



# Mercedes-Benz Club of America

**Keystone Star**  
Keystone Section of Central PA

January / February 2018

*Happy New Year!*

## Keystone Section Events 2018

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\*\*\***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 (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

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

June: TBD

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

August: Possible Auto Cross (TBD)

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

October: Fall Road Rally

November 10 (Sat): 2018 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](mailto: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. Five rooms will be held until **November 1**. 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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## President's Message~~~~~

Happy 2018 everyone! As the new year begins I find myself reflecting on all of the club events that took place in 2017.

One of the highlights at the Holiday Party in December is to present a Keystone Section member with the Member of the Year award. It was my honor to present the 2017 award to John Kitner (see picture with Holiday Party article). John and his wife Jan have been active members, planning many events, and sharing their love of Mercedes. The Mercedes Benz Club of

America is about members. We are car enthusiasts, but interacting with other members is key. John himself often says, "We are a Members club, not an Owners club", as ownership of a Mercedes is not required to be a member.

When I became a member back in 2003 after purchasing a W210 E320 Sedan, I was in my late 30's, and one of the youngest members in the Keystone Section. I'm puzzled to say that 15 years later, I am still one of the youngest members.

We take great pride in planning events to appeal to everyone, yet there seems to be a lack of interest from younger Mercedes owners. It would be wonderful to see younger Mercedes enthusiasts at events. I have always viewed car ownership as an extension of myself and my personality. Do younger Mercedes drivers just view the amazing style and amenities of their car as they would an appliance? If you're a young Mercedes fan, please consider attending one of our upcoming events! If you have an idea for an event please let us know! Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Marty Rexroth

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**\*\*\*\*\*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.**

## February 2018 Kick-Off Luncheon

Please join us for our first meeting of 2018. It will be a "lunch and greet" on February 11, 2018, 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 2017. 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, 2017. 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](http://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 11th 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. 18th if needed.

**RSVP by February 8th to Donna Copenheaver, 717 764-5890, or text to 717 801-2531.**



### **For Sale**

**1986 420 SEL.** Silver with Dark Blue leather interior. Asking \$ 5995. Car is in good condition; new tires, front brake pads, no rust. Has 153,000 miles, is driven weekly, and inspected until 2017. Selling due to retirement (and purchase of a 2013 550 SL). Interested parties can email me at [hls550SL@gmail.com](mailto:hls550SL@gmail.com) or phone 814.742.9002.

**4 1978 240D wheel covers,** 3 blue and 1 gray. \$100 OBO Contact Larry Walters, 717-218-4713 (voice mail).

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### **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 MBCA,** 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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## 2018 Planning Meeting Held on November 11

Our planning meeting for our 2018 monthly events was held on Saturday November 11 at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster. We met in one of the conference rooms at 10 am to discuss our 2018 events.

We have a great schedule of events for this year, and still a little room for more. Let us know if you have any ideas going forward, and we will consider them on the schedule. We enjoyed a luncheon after our meeting.

If have any ideas for events, please notify Marty Rexroth, [marstang@aol.com](mailto:marstang@aol.com), or 717-764-0624.



## Penn National Race Course at Hollywood Casino in March



Join us on Saturday, March 24th. for a fun evening of dining and watching the races at Penn National Race Course, 777 Hollywood Drive, Grantville PA 17028, just off Rt. 81 at exit 80. We will meet in the Mountain View Restaurant at 5:30. The large windows offer a great view of Blue Mountain, and the racetrack. Catch all the horse racing action from our

trackside table while their skilled staff prepare sandwiches, appetizers and entrees featuring grilled steaks, seafood and more, for your dining pleasure. Check out their menu at [www.hollywoodpnrc.com/racing](http://www.hollywoodpnrc.com/racing).

Contact John Kitner, [kitjan613@aol.com](mailto:kitjan613@aol.com) to RSVP by March 17, and/or for more info. We are planning some fun betting games for the evening, so bring your "good luck" and join us for some spring fun at the races!

## Holiday Party 2017~~

### Another Special Evening!

The Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, was the site of our 2017 holiday celebration for the 16th. year. Our party was held Saturday evening, Dec. 2, 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, we decided to make our December event special by having a charitable feature. 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 John Kitner with the Member of the Year plaque. John plans a least one event each year, and has recently stepped in to take over as section VP. 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 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 2018 and see for yourself! We have already reserved Saturday, December 1st. 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 2018**

**May 14 - 21, 2018: StarFest 2018.** Alabama Section -- In Birmingham, Vance, Talladega, and Huntsville Alabama. Mark your calendars. For more information, visit [www.starfest2018.mbca.org](http://www.starfest2018.mbca.org). Register at [www.msreg.com/starfest2018](http://www.msreg.com/starfest2018). Jim Roberts, StarFest2018 chair, [jertoosaver@gmail.com](mailto:jertoosaver@gmail.com).

**June 18 - 24, July 16 - 22, Sept 24 - 30: 2018 Germany Trips.** Contact Jim O'Sullivan, [osullivanj55@gmail.com](mailto:osullivanj55@gmail.com), or 843.671.2079. Optional river cruises will, also, be offered. For info on cruises contact Randy Norris at Frosch Travel, 800.878.2929 x 7105.

**September 15: Mercedes and Muskets.** Eastern Regional Event. colonial Williamsburg. Hosted by Carolinas Section. Nick Pasquine: Nick [Pasq@aol.com](mailto:Pasq@aol.com), 803.283.3144

**September 25 - 29: Silver Stars and Golden Aspens.** Colorado driving tour hosted by Pike's Peak Section. Steve Dierks, [steve.dierks@gmail.com](mailto:steve.dierks@gmail.com), 719.576.9737.

## 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](mailto:maxanddonna@verizon.net).

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John & Jane Petermann of Lancaster  
Dinh Tran of Manheim  
Marion & Kathryn Van Fosson of Lititz  
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**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](http://mbusa.com/mercedes/recall).



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