



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

Sept/October 2012

Keystone Section Events 2012

February 19 (Sun.): 2012 Kick-Off dinner at Roosevelt Tavern in York, PA

March 24 (Sat.): Tech Session, Sun Motor Cars, Mechanicsburg, PA.

April 21 (Sat.): Matinee Showing of "The Dixie Swim Club" at Rainbow
Dinner Theater, Lancaster, PA

May 4-6 (Fri. thru Sun.): Annual Kentucky Derby weekend in Cape May, NJ

May 19 (Sat.): Carlisle Import and Kit Car Show, Carlisle, PA

June 16 (Sat): Tour of Mercedes Benz of State College and other area
attractions in State College, PA.

June 29 (Fri.): Carlisle Summerfair Parade, Carlisle, PA

July 14 (Sat.): Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Fleetwood, PA.

August 19 (Sun): Polo Match at Lancaster Polo Club in Rothsville, PA

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September 9 (Sun): Picnic at Allenberry Playhouse, Boiling Springs, PA

September 23 (Sun): Auto Cross at Sun Motor Cars, Mechanicsburg PA

October 14 (Sun): Fall Rally

November 5 (Mon.): 2012 Planning Meeting at Culhanes Restaurant 6 PM

Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2013. Contact Larry Taylor, 717-627-1423 or 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 1 (Sat.): Holiday Party at Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA

If you wish 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. Ten rooms (**booking #616950**) will be held until **November 1**. 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 or 717-872-2988, for more information.

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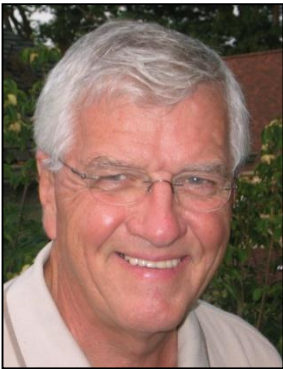
It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. The German car show in Fleetwood and the polo match in Lancaster were well attended. Mary, Robert, and I also participated in the Greater Washington Section's rally in Owings Mills, MD. You are always welcome to attend other sections' events. You can find them listed at www.mbca.org.

We will have three great events in the next two months. We start with our annual picnic in Allenberry. We moved it from August to September based on our members' suggestions. Hopefully, the weather will be cooler. Our autocross will be later in the month followed by our fall rally in October.

I hope to see you at one or more of our next events. These three events are the heart and soul of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America.

Larry Taylor

Regional Happenings----August 2012



A couple of weeks ago the National Board asked me to continue the work that Werner was doing here in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Last Spring I had submitted (with Werner's approval) my request to be included in the election to take place later this year for the position of Regional Director. Since there are no other candidates the Board felt it was a proper appointment.

The regional picnic at Bleimaier's home is Saturday Sept 22nd. always a good time (as long as it is not raining). Contact Lucille at LuLuChab@aol.com to let us know you are attending. There is no cost to you but we need to plan.

The National office is always looking for ways to increase membership value. The most recent is an iPhone app that can be downloaded at no cost and will provide information about Club activities. The iPhone recognizes where you are and tells you about events within a few miles of where you are. Enough for now.

See you down the road.
Joe Grattan, Regional Director

For Sale / Want Ads

Wanted: 2004-05 CLK55 AMG or 2005-06 C55 AMG. No accidents and good service history required. Please contact Larry Taylor at (717) 627-1423 or larryt543@yahoo.com.

Welcome New Members!
Thomas & Elizabeth Beeman of Lancaster
Dale Clair of Palmyra
Michelle & Daniel Fletcher of Lancaster
Diane Jacobs of York
Ronald Keeney of Mechanicsburg
Robert Kissinger of Camp Hill
Philip Plotica of Gettysburg
Delphy Missimer of Myerstown
Hope to see you 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.

September is Picnic Time!

The pavilion along the Yellow Breeches Creek at Allenberry Playhouse in Boiling Springs will be the site for our annual Section picnic on Sunday, September 9th. Socializing will start at 3:00 pm, with dinner about 5:00 pm. We will be serving BBQ ala Allenberry, plus Pork Ribs+this year. The cost per adult is \$20.00 (Children under 12, \$10.00).

Cars will be on display for the Members Choice Clean Car Show+from 3:00 pm, with judging at 4:00pm. There will be several fun categories for judging this year, so shine up that beautiful Benz, and join your fellow members for a great day by the Yellow Breeches at Allenberry!

A short business meeting will follow our dinner. Winners of the car show judging will be announced, and trophies awarded.

If you have questions or need directions, contact Max & Donna Copenheaver, 717-764-5890 or maxanddonna@verizon.net

Keystone Section Picnic

Name: _____

Email: _____

Number attending:	Adult Members: _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____
	Non Members: _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____
	Children: _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____
	Total \$ _____

Model & Year of Benz: _____

RSVP by August 30, 2012 to:
 Donna Copenheaver
 1351 Beeler Avenue
 York PA 17408-4502

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FALL AUTOCROSS at Sun Motors Sept. 23, 2012

We will be returning to Sun Motors, 6677 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050, for our autocross on Sunday Sept. 23. New car sales manager Michael Lombardi was instrumental in arranging this for us. They have a lot designed for autocross events. It is free of light poles and is very flat and smooth.

Please be there by 9:30 am 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. Each run through the course typically takes 40-60 seconds. 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 wireless timing system on loan to us from the MBCA National Office.

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, 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. 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. There will be a brief safety inspection of your vehicle before practice. Please leave any loose objects at home. We will be able to add air pressure on site. If you don't want to compete, we can always use help working the course and with timing & scoring. Spectators are certainly welcome. The club will provide free bottled water and sodas.

Only Mercedes-Benz vehicles will be permitted to drive 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---Larry Taylor, 717-627-1423 or larryt543@yahoo.com.

Please RSVP by Sept. 21.

Driver#1 _____ Driver#2 _____

MB year and model _____ Modifications _____

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Total enclosed = \$15 per person _____ Make checks payable to **Keystone Section, MBCA**

Mail to : Larry Taylor, 6 Star Lite Dr, Lititz, PA 17543.

Fall Road Rally in October

Our Fall Road Rally will be Sunday, October 14th. We will notify everyone with a blanket email where we will be starting from, and, also listing the info on our web site, www.keystone.mbca.org.

Drivers and navigators will be given instructions, questions and an emergency contact envelope. Trip meters will be reset to zero at the start under the supervision of the Rally Master. We will be driving through some beautiful PA countryside, and ending our day with dinner.

There is a charge of \$10.00 **per car** for prizes. Please RSVP by October 10th to Joe and Richel Papapietro, 717-767-1563 or usc82@aol.com to let them know you are participating. Send the RSVP form with your check to the address listed on the form. At the restaurant, we will order from the menu, and have separate checks.

If you don't want to do the rally, you may join us for dinner after, or pair-up with another member in their vehicle as their navigator. Each vehicle should have, at a minimum, a driver and a navigator. Our rallies are never time and distance, so there is no pressure to drive fast. It is always a great time. Just enjoy the fall scenery, and follow the directions!

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Keystone Section Fall Rally

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ (for restaurant reservations) \$10.00 **PER CAR**

**RSVP by October 10, 2012 to:**

Donna Copenheaver  
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## DEUTSCHE CLASSIC CAR SHOW FLEETWOOD, PA JULY 14, 2012

We had another great turnout at the Deutsche Classic Car show in Fleetwood. More than 40 great Mercedes were on display along with Audi, BMW, Porsche and Volkswagen and German motorcycles. Our section was once again joined by the Northeast PA, Delaware Valley, Northern New Jersey, and Greater Washington (GWS) Sections. Congratulations to all of the winners!

### Mercedes-Benz Division

1<sup>st</sup> - Bob Steele(NEPA)  
1971 280SE, nick-named "Anthracite",  
The car was featured in an article in the  
September-October, 2010, edition of The  
Star

2<sup>nd</sup> Manfred von Harten (NEPA)  
1958 180D sedan.

3<sup>rd</sup> James Taljan (Keystone)  
1999 SL500.

### Best of Show

George Hubbard (GWS)  
1959 190SL. George did most of the  
restoration himself over a five year period. It was  
obviously a labor of love.

### Best un-restored Car

Nick Ebinezio  
1955 300B cabriolet . same family since  
1950.

## POLO IN LANCASTER August 12, 2012

We met at the home of our president, Larry Taylor, on a lovely Sunday afternoon. From there, we caravanned to the nearby polo grounds in Rothsville. After a tailgate lunch from Isaac's Deli, we settled in to watch the Lancaster team take on the team from Cowtown, NJ. Our club members updated the scoreboard on our side of the field. We cheered the Lancaster team to a 7 to 6 victory. We had 17 members and guests on hand for this last minute event, including new members Robert and Mary Kissinger. We hope to see you at our upcoming events.





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