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Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

January / February 2014

Happy New Year!

Keystone Section Events 2014

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

February 16 (Sun.): 2014 Kick-Off dinner at Crimson American Grill, York, PA

March (Sat.): Sun Motors Collision Center Tour

April 12(Sat.): Mid-Atlantic Air Museum at Reading Regional Airport

May 2-4 (Fri. thru Sun.): Annual Kentucky Derby weekend in Cape May, NJ

May 17 (Sat.): Carlisle Import and Kit Car Show, Carlisle, PA

June: Swigart Antique Auto Museum & Other "Northern Edge" Venues TBA

July 12 (Sat.): Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Oley, PA.

August 3 (Sun.): Ma & Pa Railroad Preservation Society, Muddy Creek Forks.

August 24 (Sun.): Auto Cross at Lancaster Labs

September 14 (Sun): Picnic at Allenberry Playhouse, Boiling Springs, PA

October (Sun.): Fall Rally

November 10 (Mon.): 2015 Planning Meeting at Culhane's Restaurant 6 PM

Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2015. 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.

December 6 (Sat.): Holiday Party at Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA

If you wish 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 6**. 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, kijan613@aol.com or 717-872-2988, for more information.

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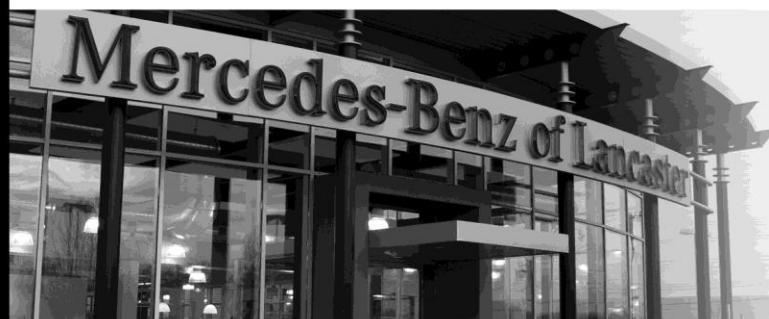
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Contact Jan Kitner for rates and ad sizes. Ads must be photo-copy ready.

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From our President~~~~~

Congratulations to Richard Mast who was named the Keystone Section Member of the Year for 2013. Richard has been a club member for over 20 years. He has been a salesman at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster even longer. He has helped to organize many tech sessions, supported the dealership's generous 15% discount for parts and labor, and personally recruited 32 new members over the last 2 years. Richard is truly a valuable asset for our entire section. Thanks again!

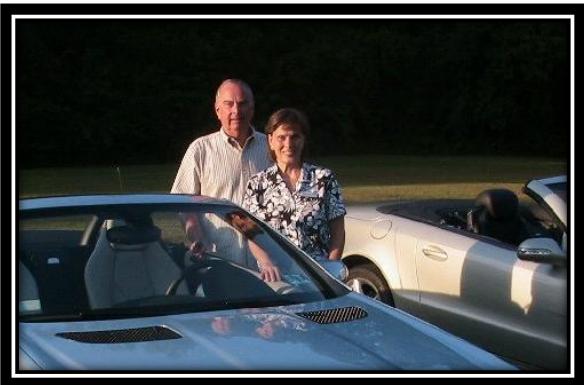
My son Robert and I were joined by my brother Jim for a private tour of the JWR

Automobile Museum in Frackville that was organized by the NEPA section. We saw the 1911 Oldsmobile Limited 7 that was purchased by the Swigart Museum in 1943 for \$25. It was sold at auction in Hershey for \$1,650,000 in 2007. Many other wonderful cars included a 1928 Mercedes-Benz Type S Murphy Boat Tail that once belonged to Zeppo Marx, 1924 Mercedes Skiff, 1938 Mercedes-Benz 540K Cabrio, and various Bugatti's, Rolls-Royces, Delages, etc. You can see the 80 car collection at <http://www.jwrautomuseum.com/>. The museum is not open to the public.

Mary had a minor accident in our E350 wagon in early December. Fortunately, there were no injuries. This lead to a visit to Sun Motor's Collision Center. We are currently organizing a tour of the facilities for a tech session in March.

Your officers have already planned out a wonderful and diversified calendar of events for 2014. Please join us for the February kick-off meeting where we will work out more details. If you have never participated in any of our events, please look over the calendar and pick one that strikes your fancy. I'm certain that once you meet our group of regulars, you'll want to come back for more.

Larry



Our Keystone Section family mourns the passing of our good friend, John Magor, who passed away on Friday, January 10, 2014. A long-time member of our section, John, and his wife, Martha have been staunch supporters and participants in all of our club events....attending most, and planning several over the years. Our heartfelt condolences to Martha and their family. A memorial gathering and remembrance will be held at 1 p.m. Sat., Jan. 18, 2014, at Kuhner Associates Funeral Directors, Inc., 863 S. George St., York PA 17403. We will miss you, "COOOOL".

February Annual Kick-Off Luncheon 2014

Start off MBCA year 2014 with a great meal, and lots of Keystone Section friends. Plan to attend our luncheon on Sunday, February 16th at the Crimson American Grill, 1839 South Queen Street, York PA 17403.

We will meet at 1 PM for socializing and lunch. We encourage all of our newer members to attend, and get to know your fellow Benz lovers. We have an entire year's worth of interesting meetings and events planned. Join us at our first 2014 event, and see what's in store for the year. This is, also, a great time for members to bring guests who may be considering joining.

We will order from their regular menu and be responsible for our own checks. If you wish to check out their menu, or need directions or other info, visit their web site, www.crimsonamericangrill.com or call the restaurant at 717-793-3605 .

Please RSVP to Donna Copenheaver, 717-764-5890 or maxanddonna@verizon.net by February 12th. She would like to give the restaurant an approximate count, but if you find you can attend at the last minute, come on out. We can always make room for a few more!

Hope to see you there!



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Holiday Party 2013~~ Another Wonderful Evening!

The Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, was the site of our 2013 holiday celebration for the 12th. year. Our party was held Saturday evening, Dec. 7, and it was another great evening, with about 30 members and guests attending. We enjoyed another delicious Eden Resort dinner, and a good time with friends old and new.

Following dinner, we conducted a short business meeting, during which Larry Taylor announced our 2013 Member of the Year, Richard Mast. Richard is a long-time club member and a sales rep at MB of Lancaster. He has always been one of our clubs strongest supporters with the dealership, and recruits many members for us each year. VP, Marty Rexroth then presented the trophies from our September auto cross. (See the photos below)

Door prize drawings were then held—with gifts for all! We thank Bill Gillis, Richard Mast, and Tony Siefert at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster, and Eden Resort & Suites for their donations for prizes. As always, we deeply appreciate their generosity.

If you haven't attended in the past, you've been missing a great evening. Come out in 2014 and see for yourself! We have already reserved Saturday, December 6th. 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.



John Kitner, Larry Taylor and Chris Fletcher receive their trophies from our September Auto Cross at Lancaster Labs. They were presented with framed photos of their Benzes in action on the course.

Welcome New Members!

Gerald Harkins of Palmyra (My apologies for incorrect spelling in last issue!)

Albert Diehl of York

Tamela Fassnacht of Ephrata

Sean Kelly of York

Lynn Kister of Lancaster

Daniel Moyer of Lancaster

Michael Newsome of York

Gilbert Palmieri of Lancaster

Richard Shenk of Lebanon

Philip Styles of Lititz

Bahram Zangueneh of East Berlin

Hope to meet you all at a future event!

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 MBCA members in good standing 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 send the application forms to John Schumann, the program coordinator. The forms include PENNDOT MV-904SP, PENNDOT MV-1L (for leased vehicles), and the PA MBCA form. You must include a check for \$34 payable to Keystone Section, MBCA. For application information, contact John Schumann, 484-410-6344 or John.W.Schumann@gmail.com.

For Sale

MB for sale in York, PA. -- 1988 420SEL in pristine shape with 138,000 miles. It is listed on eBay and Craigslist. eBay ID # is 290801158648. Please take a look. I am trying to get between \$4,000 and \$5,000 for it. Contact: wbarne@ycp.edu or 717-870-4505.

4 15" X 7" MB Sportline Wheels with Toyo track tires. These will fit most W124 bodies and 190E 2.3-16V. Asking \$400. Contact Larry Taylor at 717-627-1423 or larryt543@yahoo.com

1997 SL500 Silver with black interior and soft top. Silver hard top with storage rack and cover. 50K miles. Very clean, well maintained. New tires. \$13,500 Contact John Kitner, 717-872-2988 or kijian613@aol.com.



180c Ponton Barn Find Friend purchased farm in Blair County, PA and found this Model 180c in the barn, which is scheduled for demolition. Car shows 74,413 miles on odometer; Chassis #120.010-10-037693, probably one of last Pontons made in early sixties; 4 cylinder gasoline engine is missing, as well as hood, grill, hubcaps, and title. Paint code DB335H (Mercedes Blue), with blue interior. All glass appears to be in good shape, as well as, bumpers, headlight rims, turn signals, tail lights, mirrors, door handles, seats, instrument panel, plus transmission is intact (condition unknown).

Last driven 1974. Would probably make good parts car. Asking price: \$900.00, obo. If interested, call (717) 439-5937.

National and Regional Events 2014

February 8: NYC-Long Island Tech Session at MB of Rockville Center. Contact John McAuliffe, 516-375-6450 or jimvideo@aol.com.

February 8th: NNJS Tech Clinic + at Benzel-Busch in Englewood, NJ. 8:30-Noon, breakfast followed by a technical walk around the all-new Mercedes-Benz CLA- and S-Class vehicles and have the opportunity to test drive each. Tour their new 170,000 square foot facility. Reserve by January 31. Contact Lucille Chabala, luluchab@aol.com or 973-731-9133.

May10-15: Special Trip to Graz, Austria for G Wagen Owners/Drivers

Special trip to Graz, Austria for G Wagen owners/drivers. Visit the G Wagon factory; accompany drives; and, self drives on Mountain test track. Contact Jim O'Sullivan, 843-671-2079 or osullivanj55@gmail.com.

June 13-15: Heimatfest 2014: Alabama Regional Event in Vance, Alabama. Two-day driving event at Barber Motorsports Park. Contact Jim Roberts, 205-933-9333 or jertoothsaver@bellsouth.net.

July 28 - August 2 & September 22-27: Club trips to Germany (dates tentative). Contact Jim O'Sullivan, 843-671-2079 or osullivanj55@gmail.com.

August 16-26, 2015: Chicago to Key West. Chicagoland Section road trip adventure. **\$400 deposit must be received by April 14, 2014.** Contact Renee Welsch, 847-344-1153 or rhwelsch@yahoo.com.

*****EDITOR'S NOTE*****

Do we have your Email Address?

I have begun to email the newsletter to those members whose email we have on file. Doing this will save our section about \$1000 each year on copy and postage costs. 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.

If you are receiving this newsletter by mail, it may be because we do not have a valid email for you, so contact me if you wish to receive future newsletters by email. Aside from savings on mailings, this helps us with last-minute reminders, and changes to or cancellation of events. Of course, you may always choose to continue to receive your newsletter by regular mail. Thanks for your help with this matter!

Jan Kitner

Regional / National News

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The Annual 2013 MBCA Board meeting has just concluded and there are interesting things happening.

We elected a new slate of officers:

President – Terry Kiwala, (Western Reserve) he was Treasurer last year.

VP -Laura Simonds (Bay Area)

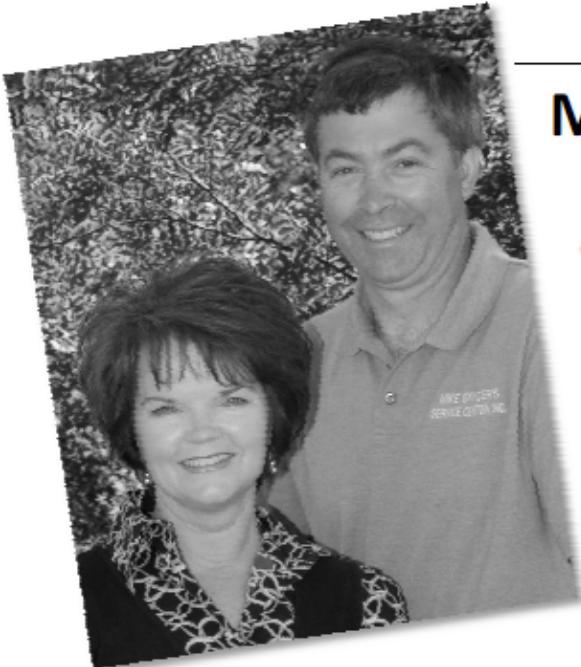
Treasurer- Bill Denton (Chicagoland)

Secretary – Jim Luikens (Michigan)

The Club Store as we know it has changed. We have contracted with a supply house for all logo clothing. The NBO will continue to offer other small items (pens, mugs, key chains etc.)

A few years ago a Preservation Class was established. I will get all the criteria soon. What I know now the car must be 25 (1989 as of June '14) years old and be all original. Doesn't have to be perfect.

For more information on these issues and more, visit www.mbc.org.



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