



# Mercedes-Benz Club of America

## Keystone Star Keystone Section of Central PA

May / June 2018

### Keystone Section Events 2018

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 28 (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

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

\*\*\*\*Local Spring-Summer Non-Club Events: May 19 (Sat.): Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, PA

June 8 - 10 (Fri - Sun): Elegance at Hershey Events

\*\*\*\*June 16 (Sat.): Rescheduled: Penn Nat'l Race Course Dining and Racing, Grantville, PA

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

August: (TBD)

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

October: Fall Road Rally

November 10 (Sat): 2019 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~~~~~

How do I look?

Just before the start of our recent technical session at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster I was taking care of some last minute details when I saw something that stopped me in my tracks. I'm normally not one for "selfies", but I snapped a picture and sent it off to my son with the caption: "How do I look?" My son immediately replied, "Is that the new

AMG E63S!?!? Looking back into my childhood in the 1970s, Mercedes Benz has always held a special allure for me. The Wagner family that moved to my hometown from Germany had a Mercedes. I always looked at it with wonder as I walked by their house. They had a Volkswagen bus too, which was also kind of cool. That allure and wonder turned to magic when I bought my first Mercedes. Cars with amazing styling that is frequently copied by others. Doors that go "thunk" when you close them and unrivaled fit and finish. The magic continues. After the technical session was over I heard someone yell from the showroom, "Hey Marty, how do we look!!??" Member Eric Shank and his son were both seated in the E63S. I knew exactly how he felt. Please join us at an upcoming event to share the magic of Mercedes Benz together.



Marty Rexroth

### \*\*\*\*\*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.**

### **MBCA 2018 National Election**

Mercedes-Benz Club of America will conduct a National Election this year to select four Directors at Large and six Regional Directors. The Directors at Large whose terms expire in 2018 are: Julie Bruggner, Scott Suits, Sr., Cliff Reyle and Frank Cozza. Regional Directors in the six even-numbered Regions will also be elected this year. Affected regions include: Mid-Atlantic Region (2), South Central Region (4), Southwest Region (6), Great Lakes Region (8), Southeast Region (10) and the Eastern Region (12).

Active members interested in running for office are encouraged to go online for information and petition forms: 1) Go to [www.mbc.org](http://www.mbc.org); 2) click the 'Login' button at the top right corner of the home page and follow the log-in instructions; 3) click on the navigation tab titled "Community" then click on the drop down titled "MBCA Resources." The printable petition forms are under the "Election" section.

Completed Nomination Petitions and Conflict of Interest forms are due at the NBO by May 15, 2018.

If you need assistance, please call the NBO at 800.637.2360, 8am-4:30pm MT (M-T) 8am-4pm MT (F). The deadline for submitting valid petitions is close of business Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Steve Ross

2018 Election Committee Chair

## Local Events of Interest Spring-Summer 2018

### Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals Saturday, May 19th

We have reinvented a nearly 30-year tradition by transcending all marques, scenes and styles, the Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals features more than 2,000 show vehicles. Joining together the two shows will create a larger, more exciting and action-packed show experience. In addition to the aforementioned imports, this exciting new event welcomes domestics, kit cars, motorcycles and trucks as well. From around the world, see the top builds, restorations, clubs and brands. In addition to thousands of show cars, get your high-octane adrenaline rush with autocross, drifting, rolling exhaust competition, burnouts and more. Each year, cars flock to this east coast event and you don't want to miss it! Keystone Section attendees may meet each other at the German/Mercedes area on Saturday, May 20th. We do not have a club set-up at this event, but you may find other section members in this area.

[Online show field registration](#) is now available for the event. If you'd prefer, registration is also available by calling our office at (717) 243-7855. Please note: refunds will not be issued less than 19 days prior to the beginning of the event and winners' lists are subject to change.

Adult Admission: Daily Fri.- Sat. \$10 / Sun \$7 / Event Pass \$15

Kids 12 and Under FREE

Event Hours Thu.-Sat. 7am-6pm , Sun. 9am-12pm

Parking: Fri. \$5 / Sat. \$10 / Sun. Free

### Grand Ascent /Cars & Coffee Friday & Saturday June 8th & 9th The Elegance at Hershey Sunday June 10th

**The Grand Ascent** appeals to enthusiasts and curious spectators alike. Sanctioned by the **Vintage Sports Car Club of America (VSCCA)**, the two-day hill climb event includes a sponsor /vendor area for marketing to participants and the general public.

**Cars & Coffee** will be returning again on Saturday, **June 9**, adding to the celebration and the sophistication of our three-day event. This is a great opportunity to walk amount vintage/classic sports and race cars. Only \$10 per car.

**The Elegance**, modeled after the finest concours in Europe and America, The Elegance is a genteel garden party featuring the world's finest collector cars, arrayed around the classically manicured gardens of The Hotel Hershey®. Car owners, hotel guests, and those who appreciate automotive history gather for a day of mutual admiration and relaxed camaraderie. Sprinkled among the fabulous and famous cars will be tents filled with art and other treasures. A special Afterglow reception for participants and sponsors concludes The Elegance weekend. For more info and pricing visit [www.theeleganceathershey.com](http://www.theeleganceathershey.com).

#### 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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**Rescheduled  
 Penn National Race Course at  
 Hollywood Casino in June**

Join us on Saturday, June 16th. 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. See their menu at [www.hollywoodpnrc.com/racing](http://www.hollywoodpnrc.com/racing).

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!

To RSVP, or for more info contact John Kitner, [kitjan613@aol.com](mailto:kitjan613@aol.com), or 717-872-2988 by Thurs., June 14th.

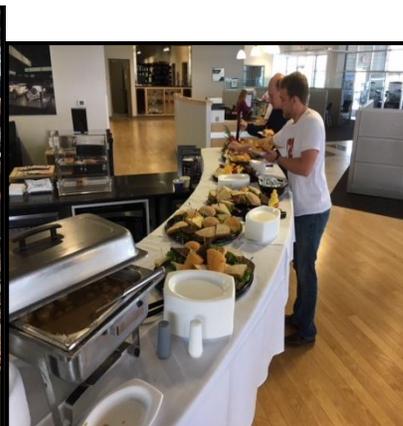
**Tech Session at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster April 28, 2018**

The Keystone Section Technical Session for 2018 was held Saturday April 28 at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster. Over 20 members were in attendance. The event was held in the shop, in front of a late model C Class that was on a lift for us to examine. The subject for our day was Mercedes Maintenance, which was presented by Shop foreman Gene Eshleman who gave an enjoyable, interesting, and thorough presentation showing what is checked and or replaced during scheduled A and B services. It was very interesting to hear from the maintenance experts, themselves, why the timing of these levels is so important to the cars continued good performance. After the presentation, a delicious lunch was served.

We would like to thank Ted Fleck, Gene Eshelman, General Manager, Chris Bolen, and all the great folks at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster for another helpful and informative tech day.



Our speakers, Gene Eshleman & Ted Fleck



Wonderful Lunch



Our Members listen to session

## DEUTSCHE CLASSIC CAR SHOW Oley, PA JULY 14, 2018

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. 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 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. 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.

The general admission price is \$17, which includes 5 Free food and beverage tickets. Children under age 12 are free.

For more information, visit their website at <http://www.deutscheclassic.com> There is no official pre-registration. Just register at the gate. Contact John Kitner, [kitjan613@aol.com](mailto:kitjan613@aol.com), or 717-872-2988 if you have any questions.

### **Directions to 26 Jefferson Street Oley, PA 19547 :**

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.

## 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.

**June 23: June Jamboree 2018.** Northern New Jersey Section. The June Jamboree is the longest running MBCA Concours event. Registration will begin on 5/15/18 - [Please visit our Website](#) to Register. Location: Black Bull Steakhouse, 88 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Riverdale, NJ 07457

**August 19 (Sun): Pocono Raceway Car Show.** Northeast PA Section. Register for free tickets by Aug. 3. Contact [achristensen@comcast.net](mailto:achristensen@comcast.net) for more info.

**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.



## \*~\*~\*Annual Cape May Weekend~\*~\*~\*

Four couples made the annual trek to Cape May the weekend of May 4 for our annual Kentucky Derby weekend (unfortunately, one couple had to return home). We had beautiful weather to enjoy a few days of relaxation and fun at the beach, before the summer crowds

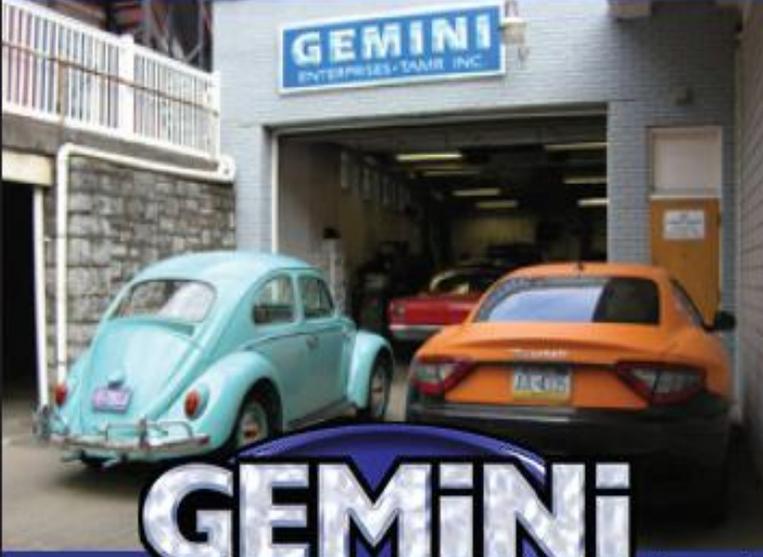
arrive. This annual event had fewer attendees than normal this year, but a great time was had by all who stayed the weekend.

Due to our fewer numbers, we held our Derby party at a local eatery, and watched the race on their TVs. We picked numbers to match the horses in the race, and pitched in our \$\$ as usual. Joanne Furman & Gregg Towson hosted our outing again this year, taking over from long-time hosts, John and Mary Kensek. Joanne Furman's horses took both first and second places, (she was wishing she had a real bet!), and Greg Towson's horse placed third. Our cute "traveling trophy", Booby, the wonder horse, which goes to the last place finisher each year, went home this year with Denise Hussar.



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### Welcome New Members!

Susan Fees of Duncansville  
Mark Hatfield of Hanover  
Dale Shade of Dauphin  
Daniel Waltersdorff of Hanover

**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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