



# Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Section of Central PA

## Keystone Star

November / December 2017

### Keystone Section Events 2017

February 12 (Sun.): 2017 Kick-Off luncheon at First Post Restaurant, York, PA

March 25 (Sat.): Tech Session at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster, East Petersburg, PA

April 22 (Sat.): Drive and Dine to Bedford Village, Bedford, PA

May 5 - 7 (Fri. thru Sun.): Annual Kentucky Derby Weekend in Cape May, NJ

May 20 (Sat.): Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, PA

June 24 (Sat.): Eastern Museum of Motor Racing & Latimore Valley Fair, York Springs, PA

July 8 (Sat.): Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Oley, PA

August 19 (Sat.): Nissley Vineyard Music In the Vineyard concert series, Bainbridge, PA

September 9 (Sat.): Joint event with NEPA Sec: Rally from Perkins Diner, Bethlehem, PA

September 10 (Sun): Keystone Section Picnic at Allenberry Playhouse Pavilion, Boiling Springs, PA.

October 29 (Sun): Fall Road Rally

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

**\*\*\*November 11 (Sat): 2018 Planning Meeting, Mercedes Benz of Lancaster**

Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2018. Contact Marty Rexroth, 717-764-0624 or [marstang@aol.com](mailto:marstang@aol.com), if you are attending, or if you have ideas for events.

**\*\*\*December 2 (Sat.): Holiday Party at Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA**

To reserve a room for the night, contact the Eden Resort (717-569-6444) and mention you are attending the **Keystone Section MBCA party**, to receive a special rate of \$89.95 + tax. 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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## From our President~~~~~

Welcome to our end of year edition of the Keystone Star. A recap on some past events: the picnic at Allenberry Playhouse pavilion in September was really enjoyable with a beautiful day and beautiful cars. Next was our October rally on the 29th. Special thanks to Carol Oldenburg and family for pulling this together on short notice.

I often think about how our common interest in cars, especially Mercedes Benz, pull us together. I had mentioned my sons 1998 C280 in the previous newsletter. My son is currently carrying out his first co-op job, as a student, at Drexel University in

(My son's C280 behind a Maserati that Philadelphia. He commutes from his campus in Philly to impressed him at his parking lot in Philly) Blue Bell, daily to his job. The car is performing flawlessly, but my son texted me a few weeks ago that a lamp out indicator was illuminated on his dash.

It turns out he had a burned out headlamp. Anyone who has replaced a H7 bulb in a late 90s Mercedes knows how tricky the spring retained bulb holder can be. I knew a trip to the dealer for him would be pricey to have this inexpensive bulb replaced. I always keep a supply of H7's on hand, so I suggested meeting half way to change the bulb. My wife and I ended up meeting him at Shady Maple Smorgasbord in East Earl, where I changed the bulb in the parking lot. We were able to catch up and enjoy dinner together. I thought how it is unique that a car problem ended up getting us together.

Please consider attending the planning meeting on November 11 to decide what you would like to do, or where you would like to go, or what you would like to see. Otherwise, I hope to see you at our Holiday Party on December 2.

Marty Rexroth



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## Keystone September Picnic back to Allenberry for 2017

We were back to the pavilion on the creek at Allenberry once again, for our annual Section picnic on Sunday, September 10.

There were 18 members on hand for our day on the creek. Cars were on display in the meadow for the "Members Choice Clean Car Show" from 3:00 pm, with judging at 4:00pm. Winning cars and owners are as follows:

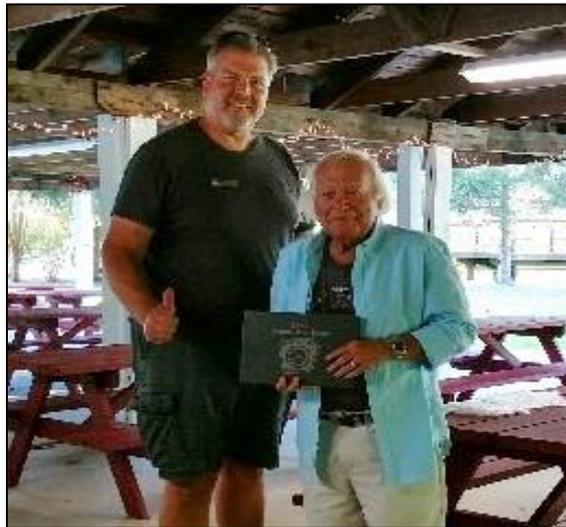
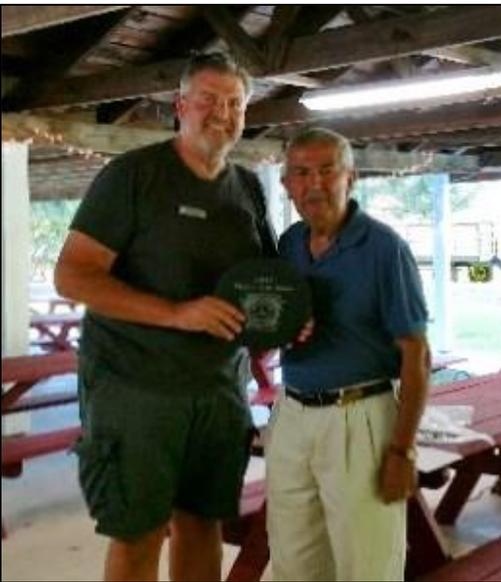
### Older Cars (pre 2000):

- 1st. Bob Zangueneh 1989 560SL
- 2nd. John & Laurie Perry 1973 280SE

### New Cars (after 2000):

- 1st. Earl Noel 2017 GT S AMG
- 2nd. John & Jan Kitner 2008 CL600

A short business meeting was held following our dinner, at which we asked members to give suggestions for a new venue for future picnics. Allenberry is now under new ownership and management, and our costs have doubled from what we paid in the past. We would appreciate any input as to whether we remain at Allenberry or look for a new venue. If you have any suggestions where a picnic of this size, with an area for showing our cars, and the food could be catered, please send that info to one of your officers.



President, Marty Rexroth presents our trophies for the Picnic Car Show.

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## 2018 Planning Meeting on November 11

Our planning meeting for our 2018 monthly events will be held on Saturday November 11 at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster. We will meet in one of the conference rooms at 10 am to discuss next year's events. Luncheon 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](mailto:marstang@aol.com), or 717-764-0624.



## For Sale

**4 1978 240D wheel covers**, 3 blue and 1 gray. \$100 OBO Contact Larry Walters, 717-218-4713 (voice mail).



## Annual Fall Road Rally on a Beautiful Rainy Fall Sunday

This year's fall rally left from the BB&T Bank parking lot along Rt. 441 in Marietta. Our participants drove through western Lancaster Co. and into Dauphin Co. There was a short rest stop at the Colebrook Twin Kiss to seek answers to one of our "bonus questions", and then onward over Blue Mountain to our dinner rendezvous at Susquehanna Harvest Seasonal Grill. Fourteen members participated in 7 cars. Afterward, we had a great meal, and fun conversation.

The rally consisted of following a series of directions and answering questions along the route.

Our rally Masters included a few bonus questions to keep things interesting. Prizes were awarded to our top three finishers. This year's winners, John and Jan Kitner now have the fun of planning 2018's rally.

Carol Oldenburg, Kara Oldenburg-Gonzales & Connor McManus did a wonderful job putting together our rally. They planned a great trip and picked a very nice dinner venue. Special thanks to Kara, who created beautiful hand-painted Mercedes themed Christmas balls for our prizes. And the winners are: 1st: John and Jan Kitner, 2nd: Ken and Mary Lou Harms, 3rd: John and Joanne Stene



## Holiday Party at Eden Resort & Suites

The Eden Resort & Suites, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 will be the site for our 2017 holiday celebration for the 16th. year. We continue to have wonderful results and good feedback, so we return, again & again! This year our party is Saturday, Dec. 2 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: Prosciutto & Spinach-Stuffed Chicken, Salmon with Raspberry Chambord, and Carved Prime Rib of Beef, Complimenting potato and vegetable, Rolls and butter, Coffee, hot tea, and iced tea. An assortment of holiday desserts, will round out our dinner.

Following dinner, we will conduct our final business meeting of 2017, which will include the "Member of the Year" award. Door prize drawings will follow the meeting.

We will be meeting in the State Room this year, best accessed by using entrances G or H.

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. You should receive a special rate of \$89.95 plus taxes.

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### 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 November 28th to:**

Donna Copenheaver  
1351 Beeler Avenue  
York PA 17408

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## 1st Gear by Robert Taylor

My family moved to Croton-on-Hudson, NY in August. I'm still going to write my column for the Mid-Atlantic Region. On Labor Day weekend, we returned to Lime Rock, CT for the Historic Festival. They race old sports cars. On Sunday, they do a car show. This year it rained all day, but I met Peter Giddings. He was showing his 1959 Lancia D24 that was once raced by Juan Manuel Fangio. Mr. Giddings raced against and with Sir Stirling Moss.

In September, I went to the Gullwing Group Convention in Montvale, NJ. I saw about 20 300SL's. This club is just for the 300SL Gullwings and roadsters from 1954-63. One man drove his Gullwing all the way from Seattle, WA. I saw more 300SL's that day than I had ever seen before.

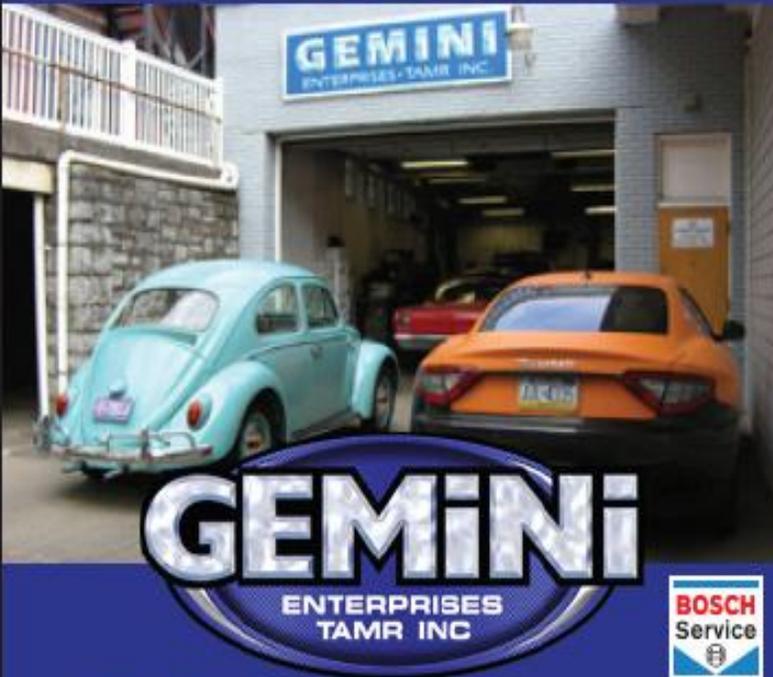
A few weeks later I went to the M100 Group meeting in Rhinebeck, NY. I only got to see a few cars as they were arriving. The Mercedes-Benz M100 engine was introduced in the 1963 600 and then used in the 300SEL 6.3 from 1968-72 and then an even larger engine in the 450SEL 6.9 from 1975-81. My friend Keith Morgan from Maine showed me his humongous engine in his 300SEL 6.3. He even let me sit in the driver's seat.

I was lucky that these two conventions were only an hour away from my new home. I am going to be at more car shows in 2018 and will write about what I find.



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Jansen Herr of New Holland  
Bradley Hoffer of Manheim  
George Lenhart of Enola  
Phillipe Pas of Mazenzele  
Ed Price of Lebanon  
Kathy Roseman of York  
**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.

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