



# Mercedes-Benz Club of America

## Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

September/October 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

### \*\*\*Details Inside\*\*\*

\*\*\*September 25 (Sun.): Auto Cross at Sun Motor Cars, Mechanicsburg

\*\*\*October 16 (Sun): Fall Rally through Perry County and Dinner

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](mailto: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 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](mailto:kitjan613@aol.com) or 717-872-2988, for more information.

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## From our President~~~~~

Wow, is summer almost gone? It was great to see so many of our members enjoying their special Mercedes-Benzes the last few months. Our picnic at Allenberry was a big success again this year.

To ease us into fall, we have planned 2 more great events. We will be holding an autocross at Sun Motors in September. In October, Robert Byrne and his wife Karen are planning a road rally through some of the back roads of Perry County to discover a few covered bridges and other surprises. Please see the articles found in this newsletter.

Please add these events to your calendar. Before you know it winter will be upon us, and you'll be wishing that you got to enjoy your Mercedes a little bit more this year.

Larry Taylor

## National and Regional Events 2011

**September 1: MBCA National Elections:** On or after this date, National Election Ballots will be mailed to all active members. In order to be counted, the ballots must be returned and received by October 17, 2011. For more information visit [www.mbca.org](http://www.mbca.org).

**September 16-18: International Ponton Owners Group East Coast Congress Malvern PA:** Info: Keven Kuhn 610-917-9960 or [keven@progsolution.com](mailto:keven@progsolution.com)

**September 17-18: Concours d'Elegance at the Fairfield County Hunt Club, Westport, CT.** 8<sup>th</sup> annual event, classic automobiles and rare motorcycles, Art & Automobilia, Bonhams Auction. For info, [carclubs@fairfieldcountyconcours.com](mailto:carclubs@fairfieldcountyconcours.com) or visit <http://www.fairfieldcountyconcours.com/aboutus.html>.

**September 24-30: Lake Huron Mille Driving Tour:** St Claire, MI. Info: Ron Harshman, [r\\_harshman1234@msn.com](mailto:r_harshman1234@msn.com) or 312-337-5186, or 33 W Delaware, Apt. 10J, Chicago, IL 60610.

**September 26-October 1: Autumn German Tour:** Jim Sullivan, 617-879-0017 or [jimo55@comcast.net](mailto:jimo55@comcast.net).

**October 15: Tour of New Manhattan Mercedes Dealership:** Northeastern PA section travels to Manhattan Mercedes in their new location at 770 11th Avenue (between 53rd & 54th Streets). It will begin at 11:30. RSVP by September 24<sup>th</sup> to Barbara Fiedler (c) 610-216-0505 or (h) 610-954-7732 or email at [president@mbca-nepa.org](mailto:president@mbca-nepa.org). Visit their web site at [www.mbca-nepa.org](http://www.mbca-nepa.org).

**November 12: Joint Tech Session at Tom Masano Mercedes, Reading:** Northeastern PA and Keystone Sections. Saturday morning 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. 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 email at [president@mbca-nepa.org](mailto:president@mbca-nepa.org). Visit their web site at [www.mbca-nepa.org](http://www.mbca-nepa.org).

## August Was Picnic Time!

The pavilion along the Yellow Breeches Creek at Allenberry Playhouse in Boiling Springs was the “place to be” for our annual Section picnic on Sunday, August 7, with the delicious BBQ A’La Allenberry for dinner.

Cars were on display for our “Best Car For A.....” judging this year. A short business meeting followed our dinner, then winners of the car show judging were announced, and trophies awarded. The categories and results follow.

Best MB for romantic getaway: 1957 190SL, Mike and Tracy Shea

Best MB for bank heist getaway: 2012 SLK350, Doug and Carolyn Conley

MB most likely to be owned by head of state: 2007 CLS550, Giff Albright

MB most likely to be owned by movie star: 1967 230SL, Mike Hund

Best MB for a kiddy taxi: 2001 E320 Wagon, Marty Rexroth

The trophies are presented  
By Larry and Mary Taylor!

Doug Conley



Mike Hund



Marty & Jan Rexroth and kids



Giff Albright



Mike & Tracy Shea



## FALL AUTOCROSS at Sun Motors Sept. 25, 2011

Sunday September 25th marks the return of the much anticipated Keystone Section Autocross. Sun Motors has graciously allowed us the use of their superb facilities. New car sales manager Michael Lombardi was instrumental in arranging this for us. They have built a huge lot that was designed for autocross events. It is free of light poles and is very flat and smooth.

Please be there by 9:30 am and plan to start at 10:00 am. Volunteers would be appreciated starting at 8:00 to help set up the course and help with registration.

An autocross is a driving course that is defined by orange pylons. The object is to navigate your Mercedes through the course in the shortest time. Only one car is permitted on the course at a time. Each run through the course typically takes 40-60 seconds. There will be a practice session in the morning with instructors. After lunch, the official runs will take place. The times will be measured by a precise, wireless timing system. This expensive system will be on loan to us from the MBCA National Office. You can easily measure your progress through the day with your run times. We will show you what ABS feels like as well as the acceleration and handling characteristics of your particular model. This is a very safe and controlled environment to learn how to really drive your Mercedes!

All drivers must wear a SNELL 2000 or newer helmet, such as SNELL 2005. Helmets that are just DOT approved are not permitted. If you are considering buying a helmet, I would suggest buying the newest that you can such as a SNELL 2010 or at least 2005. SNELL 2005 will become the MBCA standard next year. You can find these at local motorcycle shops as well as many online stores. The least expensive approved helmets are made by HJC. A few of our members will have helmets to share, but these will be in limited numbers.

Classes will be determined by the models that are entered. Up to 2 drivers are permitted per car. We will have a brief safety inspection of each vehicle before practice. Please leave any loose objects at home. We will be able to add air pressure on site. The event is rain or shine, unless we experience another hurricane or thunderstorm. If you don't want to compete, we can always use help working the course, and with timing & scoring. You are certainly welcome to come as a spectator. The club will provide free bottled water and sodas.

Only Mercedes-Benz vehicles will be permitted to drive at this event. The cost is \$15 per driver. If you will not be paying in advance, or have any questions, please contact Larry Taylor, (717) 627-1423 or larryt543@yahoo.com. This will help with event planning.

Sun Motors is located at 6677 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

Please RSVP by Sept. 23 to:

Larry Taylor  
6 Star Lite Dr.  
Lititz, PA 17543

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Driver#1 \_\_\_\_\_ Driver#2 \_\_\_\_\_

MB year and model \_\_\_\_\_ MB year and model \_\_\_\_\_

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### Road Rally through Perry County in October

Our Fall Road Rally will be Sunday, October 16th. We will meet at the Carlisle Events Expo Parking Lot, 100 K Street, Carlisle, PA 17013 at 12:15 pm, and start the first car at 12:30. The rally will take about 2 hours and 15 minutes, and ending someplace great for an early dinner. Drivers and navigators will be given instructions, questions and an emergency contact envelope. Trip meters will be reset to zero at the start under the supervision of the Rally Master.

Please RSVP by October 10th to Robert Byrne or Karen Kaiser, 717-254-1742 or [rjbyrne@rjbyrne.net](mailto:rjbyrne@rjbyrne.net). At the restaurant, we will order from the menu, and paying our own checks. There is a charge of \$10.00 **per car** for prizes.

If you don't want to do the rally, you may join us for dinner after, or pair-up with another member in their vehicle as their navigator. Each vehicle should have, at a minimum, a driver and a navigator. Our rallies are never time and distance, so there is no pressure to drive fast. It is always a great time. Just enjoy the fall scenery, and follow the directions!

Directions to the Carlisle Expo Parking lot from I-81 Exit 47: From I-81 S turn right onto Hanover St (PA 34), From I-81 N turn left onto Hanover St (PA 34). Continue straight. Take first left past a right turn in the road (PA 34 North – Spring Road). At 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light turn left onto K St. (Carlisle Fairgrounds will be on the right) At round-about go three quarters of the way around and turn right onto Pitt Street. Carlisle Events Expo Parking lot is immediately on the right.

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Keystone Section Fall Rally

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ (for restaurant reservations) \$10.00 **PER CAR**

**RSVP by October 10, 2011 to:**

Robert Byrne  
160 Long View Road  
Carlisle, PA 17013

**Please make checks payable to:**  
**MBCA Keystone Section**

## Welcome New Members!

Frank Alfone of Red Lion  
Michael Denney of Hanover  
John Egnot of Cresson  
Stephan Mooradian of Hanover

James Morfe of New Freedom  
Richard & Bernice Schreiber of York  
Edward Smith of New Holland  
Robert Walker of Lititz

Hope to see you at a future event!

### For Sale



**1989 560 SL:** Arctic White/Navy Blue leather, very original including soft top and Becker radio. Only 48,000 miles. Excellent chrome, paint, and interior. Extensive refurbishing including new engine mounts and belts, sub frame bushings, AC compressor, and new Michelin Pilots. All fluids and filters replaced. Scored 85 out of 88 points at a regional concours. Priced at \$19,500. Please e-mail for pictures. Larry Taylor (717) 627-1423 or [larryt543@yahoo.com](mailto:larryt543@yahoo.com).

**1985 380 SL:** Smoke silver/Creme Beige interior. 34 K miles. 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. Contact Max Copenheaver, 717 764-5890 or [maxanddonna@verizon.net](mailto:maxanddonna@verizon.net).



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