



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

July / August 2013

Keystone Section Events 2013

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

March 23 (Sat.): Rolls-Royce Foundation Museum in Mechanicsburg, 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 16 (Sun.): Auto Cross at Lancaster Labs, Leola, PA,

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

***August 17 (Sat): Tour of Mercedes Vehicle Prep Center, Baltimore, MD
Still waiting for approval by VPC. Watch email and web for info.

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

October: Fall Rally

November 11 (Mon.): 2014 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, after June, contact the Eden Resort (717-569-6444) and mention you are attending the Keystone Section MBCA party, to receive a special rate. 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~~~~~

I've had another busy two months. In May, I traveled to Star Tech in Birmingham, AL with my friend (see picture to left) Keith Morgan. This is the premiere national MBCA technical event that takes place every 2 years. Keith drove his newly finished 1967 280SE sedan 500 miles from his home in Maine to PA, and then we shared the driving duties for the 1,600 mile round trip. Three cars were combined into a very nice driver complete with a sunroof, A/C, a floor shifted automatic transmission, and fuel injection. Being a well sorted, classic Mercedes-Benz we enjoyed a comfortable trip without any problems. You might remember Keith from the article in the Jan./Feb. issue of The Star from 2012. The many highlights of Star Tech 2013 included a factory tour of the MBUSA plant where the ML, GL and R-Classes are built, a demonstration in a GL 550 on the factory off-road course, 3 laps at Barber Motorsports Park, and many great tech seminars.

I started off June by helping with the June Jamboree car show at the MBUSA headquarters in Montvale, NJ. The following day, I met with my fellow presidents from the other Mid-Atlantic sections. We discussed section finances, Facebook pages for sections, newsletters, and working with local dealerships. My old friend Mike Parlato is the newly elected president of the Delaware Valley Section in the Philadelphia area. He's hoping to breathe some new life into this section, and I wish him all the best. We are hoping to promote some future events together, just like we've done with the NE PA Section. I ended June with a great Keystone Section autocross (please see my article).

We will return to the Deutsche Classic Show in Oley, PA near Reading on July 13. This is becoming a non-official regional event for MBCA, with members from several PA and NJ sections along with members from Greater Washington Section in attendance. Keith Morgan is also planning to travel from Maine to see what all of the excitement is about!

We are waiting for approval of a tour of the Mercedes-Benz Vehicle Prep Center at the docks in Baltimore on August 17, and are hoping it can be worked out. We will let you all know by email or web site if this is a "go". This is a club exclusive that you don't want to miss. Please come out to one of our next events and share your enthusiasm.

I want to express our sincere condolences to Donna Copenheaver for the loss of one of our most loved members. Please see the tribute to Max later in this issue. Thank you to all of our members who attended his funeral. I met Max at my first club event 20 years ago. He and Donna attended nearly every event each year. One of my fondest memories of Max was when he drove his beloved 380SL to StarFest 2002 in Indianapolis. He always dreamed of winning best in show and lost by a mere 1/2 point to a newly restored 300SL roadster that was trailered to the event. He will be missed greatly by so many.

Larry Taylor

Autocross at Lancaster Laboratories by Larry Taylor

On Sunday June 16, 2013, the Keystone Section hosted our first autocross at Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories. A big thanks goes to Sam Huber, facilities manager, who secured the great autocross lot for our club. He also provided an air compressor and access to the restrooms in the lobby. 10 drivers and many other members and guests enjoyed a wonderful event with great weather on Father's Day. The course was a bit simpler than past courses. It consisted of a U-turn, slalom, and a circle around the whole course.

Thanks to Bill Hopper, Eastern Regional Director, from the Greater Washington Section (GWS) who brought loaner helmets, a big GWS tent, and years of experience to help instruct the less experienced drivers. Their section hosts 8 autocrosses a year. Bill was really a key to this successful event. Chris Fletcher performed the tech inspections of each vehicle. Chris is now working in the parts department at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster.

The times were measured by the automated timing equipment that was loaned to us by our national MBCA office. We had 4 practice runs to learn the course. After practice it was time for lunch from one of several local restaurants. After lunch it was time for the three official runs. Most of the drivers went out and improved upon their practice times.

There were 4 classes. Larry Taylor set the fastest time of the day in his new C55 AMG. Chris Fletcher continued his fine form from last year and won the 8 cylinder class in his mom's SL500. Michele was just over a second behind her son and set the fastest women's time of the day. John Kitner turned in a great run to win the 6 cylinder class in his E350 coupe just ahead of his wife and newsletter editor, Jan. In the 3/4 cylinder class, John Bleimaier stopped by after the Elegance at Hershey Concours to win the 3/4 cylinder class. John is a member of the Northern New Jersey Section and a regular contributor to The Star. Pat Eagan wore a wide smile all day long in his smart. The most entertaining runs of the day were from Brad Eisenhauer and his 900+ HP, highly modified S600. He probably would have captured the fastest time of the day if he hadn't used his snow tires!

We will be giving out certificates at the Holiday Party in December. We encourage all of members to come out to this event next year. It's a great way to appreciate and learn the handling characteristics of your fine automobiles. It's also as much of a social event as it is a driving event. Thanks again to everyone who helped out this year.

Final Results

<u>AMG Class</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Time (seconds)</u>
1 st Larry Taylor	2006 C55 AMG	32.55 *
2 nd Brad Eisenhauer	2003 S600	33.97
3 rd Mary Taylor	2006 C55 AMG	38.91

8 Cylinder Class

1 st Chris Fletcher	1999 SL500	33.51
2 nd Michele Fletcher	1999 SL500	34.68 #

6 Cylinder Class

1 st John Kitner	2010 E350 Coupe	34.78
2 nd Jan Kitner	2010 E350 Coupe	36.00
3 rd John Perry	1997 E320	37.12

3/4 Cylinder Class

1 st John Bleimaier	2002 C230K	33.89
2 nd Pat Eagan	2009 smart for two	35.33

* = Fastest men's time # = Fastest women's time



Pat Eagan



Brad Eisenhauer



John/Jan Kitner



John Bleimaier



John Perry



Larry/Mary Taylor



Michelle/Chris Fletcher



We are saddened to say farewell to one of our dearly loved members. Max Copenheaver passed away on May 20, 2013. He was a loyal and very active member of our Keystone Section. Max and his wife Donna, our section treasurer, have attended most of our monthly events over 20+ years of membership, and have planned many of them.

Max's pride and joy was his silver 1985 380SL. He attended and won many honors at June Jamboree, StarTech, and the Deutsche Classic Car Show each year. He would proudly

shine it up and drive to our club picnic every summer to display it in our "Clean Car Show".

When not involved in Mercedes club happenings, Max, who was a plumber by trade, used his amazing skills to build models and trains. He had a working train yard in the back yard of his West York home. He was a truly talented individual who loved working with his hands, and creating these works of art. He, also, created trophies for some of our club road rallies.

Max's wife, Donna, their three sons and their families were of paramount importance in his life, and he will be deeply mourned by them and truly missed by all of us who had the privilege to know him and call him our friend.



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Welcome New Members!

Thomas Carricato of Liverpool
Thomas Conroy of Gap
Betsy Goodman of Harrisburg
Thomas Herr of Lancaster
Michael Mihm of York
Gary Shope of Hershey

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.

*****EDITOR'S NOTE*****

Do we have your Email Address?

With our January issue this year, I have begun to email the newsletter to those members whose email we have on file. Doing this, will save our section about \$1000 each year on copy and postage costs. 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.

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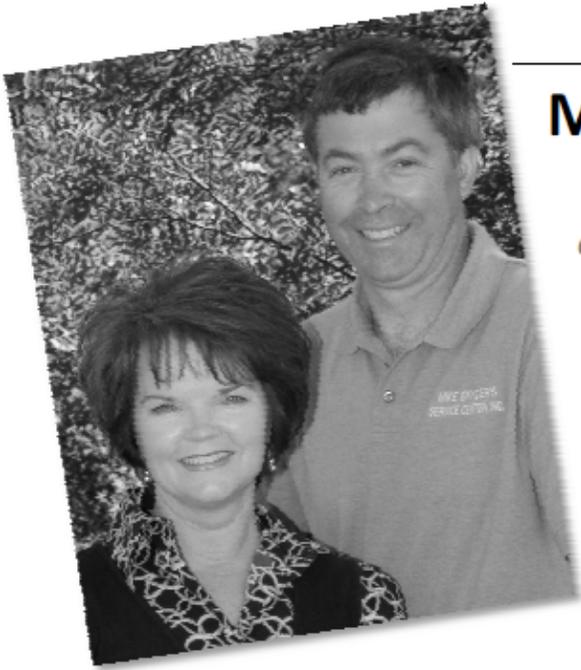
Jan Kitner

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.



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