



# Mercedes-Benz Club of America

## Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA  
March / April 2019

### Keystone Section Events 2019

February 10 (Sun.): 2019 Kick-Off luncheon at First Post Restaurant, York, PA

March 9 (Sat.): Pennsylvania National Fire Museum, Harrisburg, PA

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

\*\*\*\* April 13 (Sat.): Tech Session at Sun Motorcars, Mechanicsburg, PA

\*\*\*\* May 3 - 5 (Fri. thru Sun.): Annual Kentucky Derby Weekend, Cape May NJ

\*\*\*\* May 12 - 19 (Sun. - Sun): Bermuda Cruise on Celebrity Summit, from Cape Liberty, NJ

#### **Local Spring-Summer Non-Club Events:**

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

June 7 - 9 (Fri - Sun): Elegance at Hershey Events

June 15 (Sat.): Penn Nat'l Race Course Dining and Racing, Grantville, PA

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

August 17 (Sat.): Wilmington & Western Railroad,

September 8 (Sun): Keystone Section Picnic, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA

October 20 (Sun): Fall Road Rally, Lancaster County

November 9 (Sat): 2020 Planning Meeting, M B of Lancaster, East Petersburg, PA.

Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2020. Contact Marty Rexroth, 717-764-0624 or [marstang@aol.com](mailto:marstang@aol.com), to attend, or if you have ideas for events.

December 7 (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](mailto:kitjan613@aol.com) or 717-872-2988, for more information.

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## President's Message

Hi, Everyone!

On February 20,  
our new Mid-Atlantic  
Regional Director, Bill  
Fisher, arranged a  
meeting of Presidents

via a conference call. For a little over an hour, in a roundtable format, all the presidents in the Mid-Atlantic Region discussed the successes and challenges facing our individual sections. Bill is placing an emphasis on activity, participation of events, and getting events on a local level shared on [MBCA.org](http://MBCA.org) as well as in the Star Magazine. Bill is also going to work on a form of master calendar of the Mid-Atlantic to share the events of all sections to bring out interested members that might otherwise miss these events.

My suggestion to Bill on what I would like to see is "the definition of a club member", what draws us to being members, and what events capture our interest. Having this definition would help us in the planning of events and recruitment of new members.

One shocking statistic that was shared by the presidents around Manhattan, Connecticut and Northern New Jersey was that 90% of the Mercedes-Benz owners in those areas are leasing their cars. They also mentioned that the salespeople, service managers, and even general managers in those dealerships are constantly changing. How fortunate we are to have long standing local dealerships having employees with tenure.

When Bill Fisher compiles the Mid-Atlantic calendar, it will be released in an email or upcoming newsletter. In the meantime, check our Keystone Section calendar of upcoming events and come out. You will be glad you did!

Marty

## Tech Session at Sun Motors Mercedes-Benz April 13, 2019

The Keystone Section Technical Session for 2019 will be held Saturday April 13 at 10:00 am. Sun Motors Mercedes-Benz in Mechanicsburg will be hosting the event for us. The dealership is located at 6677 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA.

### The tentative agenda is as follows:

Early morning with Al Moyer and Gary Brown in the shop discussing the new AMG 43 models. (10 until 11)  
Then a tour of the facility by Mike Lombardi and a visit to the new Showroom expansion and Delivery center. (11 until 11:30)

We will then have lunch/dessert and a trip to the Parts Dept. window for a complimentary gift. (11:30 until 12:15)

After lunch we will proceed to the showroom for a brief overview by one of their Product Concierges of the new 2020 GLE and the new A-class. (12:15 until 1:00).

Then questions and answers (1:00 until 1:15).

Sun Motors always provides a quality experience. Come out to enjoy the fellowship of other members and the informative presentation of the dealership staff. Please contact John Kitner, [kitjan613@aol.com](mailto:kitjan613@aol.com) or 717-872-2988 if you are planning to attend. **Cost:** \$5.00. Payable either before (RSVP below) or at the event.



New Showroom Addition

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Sun Motors Tech Session April 13, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 each

phone# \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 9 to:**

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**Welcome New Members!**  
**George Mosch II MD of Clearfield**  
**Jon Seltenheim of Lemoyne**  
**Anthony Sewell of Greencastle**  
**Terriann Shkuda of Hershey**  
**Hope to meet all of you at a future event!**



## February 2019 Kick-Off Luncheon

Our first meeting of 2019 was a "lunch and greet" on February 10 at 1:00 pm at The First Post Public House in York, PA. This is the same restaurant where we held our February meeting in 2018. Everyone raved about the food and the excellent service, so we returned this year.

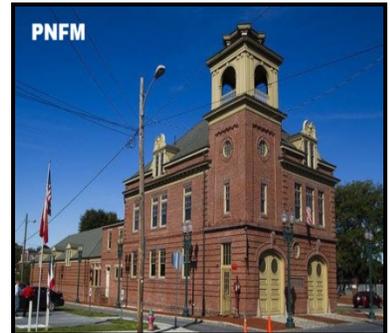
The luncheon is to honor new members, and to Kick-off the 2019 year. We had 16-18 members and guests in attendance. President, Marty Rexroth presented our 2019 planned events at the short business meeting following lunch. Ken Harms mentioned the passing of long-time member and friend, Mary Kensek. John Dalton, our first section president, talked about her work as a charter member to get our section started, and her dedication to our club. She will be missed by all her section friends.

## Pennsylvania National Fire Museum Tour in March



On Saturday, March 9 we toured the 1899 Victorian Firehouse, Home of the Reily Hose Co. No. 10, and experienced the sights and sounds of Firefighting History. The Pennsylvania National Fire Museum, in Harrisburg, features fire apparatus from Handtubs and Steam Pumpers, hand drawn, to horse drawn, to motorized engines, and a 1935 MACK tillered Ladder Truck. An outstanding and varied collection of artifacts are on display. The Fire Museum is 100% volunteer, operated and staffed on a full-time basis, six days a week.

We had 10-12 people in attendance including a new couple who were attending their first outing with us. We had an excellent tour. The Museum staff really rolled out the red carpet for us. We then, adjourned to the Firehouse Restaurant for lunch. Thanks to John Dalton for putting this all together!



### **Mary Kensek**

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of long-time member, Mary Kensek, on February 7, 2019 in Cape Coral, FL. Mary and husband, John, were part of the founding members who helped establish our section in 1986. They were always very active in club events, even after their move to Florida several years ago. Mary planned and hosted our Cape May Kentucky Derby Weekend for many years, and even returning from Florida each year until 2017. Our thoughts and prayers go out to John, and their family. She will be greatly missed by all of us who knew her.

### **Mercedes-Benz Club of America Educational Foundation (MBCAEF)**

The Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) established the Mercedes-Benz Club of America Educational Foundation (MBCAEF) as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in 1997. The newly formed Foundation's goal was to share the rich history and heritage of the Mercedes-Benz automobile through education and preservation.

With the founding objectives clearly in mind, the MBCAEF Board of Directors has launched three initiatives.

**Automobile Restoration Initiative** – There is a strong history of cooperation between Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts and the McPherson College automobile restoration program. The MBCAEF Board views automobile restoration as an excellent means to both educate and preserve Mercedes-Benz automobile history and heritage.

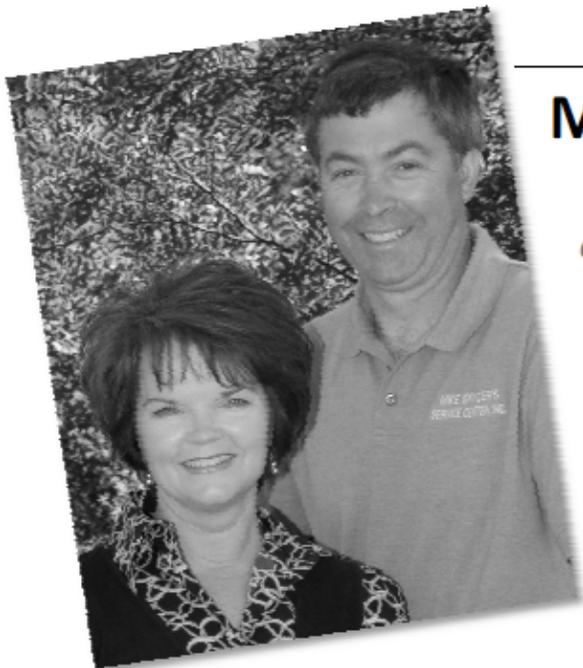
The McPherson College Automobile Restoration Program has announced their acquisition of a 1953 Mercedes-Benz 300S Cabriolet. As part of their strategic plan, they will restore this car and present it at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in 2023. The MBCAEF has contributed funds and Board members, regularly attend the annual McPherson College Automotive Restoration Students (C.A.R.S.) Club weekend event the first weekend in May.

**Driver Skills Initiative** – Each year, too many drivers in the United States and Canada are seriously injured or lose their lives on public roadways. A significant percentage of these drivers are new and inexperienced. In recognition of an educational opportunity that would benefit the greater community of drivers, the MBCAEF developed the Safe Drivers/Safe Families (SD/SF) Driver skills curriculum on behalf of MBCA. The SD/SF curriculum uses a combination of classroom instruction and closed course practical application of vital driving tactics while providing a sustainable and uniform driver skills curriculum that may be applied in all twelve regions of MBCA.

The SD/SF Driver Skills Curriculum is the exclusive property of MBCA and has been formally adopted as the official MBCA driver skills curriculum. The MBCAEF has developed printable pdf documents and has printed Driver Handbooks and Coaches Guides for use by MBCA Regions and Sections who host or sponsor SD/SF events.

**Library Cataloging** - Since inception of the MBCAEF, the Foundation has been recipient of many volumes of literature, video tapes, 16mm films, microfiche film and other assorted materials. It is within the scope of the MBCAEF to organize and catalog, as possible, the materials that now belong to the Foundation. The materials reside at the National Business Office of the Member. Some cataloging of donated materials has been previously accomplished. There has been no recent progress in this initiative.

**Fund Raising** – The MBCAEF accepts cash donations from Sections and members. Additionally, the Foundation is prepared to accept donations of Mercedes-Benz automobiles from members. Because the Foundation is a 501(c)(3), contributions are deductible. Please consider the Mercedes-Benz Club of America Educational Foundation among your charitable giving candidate organizations.



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