



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA
September / October 2020

Stay Safe!!

Keystone Section Events 2020

******February 9 (Sun.):** 2020 Kick-Off Luncheon, First Post Restaurant, York, PA

******Cancelled**March 21 (Sat.):** AACA Museum and lunch at Fenicci's of Hershey

******Cancelled**April 18 (Sat.):** Tech Session at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster

******Cancelled**May 1 - 3 (Fri. thru Sun.):** Annual Kentucky Derby Weekend, Cape May NJ

******Cancelled**June 6 (Sat.):** World War II Enactment, Reading Airport , Reading PA

******Cancelled**July 11 (Sat.):** Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Oley, PA

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

Please Note These Upcoming Events Have Now Been Cancelled

******Cancelled**Sept 13 (Sun):** Keystone Section Picnic, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA

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

At this time, our 2021 planning meeting is still scheduled.

November 14 (Sat): 2021 Planning Meeting, M B of Lancaster, East Petersburg, PA.

Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2021 Contact Marty Rexroth, 717-764-0624 or marstang@aol.com, to attend, or if you have ideas for events.

******Cancelled**December 5 (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 or 717-872-2988, for more information.

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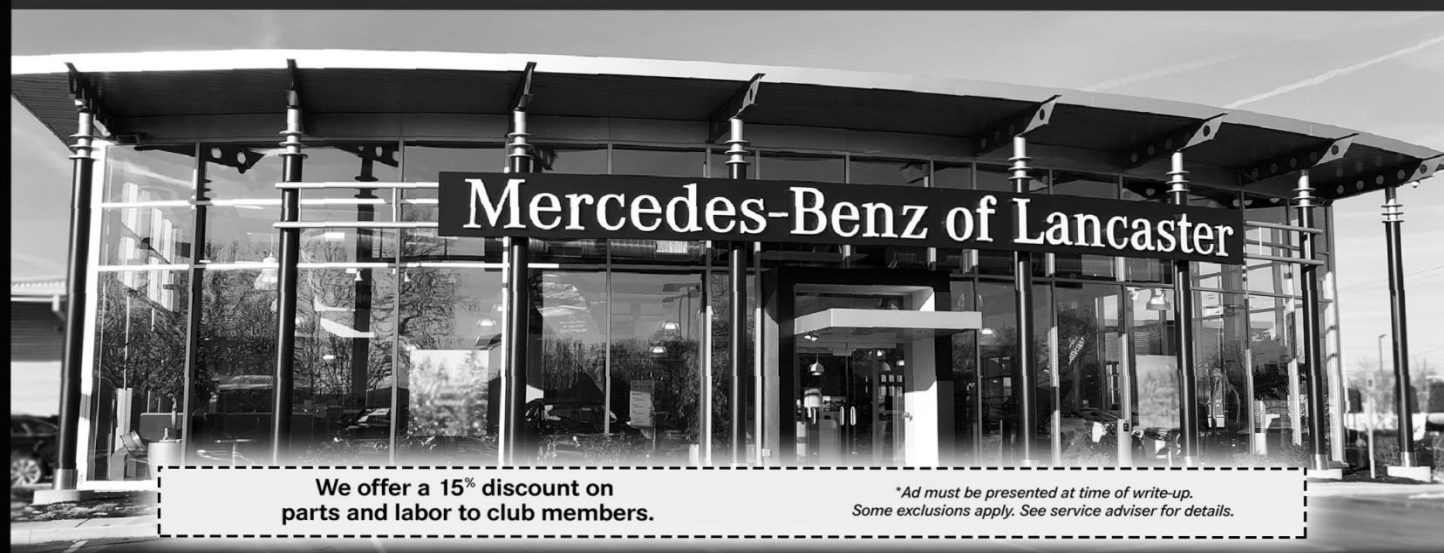
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From our President

Be Creative. Be Kind.

Here we still are with no immediate end to the pandemic in sight. So much misinformation, so many unanswered questions. I hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. This message is titled Be Creative. Be Kind. Through all of this we must adapt. Find another way. Dig deep for patience. As frustrating as things

can be, kindness goes a long way. Many of you know my daughter Marlyse. She's been coming along to Keystone events since she was a toddler. As I mentioned in past newsletters, Marlyse has adopted my 2001 E320 4matic wagon, naming it Mater. She did pass her driving test in August behind the wheel of Mater. Instead of being a college freshman at Clarion, classes are virtual for her here at home. One of the ways Marlyse and her friends get together in person is to schedule a meet at the local Taco Bell. After navigating the drive through, time is spent socializing at a safe distance from one another in the restaurant parking lot. Creative.

You are probably tired of political ads by now, but don't forget about the upcoming election. Not the presidential election, but the 2020 MBCA National Election! As a member in good standing, you should have received

an email by now with a link to cast your ballot. Please take the time to vote. The deadline is October 15.

As we move toward fall, we will sit tight and continue to wait things out. Remember! Be creative. Be kind.

Marty



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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.

Pennsylvania License Plate Program for MBCA



Donna Copenheaver, the program coordinator, (717-764-5890) or maxanddonna@verizon.net, has asked us to post the following information: Ordering of MBCA license plates has been put on hold for now. Penn Dot changed their forms and pricing. We need to get the updated forms and get them on our web site. Thank you for your patience.

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Thomas Frederick of Chambersburg
Jagdeep Goraya of Mechanicsburg
Paula Hunt of Mechanicsburg
Matthew Krebs of Carlisle
Gene Lutz of Lititz
Jessica Lawlor of Enola
Tracy McCormick of Hummelstown
Joseph Trafecanty of Middletown
Michael Willis of Mechanicsburg
Amy Wanner of Harrisburg

Hope to meet all of you at a future event!

Annual NNJS/SJS Mid-Atlantic Regional Picnic Is On! Saturday, September 26, 2020

John Bleimaier's Farm, Falkenhorst
41 Moore's Mill Mount Rose Road
Hopewell, NJ 08525

Free for Mid-Atlantic Region MBCA members. A New Jersey picnic with an International flavor. Bring your M-B and have it judged by your peers - you may just take home a trophy.

For everyone's safety and in compliance with local COVID 19 regulations and precautions, social distancing will be applied throughout the event and there will be no outside food to be shared or allowed on the grounds. **BYOB** If you have a favorite beverage, be sure to bring it with you. The committee will provide water, soft drinks, and ice. In keeping with best practices, this will be a catered event. Please do not bring potluck dishes or other items to share to the picnic. Social distancing will be observed. Members are requested to bring a mask for times when social distancing cannot be maintained.

You must register to attend. No day of, or on-site registrations will be accepted. Attendants must wear masks/face coverings, and everyone is encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and disposable sanitizing wipes. No one will be permitted to enter without first registering.

Click here to register for the Sept 26 Regional Picnic: Please copy and paste to your browser:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mbca-regional-picnic-and-car-show-at-falkenhorst-tickets-116953259347>

Special thanks to SJS Advertising Committee Chair Assad Khoury for pulling it all together along with NNJS President Valerie Cristiano and John Bleimaier for hosting the event at his farm.

MBCA's New Loyalty Rebate Program

Earlier this year the Mercedes-Benz Club of America partnered with Mercedes-Benz USA to introduce a new Member Rebate Program. All active primary members are eligible for exclusive savings, in some cases up to \$5,000 on selected 2020 and a few 2019 models on the lease or purchase of new Mercedes-Benz vehicles. The rebate incentives are available only for active MBCA members. This new member benefit is available immediately upon joining the club. As long as the buyer is an active member when purchasing the car, they can participate in the MBCA rebate program.

The new Member Rebate program **replaces** the MBCA Loyalty Rewards program. The MBCA Loyalty Rewards program is no longer offered and has been replaced with the improved Member Rebate program. Certificates generated under the old MBCA Loyalty Rewards program are no longer valid and are not combinable with the Member Rebate program. Members having these certificates will need to obtain a control number by calling (866) 628-7232 | Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 5 pm ET.

Current primary members can take instantaneous advantage of the Member Rebate program. If you are exploring leasing or purchasing a new Mercedes-Benz, be sure to mention the Mercedes-Benz Club of America program to your Mercedes-Benz dealer to see if the model you are considering qualifies for any savings. If it does, then you need to generate and present your control number to the dealer. The control number is specific to you and cannot be transferred to anyone else.

You can obtain a control number by signing into your member account (<https://www.mbca.org/user/login>) and clicking on the Member Rebate artwork located on your member profile page. Scroll down towards the bottom of the page and click on the red Generate MBUSA Rebate Number button. Give this control number to your Mercedes-Benz dealer and you are on your way to driving out of the dealer in a new Mercedes. The control number is valid for the current calendar year, expires on the last day of the year, and is only valid for the purchase or lease of one vehicle. After the control number expires, active primary members can create a new number for the following calendar years.

The Member Rebate incentives may change and update monthly. To view current savings, visit <https://www.mbca.org/mbusa-incentives>. The rebate program incentive grid only highlights a few models, but more models are included within the program. MBUSA offers discounts on almost every model under this program. To find out if the car you are interested in purchasing is eligible, you should contact your dealer.



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