



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA
January / February 2019

Happy New Year!

Keystone Section Events 2019

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****February 10 (Sun.): 2019 Kick-Off luncheon at First Post Restaurant, York, PA

****March 9 (Sat.): Pennsylvania National Fire Museum, Harrisburg, PA

****April 13 (Sat.): Tech Session at Sun Motorcars, Mechanicsburg, PA

May 3 - 5 (Fri. thru Sun.): Annual Kentucky Derby Weekend

May 12 - 19 (Sun. - Sun.): Bermuda Cruise on Celebrity Summit, from Cape Liberty, NJ

Local Spring-Summer Non-Club Events:

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

June 7 - 9 (Fri - Sun): Elegance at Hershey Events

June 15 (Sat.): Penn Nat'l Race Course Dining and Racing, Grantville, PA

July 13 (Sat.): Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Oley, PA

August 17 (Sat.): Wilmington & Western Railroad,

September 8 (Sun): Keystone Section Picnic at Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA

October 20 (Sun): Fall Road Rally, Lancaster County

November 9 (Sat): 2020 Planning Meeting, M B of Lancaster, East Petersburg, PA.

Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2020. Contact Marty Rexroth, 717-764-0624 or marstang@aol.com, to attend, or if you have ideas for events.

December 7 (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~~~~~

Hi everyone!

2018 had its share of ups and downs for many of us. So far, 2019 is following suit for me personally. Through it all, one thing remains constant. The Keystone Section is a quality section! Our section is fully backed by the accountability of our MBCA National Business Office in Colorado Springs, Colorado. With that, I would like to welcome our new Regional Director, Bill Fisher, and personally thank our retiring regional director Joe Grattan. Our Regional Director acts as a liaison to National and goes to bat for us when needed.

Our 2019 planning meeting held in November was well attended, yielding an exciting calendar of events for 2019! It all starts with our 2019 Kick Off meeting, that will be held at the First Post, in York, in February. Join us and cure those winter blues with the fellowship of other Keystone Section members.

The National Membership Committee is currently developing programs for 2019 to retain existing members, as well as recruit new members to the MBCA. One thing Keystone lacks is a Section Membership Chair. It would be wonderful to have someone to find ways of sharing the good news, and amazing benefits of club membership. If you know of someone, or think you might be that person, please let us know.

2019 is underway! Come out to the Kick Off meeting in February to start it off right!

Marty

Editor's Note: Joe Grattan asked that we please run this in our newsletter to for those of us that wanted to support his election as RD~~~~

WHY DID JOE GRATTAN WITHDRAW HIS NAME FROM THE 2018 MBCA ELECTION?

By Joe Grattan

Everything was going great when

The officers of one of the Sections in the Mid-Atlantic Region decided to give me a public endorsement as I entered the election for DAL.

The President of the Section wrote a half page newsletter article, emailed to the members, which said – basically – Joe is a good guy, vote for Joe.

I did not know about the article until Steve Ross, (National Vice President and Chair of the Election Committee) sent me an email, sending a copy to the Section President author, telling me this should not have been done.

The section President wrote to Steve saying the article was the board's idea – Joe (me) did not know anything about it.

A few days later Steve asked me to withdraw my name or he would withdraw it for me.

I have been a member for 15 years (includes 6 in Section leadership and 6 as RD); have always known what was done by Section Pres was inconsistent with protocol.

I withdrew.

I then called the Section Pres to thank him and his board for their confidence in me.

Joe

February 2019 Kick-Off Luncheon

Please join us for our first meeting of 2019. It will be a "lunch and greet" on February 10, 2019, at 1:00 pm at The First Post Public House, 3691 E. Market St., York, PA 17402, 717 430-8115. This is the same restaurant where we held our February meeting in 2018. Everyone raved about the food and the excellent service, so I decided we would do it again!

This is a very special luncheon because we are honoring all new members who have joined MBCA, Keystone Section, since January 1, 2018. If you are a new member since that date, or even if you joined prior to that date, but have never attended a meeting...then this is your chance. You will want to attend to not only, meet your fellow members, but to find out what is planned for this year. Our President, Marty Rexroth, will be going over the events. There is always room for more events, so if you have something special in mind bring that idea with you and present it.

You can check out their menu at www.thefirstpostyork.com . Cocktails/liquor is available. The selection and meals are wonderful. I have personally taste-tested many of them! Each attendee is responsible for their own bill.

Please note: Should we have "bad" weather on February 10th, please call me prior to 10:00 am to find out if the luncheon is still on.

RSVP by February 7th to Donna Copenheaver, maxanddonna@verizon.net, 717 764-5890, or text to 717 801-2531.

Pennsylvania National Fire Museum Tour in March



On Saturday, March 9 at 10 am, we will enter the 1899 Victorian Firehouse, Home of the Reily Hose Co. No. 10 and experience the sights and sounds of Firefighting History. The Pennsylvania National Fire Museum, 1820 N. 4th St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17102, features fire apparatus from Handtubs and Steam Pumpers, hand drawn, to horse drawn, to motorized engines, and a 1935 MACK tillered Ladder Truck. An outstanding and



varied collection of artifacts are on display.

The Fire Museum is 100% volunteer, operated and staffed on a full-time basis, six days a week. Our tour will take approximately 75 - 90 minutes. We will, then, be going to a local restaurant for lunch. For more info, visit their web site, www.pnfm.org.

Contact John Dalton, Jdalton720@comcast.net or 717-921-8607 if you are planning to join us, so that he has a count for the museum and the restaurant.

Please plan on arriving a few minutes before 10 am, so that we can enter together and get the group rate.

*****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.

Holiday Party 2018~~

Another Special Evening!

The Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, was the site of our 2018 holiday celebration for the 17th. year. Our party was held Saturday evening, Dec. 1, and it was another great evening, with 32 members and guests attending. We enjoyed another delicious Eden Resort dinner, and a good time with friends old and new.

As an addition to our annual holiday celebration, everyone attending was asked to donate a toy to be given to Toys For Tots. We were able to make a very nice donation, thanks to the generosity of our club members. We are hoping to keep this new idea in the future, and add it to some of our other events, as well. Thanks to all who helped us with great toys.

Following dinner, we conducted a short business meeting, during which President, Marty Rexroth presented Ken & Mary Lou Harms with the Members of the Year plaque. Ken and Mary Lou located and planned our section picnic at our new venue, Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

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This was an election year, so nominations for officers were held. Our current officers were all elected to serve another two-year term. Your officers for the 2019-20 term are: President, Marty Rexroth, Vice-President, John Kitner, Secretary, Jerry Tueche, and Treasurer, Donna Copenheaver. Contact info for each of them can be found on our Officers Page in this newsletter. Door prize drawings were then held—with gifts for all! We thank Chris Boland, General Manager, and Bill Gillis, Parts Manager, at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster, and Eden Resort & Suites, for their generous door prize donations. As always, we appreciate their generosity, and support of our section.

If you haven't attended in the past, you've been missing a great evening. Come out in 2019 and see for yourself! We have already reserved Saturday, December 7th. for this year's dinner, so mark your calendars. As the year progresses, there will be more info about reserving a room for the evening. We usually get a reduced rate for those attending the dinner.



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.

Tech Session at Sun Motors Mercedes-Benz Mechanicsburg April 13, 2019

The Keystone Section Technical Session for 2019 will be held Saturday April 13 at 10:00 am. Sun Motors Mercedes-Benz in Mechanicsburg will be hosting the event for us. The dealership is located at 6677 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA.

After a tour of their newly expanded and upgraded facilities, by general manager Mike Lombardi, two certified technicians will discuss the new A-class and the 43-AMG series. An open question and answer period will follow. Lunch will be provided by the dealership.

Sun Motors always provides a quality experience. Come out to enjoy the fellowship of other members and the informative presentation of the dealership staff.

Cost: \$5.00. Payable either before (RSVP below) or at the event.

Sun Motors Tech Session April 13, 2019

Name _____ # attending _____ @ \$5.00 each

phone# _____ e-mail _____

Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 9 to:

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announce that we've arranged Bermuda, open to members of friends, and families, through (Krista)

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).

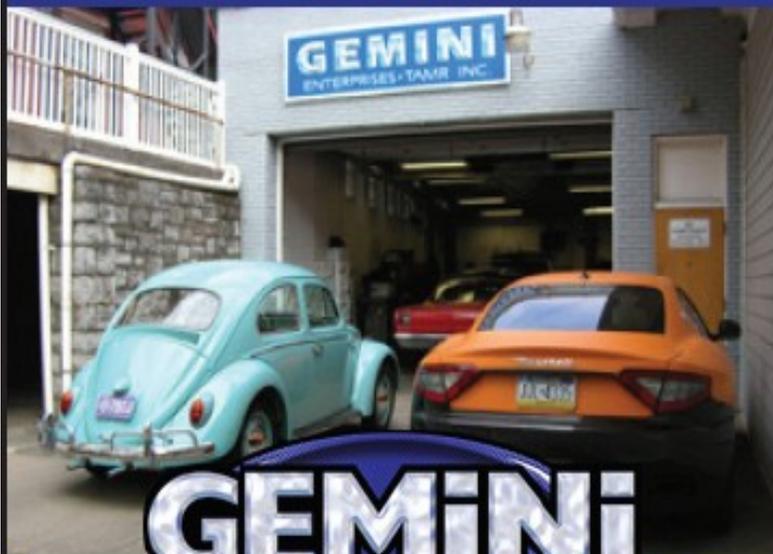
Celebrity agreed to hold 13 **concierge balcony** cabins for us. Once they are filled, Krista will have to check availability for the lower price. Don't delay in mailing in your deposit and reservation sheet as soon as possible. Right now, for a limited time, they are running a special for anyone who 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!

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

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Welcome New Members!

Brian Bisignani of Lancaster
Robert Deatherage of York
Larry & Donna Light of Schaefferstown
Daniel Pell of York
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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