on the lift so that they could point out the catalyts, sensors, and injector. This was a great way for our members to truly understand the emission control technology.

Andrew Wierzbicki showed an S550 and described for us how the line is being blurred between luxury, convenience, and safety. One system that piqued the interest of us all was the adaptive headlight system. This system automatically controls the low and high beams. One of members had just purchased a 2010 E350 with this system. He validated everything that Andrew said. This and other systems will allow the driver to concentrate more on actually driving the vehicle.

Goody bags were handed out at the end. Chet Barshinger, one of our newest members, won the grand prize. It was a retro Mercedes-Benz desk lamp. I was informed that a few days later, one of our members in attendance purchased a new vehicle. I want to thank the staff at Sun Motors for a job well done. We look forward to working with them on future events.

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Spring Events a Great Success, Cont'd

~~*~*~*~*~*~*~* **Carriage House Tour** ~*~*~*~*~*~*~*

We met at Dick's Sporting Goods parking to receive directions, and caravanned to the beautiful hills of Jefferson, PA. There we had a personal tour of the antique carriages, artifacts, antique farm equipment & tools, and other items collected by Mr. & Mrs. James Miller for over 60 years.

This personal collection is mostly local/York County items not found in most museums. Mr. Miller gave us a personal tour and the history behind most of the items. If you love history, or you enjoy a walk back in time, it is a shame if you were not among the 20+ folks who attended this incredible tour.

The tour took about two hours and afterwards we caravanned to Valley Tavern in Hanover for a group dinner.

Thank you to Donna & Max Copenheaver for planning this extremely interesting event!

~~*~*~*~*~*~*~* **Beautiful Weather for Cape May Weekend!** ~*~*~*~*~*~*~*

Nine couples traveled to beautiful Cape May, the weekend of May 6th to 8th. This year we had glorious, but a little chilly, weather to help us enjoy our beach weekend. We stayed at Mt. Vernon Motel, Beach Drive & 1st Avenue. What a great weekend, with time to socialize, or to enjoy Cape May's wonderful array of shops and restaurants, and the sunny weather.

John & Mary Kensek hosted this outing, highlighted by our Saturday evening "Derby Party". John & Mary moved to Florida a couple of years ago, but still come north for this weekend every spring! Mary really works hard to bring neat ideas for our race evening. We all bring snacks or drinks, ladies wear their best "Derby" hats; and we congregate on the patio, or in one of our rooms to watch the race. Numbers are drawn to match the horses running in the Derby, and we throw a dollar in the pot.

This year's winners were:

Win: Ken Harms Place: Donna Copenheaver Show: Greg Towson

Our cute "traveling trophy", Booby, The Wonder Horse, goes to the last place finisher each year. This year he went home with Joanne Furman.

National and Regional Events 2011

May 21-24 Gemutlichkeit: Mansfield, Ohio. Hosted by Western Reserve Section. Info: Sue or John Morrison, 330-673-7885, or gobenzing@aol.com.

July 18-24 Summer German Tour: Jim O'Sullivan, 617-879-0017 or jimo55@comcast.net.

August 21-25 Star Trails: Ouray, CA. Hosted by Pike's Peak Section. Info: Judy Bennett, 719-576-9737 or startrails2011@aol.com or on the web, sections.mbca.org/pikes_peak.

September 24-30 2011 Lake Huron Mille Driving Tour: St Claire, MI. Info: Ron Harshman, r_harshman1234@msn.com or 312-337-5186, or 33 W Delaware, Apt. 10J, Chicago, IL 60610.

September 26-October 1 Autumn German Tour: Info: Jim Sullivan, 617-879-0017 or jimo55@comcast.net.

Welcome New Members!

Scott Cover of Ephrata
Bradford Little of York
Douglas Quinn of Lewisberry
Nicholas Reinhart of Ephrata
Michael Rinehart of Dauphin
James Robertson of Leola
Donald Rubincam of Ronks
Bernard Tucker of York
Larry Walker of Landisburg

Hope to see you at a future event!

For Sale

1989 560 SL: Arctic White w/Navy Blue leather, very original including soft top and Becker radio. Only 47,000 miles. Excellent chrome, paint, and interior. Extensive refurbishing nearing completion. This includes new engine mounts, sub frame bushings, AC compressor, and new Michelin Pilots. \$19,500. Please e-mail for pictures, larryt543@yahoo.com. Larry Taylor, (717) 627-1423.

1985 380 SL: 34 K miles, smoke silver, creme beige interior. National MBCA Concours winner 3 times 1st place and best of show. Best Mercedes Deutche Classic 4 years in a row. Too many awards to list. This show car is not restored. Don't let this one get away. \$35,000 firm. 717 764-5890.



Wanted

Restoration work on a 1959 220S Mercedes: Owner is looking for a small shop, or hobby operation to do restoration work on a 1959 220S Mercedes. Car has been in storage for 25 years. Engine runs. Some evidence of mouse activity. Rubber gaskets need replaced. Wood needs to be refinished.

Very minor rust, also body work is needed. The upholstery and headliner need to be cleaned. The glass is fine. Needs paint touch up or a repaint. The engine needs cleaned. Basically sound as shown in the photo. The restorer should be conversant with <http://www.mbzponton.org/valueadded/maintenance/workshop.htm>. Contact John McClelland at mccllland.john7@gmail.com or 515 292 7974 if interested or you can suggest who might be. See www.mbca.org/keystone for more info and pictures.



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