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Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

July/August 2017

Keystone Section Events 2017

February 12 (Sun.): 2016 Kick-Off luncheon at First Post Restaurant, York, PA
March 25 (Sat.): Tech Session at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster, East Petersburg, PA
April 22 (Sat.): Drive and Dine to Bedford Village, Bedford, PA
May 5 - 7 (Fri. thru Sun.): Annual Kentucky Derby Weekend in Cape May, NJ
May 20 (Sat.): Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, PA
June 24 (Sat.): Eastern Museum of Motor Racing & Latimore Valley Fair, York Springs, PA

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******July 8 (Sat.):** Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Oley, PA

. ******August 19 (Sat.):** Nissley Vineyard Music In the Vineyard concert series, Bainbridge, PA
This is a replacement event due to cancellation of the auto cross for lack of a suitable venue.

******September 10 (Sun):** Keystone Section Picnic (**Venue TBD**) Watch for email updates as we chose a venue for our event.

October : Fall Road Rally TBD

November 11 (Sat): 2018 Planning Meeting, Mercedes Benz of Lancaster
Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2018. Contact Robert Byrne, 717-254-1742 or rjbyrne@rjbyrne.net, if you are attending, or if you have ideas for events.

December 2 (Sat.): Holiday Party at Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA
To reserve a room for the night, after June, contact the Eden Resort (717-569-6444) and mention you are attending the **Keystone Section MBCA party** to receive a special rate. Five rooms will be held until **November 2.** 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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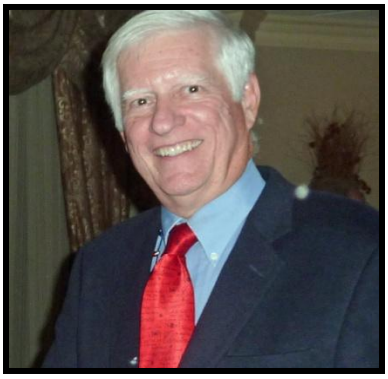


From our President~~~~~~~~~

Some of you know this, but this makes it official. Karen and I have decided that we want to be in a place that has warmer year-round temperatures. As a first start toward accomplishing this dream we have put our house in Carlisle, PA up for sale. Once it sells we plan on following the model of Mary and John Kensek – go to Florida and rent a house somewhere and then look for a permanent place. Our house has only been on the market for a few days. We plan to stay active in the club until the very end of our residence in PA.

I attended the Carlisle Events Import and Performance car show in May and met with some our club members. The show covers so many import cars that the Mercedes-Benz contingent gets swamped, but it seemed like everyone that was there enjoyed themselves.

Just this past weekend I attended the Eastern Motor Racing Museum event in York Springs, PA. I had seen the sign for the Museum while traveling on US 15, but never stopped to see what it was all about. I was amazed when I walked through the large collection of vintage race cars they have in the museum. Afterwards we went into the Latimore County Fairgrounds and saw some of the vintage race cars and motorcycles drive around the track. No racing was allowed, but the old cars still showed some speed.

It doesn't look like the section will be able to host an autocross this year. The place that we had it the last couple of years has torn up the lot due to a building project and the Sun Motors lot is full of cars that can't be sold because they have defective air-bags in them. Your board is working on a substitute event for August – possibly a get together at a vineyard for food and drink. We'll let you know as soon as we can.

That's all for this time.

Robert

DEUTSCHE CLASSIC CAR SHOW
Oley, PA JULY 8, 2017

by Larry Taylor

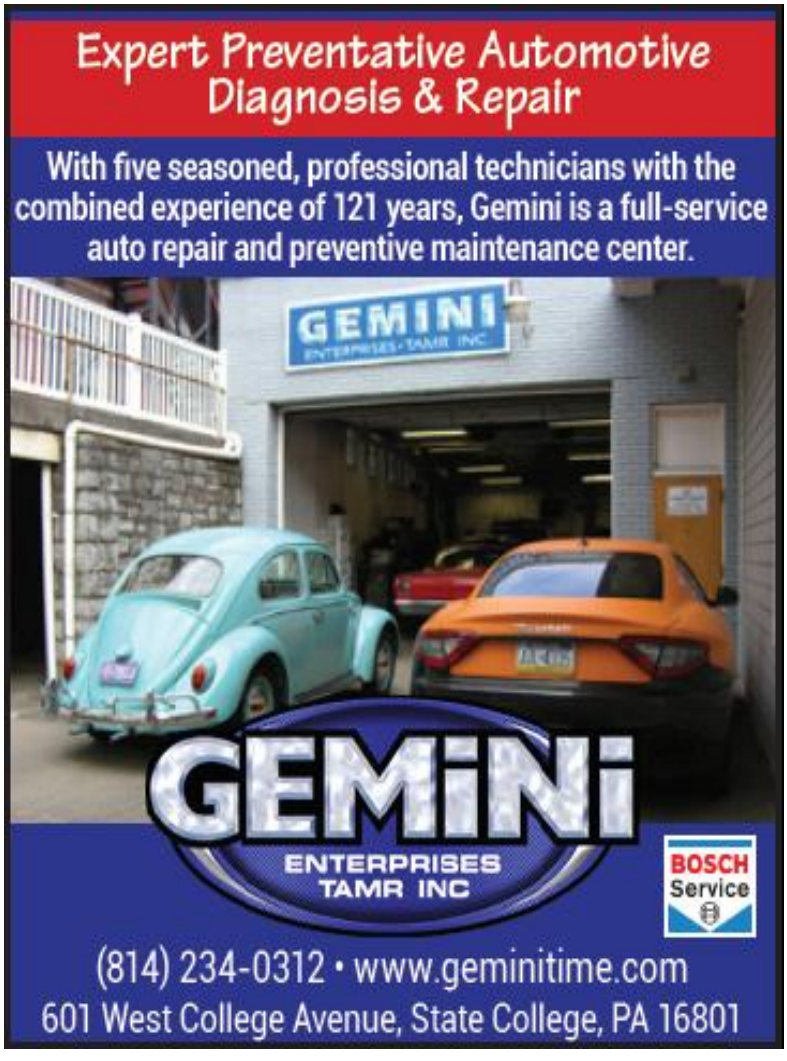
We will be returning to the Deutsche Classic Car show at the Oley Fairgrounds. Oley is northeast of Reading. The show is rain or shine and starts at 8:00 am and ends at 4 pm. Cars on display will include: Audi, BMW, Mercedes Benz, Porsche and Volkswagen as well as the unique "orphan" cars. German motorcycles will also be displayed in a non-judged display. Other activities include a tire toss for the men and a ladies in jeans German car trivia contest for the women. Top prizes are a new set of tires and $300, respectively. Once again our local Hagerty sponsor, Wes Clegg, has organized the Youth Judging Program for kids aged 8-14. My son, Robert, is the Youth Ambassador for the Mid-Atlantic Region and will be leading the junior judges through the field. Meet at the Hagerty tent at 10:30.

The general admission price is $17, which includes 5 Free food and beverage tickets. Children under age 12 are free. The cost to show your car is $25 which includes one admission ticket and 5 food tickets. The judged show will have winners for each marque. 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 or condition 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. You can also get a vendor space for the same fee.

For more information, visit their website at http://www.deutscheclassic.com There is no official pre-registration. Just register at the gate. Contact Larry Taylor at (717) 627-1423 or larryt543@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Directions to 26 Jefferson Street Oley, PA 19547 :

Rt. 30 East or PA Turnpike (Reading Exit) to US-222 N. Proceed 20 miles from Turnpike Exit to 73 E. Proceed 7 miles. Watch for signs.



Welcome New Members!

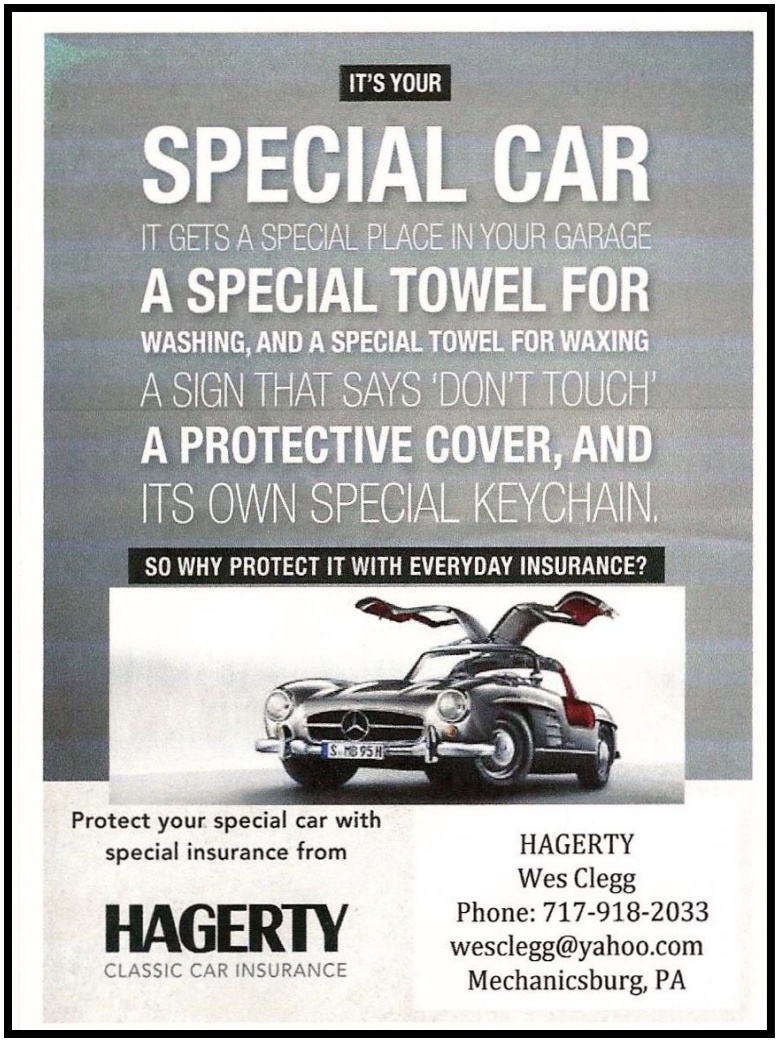
Tadesse Bahata of York
Matt Kelly of Manheim
Greg Rogers of Camp Hill
Shea Stevens of Lititz

Hope to meet all of you at a future event!

Airbag Recall

At Mercedes-Benz, our highest priority is keeping you safe. So we'd like to share some important information about a recall involving Takata frontal airbags used in many vehicles, including certain Mercedes-Benz models. This safety recall is a result of inflators that may improperly deploy with excessive force in the event of a crash. Takata and other inflator suppliers are working with the U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Administration (NHTSA) to coordinate availability of replacement airbags as soon as possible.

To learn more about the Takata recall, including information on free airbag replacement, visit mbusa.com/mercedes/recall.



Nissley Vineyards *Music In The Vineyards* in August

Nissley Winery's Music in the Vineyards 2017 is a series of open-air concerts held on the beautiful, spacious lawn of Nissley Winery on Saturday evenings from July 1st thru September 2nd. Enjoy a romantic evening under the stars listening and dancing to live music on their tree-shaded patios. Our section will be attending their concert on Saturday, August 19th.

You may bring your own picnic meal, or purchase your meal from the food vendors on sight. On this evening the vendor will be the "Soul Burrito" food truck. Check out their menu at www.soulburrito.com. Delicious Nissley wines are for sale by the bottle, as well as some beer choices. Please visit their web site, www.nissleywine.com/events/lawn-concerts for more details. There is also, a list of rules and restrictions that you should be aware of before attending.

Nissley Vineyards is located at 140 Vintage Drive, Bainbridge, PA 17502, Phone: 717-426-3514. **General Admission**: $15 per person, **Event Schedule**: Arrive: Between 6:00 PM & 7:30 PM, Wine & Food Bars: 6:00 to 9:00 PM, Concert: 7:30 to 10:00 PM.

We will have a balloon flying as a guide to where we are set up on the lawn. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket or a small table for eating dinner. For more info, or to sign-up, (just so we know who to look for), please contact John & Jan Kitner, kitjan613@aol.com or 717-872-2988. Join us for a great night under the stars with good wine and music!

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For Sale

1986 420 SEL: Silver with Dark Blue leather interior. Asking $ 5995. Car is in good condition; new tires, front brake pads, no rust. Has 153,000 miles, is driven weekly, and inspected until Feb. 2018. New battery, New rotors and brake pads, New camshaft. Selling due to retirement (and purchase of a 2013 550 SL). Interested parties can email me at hls550SL@gmail.com or phone 814.742.9002.

1988 560SL: Only 30,000 miles. Black with gray leather, rust-free. Only 2 previous owners. New black soft top, incredible wood, rebuilt Becker w/ ipod jack, window sticker, build-sheet, records, books, drives great. AC serviced recently. Great color scheme that always draws a crowd. Asking $29,500. Larry Taylor,(717)406-8015 larryt543@yahoo.com.

1st Gear

by Robert Taylor

I went to the Elegance at Hershey on Sunday June 11. I interviewed Wayne Carini, host of the TV show Chasing Classic Cars. I have met him at many car shows before. He told me that his first car was a $10 1951 Chevy. The worst car that he owned was a 1968 Firebird, because he got into trouble for drag racing it. He said that his favorite car is the next one he's chasing. He hasn't sold a car to Jay Leno or Jerry Seinfeld, although he is friends with Jay and has met Jerry. I asked him why he always follows me to the car shows. His answer was "I am waiting for you."

Hagerty Insurance asked my dad and me to organize the Hagerty Youth judging, because I have done it a lot of times. We chose five cars to judge. Then we led the 10 kids to the cars. The winner was a 1953 Buick Super Estate Woody Wagon. The owner did a great job presenting the car and telling us the history. He even had a model of it! He also let us sit in the driver's seat. Another cool car was a 1966 Porsche 906 race car. A 1934 Packard that once belonged to actor Clark Gable won best in show.

I also organized the Hagerty Youth judging for June Jamboree in New Jersey. It was a Regional show for MBCA. My team judged 5 classic Mercedes. I presented the first place trophy to a former German taxi, a 1973 230. It was all original and looked new. I saw a lot of people that I know from other sections and also our national president Terry Kiwala.

On July 8, I will be judging at the Deutsche Classic show in Oley, PA. It's a l fun show with only German cars. I hope to see you there.

Robert (front left) and fellow Hagerty Youth Judges hard at work.

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.

Beautiful Day for Eastern Museum of Motor Racing & Latimore Valley Fair

The Eastern Museum of Motor Racing in York Springs, houses an outstanding collection of vintage race cars and artifacts, as well as a research library of rare books, documents, and photos pertaining to the sport of auto racing.

The museum owns the Latimore Valley Fairgrounds in York Springs. The fairgrounds are a 40 acre living museum dedicated to the preservation of motor racing and agricultural exposition history. Each June EMMR and Latimore Valley host an authentic country fair, recalling the great agricultural expositions of an earlier time with a midway, craft vendors, antique tractor and engine displays, great food, entertainment, and vintage race car exhibitions on the track Saturday afternoon.

Our section toured the museum and attended the fair, on Saturday, June 24. Upon arrival, we first toured the extensive displays at the museum, and then either walked or shuttled to the fair ground for lunch and viewing the many older model sprint, late model and other types of race cars exhibiting on the track. The fair had many interesting exhibits to peruse, and food vendors from which to choose our lunch. The weather cooperated and gave us a lovely day to be outside for our trip to the fair!

For Sale

1989 560SL, Arctic White(DB147)/Blue Leather with a blue soft top and white hard top. It is a great driver with stunning paint and no rust. Original Becker radio, crack-free dash, and garage kept. Last and most collectible year of the R107 (1972-89). $24,900 Please contact me for more information and additional pictures. 717-406-8015.

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