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Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

November / December 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
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 25 (Sun.): Auto Cross at Sun Motor Cars, Mechanicsburg
October 16 (Sun): Fall Rally through Perry County and Dinner

Details Inside

*****November 7 (Mon.):** 2012 Planning Meeting at Culhane's Restaurant 6 PM
Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2012. Contact Larry Taylor (717-627-1423 or larryt543@yahoo.com) if you are attending. If you have ideas for events, and can't be present, please contact any Officer or Director with your ideas.

*****November 12 (Sat):** Joint Tech Session with Northeast PA at Masano Mercedes in Reading

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

If you wish to reserve a room for the night, contact the Eden Resort (717-569-6444) and mention you are attending the Keystone Section, MBCA party, to receive a special rate of \$79.95. Ten rooms (**booking # 414200**) will be held until **November 3**. After that date, you will get a room only if one is available in the hotel. The Eden Resort is located on Oregon Pike (Rt. 272N), off Rt 30 in Lancaster. Contact Jan & John Kitner, kitjan613@aol.com or 717-872-2988, for more information.

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From our President~~~~~

I really enjoyed our last two months. The autocross made a great return to our schedule. We had 14 drivers and many spectators. We then enjoyed the fall foliage with a nice rally through Perry County.

I want to thank Robert Byrne and Karen Kaiser for setting it up.

Our planning session for the 2012 calendar will be November 7th at Culhane's Restaurant. If you have an idea for a future event, please share it with us. We are always looking for new events. Some suggestions include drive and dine, a restoration shop tour, and winery visits. This is your club and we welcome your ideas and input. If you can't make it to the meeting, please contact me or one of our other officers with your ideas.

Larry Taylor

Joint Tech Session at Tom Masano Mercedes, Reading on Nov.12

Northeastern PA and Keystone Sections are partnering to host a tech session on Saturday morning, November 12th from 9 to 12. It will be an open forum tech session in conjunction with Becker Autosound. Included is a light fare meal, and demo of new models (drive any Mercedes you'd like). If you let them know in advance that you want an appraisal of your car, they will do that as well.

Tom Masano Mercedes is located at 815 Lancaster Ave, Reading, PA 19607, 877-866-6272 or visit www.tommasano.com. There will be a \$5 fee going towards a raffle to be used at Masano's. Contact Barbara Fiedler (c) 610-216-0505 or (h) 610-954-7732 or president@mbca-nepa.org. Visit the Northeast PA Section web site at www.mbca-nepa.org.

Mercedes-Benz Manhattan Tour

By Mary Taylor

Early on a beautiful October Saturday morning, Northeastern PA Section VP, Mike Ziegler drove 15 Mercedes enthusiasts to New York City. Section President Barbara Fiedler and New York City-Long Island Section member Vinny Milo, arranged a tour of the newest New York City Mercedes-Benz dealership. We enjoyed a lite breakfast before a tour of the New, Used, Smart Car, Sprinter and Service Departments. This is a handsome state-of the art 330,000 square foot, five story showplace in a brand new building on 11th Avenue at 54th Street.

At the end of the tour, door prizes were handed out, and I won the mystery canvass black bag, with lots of MB goodies inside. Vinny made reservations for us at a nearby restaurant that we all enjoyed.

After lunch, Mike Ziegler drove us to the Park Avenue MB showroom. This showroom is very impressive. The interior was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for Max Hoffman, (the original importer of Mercedes-Benz cars to the U.S.), and is a registered landmark. Next was a whirlwind tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art guided by Northern New Jersey member John Bleimaier. It was an enjoyable event for everyone and I was glad to represent the Keystone Section. If you would like to see and read more, please visit the NEPA Section's website at www.mbca-nepa.org.

Autocross at Sun Motors

On September 25, we returned to Sun Motors for another great autocross. Sales manager, Mike Lombardi, set up our second event at their dealership this year. Sun provided the lot and the cones, which made this event possible. Please say thanks to their staff the next time you stop by.

We had an interesting mix of MB's, from new to classic. Mike Hund's 1967 230SL was by far the oldest, Max Copenheaver's smart, aka Dr. Evil, was the smallest, and Brad Eisenhauer's S600 Renntech was definitely the most powerful. The course featured a slalom, tight and sweeping turns, and a circle. Max's Dr. Evil tried to make up for its lack of power by cutting all the turns as tight as possible. Brad's Black Beast couldn't wait to let loose on the short straights to put its 700+ horsepower to use. From the twin turbos, to the exhaust notes, it produced delightful sounds on every run. As an instructor, I got the thrill of experiencing controlled slides in a 230SL and SLK280 in the same turn. No matter what model you drive, you can always learn something new about your Mercedes.

Thanks to our special guest Bill Hopper, from the Greater Washington Section, currently the Eastern Regional Director. He brought a box of loaner helmets and helped me instruct the drivers all morning. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to set-up and work the course and timing desk. This autocross ran even smoother than our past ones.

While we promote our autocrosses as driver education, we do divide the participants into classes. The drivers try to improve their own times throughout the day. Once again, the official runs after lunch showed great improvement from the practice times. We hope to have at least one autocross at Sun next year. If you haven't tried it, you don't know what you're missing.

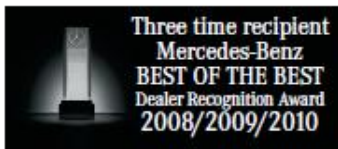
| Place | Name | Year/Model | Time (seconds) |
|-------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Bill Hopper | 1997 C280 | 49.29 |
| 2. | Marty Rexroth | 2001 E320 Wagon | 50.35 |
| 3. | John Perry | 1997 E320 | 51.01 |
| 4. | Robert Byrne | 2005 CLK 320 Cab. | 51.16 |
| 5. | Max Copenheaver | 2009 smart | 54.70 |
| 6. | Karen Kaiser | 2005 CLK 320 Cab. | 63.85 |
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| 1. | Larry Taylor | 1993 400E | 49.46 |
| 2. | John Kitner | 2010 E350 Coupe | 53.34 |
| 3. | Jan Kitner | 2010 E350 Coupe | 54.48 ** |
| 4. | Mary Taylor | 1993 400E | 56.73 |
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| 1. | Brad Eisenhauer | 2003 S600 Renntech | 48.07 * |
| 2. | Melissa Moll | 2003 S600 Renntech | 56.88 +1 |
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| 1. | Wallace Cairns | 2008 SLK280 | 49.15 |
| 2. | Mike Hund | 1967 230SL | 61.50 |

* Fastest men's time of day ** Fastest women's time of day

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Road Rally through Perry County in October

Our 2011 fall rally was held on the bright, sunny Sunday afternoon of October 16. There were 8 cars entered. Drivers and navigators were given the instructions for the rally course and the first car rolled out of the start position right on time. Cars were started every 6 minutes with the expectation that the rally course would take approximately two and a half hours. Each car was, also, provided a rescue packet that would only be used if the driver/navigator team deemed it necessary. This packet contained the name and address of the end point of the rally.

The object of the rally was two-fold. First the mileage of the car should have been the same mileage as the Rally Masters (Karen Kaiser and Robert Byrne) obtained when they ran the course. Second the instructions for the course also contained questions that had to be answered about things that were visible from the course. For each correct answer to the questions two points were awarded. For every tenth of a mile difference from the Rally Masters mileage a single point was subtracted from the point total. A tie-breaker question that was not in the written instructions was asked at the end of the Rally.

Seven cars arrived at the end point of the rally. An alternator problem on one car caused it to be left on the course – the driver and navigator were given a ride for the rest of the course by Brad & Gloria Oldenburg. One of the seven cars made use of their rescue packet. Six cars were in the running for trophies. The winners of the trophies were:

First Place: Joe and Richel Papapietro (new members to the section)

Second Place: Marty & Jan Rexroth assisted by their two kids

Third Place: Frank & Vicki Alfone (also new members to the section)

The end point of the Rally was Rillo's Restaurant in Carlisle, PA. Dinner and stories of the rally were told and a good time was had by all.

Holiday Party at Eden Resort Inn

The Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA will be the site for our 2011 holiday celebration for the tenth year. We continue to have wonderful results and good feedback, and so we return, again & again! Our party is Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 6:30pm. If you haven't attended in the past, you've been missing a great evening. Come out and see for yourself!

Last year's menu was such a hit; we are choosing the "Festive Prime Rib Buffet" again, which gives us some specialties like butlered hot hors d'oeuvres, vegetables and dip, and cheese trays during our 6:30 to 7:30 social hour. Eggnog will be served for those in the holiday spirit, and a cash bar will be available for the entire evening.

Our dinner buffet will start with a "Salad Station" featuring Fruit, Shrimp and Tomato Mozzarella salads. As we move down the buffet line, we'll choose from 3 entrees: Stuffed Chicken Boursin with Orange Supreme Sauce, Pistachio Crusted Salmon with Dijon Hollandaise, and Carved Prime Rib of Beef, with complementing potato and vegetable, fresh rolls and butter, and coffee/hot tea, and iced tea. A wonderful assortment of holiday desserts, will round out our dinner.

Following dinner, we will conduct our final business meeting of 2011, which will include presentation of the "Member of the Year" award. Door prize drawings will follow.

We will be meeting in the **Embassy Room** this year, which is best accessed by using the main entrance. Anyone wishing to reserve a room should contact the Eden Resort at 717-569-6444, and mention you are attending the **Keystone Section, MBCA** holiday event. You should receive a special rate of \$79.95 plus taxes, if a room is available. **Before November 3, mention block #414200 to be sure of getting a room and our special rate.**

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Name: _____ Email _____

Phone: _____

Members Attending: ____ @ \$35.00 per person = _____
(each member may bring one guest at the member price.)

Non-Members Attending: ____ @ \$45.00 per person = _____

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