



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

May / June 2014

Keystone Section Events 2014

February 16 (Sun.): 2014 Kick-Off dinner at Crimson American Grill, York, PA

March 22 (Sat.): Tech Session at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster

April 12 (Sat.): Mid-Atlantic Air Museum at Reading Regional Airport

May 2-4 (Fri. thru Sun.): Annual Kentucky Derby weekend in Cape May, NJ

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*****May 17 (Sat.): Carlisle Import and Kit Car Show, Carlisle, PA

*****June 14 (Sat.): Swigart Antique Auto Museum & Lincoln Caverns, Huntingdon, PA

July 12 (Sat.): Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Oley, PA.

August 3 (Sun.): Ma & Pa Railroad Preservation Society, Muddy Creek Forks.

August 16 & 17 (Sat. & Sun.): Regional Defensive Driving Class & Auto Cross
at Lancaster Labs, Lititz, PA

September 14 (Sun): Picnic at Allenberry Playhouse, Boiling Springs, PA

October (Sun.): Fall Rally

November 10 (Mon.): 2015 Planning Meeting at Culhane's Restaurant 6 PM

Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2015. 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 6 (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 6**. 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~~~~~

We're off to a great start for 2014! Our last 2 events attracted big crowds. We had over 30 members and guests at each of these events. Thanks to Marty Rexroth for organizing the Tech Session at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster.

I have been selected to serve on the National MBCA Membership Committee because of the strong growth of our section. I will be sharing ideas with several other members from across the country. If you have any successful recruiting tips you would like to share, please let me know. The main hurdle we face is that other MB owners don't know our club even exists. One good tip is to always carry a few membership applications in your glove box to hand out to prospects you meet. Our PA MBCA license plates are another great tool to promote the club. We have sold about 70 to date across the state. More than half of these have been to Keystone Section members, even though we only account for 25% of the PA members. Our section's membership currently stands at 259.

May events include the annual trip to Cape May and the Carlisle Import and Kit Car Show. We will be traveling to meet our northern club members in the State College area in June with a trip to the Swigart Museum.

On Saturday May 3, my family attended SprinterFest East at Sun Motors. There were about 20 Sprinters from as far away as Texas. Some were basic work vans while others were full RV conversions by companies such as Airstream. I learned that a 4 wheel drive version is planned for 2015. Next year, this 3 day event may become a small National MBCA Event. The National Board is encouraging more small events like this one instead of a few larger events.

Larry

March Tech Session at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster very well attended!

On Saturday, March 22, Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster hosted a technical session for our club. The dealership has hosted such sessions several times, and they are always a huge success. The topics presented by MB of Lancaster staff were as follows:

1. The new Mercedes 4 cylinder diesel engines 2.1L I-4 (OM651)
2. Certified Pre-Owned program cars, now with unlimited mileage warranties
3. 2014 S-Class (W222) technologies

A complimentary lunch was served by MB of Lancaster following the presentation.

Many thanks to our friends at MB of Lancaster for, once again, stepping up and giving our members a fun and informative Saturday, and thanks to Marty Rexroth for planning this wonderful event!

If you haven't yet visited the new location of Mercedes Benz of Lancaster since it's opening last year, you need to check it out. The new dealership is much larger in every aspect, from the indoor showroom that can display nearly 30 cars, to the 22 lifts in the service bay. It has more than tripled in size from the previous location. If you are in their area, stop in and meet the Techs and Staff of Mercedes Benz of Lancaster, and thank them for their continued support of our section!



Mid-Atlantic Air Museum at Reading Regional Airport

April 12, 2014

By Larry Taylor

30 members and guests of the Keystone Section met at the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum on a beautiful spring day. We broke into 2 groups for guided tours of the museum's collection of 25 pre-war and 45 post war aircraft including military, civilian, and commercial airliners. Many of these planes have ties to the local area, including airliners that had serviced the Reading Airport. Most of the larger planes are stored outside, while the more valuable and fragile planes are stored in a hanger. Highlights included experimental planes, B-25 Mitchell bomber, Avenger torpedo bomber, and a P-61 Black Widow. The P-61 is undergoing an extensive restoration to become the only flyable example in the world. The collection can be seen at their website: <http://www.maam.org/>

After the tour, we drove to the nearby Reading Airport for lunch at the Malibooz Bar & Grill. We had a view of the runway where we could watch small planes take off and land. Reading Airport is the scene for one of the largest WW2 air shows in the country. This year's World War 2 Weekend is June 6-8. It features planes, tanks, artillery, military vehicles, re-enactors, guest speakers and shows. Below, some of our members enjoy their tour.



Annual Cape May Weekend Great Fun

Five couples attended our Cape May NJ weekend this year to enjoy a few days of relaxation and fun at the beach, before the summer crowds arrive. What a great weekend, with plenty of time to socialize, or to enjoy Cape May's wonderful array of shops and restaurants.

John & Mary Kensek, our hosts for this weekend, fly in from Florida each May. Our event was highlighted by our Saturday evening "Kentucky Derby Party". We enjoyed snacks, drinks, and a friendly wager on the outcome of the big race. We drew numbers to match the horses running in the Derby, and threw a dollar in the pot. The holders of the winning horses names this year were:

1st Place: John Kitner

2nd Place: Robert Byrne

3rd Place: Gregg Towson

Our cute "traveling trophy", Booby, the wonder horse, went to the holder of the last place finisher, Joanne Furman.

Carlisle Import & Kit Nationals
May 16-18, 2014

The Keystone Section will be returning to the Carlisle Import & Kit Nationals this year. Admission is \$35, which includes a space for your Mercedes-Benz on the non-judged show field and admission for 2 for the weekend. Children 8 and under are admitted free.

Our club will be meeting on Saturday May 17. The show times are 7am-6pm.

It showcases over 1,200 euro-classics to import sports cars and attracts all genres of attendees. British 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. There will also be an autocross on-site.

Many special guests will be featured at seminars as well as Meguiar's detailing. Several bands will also be performing throughout the day.

Online show field registration is now available for the 2014 Carlisle Import & Kit Nationals. If you'd 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 visit <http://www.carlisleevents.com/ce/events/import> for more information and to register. Please indicate Mercedes-Benz Club on the application.



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June trip to Swigart Antique Auto Museum and Lincoln Caverns

In the hopes of inducing more of our State College area members to attend our events, we have planned a trip to Swigart Antique Auto Museum and Lincoln Caverns in Huntingdon, PA for Saturday, June 14.

We are providing two choices for our trip....meet us at our first venue, Swigart's, at 11am, or join our car caravan leaving from McDonald's on North Front Street in Harrisburg at 8:30am. We will meet in the back section of the restaurant by 8:15, to leave by 8:30. It takes approximately 2 hours to travel to Huntingdon, PA.

Our tour of the antique auto museum should take us about an hour. For lots of info on the museum, its founder, and the cars we will be seeing, visit their web site, www.swigartmuseum.com. The museum is located at 12031 William Penn Highway, Huntingdon PA 16652, phone, 814-643-0885. Swigart's admission charge is \$5 for car clubs.

After our museum tour, we will have lunch at Top's Diner, 12151 William Penn Highway, located right up the street. They are known for fresh, home-cooked meals and great desserts. To view their menu, visit www.topsdiner.net.

In the afternoon, we will venture through Huntingdon to Lincoln Caverns, 7703 William Penn Highway, Huntingdon PA 16652. This venue includes a one hour interpretive tour of two spectacular crystal caverns, Lincoln Caverns and Whisper Rocks. A wide variety of speleothems (cave formations), including delicate crystals, sparkling stalactites, and massive flowstones, await around every turn! Constant temperature in the caverns is 52 degrees. A light jacket is suggested. Comfortable walking shoes with rubber soles and good treads are recommended. Enjoy panning for REAL gems in our sluice! Plan to allow some extra time at Lincoln Caverns for this exciting, and educational activity. If we have 20+ people attending admission will be \$11 per person. So....mark your calendars for this fun day trip.

For more information, please contact John & Jan Kitner, kitjan613@aol.com or 717-872-2988. To sign up please complete and return the RSVP form below.

Swigart Museum--Lincoln Caverns Trip

Name: _____ Email: _____

Meeting us at Swigart's _____ Caravanning from McDonald's _____

Number attending: Swigart's: _____ @ \$ 5.00
Lincoln Caverns _____ @ \$11.00

Total: _____

RSVP by Monday, June 2, 2014 to:

Jan Kitner

613 Crestgate Place

Millersville PA 17551

Please make checks payable to "Keystone Section MBCA"

Welcome New Members!

Michael Bahn ,of York
Klaus and Ingeborg Brunnengraeber of Red Lion
H G Esbshade of Lititz
Michael Hasircoglu of Lancaster
Richard and Linda Herschaft of Millersville
Kali Karomfily of Lancaster
Ralph Kent of Gettysburg
Isabela Manole of Akron
Dwight Martin of Manheim
Mayuresh Sadhale of Hummelstown
Jason Stonesifer of Littlestown
Robert Sweeney of Ephrata
James Trautman of Hummelstown
Robert Zogorski of Lancaster

Hope to meet you all at a future event!

Pennsylvania License Plate Program for MBCA

Attention: Due to increases in all PA license plate fees, as of July 1, 2014 the cost of the MBCA PA plate will increase to \$90, so get yours now at the current cost.



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 a check for \$34 payable to Keystone Section, MBCA. For application information,

contact John Schumann, 484-410-6344 or John.W.Schumann@gmail.com.

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 717-870-4505.

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. \$12,800 Contact John Kitner, 717-872-2988 or kitjan613@aol.com.



Tires for Sale: Two P185/75R14 (89S) Mud and Snow TOYO ECLIPSE. White wall, Steel belted radial with 9/32" tread depth. RATINGS: Tread wear 580, Traction A, Temperature B. Original equipment size for 1979 MB 280 SE & 300SD. Asking \$75 for the pair. Pete Mory 717-793-8093



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