



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Section of Central PA

Keystone Star

November / December 2018

Happy Holidays!

Keystone Section Events 2018

February 11 (Sun.): 2018 Kick-Off luncheon at First Post Restaurant, York, PA

March 24 (Sat.): Penn National Race Course Dining and Racing, Grantville, PA

April 28 (Sat.): Tech Session at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster, East Petersburg, PA

May 4 - 6 (Fri. thru Sun.): Annual Kentucky Derby Weekend in Cape May, NJ

Local Spring-Summer Non-Club Events:

May 19 (Sat.): Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, PA

June 8 - 10 (Fri - Sun): Elegance at Hershey Events

June 16 (Sat.): Rescheduled: Penn Nat'l Race Course Dining and Racing, Grantville, PA

July 14 (Sat.): Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Oley, PA

August 18 (Sat.): Nissley Vineyards Music in the Vineyards. Saturday evening lawn concert. Bainbridge, PA. (Weather Cancellation)

September 9 (Sun): Keystone Section Picnic at Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA

October 21 (Sun): Fall Road Rally, Lancaster County (Cancelled due to Planner Illness)

*****Details Inside*****

******November 10 (Sat):** 2019 Planning Meeting, M B of Lancaster, East Petersburg, PA.

Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2019. Contact Marty Rexroth, 717-764-0624 or marstang@aol.com, to attend, or if you have ideas for events.

******December 1 (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. 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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President's Message~~~~~

Most of the President's Messages I have posted sound more like a technical how to article than something presidential. Gathering technical knowledge for the service and care of Mercedes-Benz is what led me to the club, and I haven't been disappointed. The last 2 Mercedes repairs I performed however didn't involve using a fancy scanner to diagnose a sensor or electrical problem. This problem is one that has been an enemy of the automobile for decades, rust. With the advent of the 4matic, traction and stability control, I have been driving my Mercedes' year round with confidence. The rust damage wasn't to the body panels, but to a fuel line in one case, and to a hydraulic line in the self leveling suspension in the other. Both of these steel lines had to be repaired or replaced from corrosion that resulted in a hole that caused a fuel leak on the fuel line and loss of hydraulic fluid from the hydraulic line.

The salt brine that is now sprayed on roads during winter is especially sneaky, working it's way into cracks and crevices and corroding the underside of your car. The fuel line damage was between 2 of the clamps that secure the fuel line and the line itself. The hydraulic line was tucked under the left headlight, which I was unaware of.

You see, I thoroughly clean the underside of my cars with hot soapy water in the spring, but it's not enough. As we enter the winter months, spring for the undercarriage wash, or clean the underside yourself, anytime your car is exposed to salt brine. If you park in a garage at home or in a parking garage at work you have to be more diligent. The salt begins to attack most aggressively when the temperature is above freezing. When driving this winter, remember to get the underside of your 4matic rinsed off before corrosion begins!

Our planning meeting, mentioned in this newsletter, is on November 10. If you have an idea for an event, please contact me even if you can't attend. We're always open to new event ideas!

I hope to see you at our Holiday Party on December 2. Please consider attending. The food is amazing, and we always have a blast as we receive door prizes. I promise you will be warmly welcomed!

It is my heartfelt wish that everyone have a wonderful holiday season.

Marty

For Sale

1972 MB 280s. Wicky Barnes 717-870-4505. The car is located in Elizabethtown, PA., and listed on Craig's List. Here is the link to Craig's List: <https://lancaster.craigslis.org/cto/d/1971-mercedes-benz-280s/6703909446.html>

*****Editor's Note*****

Mercedes Benz of Lancaster's service department has asked that we remind our members to please inform the service writers that you are an MBCA member when you bring your car for service, so that they can insure you get your 15% discount, and it is written up before service. You may, also, be asked to show your membership card, so take it along. This will save you and the service dept. the time of having to do a refund after the fact. This would also work at Sun Motors or any other authorized dealer that offers MBCA members a discount.

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September Picnic and Car Show at Masonic Village Picnic Pavilion, Elizabethtown, PA on a Rainy Sunday Afternoon

We had a new venue for our section picnic this year. We met at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, at their Picnic Pavilion on Eden View Road. Our afternoon started about 3 p.m. with hopes of showing off our newly cleaned and sparkling Benz autos. This, however, was not to be due to a very rainy afternoon. In spite of this weather challenge, everyone who attended had a great time. Our picnic dinner included Ribs and Chicken Breasts, plus all the fixings, with a late addition of hot coffee due to the cool, wet weather.

A short business meeting followed our dinner to update everyone on our upcoming events for 2018. We, then, held a raffle drawing for the prizes that were planned for winners of the car show, as voting was impossible in the rainy meadow. Thank you to Ken and Mary Lou Harms for suggesting this new spot, and planning a fun afternoon.



2019 Planning Meeting to be Held at Mercedes of Lancaster

Our planning meeting for our 2019 monthly events will be held on Saturday November 10 at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster. We will meet in one of the conference rooms at 10 am to discuss next year's events. Donna Copenheaver will be giving a presentation for our group cruise to Bermuda in May. This is a great opportunity to learn all about our newest section venture, planned for May of next year.

Luncheon will be provided after our meeting. If you wish to attend, or have any ideas for next year, please notify Marty Rexroth, marstang@aol.com, or 717-764-0624.

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 current MBCA members 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 download the application forms and instructions available on our section website, <https://keystone.mbca.org/>, at this link [Pennsylvania MBCA Plate Form](#), fill them out (the three forms needed are "fillable" PDF files and are in the same PDF file), and send them to Donna Copenheaver, the program coordinator along with a check for \$42.00 for the Regular Plate or \$146 for a Customized Plate, payable to Keystone Section, MBCA. Need more information? Please contact Donna, your Program Coordinator at (717-764-5890) or maxanddonna@verizon.net.

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.

On November 10, 2018, Bill Fisher will be inducted as our new Mid-Atlantic Regional Director. His name and contact email have been added to our officers page in this newsletter. We wish him well and offer our section's congratulations on his new post.

We would, also, like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Director, Joe Grattan for his dedicated service to our region and each section he has served.....Thanks, Joe for a job well done!

Holiday Party at Eden Resort & Suites

The Eden Resort & Suites, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 will be the site for our 2018 holiday celebration for the 17th. year. We continue to have wonderful results and good feedback, so we return, again & again! This year our party is Saturday, Dec. 1 at 6:30pm. If you haven't attended in the past, you've been missing a great evening. Come out and see for yourself!

We will be celebrating with the "Festive Prime Rib Buffet", which gives us some specialties like butlered hot hors d'oeuvres, 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 (each attendee will receive 2 drink tickets courtesy of Keystone Section) will be available for the entire evening. Our dinner includes a served greens salad and dressings, buffet "Salad Station" featuring Fruit, Shrimp, and Tomato Mozzarella salads, 3 entrees: Brie and Roasted Almond Chicken, Salmon with Crab Florentine, and Carved Prime Rib of Beef, Complementing potato and vegetable, Rolls and butter, Coffee, hot tea, and iced tea. An assortment of holiday desserts, will round out our dinner.

Following dinner, we will conduct our final business meeting of 2018, which will include the "Member of the Year" award. Door prize drawings will follow the meeting.

We will be meeting in the State Room this year, best accessed by using entrances G or H.

Anyone wishing to reserve a room for the night 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 \$92.95 plus taxes.

The Eden Resort is located on Oregon Pike, (Rt. 272N) just off Rt. 30 in Lancaster. Contact Jan or John Kitner (717-872-2988 or kitjan613@aol.com) with any questions, or for directions. Please, also, let them know if you are attending.

Keystone Section Holiday Party

Name: _____ Email _____ Phone: _____

Members: # _____ @ \$35.00 each = _____
(each member may bring one guest at member price)

Non-Members: # _____ @ \$45.00 each = _____

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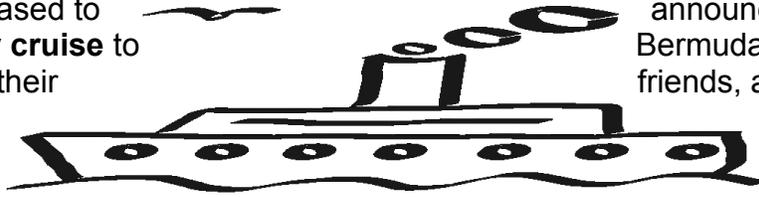
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Keystone Section Cruise to Bermuda May 12 - 19, 2019

We are very pleased to announce that we've arranged for a **7-night Celebrity cruise** to Bermuda, open to members of the Keystone Section, their friends, and families, thru Krouse Travel Co. 717 244-6410.

The **price of \$1939** includes all port charges, taxes, fees, bus driver gratuity, pier luggage handling, and pre-paid gratuities onboard the ship, as well as round-trip transportation from York to the pier in New Jersey where we will board the Celebrity Summit. (No flying involved).



Celebrity agreed to hold 13 **concierge balcony** cabins for us. Once they are filled, Krista will have to check availability for the lower price. Don't delay in mailing in your deposit and reservation sheet as soon as possible. Right now, for a limited time, they are running a special for anyone who sends their deposit of a choice of either Free WIFI or a Free Drink Package. Check with Krouse Travel to be certain this is still in effect at your booking time.

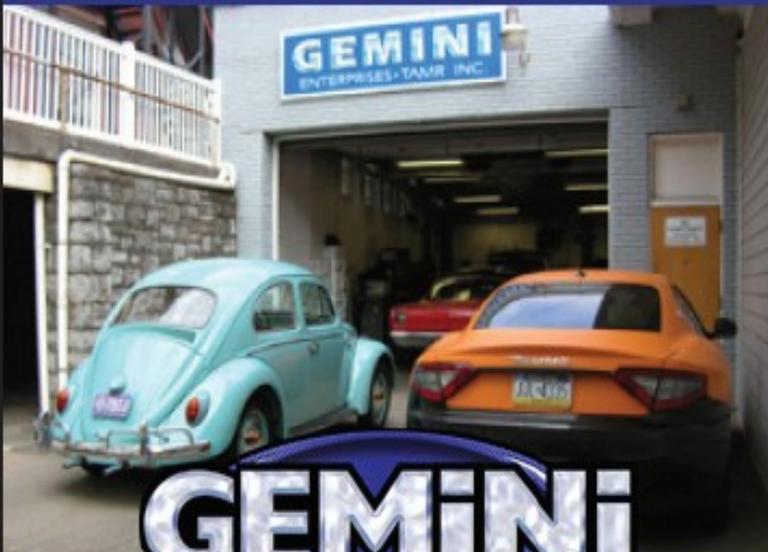
If you've never been to Bermuda, you'll be in for a wonderful surprise. We'll be anchored there for three days and nights and our ship is our floating hotel. Get ready to scooter down the back roads to some awesome beaches!

Donna Copenheaver will be making a presentation about this cruise at our planning meeting on Sat., November 10 at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster. So if you want to hear more, join us then.

Any questions, or for downloadable information and reservation sheets, please call me, Donna Copenheaver, 717 764-5890, or our Agent - Krista at Krouse Travel, 717 244-6410.

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Christine Ryder & Kathryn Poduia of
East Berlin
Joyce & Kevin Williams of Camp Hill

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.



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