



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

January/February 2013

Happy MBCA New Year!

Keystone Section Events 2013

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*****February 17 (Sun.):** 2013 Kick-Off dinner at Roosevelt Tavern in York, PA

March 23 (Sat.): Tour of Europa Machina, Lewisbury, PA

April 13 (Sat.): New Facility Tour, Mercedes of Lancaster

May 3-5 (Fri. thru Sun.): Annual Kentucky Derby weekend in Cape May, NJ

May 18 (Sat.): Carlisle Import and Kit Car Show, Carlisle, PA

June 15 (Sat.): Tour of Mercedes Vehicle Prep Center, Baltimore, MD

June: Carlisle Summerfair Parade, Carlisle, PA. This is not a true club event, but some members have been driving their cars in the parade.

July 13 (Sat.): Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Oley, PA.

August 18 (Sun.): Auto Cross

September 15 (Sun): Picnic at Allenberry Playhouse, Boiling Springs, PA

October: Fall Rally

November 11 (Mon.): 2013 Planning Meeting at Culhane's Restaurant 6 PM

Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2014. 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 7 (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. Five rooms will be held until **November 7**. 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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From our President~~~~~

Congratulations to Gifford Albright who was named the Keystone Section Member of the Year for 2012. Gifford has not been able to attend many events this year because of health problems, but he organized a great event at the new dealership in his home town of State College. Giff has routinely been driving 2 hours + to attend our events for the past several years. He is hopeful that he will be back on the road again this year.

Officer elections were held at the holiday party last month. I am pleased to announce that our current club officers have been re-elected for 2 year terms

Two of our local dealers are going through transitions. Clare Sunderland who was the founder and president of Sun Motors passed away January 6 at the age of 78. Our club was born at their dealership in 1986. I remember seeing him at the grand opening of their new dealership against doctor's orders. He said the new facilities were years in the making, and there was no way he was going to miss the celebration. We appreciate all of his support over the past 27 years.

Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster has just opened their new dealership on Route 72. They have room for 40 cars in the showroom and 23 in the service garage. We have been invited to a special open house on Saturday April 13. Please see the next newsletter for more details

Your officers have already planned a wonderful and diversified calendar of events for 2013. 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

*****For Sale*****

MB for sale in York, PA. -- 1988 420SEL in pristine shape with 138,000 miles. It is listed on eBay and Craigslist. eBay ID # is 290801158648. Please take a look. I am trying to get between \$4,000 and \$5,000 for it. Contact: wbarnes@ycp.edu or 7178704505

4 15" X 7" MB Sportline Wheels with Toyo track tires. These will fit most W124 bodies and 190E 2.3-16V. Asking \$400. Contact Larry Taylor at (717) 627-1423 or larryt543@yahoo.com

1997 SL500 Silver with black interior and soft top. Silver hard top with storage rack and cover. 50K miles. Very clean, well maintained. New tires. \$14,500 Contact John Kitner, 717-872-2988 or kitjan613@aol.com.

*****Free To A Good Home*****

Back Issues of The Star magazine, from 1990 to present. Some years complete, some not. Must be picked up or will bring along to a meeting. Call Max Copenheaver at 717 764-5890.

February Yearly Kick-Off Luncheon 2013

Start off MBCA year 2013 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. Max & Donna Copenheaver have planned a great afternoon for us on Sunday, February 17th. 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 2013 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.

Sundays, there is a Brunch menu and their regular menu to choose from. If you wish to check these out before hand, go to the Roosevelt web site, www.roosevelttavern.com. We will have separate checks.

Please RSVP to Max & Donna Copenheaver, 717-764-5890 or maxanddonna@verizon.net by February 13th. 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!

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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Holiday Party 2012~~ Wonderful Evening!

The Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, was the site of our 2012 holiday celebration for the eleventh year. Our party was held Saturday evening, Dec. 1; and it was another great evening, with about 30 members and guests attending. 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 announced our 2012 Member of the Year, Giff Albright. Giff could not join us due to health issues, but we will see he gets his plaque at a future event. Congratulations, Giff, and thank you for planning our tour of the new dealership at State College and the Creamery on campus last summer!

Door prize drawings were then held—with gifts for all! We thank Mike Lombardi at Sun Motorcars, Bill Gillis and Richard Mast at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster, and Eden Resort for their donations for prizes. As always, we deeply appreciate their generosity.

If you haven't attended in the past, you've been missing a great evening. Come out in 2013 and see for yourself! We have already reserved Saturday, December 7th. 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.

Explore Germany Two Ways with MBCA!

Since 2006, hundreds of MBCA Members have enjoyed personally-guided tours of Stuttgart, Germany through their membership with MBCA. These adventure-packed excursions — organized and chaperoned by past National President, Jim O'Sullivan — are consistently given *two thumbs up* for their hospitality, unparalleled sight-seeing destinations and overall value.

Members revel in behind-the-scenes tours of the Mercedes-Benz Museum; the Stuttgart Brand Center; the Classic Center; the Unterturkheim Test Track; the Daimler Memorial and other spectacular venues. By popular demand, two tours are slated again for 2013. Tentative dates are **July 15-21, 2013** and again, **September 23-29, 2013**.

Space is limited. Please contact Jim O' Sullivan at osullivanj55@gmail.com or 843.671.2079 for complete details.

For a testimonial from Keystone members, Max and Donna Copenheaver, see their article in our Keystone Star newsletter for Nov/Dec 2012, available on the web at www.keystone.mbca.org.

As a special bonus in 2013, the National Business Office has partnered with Frosch Travel to offer MBCA Members a second unique tour of Germany. This tour is open to all MBCA Members and participation in our annual tour (described above) is not required; however, you might delight in combining BOTH trips during the month of September.

Members will travel from Basel, Germany to Amsterdam, Holland **September 29-October 6, 2013** aboard the exquisite Viking River Cruises-Sun cruise ship. Explore four countries with six guided tours and visit some of the most amazing highlights along the breathtaking Rhine River.

Special price discounts have been created exclusively for MBCA Members. Contact John Martiss at Frosch Travel for information and reservations at 800-262-7447, ext. 114. You can also contact Randy Norris at 800-262-7447, ext. 105 ***Space is EXTREMELY limited. Please call ASAP.**

Welcome New Members!

Joseph Clover of Harrisburg
Thomas Godwin of Red Lion
Harry Lloyd of Stewartstown
Brian Miller of Spring Mills
Paul Mory of York
David Nort of Leola
Jack SuCro of Elizabethtown
Cynthia Walck of Hummelstown

Hope to see you all 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. Contact John Schumann, 484-410-6344 or John.W.Schumann@gmail.com.

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March 24: Greater Washington, Body and Paintwork Seminar, Rick Shubert, 448-307-1086 or rick@allautomotive.com.

May 18 - 21: StarTech 2013: Vance, Alabama Contact Jim Roberts, jertoosaver@bellsouth.net or www.alabama.mbca.org.

2013 Germany Trips: Stuttgart, Germany July 15 - 21 & September 23-29. Contact Jim O'Sullivan, 617-879-0017 or jimo55@comcast.net for more information. See separate article in this newsletter.

August 16: Legends of the Autobahn, Carmel Valley, CA Contact: Laura Simonds, SimondsL@pacbell.net.

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