



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA
January / February 2020

Happy New Year!

Keystone Section Events 2020

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****February 9 (Sun.): 2020 Kick-Off Luncheon, First Post Restaurant, York, PA

****March 21 (Sat.): AACA Museum and lunch at Fenicci's of Hershey, Hershey, PA

****April 18 (Sat.): Tech Session at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster, East Petersburg, PA

May 1 - 3 (Fri. thru Sun.): Annual Kentucky Derby Weekend, Cape May NJ

Local Spring-Summer Non-Club Events:

May 16 (Sat.): Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, PA

June 6 (Sat.): World War II Enactment, Reading Airport, Reading PA

July 11 (Sat.): Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Oley, PA

August (Sat.): Stoudt's Brewery, Adamstown, PA TBD

September 13 (Sun.): Keystone Section Picnic, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA

October (Sun.): Fall Road Rally, Date TBD

November 14 (Sat.): 2021 Planning Meeting, M B of Lancaster, East Petersburg, PA.

Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2021 Contact Marty Rexroth,
717-764-0624 or marstang@aol.com, to attend, or if you have ideas for events.

December 5 (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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From our President



Cannonball!

As a kid, one of my favorite movies was a comedy about a coast to coast race called, "The Gumball Rally". The setting was an illegal race from

New York City to Long Beach, California. Drivers with "skills" were invited to the race. Vehicles that participated ranged from an AC Cobra, an imposter police car, a hopped-up Camaro Z28, a Chevy Van with a dangerously huge fuel tank in the cargo area for extended range, and one of my favorites, a silver Mercedes Benz 300SL roadster. The goal of the race was to leave New York and drive cross country in the shortest amount of time. It was true fantasy, as someone actually doing this would end up in jail. In the 1980's, a similar movie was released called "Cannonball Run". You are probably familiar with it, as it featured an all-star cast. Cannonball Run was even more zany than Gumball. Again, just fantasy.

In recent years I have come to find out that the Cannonball was an actual race run since 1979, conceived by the late automotive journalist Brock Yates. From what I understand, Mr. Yates did spend some time in jail after being nabbed traveling at a high rate of speed during the race.

There are teams still competing in this unofficial, unsanctioned, highly illegal race. The last 2 winning teams had something in common; they set the records driving a Mercedes Benz. The 2013 record was set by a team driving a 2004 CL55 AMG. Their record was 28 hours and 50 minutes, with an AVERAGE speed of 98 mph.

Just last year on November 10, another team driving another Mercedes, this time a 2015 E63 sedan, left Manhattan. 27 hours and 25 minutes later, the team arrived in Redondo Beach, California. They traveled 2825 miles in that short time. Their average speed, a blazing 103 mph! Apparently, they reached a top speed of 198 mph at one point during the cross-country trek. We all know why these teams chose Mercedes. Truly designed for safe, secure high-speed motoring!

Got a Cannonball story to share? Come out to one of our upcoming events. I'd love to hear your driving story.

Marty

February 2020 Kick-Off Luncheon

Please join us for our first meeting of 2020. It will be a "lunch and greet" on February 9, 2020, 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 2019. 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, 2019. 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 9th, please call me prior to 10:00 am to find out if the luncheon is still on.

It is imperative that you RSVP by February 6th to Donna Copenheaver, maxanddonna@verizon.net, 717-764-5890, or text to 717-801-2531. We must have as accurate a count as possible for the restaurant to set up our room.

Antique Automobile Club of America Museum Tour & Lunch March 21st, 2020



On Saturday, March 21st we will meet at 10am at the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Museum, 161 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA for a guided tour. Cost is \$10.00 per person, payable the day of the event.

In addition to the over 80 plus vehicles on display there is also an incredible permanent display of three Tuckers including engines, mechanicals, and automobilia from the Tucker collector and historian David Cammack (who was a member of MBCA Greater Washington Section). Visit the museum website to see all of the special displays available at this time. www.aacamuseum.org

After the tour we will meet for lunch at Feniccis of Hershey, 102 West Chocolate Avenue, Hershey, PA 17033 717-533-7159. Check out their menu at www.feniccis.com

RSVP by Wed, March 18 to John Dalton, Jdalton720@comcast.net or 717-921-8607 (leave a message). We need a count for the restaurant and the museum.

National and Regional Events 2020

February 29: Northern NJ Section Tech Session Exoticars USA 636 Frenchtown Road, Milford, NJ 08848. RSVP Lucille Chabala, Luluchab@aol.com or 973-731-9133

March 5 - 8: Amelia Island Concours D'Elegance Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island, FL Mark your calendars. For more information visit www.mbca.org.

March 29: Northern NJ Section 19th Annual Antiques Road Show Bridgewater Manor, Bridgewater NJ. 12 noon. RSVP Lucille Chabala, Luluchab@aol.com or 973-731-9133

June 22 - 28, August 31 - Sept 6 & September 7 - 13: 2020 Germany Trips. Contact Jim O'Sullivan, osullivanj55@gmail.com, or 843.671.2079, or visit www.mbca.org for more info.

Tech Session at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster April 18, 2020

The Keystone Section Technical Session for 2020 will be held Saturday, April 18 at 10:00 am. Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster will be hosting the event for us. The dealership is located at 5100 Main Street (Rt. 72) in East Petersburg. Cost is \$5.00.

Mercedes Benz of Lancaster always provides a quality experience. Come out to enjoy the fellowship of other members and the dealership staff.

Directions: Take Rt. 72N from Rt. 283 or Rt. 30.

Cost: \$5.00. Payable either before or at the event. Make checks payable to: Keystone Section MBCA

Mercedes Benz of Lancaster Tech Session April 18, 2020

Name _____ # attending _____ @ \$5.00 each

phone# _____ e-mail _____

Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 14 to:

Marty Rexroth
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Please make checks payable to: Keystone Section

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Holiday Party 2019~~

Another Special Evening!

The Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, was the site of our 2019 holiday celebration for the 18th. year. Our party was held Saturday evening, Dec. 14, and it was another great evening, with 34 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. Our section also gave a check in the amount of \$250.

Following dinner, we conducted a short business meeting, during which President, Marty Rexroth presented Pete Mory with the Member of the Year plaque. Pete has been instrumental in planning several of our recent events and has introduced us all to the many train lovers' venues in our area. Door prize drawings were then held with gifts for all! We thank Chris Boland, General 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 2020 and see for yourself! We have already set aside Saturday, December 5th. 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.



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

Mercedes Benz of Lancaster's Service Dept. has asked that our members 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.

Web Master Needed!

Our section has been without a webmaster for the last couple years, and our web site is woefully out of date. If you have any experience or would like to learn to take care of our site, please contact one of your officers ASAP!

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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.

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