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Keystone Section of Central PA

July / August 2014

Keystone Section Events 2014

February 16 (Sun.): 2014 Kick-Off dinner at Crimson American Grill, York, PA
March 22 (Sat.): Tech Session at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster
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 14 (Sat.): Swigart Antique Auto Museum & Lincoln Caverns, Huntingdon, PA

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

*******July 12 (Sat.):** Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Oley, PA.
*******August 3 (Sun.):** Ma & Pa Railroad Preservation Society, Muddy Creek Forks.
*******August 16 & 17 (Sat. & Sun.):** Regional Defensive Driving Class & Auto Cross at Lancaster Labs, Lititz, PA

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, kitjan613@aol.com or 717-872-2988, for more information.

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From our President~~~~~~~~~

Thanks to everyone who attended the Cape May weekend and the Carlisle Import and Kit Car Show. Thanks to Jan and John Kitner who organized a driving tour from Harrisburg to the Swigart Museum and Lincoln Caverns in Huntington.

I traveled to MBUSA headquarters in Montvale New Jersey on June 7 to help judge the June Jamboree Regional show. This year I judged interiors of classic Mercedes from the 1950's to the early 1970's including a 300SL, 190SL, and several 280SL's along with many elegant coupes, cabrios, and sedans. I also got a briefing on the upcoming B-Class Electric Drive by the electric product manager for MBUSA. It will have a range of about 85 miles. It uses the same electric motor found in the Tesla S. It sacrifices some horsepower, but it has fewer batteries. Lighter weight and less power equals better range. I was quite impressed at the level of safety that went into protecting the batteries located under the floor. The batteries are surrounded by a tubular frame and have further protection underneath. It can be re-charged overnight in the garage or can be re-charged quicker at charging stations like the ones now located in the MBUSA parking lot. It's very roomy considering the exterior dimensions and adds versatility through the hatchback and fold down rear seats. They should be on-sale in our area within the year starting at $41,450.

Please plan to participate in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Autocross on Aug. 17 that our section will be hosting. We last hosted a regional autocross in 2004. The Delaware Valley and Northern New Jersey Sections will be providing cones and other assistance. Even if you don't wish to compete, please consider volunteering for the defensive driving on Saturday or the auto cross on Sunday. If you have any young drivers in your household, please encourage them to attend the defensive driving course. Please see the article in this newsletter.

Larry

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DEUTSCHE CLASSIC CAR SHOW Oley, PA JULY 12, 2014

We will be returning to the Deutsche Classic Car show at the Oley Fairgrounds. Oley is northeast of Reading. The show is rain or shine and starts at 8:00 am and ends at 4 pm. Cars on display will include: Audi, BMW, Mercedes Benz, Porsche and Volkswagen as well as the unique "orphan" cars. German motorcycles will also be displayed in a non-judged display. This show continues to grow every year and is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Last year, we had over 30 Mercedes-Benz models on display. Other activities include a tire toss for the men and a ladies in jeans German car trivia contest for the women. Top prizes are a new set of tires and $300, respectively.

The general admission price is $17, which includes 5 Free food and beverage tickets. Children under age 12 are free. The cost to show your car is $25 which includes one admission ticket and 5 food tickets. The judged show will have winners for each marque. Other trophies, such as best motor and best interior will also be presented. Judged cars must be on the field by 11:30 am. The judging process is very relaxed. We encourage all members to display their cars regardless of age or condition so that our club will be well represented. Awards will be presented at 3:00 pm. If you have a car for sale, you can put it in the car coral for $25. You can also get a vendor space for the same fee.

As the word spreads about PA's only all German car show, more neighboring section members continue to join our ranks every year. Keith and Phil Morgan will be driving down from Maine once again this year. Please plan to join us for a fun day. You'll never know what you will see.

For more information please visit their website at www.deutscheclassic.com. There is no official pre-registration. Just register at the gate. Please contact Larry Taylor at (717) 627-1423 or larryt543@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Directions:

Rt. 30 East or PA Turnpike (Reading Exit) to US-222 N. Proceed 20 miles from Turnpike Exit to 73 E. Proceed 7 miles. Watch for signs.

*****For Sale*****

1975 450SL: Convertible Silver/Blue leather/Navy soft top/Silver hardtop. 64,700 miles. Garage kept, very good condition. All MB service records, original Becker, heated rear window, auto, cruise, hardtop storage rack & covers. $12.900. Brian 717-580-4369; bkfpsych@hotmail.com (PA)

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: wbarnes@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. $12,500 Contact John Kitner, 717-872-2988 or kitjan613@aol.com.

Tires for Sale: Two P185/75R14 (89S) Mud and Snow TOYO ECLIPSE. White wall, Steel belted radial with 9/32" tread depth. RATINGS: Tread wear 580, Traction A, Temperature B. Original equipment size for 1979 MB 280 SE & 300SD. Asking $75 for the pair. Pete Mory 717-793-8093

Welcome New Members!

Ronald Costen of Harrisburg
Jack & Sharon Henderson of Hershey
Kathy Mattioda of Conestoga
Nathan Nardi of Greencastle
Hans & Carol Richter of East Petersburg
William Riley of Lancaster
Rose Rupert of York
Stefanie Shippy of York
James Tubay of Ephrata

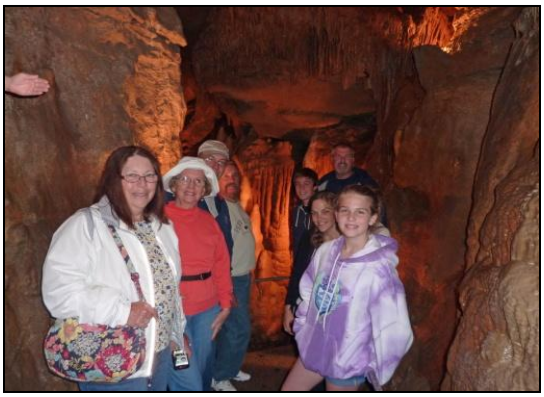
Hope to meet you all at a future event!

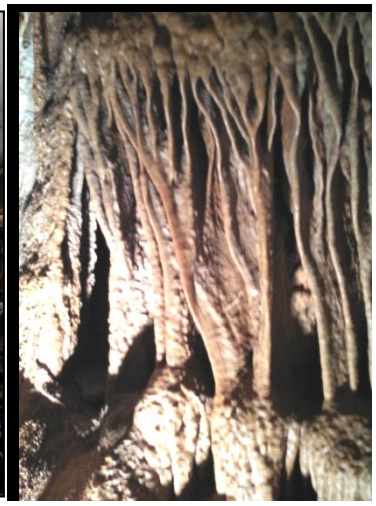
In June We Looked at Antique Cars and Then Went Underground!

In the hopes of inducing more of our State College area members to attend our events, we planned a trip to Swigart Antique Auto Museum and Lincoln Caverns in Huntingdon, PA on Saturday, June 14.

We provided two choices for our trip....meet us at our first venue, Swigart's, or join our car caravan leaving from McDonald's in Harrisburg. Our tour of the antique auto museum took us about an hour. We did a self-tour with Swigart folks (including Pat Swigart) on hand to answer any questions we may have had about the wonderful autos on display.

After our museum tour, we stopped for lunch at Top's Diner, and went underground to tour two spectacular crystal caverns, Lincoln Caverns and Whisper Rocks. A wide variety of speleothems (cave formations), including delicate crystals, sparkling stalactites, and massive flowstones, awaited around every turn! We had a great guide for our tour, and he made it very interesting and fun!





Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Heritage Village Sun., Aug. 3, 2014

By Pete Mory

We will be taking a Journey one century back in time on this excursion as we visit a preserved early 20th century village and railroad. In addition to the railroad and its equipment, you will see a multi-story general store, mill, and grain elevator. Take a self guided walking tour of the village and listen to docents explain life a century ago. You will have the opportunity to ride on a unique train made up of track maintenance vehicles pre-dating the high-rail truck era. See full size railroad equipment under restoration.

The Village will be open to the public from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on this day so your recommended arrival time is between 1:00 and 1:15 pm. Trains leave approximately every hour at about quarter after and the ticket fare is $7 for adults and $5 for children. Tour the village and it's many buildings at no charge. Docents will be present in the Mill complex, General Store, Ticket Office, and on the Train.

Following our visit we will gather for dinner at The Great American Saloon in Red Lion.

Directions to the museum in Muddy Creek Forks, Southern York County:

From York: take PA Route 74 south to Brogue, go right (at the post office) on Muddy Creek Forks Road for 5 miles to the railroad track. Parking is available in the field on the left.

From Baltimore: take I-83 north to Shrewsbury, follow PA Route 851 east for 10.7 miles to New Park, then bear left onto New Park Road for 6 miles to the railroad track. Park in the field on the right.

For more information, visit www.MaAndPaRailroad.com.

Please RSVP to Pete Mory (717-793-8093) or Larry Taylor, larryt543@comcast.net by Sun., July 20.

Ma & Pa Railroad Heritage Village/Great American Saloon Excursion

Name:_____ Email:_____

Number attending: Ma & Pa Railroad _____ (purchase tickets on site)
Great American Saloon _____ (separate checks at restaurant)

RSVP by Sunday, July 20, 2014 to:

Pete Mory
3161 South Salem Church Road
York, PA 17408

Pennsylvania License Plate Program for MBCA

At this time there has been no increase in the cost of our MBCA plates, as announced last newsletter.

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.

MBCA MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL AUTOCROSS
EUROFINS LANCASTER LABS, LANCASTER PA
AUGUST 17, 2014

This event is being hosted by the Keystone Section at Eurofins Lancaster Labs, 2430 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, PA. We will be putting on a defensive driving clinic for the lab's employees' children on Saturday August 16 starting at 9:00 am. We will also have a defensive driving clinic for our members on Sunday August 17 starting at 9:00 am followed by an autocross. Practice runs will be before lunch. The official runs will be after lunch. Great Lakes Regional Director Frank Cozza and his wife Mary Alice will be assisting with all of the events.

An autocross consists of a course defined by orange pylons on a parking lot. This large lot is smooth, flat, and doesn't have any islands or light poles. The goal is to navigate your car through the course in the quickest time. You will learn about the braking and handling characteristic of your Mercedes. The skills you learn will help to make you a better and safer driver. Helmets that meet SNELL 2005 or newer rating, such as SNELL 2010) are required. DOT only is not sufficient. We will try to have a few loaner helmets available. All cars must undergo a short tech inspection on-site. Please remove all loose objects from your car. This is a Mercedes-Benz only event, but you may use any vehicle for defensive driving.

Trophies will be presented for each class. The cost is $25 per driver and $10 for guests, which includes lunch. We could use some extra volunteers for both days. Spectators are welcome as well.

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Please RSVP by August 13 to:

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Make checks payable to Keystone Section, MBCA

Driver 1 _____________ Year and MB Model _________ e-mail _______________________

Driver 2 ______________Year and MB Model_________ Phone # __________________

Extra guest lunches _________ Total Due = $25/driver + $10 extra lunches = _______

****************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. 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.
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