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Keystone Section of Central PA

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November / December 2020

Merry Christmas!

Tentative Keystone Section Events 2021

The planning for these events is, at this point, tentative. We will keep you all informed with updates as each event moves closer. At that time, we can apprise current healthy practices around each venue to determine if the event can be planned.

******February (Sun.):** 2020 Kick-Off Luncheon

******March (Sat.):** AACA Museum

******April (Sat.):** Tech Session at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster

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

******June (Sat.):** World War II Enactment, Reading Airport, Reading PA

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

******August (Sat.):** Stoudt's Brewery, Adamstown, PA

******Sept (Sun):** Keystone Section Picnic, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA

******October (Sun):** Fall Road Rally

******November (Sat):** 2021 Planning Meeting, M B of Lancaster, East Petersburg, PA.

Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2022 Contact Marty Rexroth, 717-764-0624 or marstang@aol.com, to attend, or if you have ideas for events.

******December (Sat.):** Holiday Party at Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA

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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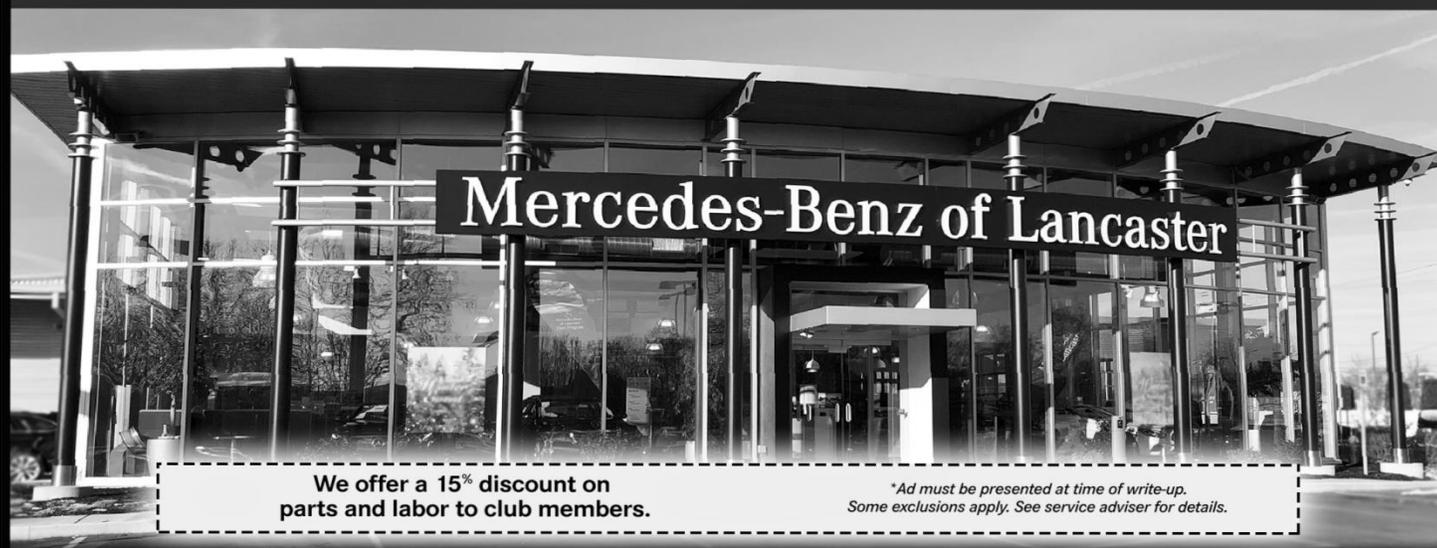
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From our President

Have Cones, Will Travel

One of the things we normally enjoy doing over the summer months in the Keystone Section is to have an autocross. If you are not familiar, an autocross is a race against the clock on a course marked with cones. The course is set up in a large parking lot. The idea is to get from start to finish as quickly as possible. It normally takes around 45 seconds to navigate the course. Although this looks AND sounds extremely dramatic with cars leaning and tires squealing around the turns, you rarely exceed 20 to 25mph. Not only is it a blast to do this, but you also get experience maneuvering your Mercedes in a manner similar to what you may encounter in a panic situation. We have even held these events in conjunction with a Defensive Driving, Teen Defensive Driving and Over 55 Driving courses, taught by instructors from MBCA National. A few things are needed for the autocross: A large parking lot (Sun Motors has hosted several in the past), Timing Equipment, which we loan from MBCA National, as well as around 75 traffic cones.

We have had cones on loan from our neighboring Southern New Jersey Section. The cones have been stored in my garage for several years and in Past President Larry Taylor's garage before that.

A member of South Jersey Section contacted us back in September looking for the cones. It seems they planned to hold an autocross per se at the farm of one of their members. SJS had not had an autocross for many years and decided to bring back an event that could be held over COVID. They call their autocross, "Lawn Sprints".

The Lawn Sprints are held at the farm of one of their members in a large lawn/field.

The course becomes more and more

challenging and slippery as more cars run it. It sounds like a blast!

Now my challenge was to get the cones back to South Jersey. It was then that I remembered that, even though his courses were still virtual/online, my son had decided to head back to Drexel in Philadelphia. After convincing my son to load the cones in his C280, he met with a South Jersey member at his apartment in Philly and transferred the cones. I cannot wait to hear how the event turned out.

Here at Keystone, events are still on hold as we wait out the pandemic. Even with a vaccine on the horizon, things could still become grim until we are all inoculated. Remember to be patient and kind as we navigate through this, and I wish you the absolute best over the holiday season.

Marty



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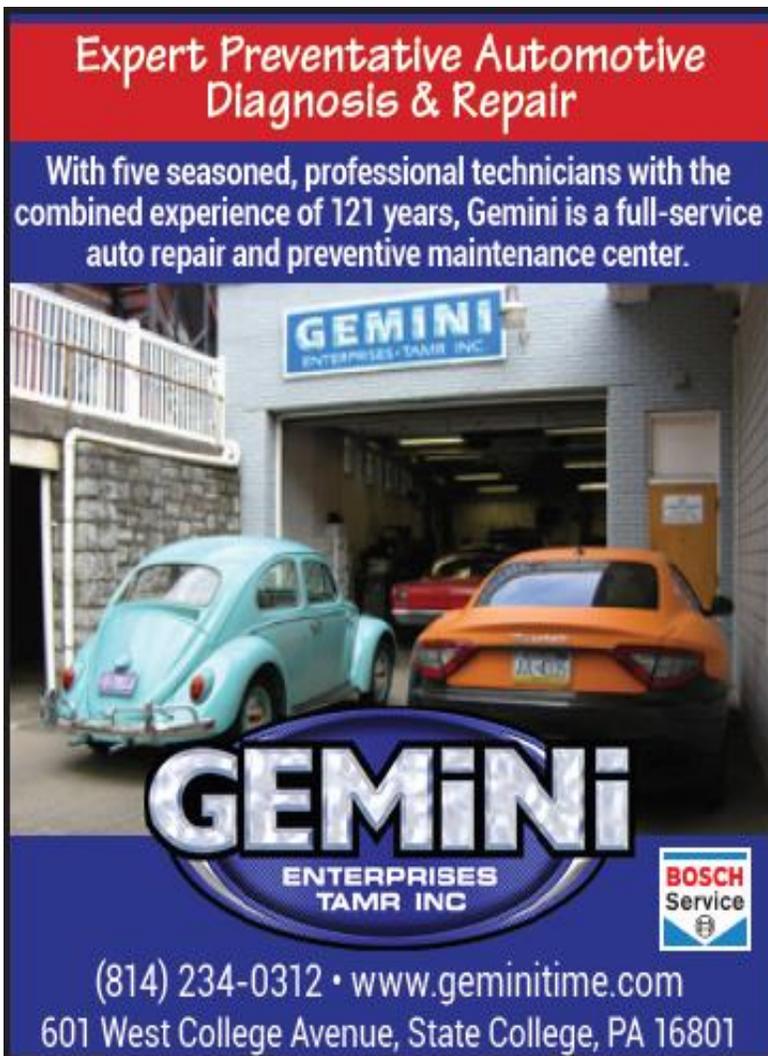
What Can You Do?

The leadership of the Keystone Section is doing their best to plan interesting events, while maintaining the safety of its members. Please be patient as it is difficult to plan during such an uncertain future. What is open? How many people will a restaurant allow? Things will happen on short notice, so we really need your E-Mail information.

Please be aware that there are car related things taking place. Some clubs or dealers are having "Cars and Coffee" events. (not sure if they will continue during the winter) MBCA national has conducted virtual car shows and is currently holding "Deck Your Benz" photo contest on Instagram with some photos to appear in The Star magazine.

Also, Tech Sections are being conducted by national via You-Tube and Zoom. You should be getting notification of all these things in your E-mail and can check the MBCA Face Book page for details. So, enjoy the articles in the Star, maintain your enthusiasm and above all be safe. We will come out the other side together.

John Kitner, VP Keystone Section



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