



# Mercedes-Benz Club of America

## Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

May/June 2013

### Keystone Section Events 2013

February 17 (Sun.): 2013 Kick-Off dinner at Roosevelt Tavern in York, PA

March 23 (Sat.): Rolls-Royce Foundation Museum in Mechanicsburg, PA

April 13 (Sat.): New Facility Tour, Mercedes of Lancaster

May 3-5 (Fri. thru Sun.): Annual Kentucky Derby weekend in Cape May, NJ

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

**\*\*\*May 18 (Sat.):** Carlisle Import and Kit Car Show, Carlisle, PA

**\*\*\*June 16 (Sun.):** Auto Cross at Lancaster Labs, Leola, PA,

**\*\*\*July 13 (Sat.):** Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Oley, PA.

August 17 (Sat): Tour of Mercedes Vehicle Prep Center, Baltimore, MD

September 15 (Sun): Picnic at Allenberry Playhouse, Boiling Springs, PA

October: Fall Rally

November 11 (Mon.): 2014 Planning Meeting at Culhane's Restaurant 6 PM

Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2014. Contact Larry Taylor, 717-627-1423 or [larryt543@yahoo.com](mailto: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 7 (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 7**. 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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## Tour and Tech Session at the New Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster Dealership on April 13, 2013

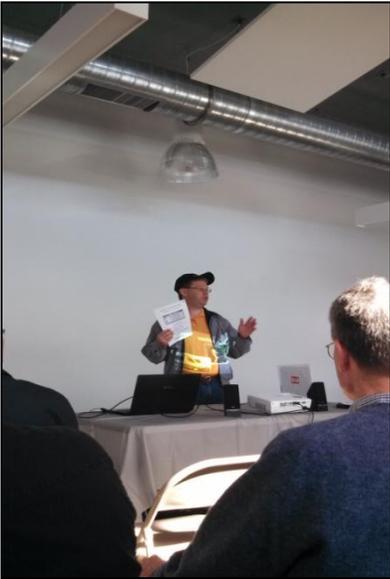
We had a fantastic turnout for the tour and tech session at the new Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster dealership. Over 35 members and guests met to learn about the Sprinter vans, detailing tips, and a private tour of the new facilities.

Service Manager Mark Smalley welcomed us to the tech session which was held at the far end of the extended showroom. Brad Strine introduced us to the Sprinter vans through an informative PowerPoint presentation. He explained the different configurations such as mobile office, ambulance, motorhome, work vans, and delivery vans. He also talked about the various safety systems and how they have been adapted to these unique vehicles.

Freddie Soto talked about the newest detailing products. Clay bars are great at removing road grime but can be a bit cumbersome to use. He recommended the new clay bar towels which costs about \$60, but can outlast several traditional clay bars. As far as waxes go, carnauba will give you a deeper shine, but the newer synthetic paint sealants will protect better and last longer.

Mark gave us an extensive tour of the new facilities. We got to see the shop with over 20 lifts and the hi-tech car wash, which is now open to the public. Planning and construction took over 2 years.

We ended our visit with a lovely lunch consisting of sandwiches, salads, drinks and cookies. Thanks again to Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster for opening their doors to us at their new dealership. Remember, they still offer club members a 15% discount on parts and labor.



Brad Strine gives us a PowerPoint intro to Sprinters.



Mark Strine gives us the grand tour.

Larry Taylor starts our tech/tour of the new Mercedes of Lancaster facility.



The new state-of-the-art garage area!

Freddie Soto on detailing.



A well-attended affair!

### National and Regional Events 2013

**May 18 - 21: StarTech 2013:** Vance, Alabama Contact Jim Roberts, [jertoosaver@bellsouth.net](mailto:jertoosaver@bellsouth.net) or [www.alabama.mbca.org](http://www.alabama.mbca.org).

**June 7 - 9: June Jamboree:** 50th Anniversary, MB USA, Montvale, NJ. Contact Lucille Chabala, [luluchab@aol.com](mailto:luluchab@aol.com).

**June 10: The Spring Raffle** give-away is GINORMOUS! In order to award one Grand Prize of a **2013 SL550** valued at \$105,500 plus **\$26,000 cash**, the MBCA MUST sell a minimum of 4,500 raffle tickets . Buy yours today and help support MBCA's biggest fundraiser of the year! Go here <http://intl-stars-section-raffle.mbca.org/> for rules and ticket order form.

**Saturday, June 29th: NEPA Annual Summer Picnic:** Held at Roger & Deb Egolf's near Allentown 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Will include a tech session with the Wheel Collision Center, the area's biggest wheel repair shop.

**2013 Germany Trips:** Stuttgart, Germany July 15 - 21 & September 23-29. Contact Jim O'Sullivan, 617-879-0017 or [jimo55@comcast.net](mailto:jimo55@comcast.net) for more information. See separate article in this newsletter.

### Autocross at Lancaster Labs Sunday June 16, 2013

I am pleased to announce that we have been given permission to hold our annual autocross at Lancaster Laboratories in Leola, PA. I have been employed there for more than 20 years. We recently paved a new parking lot that is free of light poles and is very flat and smooth. There are several restaurants nearby and a gazebo that will seat about 30.

Please be there by 9:30 am and plan to start at 10:00 am. Volunteers would be appreciated starting at 8:00 to help set up the course and help with registration.

An autocross is a driving course that is defined by orange pylons. The object is to navigate your Mercedes through the course in the shortest time. Only one car is permitted on the course at a time. There will be a practice session in the morning with instructors. After lunch, the official runs will take place. The times will be measured by a precise, wireless timing system, which is on loan to us from the MBCA National Office. You can easily measure your progress through the day with your run times. Bill Hopper will be bringing the cones from Greater Washington Section. We will show you what ABS feels like as well as the acceleration and handling characteristics of your particular model. This is a very safe and controlled environment to learn how to really drive your Mercedes!

All drivers must wear a SNELL 2005 or newer helmet, such as SNELL 2010. Helmets that are just DOT approved are not permitted. If you are considering buying a helmet, I would suggest buying the newest that you can such as a SNELL 2010.. You can find these at local motorcycle shops as well as many on-line stores. A few of our members will have helmets to share, but these will be in limited numbers.

Classes will be determined by the models that are entered. Up to 2 drivers are permitted per car. We will have a brief safety inspection of each vehicle before practice. Please leave any loose objects at home. We might have a compressor on-site to inflate your tires, but you might want to bring a portable one, if you have one. The event is rain or shine, unless we experience a hurricane or thunderstorm. If you don't want to compete, we could still use help working the course and timing & scoring. You are certainly welcome to spectate. The club will provide free bottled water and sodas. Only Mercedes-Benz vehicles will be permitted to compete at this event. The cost is \$15 per driver. If you will not be paying in advance, please contact me to help with event planning. Also, feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

#### Directions:

Lancaster Labs is located at 2425 New Holland Pike, Leola, PA 17601  
Harrisburg- 283E to Rt. 30 East to New Holland Pike E (Rt. 23E) for 3.6 miles  
York- Rt. 30 East to New Holland Pike E (Rt. 23E) for 3.6 miles  
Turn right at light on Geist Rd. and then 1<sup>st</sup> left into parking lot

#### Please RSVP by June 13 to :

Larry Taylor, 6 Star Lite Dr., Lititz, PA 17543  
(717) 627-1423 or e-mail: [larryt543@yahoo.com](mailto:larryt543@yahoo.com)

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Driver#1 \_\_\_\_\_ Driver#2 \_\_\_\_\_

MB year and model \_\_\_\_\_ MB year and model \_\_\_\_\_

Modifications \_\_\_\_\_ Modifications \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed = \$15 per person \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Keystone Section, MBCA**

**DEUTSCHE CLASSIC CAR SHOW  
OLEY FAIRGROUNDS, OLEY, PA JULY 13, 2013**

We are excited to announce that the Oley Fairgrounds, 26 Jefferson Street, Oley, PA 19547, is the new venue for the Deutsche Classic Car Show. Our club has attended this great show for several years. Located just 6 miles from Fleetwood, the prior site, the Oley Fairgrounds has plenty of room and upgraded facilities. The show car and vendor fields sport an abundance of grass and shade. Show cars will be parked by marquee – pop-up tents are welcomed where space allows. Throughout Saturday, the Oley Fire Company will prepare a broad and delicious menu of à la carte food in their new state-of-the-art kitchens. Each entry ticket purchased will provide you with your choice of breakfast, lunch and snack food and drinks.

**General Admission** .....\$17 – Gates open at 8:00am – 4:00pm

Includes: Five (5) food and beverage coupons redeemable for a large selection of breakfast, lunch and snack food prepared by the Oley Fire Company; Car Show; Swap Meet; & Entertainment! Children 12 and under are admitted free. Food for children may be purchased separately. Free parking.

**Show Car Field**.....\$25 day of show. Includes car show space and 1 General Admission. Cars to be judged must be on show field by 11:30am. Marques: • Audi • BMW • Mercedes-Benz • Opel • Porsche • Volkswagen • Micro/Orphan Cars • Assembled • Industrial / Commercial / Military

**Car Corral**.....\$25 day of show per space. Includes corral “For Sale” space and 1 General Admission.

For more information please visit their website at [www.deutscheclassic.com](http://www.deutscheclassic.com). You can also access the link from our club's website at [www.keystone.mbca.org](http://www.keystone.mbca.org). There is no official pre-registration. Just register at the gate as a **Show Car**, and they will direct you to the Mercedes area. This is a much better way to enjoy the show than the General Admission entry. Please RSVP to Larry Taylor, (717) 627-1423 or [larryt543@yahoo.com](mailto:larryt543@yahoo.com).

**Directions:**

From York-Lancaster: US-30 E. to US-222 N. Proceed 40 miles to 73 E. Proceed 7 miles. Watch for signs..



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William Celio of Arendtsville  
Jerry Cordell of Carlisle  
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William Giles of York  
James Gohn of Mount Joy

Brandon Goodling of Dallastown  
James Harbold of York  
Douglas Hura of Mount Wolf  
James Marcolino of Lancaster  
Phyllis Moore of Lititz  
Fred Motter of York  
Kathy Neighbors of Chambersburg

Hope to see you all at a future event!

## 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 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 two checks: one for \$14 payable to Keystone Section, MBCA, and a second one for

\$20 payable to PENNDOT. Contact John Schumann, 484-410-6344 or [John.W.Schumann@gmail.com](mailto:John.W.Schumann@gmail.com).

### \*\*\*\*\*EDITOR'S NOTE\*\*\*\*\*

#### Do we have your Email Address?

With our January issue this year, I have begun to email the newsletter to those members whose email we have on file. Doing this, will save our section about \$1000 each year on copy and postage costs. 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.

If you are receiving this newsletter by mail, it may be because we do not have a valid email for you, so contact me if you wish to receive future newsletters by email. Aside from savings on mailings, this helps us with last-minute reminders, and changes to or cancellation of events. Of course, you may always choose to continue to receive your newsletter by regular mail. Thanks for your help with this matter!

Jan Kitner

### \*\*\*For Sale\*\*\*

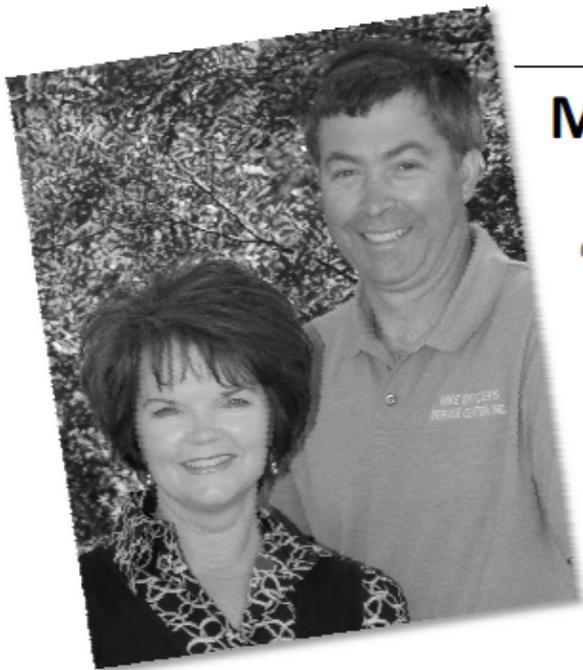
**MB for sale in York, PA. -- 1988 420SEL** in pristine shape with 138,000 miles. It is listed on eBay and Craigslist. eBay ID # is 290801158648. Please take a look. I am trying to get between \$4,000 and \$5,000 for it. Contact: [wbarnes@ycp.edu](mailto:wbarnes@ycp.edu) or 7178704505

**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](mailto: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. \$14,500 Contact John Kitner, 717-872-2988 or [kitjan613@aol.com](mailto:kitjan613@aol.com).

### \*\*\*Free To A Good Home\*\*\*

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