



# Mercedes-Benz Club of America

## Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

January / February 2017

*Happy New Year!*

### Keystone Section Events 2017

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

\*\*\***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 (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

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

**August (Sat.)**: Autocross TBD

**September (Sun)**: Section Picnic

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

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From our President~~~~~

Welcome to the year 2017.

This is my first "From the President" column. I want to thank Larry Taylor for his hard work and dedication over the time I've been a member of the Keystone Section. I know that his work is appreciated by all members. When you see him next, please thank him for his efforts.

About me: I joined the MBCA and Keystone Section in 2008. My wife, Karen Kaiser, loves attending the events and was the force behind my stepping-up to board membership and the Presidency of the club. I want to meet all of you, so look don't be surprised if I just walk up and introduce myself.



Larry Taylor Congratulates Robert Byrne

Congratulations to Mary and John Kensek who were named the Keystone Section Members of the Year for 2016. Mary and John have been section members for a long time. They live in Florida now, but still maintain their membership in the Keystone Section. They have managed the Cape May Weekend event for many years – traveling up from Florida to attend and be the party hosts for the weekend. Thank you, Mary and John for your loyalty to our Section.

The Holiday party in December was very well attended with 42 members present. The food was delicious and the desserts even more so. Everyone went home with a gift courtesy of the section. Wonderful job John and Jan Kitner. Joe Grattan, the Regional Director of MBCA, attended. He brought a letter from Terry Kiwala, MBCA Nat'l. Pres., thanking Larry Taylor for his dedication and service to MBCA and to the Keystone Section.

Officers and other members met at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster in November for the planning of the events in 2017. The results are a wonderful and diversified calendar of events. We have planned a couple of longer day trips as well as many events close to home. 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 that is displayed on the front page of the newsletter and pick one or more that strikes your fancy. I'm certain that once you meet our group of regulars, you'll want to come back for more and join the group.

Congratulations to the slate of officers who were elected to a 2-year term at our holiday party. I look forward to working with, from left, John Perry, (Sec.), (Me), Marty Rexroth (VP), and Donna Copenheaver (Treas.), for the next 2 years. Pictured with Larry Taylor, outgoing Pres. Information on how to contact the



board members is on the second page of the newsletter. Thanks for all that you do to make our section so successful.

Robert Byrne

### Editor's Note

#### First Gear by Robert Taylor

**There will be no "First Gear" in this issue. Please make sure to read Robert's article on page 80 of the January/February issue of Star Magazine. Also check out the national president's message on page 8. He paid a nice tribute to our outgoing president, Larry Taylor and his family.**

## February 2017 Kick-Off Luncheon

Our first meeting of 2017 will be a luncheon on February 12, 2017, at 1:00 pm at The First Post Public House, 3691 E. Market St., York, PA 17402, 717 430-8115. This is a very special luncheon because we are honoring all the new members who have joined MBCA, Keystone Section, since January 1, 2016.

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! Not only will you meet the other members, and find out what is planned for your enjoyment in 2017; you will also receive your name badge free. The badges will be ordered and then given out at the next meeting - either the March Tech Session in Lancaster or the April "Drive 'n Dine" mystery tour. By the way, I was able to "scare" up some great door prizes - you don't want to miss!

It is important to **RSVP by February 5th**, if possible. The number attending will depend on what type of room we will be given. Either private or semi-private. We will order off the brunch, lunch, or dinner menus, each responsible for their own bill. Cocktails/liquor is available. You can scan the menu at [www.thefirstpostyork.com](http://www.thefirstpostyork.com). The selection and meals are wonderful. I have personally taste-tested many of them!

Please note: should we have "bad" weather on February 12th please call me prior to 10:00 am to find out if the luncheon is still on. We have the ability to move it to the following Sunday, Feb. 19th if needed.

**RSVP to - Donna Copenheaver** - home - 717 764-5890, [maxanddonna@verizon.net](mailto:maxanddonna@verizon.net), or text me at 717 801-2531.



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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](mailto: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 also, enables us to send the newsletter by email, and save the club some of the costs of printing and postage. You may always request to have a paper newsletter in the mail.

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- John & Deborah Trimble of Drumore
- Greg Weaver of Lititz
- Joseph York of Lancaster

**Hope to meet all of you at a future event!**

## Tech Session at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster March 25, 2017

The Keystone Section Technical Session will be held Saturday March 25, 2017. Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster will be hosting the event for us at 10:00 am. The dealership is located at 5100 Main Street (Rt. 72) in East Petersburg. Cost is only \$5.00.

Master Certified Shop Foreman Gene Eshleman will be giving us a presentation which will no doubt be interesting and informative.

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Mercedes Benz of Lancaster Tech Session March 25, 2017

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**Please RSVP by Friday March 17, 2017**

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## Holiday Party 2016~~

### A Special Evening!

The Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, was the site of our 2016 holiday celebration for the 15th. year. Our party was held Saturday evening, Dec. 3, and it was another great evening, with 42 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 elections of officers for 2017/18 were held. Our new slate includes, Robert Byrne, President, Marty Rexroth, VP, John Perry, Sec., and Donna Copenheaver, Treas. Please check out the picture included in Robert's first president's message.

Marty Rexroth (standing-in for Regional director, Joe Grattan) presented outgoing president, Larry Taylor with a commendation letter from Terry Kiwala, MBCA national president, for his and his family's years of service to our section.



Larry Taylor announced our 2016

Members of the Year, John & Mary Kensek, who have been our hosts in Cape May, and run our Derby Party for years!. Because they now reside in Florida, their plaque will be mailed to them. Door prize drawings were then held—with gifts for all! We thank Bill Gillis, Parts Manager, 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 2017 and see for yourself! We have already reserved Saturday, December 2nd. 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.



### National and Regional Events 2017

**February 4: 2017 Philadelphia Auto Show.** South Jersey Section Event--Philadelphia Convention Center, 1113 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Preregistration is required as tickets are limited. [Click here to register early!](#) For more information, go to <https://www.mbca.org/node/7304525>.

**March 11: Amelia Island Cars & Coffee.** Mercedes Benz pavilion at Amelia Island Concours - 9am to 1pm. William Hopper, 202-363-4189 or [wwhrestoration@att.net](mailto:wwhrestoration@att.net).

**May 4 - 7: Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance.** Triangle Section -- Pinehurst resort, North Carolina. For info on weekend activities contact [steve\\_redwine@yahoo.com](mailto:steve_redwine@yahoo.com).

**July 26<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>: Stuttgart, Germany Tours.** Space is limited! Reserve now to guarantee your slot. Contact Jim O'Sullivan, 843-671-2079 or [osullivanj55@gmail.com](mailto:osullivanj55@gmail.com).

**September 10: MotorSport Park at Radnor Hunt.** This will be the fourth year for this event. <http://radnorconcours.org/>

\*\*\*\*\***May 16 - 22, 2018:\*\*\*\*\* StarFest 2018.** Alabama Section -- In Birmingham, Vance, Talladega, and Huntsville Alabama. Mark your calendars. Details will follow.

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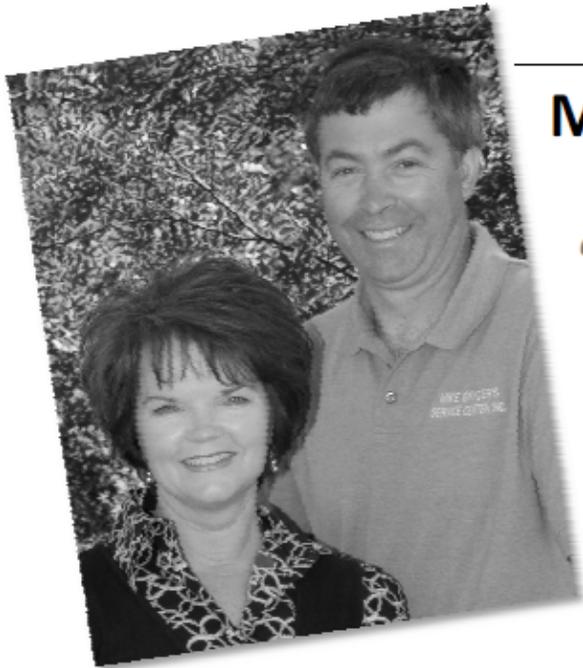
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