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Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

January / February 2012

A Happy MBCA New Year To All!

Keystone Section Events 2012

Details Inside

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

March: Possible Tech Session, Date and time TBD. Look for more details in our next newsletter

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: TBD....Possible trip to State College area

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

August: Picnic at Allenberry or Auto Cross (Moving our annual picnic to September is being considered due to heat the last couple years)

September: Picnic at Allenberry or Auto Cross

October: Fall Rally

November 5 (Mon.): 2012 Planning Meeting at Culhane's 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

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From our President~~~~~

I am honored to have been named Keystone Section's Member of the Year for 2011. I receive great satisfaction in seeing so many members sharing their passion for Mercedes-Benz. Thank you to all of our active members who make our events so successful and inspire me to continue to lead our section. I also want to thank John Kitner for nominating me for this award.

Looking forward to 2012, your officers have already planned many new and "old favorite" events. Please join us for the February kick-off meeting where we will work out more details. If you have never participated in any of our events, please look over the calendar and pick one that strikes your fancy. I'm certain that once you meet our group of regulars, you'll want to come back for more.

Larry Taylor

November 12, 2011: Tech Session with Becker Autosound at Tom Masano By Barbara Fiedler, MBCA-NEPA President

Northeastern PA and Keystone Sections partnered to host a tech session on Saturday morning, November 12th from 9 to 12. Fourteen MBCA members from both sections attended. Tom Masano Mercedes-Benz in Reading was our host. They provided the club with great food and coffee from Panera, along with the meeting room and the opportunity to look over the new and pre-owned Mercedes-Benz line.

Ed Ebel and Tom Mitchell, owners of Becker Autosound, LLC, are truly the Click and Clack of Mercedes sound systems. Their presentations are lively (great humor and anecdotes) and informative. The Becker portion of the Tech Session was only scheduled to run about an hour. Instead, it kept going for three hours—not including conversations Tom and Ed had with members about specific radio, speaker, and antenna problems and cures. They brought with them radios and accessories dating from the 1950s to the present, covering tube radios, hybrid (tube and transistor), all-transistor, the first tape decks, CD drives, and current-era radios with Navigation, Bluetooth, and Satellite. Three hours without a boring moment—or even a break.

We are very fortunate to have a source for Mercedes radio repair, parts, installation and advice only an hour or so away in Saddle Brook, New Jersey. Visit their website, www.beckerautosound.com, or contact them directly at 201-773-0976 or via email at service@beckerautosound.

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.

Holiday Party 2011~~ Another great evening!

The Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, was the site of our 2011 holiday celebration for the tenth year. We had another wonderful evening, with about 30 members and guests attending. Our party was held Saturday evening, Dec. 3. We enjoyed another delicious Eden Resort dinner, and a good time with friends old and new.

Following dinner, we conducted a business meeting, during which Larry Taylor presented the trophies from our September auto cross, and John Kitner presented Larry Taylor with the 2011 Member of the Year award for all of his hard work for our section during the year.

Door prize drawings were then held—with gifts for all! We thank Sun Motorcars, Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster, and Eden Resort for their donations and discounted items for prizes. As always, we deeply appreciate their generosity. Special thanks, also, to John & Mary Kensek, fellow members who, now, live in Florida, for a beautiful gift of an edible bouquet. It was presented to Jan & John Kitner for their work organizing our holiday party each year.

If you haven't attended in the past, you've been missing a great evening. Come out in 2012 and see for yourself! We have already reserved Saturday, December 1st. for this year's dinner, so mark your calendars. As the year progresses, there will be more info about reserving a room for the evening. We usually get a reduced rate for those attending the dinner.



John Kitner presents Larry Taylor with the Member of the Year award.



Marty Rexroth receives his auto cross trophy for 2nd place in his group.



The door prize table!



John Kitner also gets his trophy for 2nd in his group.

February Yearly Kick-Off Luncheon 2012

Start off MBCA year 2012 with a great meal, and lots of Keystone Section friends. Plan to attend our luncheon at the Roosevelt Tavern, 400 West Philadelphia Street, York PA. The new owner is Byron, former Chef at Hayden Zugs. Max & Donna Copenheaver have planned a great afternoon for us on Sunday, February 19th. We will meet at 1 PM for socializing and lunch. We encourage all of our newer members to attend, and get to know your fellow Benz lovers. We have an entire year's worth of interesting meetings and events planned. Join us at our first 2012 event, and see what's in store for the year. This is, also, a great time for members to bring guests who may be considering joining.

The new owner has made several changes, and for Sundays, there is only a Brunch. We will have a choice from 3 entrees, Grilled 4 oz Filet Mignon \$21.95, Jumbo lump Crab Cake \$22.95, or Herb Crusted Roasted Chicken Breast \$18.95 plus 6% tax and 18% gratuity. The meal price also includes soup/salad, dessert, and a non-alcoholic drink.

Please RSVP to Max & Donna Copenheaver, 717-764-5890 or maxanddonna@verizon.net by February 15th. They like to give the restaurant an approximate count, but if you find you can attend at the last minute, come on out. We can always make room for a few more!

The Roosevelt Tavern is located at the corner of West Philadelphia and Penn Streets. Follow old 462 four blocks west of George Street. Park and enter the restaurant from Penn Street. Please contact Max & Donna if you need more directions, or call the restaurant at 717-854-7725. Hope to see you there!



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Lancaster	?	?	?	?	?	?	15%	15%
Sun Motors	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	15%	No
State College	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Tom Masano	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

This table above shows the current status of our local dealerships with regard to smart and Sprinter sales, parts, and service. I also included the current MBCA discounts on parts and labor. Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster will be opening a new dealership toward the end of 2012. They are considering becoming a smart and/or Sprinter franchise but have no definite plans. Mercedes-Benz of State College recently opened a new dealership.



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John Kruse of Mechanicsburg
Eric Shank of Waynesboro
Patrick & Karen Strine of York

Hope to see you at a future event!

For Sale

1989 560 SL: Arctic White w/Navy Blue Leather, very original including soft top. Only 48,000 miles. Excellent chrome, paint, and interior. Extensive refurbishing just completed. This includes new engine mounts and belts, sub frame bushings, AC compressor, and new Michelin Pilots. The Becker radio was rebuilt and an ipod adapter was added. All fluids and filters were replaced. Priced at \$19,500. Please email for pictures, Contact Larry Taylor at 717 627-1423 or larryt543@yahoo.com.



1985 380 SL: Smoke silver/Creme Beige interior. 34 K miles. National MBCA Concours winner 3 times--1st place and best of show. Best Mercedes Deutche Classic 4 years in a row. Too many awards to list. This show car is not restored. Don't let this one get away. Contact Max Copenheaver, 717 764-5890 or maxanddon-na@verizon.net.

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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.

More information? Contact John Schumann at 484-410-6344 or John.W.Schumann@gmail.com.

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