



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Section of Central PA

Keystone Star

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November / December 2019

Happy Holidays!

Keystone Section Events 2019

February 10 (Sun.): 2019 Kick-Off Luncheon, First Post Restaurant, York, PA
March 9 (Sat.): Pennsylvania National Fire Museum, Harrisburg, PA
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 Racecourse Dining and Racing, Grantville, PA
July 13 (Sat.): Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Oley, PA
August 18 (Sun.): Wilmington & Western Railroad
September 8 (Sun): Keystone Section Picnic, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA
October 20 (Sun): Fall Road Rally, Lancaster County

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

******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, to attend, or if you have ideas for events.

******December 14 (Sat.):** Holiday Party at Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA (**Note New Date!**)
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 or 717-872-2988, for more information.

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From our President



Back to Philly

Back in September, my son headed off to Philly for his third, six-month college internship. He normally doesn't need a car on campus but requires one for

these internships. Those of you not familiar with my son or his 1998 C280, I will get you caught up. In 2014 my son Marty II convinced me to take a look at a C280 at a local used car lot. I was surprised to find that the car was relatively solid but needed some work. We were both excited to see that it was the sport model which has some neat touches like white face gauges and larger than standard wheels and tires. It had seven previous owners! We did all of the work ourselves from a transmission conductor plate to the air conditioner compressor and evaporator and lots of stuff in between! He was able to attend a Defensive driving course sponsored by the Mercedes Club of America and held locally at our section. The car is confident in Philadelphia traffic and has been stout enough to handle all of the potholes that he has been encountering there. This latest internship has him traveling from his campus in Philadelphia across the Delaware river to Swedesboro New Jersey. I'm just amazed that this car that I thought would last two or three years is still going strong five years later. I will keep you posted on the C280's latest visit to Philly!

As for club news, there have been some new faces at the latest club events. it is so heartwarming to see someone that has never been at a club event enjoying themselves and returning for more!

Please consider coming to our planning meeting Saturday, November 9, 10 AM at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster. If you can't make it, give me a call or shoot an email to me with ideas you have for upcoming events.

Marty

Holiday Party at Eden Resort & Suites

The Eden Resort & Suites, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 will be the site for our 2019 holiday celebration for the 17th. year. We continue to have wonderful results and good feedback, so we return, again & again! This year our party is Saturday, Dec. 14 at 6:30pm. If you haven't attended in the past, you've been missing a great evening. Come out and see for yourself!

We will be celebrating with the "Festive Prime Rib Buffet", which gives us some specialties like butlered hot hors d'oeuvres, and cheese trays during our 6:30 to 7:30 social hour. Eggnog will be served for those in the holiday spirit, and a cash bar will be available for the entire evening. Our dinner includes a served greens salad and dressings, buffet "Salad Station" featuring Fruit, Shrimp, and Tomato Mozzarella salads, 3 entrees: Mediterranean Stuffed Chicken, Salmon with Crab Florentine, and Carved Prime Rib of Beef, Complementing potato and vegetable, Rolls and butter, Coffee, hot tea, and iced tea. An assortment of holiday desserts will round out our dinner.

We are asking for your help in supporting Toys for Tots this year by bringing a new, unwrapped toy as a donation. We have done this for the last two years, and Toys for Tots really appreciates our participation in their cause. Marty Rexroth is our liaison and will see that your donations get delivered to them.

Following dinner, we will conduct our final business meeting of 2019, which will include the "Member of the Year" award. Door prize drawings will follow the meeting.

We will be meeting in the **Embassy Room** this year, best accessed by using the main lobby entrance or entrance J.

Anyone wishing to reserve a room should contact the Eden Resort at 717-569-6444, and mention you are attending the Keystone Section, MBCA holiday event. We still have 3 rooms available in our block, which are held until November 14. You should receive a special rate of \$94.95 plus taxes. After the block expires, you will get a room only if there are rooms available.

The Eden Resort is located on Oregon Pike, (Rt. 272N) just off Rt. 30 in Lancaster. Contact Jan or John Kitner (717-872-2988 or kitjan613@aol.com) with any questions, or for directions. Please, also, let them know if you are attending.

Keystone Section Holiday Party

Name: _____ Email _____ Phone: _____

Members: # _____ @ \$35.00 each = _____
(each member may bring one guest at member price)

Non-Members: # _____ @ \$45.00 each = _____

Total enclosed = _____

Please RSVP by December 10 to:

Donna Copenheaver
1351 Beeler Avenue
York PA 17408

Please make checks payable to "**Keystone Section MBCA**"

September Picnic and Car Show at Masonic Village Picnic Pavilion, Elizabethtown, PA

What a difference a year makes. The 2018 picnic was held in a driving, cold rainstorm. This year's get together was met with bright sun and pleasant temperatures at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown. It was great to see several new faces among the many club members who attended. This was our second picnic at this new venue, and it looks like we have found a great location! Great interest and much good conversation was exchanged as members looked over the wide variety of cars (old ,new ,convertibles, coupes, SUV's and station wagons) on display.

After we held the annual "Clean Car" voting, we moved on to more serious matters ,enjoying a delicious picnic dinner, which included ribs, chicken breasts, corn on the cob, baked beans plus all the fixings and desserts.

A short business meeting followed our dinner to update everyone on our upcoming events for 2019, and to award prizes to the winners of the car show .

Category 1 SL's, Convertibles and Coupes

First Place: Bob Zangueneh (1989 560 SL)

Second Place: John Kitner (2008 CL600)

Category 2 Sedans, SUV's and Station Wagons

First Place: Vance Cole (1985 300D)

Second Place: David Forney (1988 300E)

Congratulations everyone!

Thank you to Ken and Mary Lou Harms for arranging our venue and planning a fun afternoon.

2020 Planning Meeting on November 9

Our planning meeting for our 2019 monthly events will be held on Saturday November 9th. at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster. We will meet in one of the conference rooms at 10 am to discuss next year's events. Lunch will be provided after our meeting. If you wish to attend, or have any ideas for next year, please notify Marty Rexroth, marstang@aol.com, or 717-764-0624. We welcome your input as we strive to have a variety of activities, of interest to as many members as possible.

*******Editor's Note*******

Mercedes Benz of Lancaster's Service Dept. has asked that our members 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.

Keystone Section Fall Rally Historic Lancaster County

Even a chilly rain could not dampen the spirits of the Fall Rally participants. On Sunday, October 20th, nine cars and 20 members and guests, assembled at Park City, to explore Lancaster county points of interest. Each team was given a map and the addresses of eight interesting places in Lancaster. Their task was to visit each and answer questions about the sites. Points were awarded for correct answers and bonus points for the teams whose course took the fewest miles. Those who also brought back a "whoopie pie" earned 3 additional points. The rally ended at Millers Smorgasbord with a hardy Amish meal. A good time was had by all.

The winners and their Lancaster themed prizes are:

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| 1st | Conner McManus & Kara Oldenburg-Gonzales | Oversized straw Amish hat |
| 2nd | Marty & Jan Rexroth | Wooden box of Wilbur chocolates |
| 3rd | Christine & Robert McGee | Collectors Can of Sturgis pretzels |
| 4th | Carol Oldenburg & Stu VanOrmer &
Special navigators Brad & Gloria Oldenburg | False grained style picture frame |

Special thanks to all who came out to make this a great event.

Here are some pictures of our rally winners modeling their Amish tall straw hat.



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.

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**, please consider sending it to me at 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 would, also, enable us to send the newsletter by email in the future, and save the club some of the costs of printing and postage.

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Larry Kinn of Boiling Springs

**Louise Longenecker of
Elizabethtown**

**Hope to meet all of you at a future
event!**



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