



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

May/June 2012

Keystone Section Events 2012

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

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

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

Details Inside

*****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.

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

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

August: Auto Cross Date and time TBD

September 9 (Sun): Picnic at Allenberry

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~~~~~

Let me start by thanking the staff at Sun Motors for another great tech session. Please see my article for all of the details.

Thanks to Jan and John Kitner for organizing the Rainbow Dinner Theatre lunch and play. Even though we had a smaller than expected turnout, we had an enjoyable afternoon.

The Cape May weekend, Carlisle Import Car Show, and trip to Mercedes-Benz of State College will give us a chance to do a bit of driving in the next 2 months. Please see the articles in this issue.

I was lucky to be invited to tour the Nicola Bulgari car collection in Allentown in April. He is an Italian jeweler who splits his collection between Allentown and Rome. The Northeast PA MBCA Section hosted the event. Keith Flickinger, the collection's curator, served as our personal guide. The cars we saw were mostly classic American cars from the 1930-40's. He loves Buicks and has a special attachment to cars from 1941. Most are fully restored, but others are unrestored originals. These cars are all available to be driven at his command. He and his friends will often take several of them out for a long drive. Keith and his staff of 5 devote themselves to restoring and maintaining the collection. Mr. Bulgari has the ultimate garage. The 1st floor is reserved for the cars. The second floor consists of a bedroom and a large dining/living room. The apartment features a continuous glass wall, so that his collection can always be admired. He just purchased the old drive-in movie theater next door so that he will be able to drive one of his beauties to enjoy a movie after dinner.

I'm proud to announce that the Taylors have just added a "new" wagon to their more modest collection. We just purchased a 2006 E350 4MATIC from Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster. Thanks to Richard Mast for finding this rare model and Joe DeCarolis for finalizing the deal. This wagon is the perfect combination of safety, style, comfort, and utility. We look forward to some great summer road trips.



Larry Taylor

Carlisle Import & Kit Nationals, May 18 - 20, 2012

The Keystone Section will be returning to the Carlisle Import & Kit Nationals this year. Admission is only \$20, which includes admission for 2 for the weekend. . Children 8 and under are admitted free.

Be sure to register by April 16 before the price increases by \$10. Our club will be meeting on Saturday May 19. The show times are 9am-4pm. It showcases over 1,200 euro-classics to import sports cars and attracts all genres of attendees. Italian cars will be featured this year. Coupled with the largest kit car gathering in the nation, this event provides spectators with a multitude of activities for car clubs and families alike, with special activities for kids.

Noted Mercedes-Benz restoration expert, Alex Dearborn, will be the featured guest this year. Alex also designed the Deserter, a series of cars uniquely blending sports car and dune buggy with VW underpinnings. The original Deserter GS raced Pikes Peak in 1971, and examples were sold thereafter as kits.

Online show field registration is now available for the 2012 Carlisle Import & Kit Nationals. Please see the link on our club's website at www.mbca.org/keystone. If you prefer, registration is also available by calling their office at 717.243.7855 or you can register by mail by using their registration form. Please note: refunds will not be issued less than 19 days prior to the beginning of the event.

Please indicate Mercedes-Benz Club on the application.

Visit: <http://www.carlisleevents.com/ce/events/import> for more information and to register.

Trip to Mercedes of State College And Points of Interest at Penn State University Park

Saturday June 16th, we will travel to State College for a tour and open house, at the new MB/Sprinter facility at Mercedes Benz of State College, 3220 West College Avenue, State College, PA 16801. Our tour, at 11am, will be followed by a luncheon provided by the owner, Charles Driscoll. This is a wonderful opportunity for our State College area members to attend a club function, and meet fellow members from "the south".

After our tour and luncheon, we will drive to the PSU campus for a short guided tour of the Food Science Building. The four-story structure is home to the Berkley Creamery and the university's Department of Food Science. We will end our visit at the creamery for a delicious serving of ice cream. Parking is available in the East Campus Parking Deck on Bigler Road, directly behind the Creamery Store and the Food Science building. The first 30 minutes of parking are FREE.

OPTIONAL VISIT-----on your own: Just a short drive from Berkley Creamery, is the Arboretum at Penn State. The H.O. Smith Botanical Gardens in the Arboretum are adjacent to the University Park campus, near the intersection of Park Avenue and Bigler Road. The entrance to the parking lot is on Bigler Road, facing the parking lot for the Lewis Katz Building. The gardens are open daily from dawn to dusk. Currently, there is no admission fee.

Those of us traveling to State College from the York/Harrisburg/Lancaster area will meet at 8:30am at McDonald's, 4403 North Front Street, Harrisburg. It is approximately 2 hours to State College from there. A packet with more info, maps, and directions will be available. Please contact John Kitner, kitjan613@aol.com, or 717-872-2988, if you are caravanning or attending from that area.

Our members from further north should meet us at the dealership at 11am. Please email Giff Albright, gha1@psu.edu, to let him know you are attending.



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Drive Your Benz in the Carlisle Summerfair Parade!

You are invited to participate in the Carlisle Summerfair Parade on June 29, 2012. Bring your shiny new or old Mercedes-Benz and take a leisurely ride down Hanover Street in downtown Carlisle, PA. There is no charge to participate. The parade starts at 7:00 p.m. At the end of the parade, find a place to park and come back to Veteran's Square (Intersection of High Street and Hanover Street) and enjoy some free ice cream and a free concert by "Cheap Sneakers."

To participate, please let Robert Byrne know that you will be there by sending an email to parade@carlisesummerfair.org. You won't hear anything back from him since all entries are accepted. He simply needs to know how much space to reserve for the MBCA Keystone Section's cars.

Staging of the parade begins at 6:15 p.m. on North Street in Carlisle. You could show up as early as 6:15 or as late as 6:45 and get in the parade. After 6:45 it will be on a space available basis whether your car gets into the parade. Even if you show up late you can still have ice cream and listen to the concert. Let Robert know by emailing rjbyrne@rjbyrne.net, or if you have any questions.

DEUTSCHE CLASSIC CAR SHOW FLEETWOOD, PA JULY 14, 2012

We will be returning to the Deutsche Classic Car show at the Fleetwood Park in Fleetwood, PA., just north of Reading. The show runs from 8:00 am until 4 pm. Cars on display will include: Audi, BMW, Mercedes Benz, Porsche and Volkswagen as well as the unique "orphan" cars. German motorcycles will also be displayed in a non-judged display. This show continues to grow every year. Last year, we had over 30 Mercedes-Benz models on display.

The admission price is \$15, which includes BBQ chicken lunch. (a ¼ chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, and coleslaw) A free continental breakfast is served until 10:30 am. Children under age 12 are free. The cost to show your car is \$25 which includes one admission ticket and lunch. The judged show will have winners for each marque. Other trophies, such as best motor and best interior will also be presented. Judged cars must be on the field by 11:30 am. The judging process is very relaxed. We encourage all members to display their cars regardless of age so that our club will be well represented. Awards will be presented at 3:00 pm. If you have a car for sale, you can put it in the car coral for \$25.

For more information please visit their website at www.deutscheclassic.com. You can also access the link from our club's website at www.mbca.org/keystone. There is no official pre-registration. Just register at the gate. Please RSVP to Larry Taylor ASAP. (717) 627-1423 or larryt543@yahoo.com)

Directions:

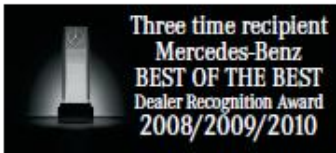
Rt. 30 East or PA Turnpike (Reading Exit) to US-222N (proceed 22 miles north of the Turnpike exit); Exit onto Allentown Pike/US-222 N toward Allentown and travel 1.8 miles; Turn right at Main St and travel 0.8 miles; Turn left at Park Rd and travel 3.3 miles; continue on W. Main St to 333 W. Main St. (Fleetwood Park)

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.



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Tech Session at Sun Motors March 24, 2012

About 22 members of the Keystone Section met at Sun Motors to learn about the new line of Blue Efficiency engines and an overview of the AMG models. Tim Knapp greeted us with coffee and donuts.

Gary Brown and Allen Moyer did a great job explaining the new Blue Efficiency technologies. All new gasoline powered Mercedes are now badged Blue Efficiency. Unlike the Blue Tec Diesels that we discussed last year, these engines don't require urea. They use turbo chargers and electric powered components, such as A/C compressors and power steering pumps. Much of their technology has been borrowed from hybrids. The benefits include increased fuel efficiency and engine performance.

Andrew Wierzbicki did another wonderful job presenting the E63 AMG. That really gets the heart pumping, even when it's just standing still. He also discussed the history of AMG and the other current models. Eric Shank, one of newer members, displayed his SLK 55 AMG in the shop.

We had pizza for lunch, and everyone was given an AMG T-shirt. My dad won the MB folding lawn chair. Thanks to New Car Sales Manager Mike Lombardi for organizing another successful event. Photo are of Jim Shank and his son with Jim's SLK (left), and Doug Conley, Ron Sturgis and Andrew Wierzbicki (right).



Welcome New Members!

Charles Doane of Jonestown
David Ekis of Stevens
Richard Ellard of York
Gary Hoffmann of Palmyra
Richard Jones of Lancaster
Jerome Kildee of Lebanon

Edward Magee of Lititz
Brian Mullen of East Petersburg
Robert Mustin of Mechanicsburg
Dagmar Rives of Harrisburg
Joe Zaepfel of Lancaster

Hope to see you at a future event!

For Sale

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 maxanddonna@verizon.net.

~~*~*~*~*~Annual Cape May Weekend~*~*~*~*~*~*

Seven couples traveled to beautiful Cape May, the weekend of May 4th to 6th. This year we had some chilly, weather, but that did not deter our intrepid Derby celebrators. We stayed at Mt. Vernon Motel, Beach Drive & 1st Avenue. What a great weekend, with time to socialize, or to enjoy Cape May's wonderful array of shops and restaurants.

John & Mary Kensek hosted this outing, highlighted by our Saturday evening "Derby Party". John & Mary moved to Florida a couple of years ago, but still come north for this weekend every spring! Mary really works hard to bring neat ideas for our race evening. We all bring snacks or drinks, ladies wear their best "Derby" hats; and we congregate on the patio, or in one of our rooms to watch the race. Numbers are drawn to match the horses running in the Derby, and we throw a dollar in the pot.

This year's winners were:

Win: Ken Harms Place: Karen Kaiser Show: Sherry Kendrick

Our cute "traveling trophy", Booby, The Wonder Horse, goes to the last place finisher each year. This year he went home with Greg Towson.

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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