



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

May / June 2015

Keystone Section Events 2015

February 22 (Sun.): 2015 Kick-Off dinner at Crimson American Grill, York, PA

March 21 (Sat.): Tour of AACCA Museum, Hershey, PA

April 11 (Sat.): Tech Session at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster, PA

May 1 - 3 (Fri. thru Sun.): Annual Kentucky Derby weekend in Cape May, NJ.

***** Details Inside *****

***May 16 (Sat.): Carlisle Import and Kit Car Show, Carlisle, PA

***June 27 & 28 (Sat.-Sun.): Defensive Driving Class & Autocross at Lancaster Labs

July 11 (Sat.): Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Oley, PA

July: "Steam Into History", New Freedom, PA (TBD)

August: Pocono Raceway Tour, or National Clock & Watch Museum, Columbia,
or Strasburg Railroad Museum, Strasburg, PA (TBD)

September 13 (Sun): Picnic at Allenberry Resort, Boiling Springs, PA

October: Fall Road Rally (TBD)

November: Tour of Simeone Car Collection, Philadelphia, PA w/Del Valley Sec. (TBD)

November: 2016 Planning Meeting (TBD)

Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2016. Contact Larry Taylor, 717-627-1423 or larryt543@yahoo.com, if you are attending, or if you have ideas for events.

December 5 (Sat.): Holiday Party at Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA

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 5**. 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~~~~~

These have been two of the busiest months for me in recent memory. March started with a trip to the Amelia Island Concours in Florida. Please see my article later in the newsletter. We had a great turnout at the AACA Museum in Hershey as well as record setting tech session in April. I also dropped by a Minuteman Section tech session outside of Boston in late April.

Mary and I hosted Fred and Elisabeth Smits from New Zealand during our tech session weekend. They were happy to trade their trailer for a few nights in our guest room. They are traveling the



Larry with Sterling Moss at Amelia Island

world in their 1957 220S. They enjoyed their tour of Amish countryside here in Lancaster County as well as a PA Dutch dinner. They also visited the AACA Museum in Hershey, where our section recently hosted an event.

Looking ahead, many section members are enjoying a traditional getaway to Cape May this weekend. The next event will be the Import show at Carlisle followed by an autocross at Eurofins Lancaster Labs in June.

After a long winter, it's nice to finally get out and enjoy the nice weather. I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

Larry



The Smits 1957 220S, with their camper attached at our April Tech Session.

*****Editor's Note*****

Mercedes Benz of Lancaster's service department has asked that we remind our members to please inform the service writers that you are an MBCA member when you bring your car for service, so that they can insure you get your 15% discount, and it is written up before service. This will save you and the service dept. the time of having to do a refund after the fact. This would also work at Sun Motors or any other authorized dealer that offers MBCA members a discount.

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

1975 450SL: Convertible Silver/Blue leather/Navy soft top/Silver hardtop. 64,700 miles. Garage kept, very good condition. All MB service records, original Becker, heated rear window, auto, cruise, hardtop storage rack & covers. Inspection good until 7/15. \$11,900. Brian 717-580-4369; bkfpsych@hotmail.com (PA)

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.

**KEYSTONE SECTION AUTOCROSS and DEFENSIVE DRIVING
EUROFINS LANCASTER LABS, LANCASTER PA
June 27-28, 2015**

This event is being held at Eurofins Lancaster Labs, 2430 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, PA. We will be putting on a defensive driving clinic for the lab's employees and children on Saturday June 27 starting at 9:00 am. Club members are also welcome to attend and assist. We will be holding our autocross on Sunday June 28 starting at 9:30am. Practice runs will be before lunch. The official runs will be after lunch. National President Terry Kiwala and Eastern Regional Director Bill Hopper will be assisting with the events.

An autocross consists of a course defined by orange pylons on a parking lot. This large lot is smooth, flat, and doesn't have any islands or light poles. The goal is to navigate your car through the course in the quickest time. You will learn about the braking and handling characteristic of your Mercedes. The skills you learn will help to make you a better and safer driver. Helmets that meet SNELL 2005 or newer rating, such as SNELL 2010) are required. DOT only is not sufficient. We will try to have a few loaner helmets available. All cars must undergo a short tech inspection on-site. Please remove all loose objects from your car. This is a Mercedes-Benz only event, but you may use any vehicle for defensive driving.

Trophies will be presented for each class. The cost is \$25 per driver and \$10 for guests, which includes lunch. We will be ordering sandwiches from Isaac's again this year. We could use some extra volunteers for both days. Spectators are welcome as well.

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**Please RSVP by June 25, 2015 to:**

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## Antique Automobile Club of America Museum Tour & Lunch Very Well Attended!

On Saturday, March 21st over 20 members and guests met at the AACA Museum in Hershey, for a guided tour. We were, also, given a special tour of one of the museum's storage facilities to see cars and other auto related items not currently on display.

In addition to the over 80 plus vehicles on display there is also an incredible permanent display of three Tuckers including engines, mechanicals, and automobilia from the Tucker collector and historian David Cammack (who was a member of MBCA Greater Washington Section). There was also a temporary collection of Lotus Race Cars, Street cars, and engineered cars on display, including the 1978 Lotus Type 79 Championship winning Formula 1 car driven by Mario Andretti.

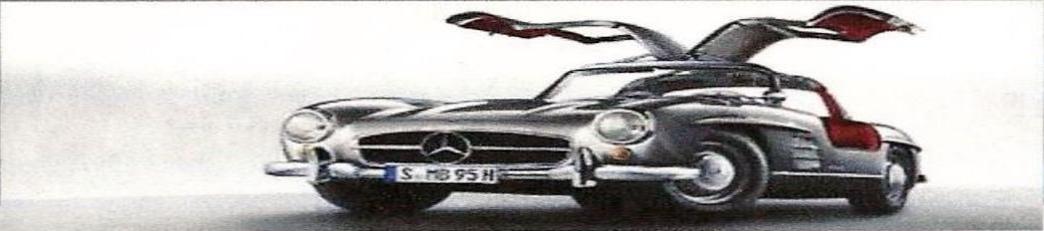
After the tour we went for lunch at The Manor in Hershey.

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Amelia Island Concours  
March 12-15, 2015

I finally decided to attend the Amelia Concours d'Elegance this year. I've heard fellow MBCA members around the country touting this show for the last 20 years. I arrived 3 days early to take in all of the events. First on schedule was the Goodings Auction. There, I met up with fellow Keystone Section Eric Shank and his son David. The 87 lots included incredible Mercedes, Porsches, and Ferraris. The prices the Porsches are now bringing are simply amazing. It was great to see British auctioneer Charlie Ross work the crowd with banter such as "Look at your brochure, look at the car, now look at me and bid."

After the Friday auction, we went to an MBCA dinner in nearby GA with about 25 other members. Saturday was the Cars and Coffee club show. MBCA had a great presence with over 40 SL's from every era as well as the Smits' 1957 220S that is traveling the world. I confirmed their appearance for our section's April tech session at that time. I didn't get to see too many of the other club's displays, because it was onto the RM Auction. The highlight for me was the electrical fire from under the hood of a 1953 SIATA 300BC Barchetta as it drove onstage. It was quickly extinguished, and the new owner was assured that it would be taken care of before delivery. A 1935 Mercedes-Benz 500/540K Cabrio sold for \$2.75 million. A 1956 300Sc Cabrio sold for an even \$1 million. Friday was capped off with an MBCA dinner for about 100 members at the nearby Crab Trap. Even though I traveled alone, I was always in the company of longtime club friends such as Keith and Phil Morgan, Ann Fagan, Tony Labella, John Bleimaier and Bob Platz.

Sunday was the main Concours, and it certainly lived up to its billing as a world class event. Sir Stirling Moss was the guest of honor. More than 20 of his race cars were on display in a special class. They even had his very first race car, a BMW 328 along with two Mercedes Formula 1 cars from 1955 and the famous "722" 300SLR with which he won the Mille Miglia. After my lunch at the MBUSA tent, Sir Stirling arrived for his. When he was finished, we chatted for about 5 minutes about his career. I asked him how he decided which cars to race. He told me that he first wanted to know what he was going to be paid and then he would determine what his chances of winning were. He raced over 140 different cars in his long career. He then signed 2 original victory posters from the 1955 season, including the Millie Miglia. He said that race was his greatest victory. "You can't compare a rally to a Formula 1 race. It was 1,000 miles of twisty Italian roads." He finished the race at an average speed of just under 100 mph. Sir Stirling remarked that while Fangio was the better F1 driver, he was the better sports car driver. His latest book Stirling Moss: My Racing Life is being released this month.

If you love classic automobiles, you should try to go to one of the other great concours on the East Coast. The Greenwich Concours in CT will be May 30-31, the Elegance at Hershey will be held June 12-14, and The Radnor Hunt Concours near Philadelphia will be Sept. 12-14.



Three Sterling Moss MB racecars.

More Photos From Larry's Amelia Island Trip



1963 300SL



The Keno Brothers



Beautiful 300S



Type S



## **Tech Session Held at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster in April**

Our Technical Session was hosted by Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster, East Petersburg. They have done this event for us for several years, now, and it is always a highly-attended morning. Mercedes Benz of Lancaster always provides a quality experience, and we

thank them for their contribution to our club events.

This year was no different, with over 30 members and guests on hand to hear about the latest C Class technologies and other exciting innovations. Recent changes in the Mercedes Benz roadside assistance program were also covered. Lunch was provided by Mercedes Benz of Lancaster.



Elisabeth and Fred Smits from Wellington, New Zealand were invited to attend the session, and give a presentation on their "world tour". They gave a very interesting talk on the logistics of attempting such an experience. Elisabeth and Fred are currently touring the US in their classic 1957 220S, (see photo on President's Message page). The Smits' left Florida to head North on March 2, after staying there much longer than expected due to the cold weather. They were about one year into the

journey at that time. Their travels were featured in the November/December edition of the Star. Follow their adventures at [www.Facebook.com/ClassicStrider](http://www.Facebook.com/ClassicStrider).

### **Welcome New Members!**

**Sara Barwise of Pine Grove**

**Philip Clark of Harrisburg**

**Kerry Delizio of Enola**

**David Hatfield of Harrisburg**

**Charles Kiehl of Gettysburg**

**Joel Reed of Lititz**

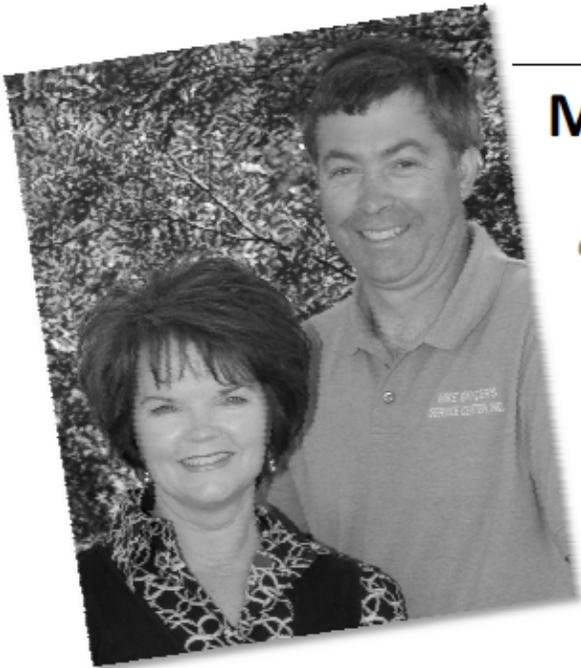
**Jamie & Rebecca Sliter of Landisville**

**Laura Whitman of Elizabethtown**

**Hope to meet you all at a future event!**

### **~~~~~52nd. June Jamboree Finds New Home For June 27th Event~~~~~**

Because MBUSA is in the process of moving to Atlanta, NNJS has found a great place for the Jamboree. The Park Avenue Club in Florham Park, about 10 minutes east of Rt 287. We will include a limited number of non-Mercedes cars from 1979 or earlier for a special Popular Vote. Registration is 8am - 10am. Judging begins at 10:30. Lunch cost is \$20 per person - 12 and under free - is served starting at 1pm or as soon as judging is completed. Registration is open on the website - online registration is strongly preferred. [mbcanni.com](http://mbcanni.com) Registration fee is \$55 on-line or by mail before June 20. \$75 after June 20. We will be offering Silver Star Preservation Class again this year. If you write to Joe Grattan ( [josephgrattan@aol.com](mailto:josephgrattan@aol.com) ) he will send you the specifics for Preservation Class. This is a great event for members of all sections to attend!



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