



# Mercedes-Benz Club of America

## Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA

September / October 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

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

\*\*\*\*\***Details Inside**\*\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*\***October 19 (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](mailto: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

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# President's Message~~~~~

I am writing this message from our family vacation near Atlanta. We drove our E350 wagon on this 14 hour trip. It's been a great family vehicle.

We visited Bud's Benz in nearby Douglasville, GA. They restore and maintain vintage and also service newer Mercedes. The owner David Latham gave us a nice tour of his shop and showed several vintage MB's that he is currently working on. He has a vast assortment of parts cars behind the shop that are available for restoration projects. Their website is [www.budsbenz.com](http://www.budsbenz.com).



We also met Diana Quinn, who serves on the national membership committee with me. She is also the newsletter editor for the Peachtree Section.

Our section had 3 events in the last 2 months. Thanks to Pete Mory for hosting the visit to the Ma & PA Railroad. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Autocross was a success, and we met members from 3 other sections. In July we, also, attended the Deutsche Classic Car Show at Oley Fairgrounds.

I am looking forward to our next 2 annual events. The picnic returns to Allenberry in September which has proven to be a better and cooler date than August. Carol Oldenburg and Kara Gonzales are organizing the road rally in October. I look forward to seeing you at these events as we wind down 2014.

Larry

## **September is Picnic Time!**

The pavilion along the Yellow Breeches Creek at Allenberry Playhouse in Boiling Springs will be the site for our annual Section picnic on Sunday, September 14. Socializing will start at 3:00 pm, with dinner about 5:00 pm. We will be serving "BBQ ala Allenberry, plus Pork Ribs" this year. The cost per adult is \$20.00 (Children under 12, \$10.00).

Cars will be on display for the "Members Choice Clean Car Show" from 3:00 pm, with judging at 4:00pm, so shine up that beautiful Benz, and join your fellow members for a great day by the Yellow Breeches at Allenberry!

A short business meeting will follow our dinner. Winners of the car show will be announced, and trophies awarded.

If you have questions or need directions, contact Donna Copenheaver, 717-764-5890 or [maxanddonna@verizon.net](mailto:maxanddonna@verizon.net)



### **Keystone Section Picnic**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending:	Adult Members: _____	@ \$20.00 = \$ _____
	Non Members: _____	@ \$30.00 = \$ _____
	Children: _____	@ \$10.00 = \$ _____
		Total \$ _____

Model & Year of Benz: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Mid-Atlantic Regional Autocross at Eurofins Lancaster Labs Aug.16 & 17**

by Larry Taylor

The weekend started with a defensive driver course at Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories for the lab employees and children on Saturday. We had 11 participants, mostly younger drivers, for this course. Frank and Mary Alice Cozza from Western Reserve Section in Ohio served as the instructors for the defensive driving as well as the autocross and provided the timing equipment. Frank is the Great Lakes Regional Director. They travel the country teaching these driving courses.

On Sunday, the Keystone Section hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> regional autocross. We started with 12 members going through a defensive driving class. A big thanks goes to Sam Huber, facilities manager, who secured the great autocross lot for our club. He also provided access to the training room and the restrooms in the lobby for both events.

Thanks also to Bill Hopper, Eastern Regional Director, from the Greater Washington Section (GWS) who brought a GWS tent. Mike Parlato, President of the Delaware Valley Section, and our VP Marty Rexroth performed the tech inspections of each vehicle. Fifteen drivers from 4 sections enjoyed a wonderful event with great weather. The course was modified from the defensive driving stations into a continuous course.

We had 2 practice runs to learn the course. After practice we enjoyed a lunch from Isaac's Deli, then ran the 4 official runs. There were 4 classes. Larry Taylor set the fastest time of the day in his C55 AMG. His wife Mary ran timing and scoring all day and picked up lunch and is learning how to push the C55. The SL/SLK Class went to the NE PA Section with their president Mike Ziegler beating Barry Brobst by .01 seconds! Michele Fletcher was just over a second behind them and set the fastest women's time of the day. Frank Bertrand drove his 1983 280SL Euro model with a 5 speed to the event from near the NY border. The new sedan class was won by a brand new member from Delaware, Justin Campbell, who joined MBCA the day before and found our event on the national website. Bill Hopper settled for 2<sup>nd</sup> in his newly acquired C300. John Kitner was only .02 seconds behind in his E350 coupe just ahead of his wife, newsletter editor, Jan. Jim Taylor had to work in New Jersey and just made it to the event as the last cars were running. With no walk-through or spectating, he ran practice and timed runs all in a row. In the old sedan class, Mike Parlato hustled his 1989 300SE through the tight turns to beat Marty Rexroth by about a 1/2 second. Marty was sharing his son's newly acquired 1998 C280 Sport. The younger Marty had only about an hour of driving under his belt before the event and learned a lot about car control. His last run was about 13 seconds faster than his practice time. Mike's girlfriend, Darina, rounded out the class.

## Final Results

<b>AMG Class</b>	Car	Time (seconds)
1 <sup>st</sup> Larry Taylor (K)	2006 C55 AMG	29.51 *
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mary Taylor (K)	2006 C55 AMG	37.92
<b>SL/SLK Class</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Mike Ziegler (NE)	2006 SLK350	31.83
2 <sup>nd</sup> Barry Brobst (NE)	2003 SL550	31.84
3 <sup>rd</sup> Michele Fletcher (K)	1999 SL500	33.02 #
4 <sup>th</sup> Frank Bertrand (NE)	1983 280SL	43.64
<b>New Sedan Class</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Justin Campbell (D)	2009 E350	31.33
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bill Hopper (GWS )	2011 C300 4MATIC	32.55
3 <sup>rd</sup> John Kitner (K)	2010 E350 Coupe	32.57
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan Kitner (K)	2010 E350 Coupe	33.20
5 <sup>th</sup> Jim Taylor (K)	2008 E320 BlueTec	42.79
<b>Old Sedan Class</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Mike Parlato (D)	1989 300SE	33.87
2 <sup>nd</sup> Marty Rexroth (K)	1998 C280 Sport	34.28
3 <sup>rd</sup> Marty Rexroth II (K)	1998 C280 Sport	40.19
4 <sup>th</sup> Darina Pinaire (D)	1989 300SE	56.83

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

Section Codes K=Keystone NE=Northeast PA D=Delaware Valley GWS=Greater Washington



## Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Heritage Village Sun., Aug. 3, 2014



A group of Keystone members took a Journey one century back in time on this excursion as we visited a preserved early 20th century village and railroad. In addition to the railroad and its equipment, we shopped in a multi-story general store, and visited a mill, and grain elevator on a self guided walking tour of the village. There were docents at each site to explain life a century ago. Our group took the opportunity to ride on the unique train made up of track maintenance vehicles pre-dating the high-rail truck era.

Full size railroad equipment owned by the society is under restoration. It was a most interesting and informative day. Also, note that the Ma & Pa Railroad Heritage Day will be Saturday, September 27th, all day.

There will be many attractions and the locomotive cab and the caboos will be open to the public.

Thank you Pete for introducing us to the Ma and Pa Railroad, and making us aware of the society's dedication to preserving this slice of our local history!

Following our visit we gathered for dinner at The Great American Saloon in Red Lion.

### October Is Rally Time!

Our Fall Road Rally will be Sunday, October 19th. We will be starting from Queensgate Shopping Center in York. We will meet at 12:30 in front of BonTon to begin our rally at 1 pm.

Drivers and navigators will be given instructions, questions and an emergency contact envelope. Trip meters will be reset to zero at the start under the supervision of the Rally Master. We will be driving through some beautiful PA countryside, and ending our day with dinner.

There is a charge of \$10.00 **per car** for prizes. Please RSVP by October 13th to Carol Oldenburg & Kara Gonzales, [luv2drw@gmail.com](mailto:luv2drw@gmail.com), to let them know you are participating. Send the form below, with your check to the address listed on the form. At the restaurant, we will order from the menu, and have separate checks.

If you don't want to do the rally, you may join us for dinner after, or pair-up with another member in their vehicle as their navigator. Each vehicle should have, at a minimum, a driver and a navigator. Our rallies are never time and distance, so there is no pressure to drive fast. It is always a great time. Just enjoy the fall scenery, and follow the directions!

### Keystone Section Fall Rally

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ (for restaurant reservations) \$10.00 **PER CAR**

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## DEUTSCHE CLASSIC CAR SHOW Oley, PA JULY 12, 2014

by Larry Taylor

Nearly 50 beautiful Mercedes graced the Deutsche Classic in Oley this year. We were joined again by a nice examples of Audi, BMW, Porsche and Volkswagen as well as the unique "orphan" cars and German motorcycles. The 10th anniversary edition of this show featured 330 show cars, 50 parts vendors and 1410 persons on-site. A fantastic forecast and

beautiful weather helped to match their all-time attendance record.

As the word spreads about PA's only all German car show, more neighboring section members continue to join our ranks every year. Keith and Phil Morgan drove down from Maine once again this year. Keith showed the same 1967 280SE that we drove to StarTech in Alabama last year. Phil bought the Kitner's SL500 in the car corral. Regional Director Joe Grattan was also in attendance along with several other Northern New Jersey Section members.

### Mercedes-Benz Class

- 1st: Bob Steele (NEPA), 1971 280SE
- 2nd: James Taljan (Keystone), 1999 SL500
- 3rd: Jens Otto Christensen, 2000 SL500 Designo

Farthest Driven: Pastor Gomez 1998 Mercedes E320 Wagon (1,300 miles from Florida)

For more info and pictures, please visit their website, [www.deutscheclassic.com](http://www.deutscheclassic.com).



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**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](mailto:wbarnes@ycp.edu) or 717-870-4505.

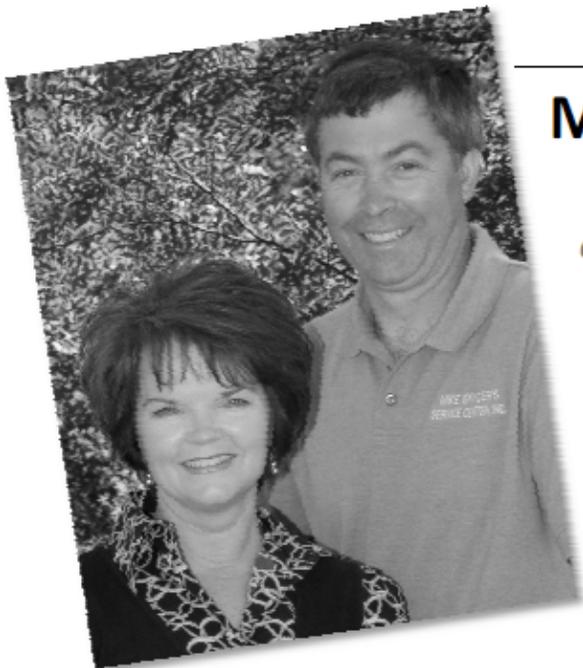
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