



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Star Keystone Section of Central PA

March / April 2017

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Keystone Section Events 2017

February 12 (Sun.): 2016 Kick-Off luncheon at First Post Restaurant, York, PA

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****March 25 (Sat.): Tech Session at Mercedes Benz of Lancaster, East Petersburg, PA

****April 22 (Sat.): Drive and Dine to Bedford Village, Bedford, PA

****May 5 - 7 (Fri. thru Sun.): Annual Kentucky Derby Weekend in Cape May, NJ

May 20 (Sat.): Carlisle Import and Performance Nationals, Carlisle, PA

June 24 (Sat.): Eastern Museum of Motor Racing & Latimore Valley Fair, York Springs, PA

July 8 (Sat.): Deutsche Classic German Car Show, Oley, PA

August (Sat.): Autocross TBD

September (Sun): Section Picnic

October : Fall Road Rally TBD

November 11 (Sat): 2018 Planning Meeting, Mercedes Benz of Lancaster

Share in the planning of our monthly events/meetings for 2018. Contact Robert Byrne, 717-254-1742 or rjbyrne@rjbyrne.net, if you are attending, or if you have ideas for events.

December 2 (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 2**. 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~~~~~

Winter is almost over, or is it?

Karen and I spent most of January, all of February and some of March much farther south than our home in Carlisle – Think Florida. The weather was wonderful – warm and sunny almost the entire time. The top on my CLK was down for many of the days we were there. While there, I visited two different Mercedes-Benz dealerships, not because I wanted to, but because I had to. We came home and while we were sleeping in our own bed the first night, mother nature gave us a

present of snow. Wonderful – right?

I missed the February Kick-Off event. I have heard it was a success, and orders for name tags for new members have been placed.

This month’s event is something that most owners of a Mercedes could benefit from. A Tech Session provides information about the Mercedes-Benz flavor of automobiles. I’m sure there will be more information elsewhere in this newsletter about what, when and where.

Keep an eye on the first page of the newsletter. This is where you can see what event is upcoming and what are farther in the future. The events that are in **bold** are the events that have information about them in the newsletter edition.

That’s all I can think of to tell you for this edition of the newsletter.

Come out and enjoy the events in the remainder of the year. I’m sure you’ll have fun.

Robert Byrne

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February 2017 Kick-Off Luncheon

Our first meeting of 2017 was a luncheon on February 12th. at The First Post Public House in York. This is a very special luncheon because it is held each year to honor all new members who have joined MBCA, Keystone Section, since January 1, 2016. There were 20 members present, including several new members, who will be given MBCA name tags for attending. Donna will be ordering 10 name tags, which will be given out at the next meeting - either the March Tech Session in Lancaster or the April "Drive 'n Dine" to Bedford, PA.

The First Post did a great job. We had our own room and the service was superb, as well as the food. Donna was able to "scare" up some great door prizes.

During our business meeting, Mike and Jodi Snyder from Mike Snyder's Service Center, long-time advertisers and supporters of our section, gave a short presentation about their business. We went around the room and everyone shared why they joined the MBCA. Donna gave a brief talk about the April 22 "Drive and Dine" to Bedford, including, eating at the historic Jean Bonnet Tavern, and making a stop at the Flight 93 Memorial. Everyone present was excited about the trip. Some even suggested we make it an overnight trip. See the article in this newsletter for more info.

For Sale



1986 420 SEL: Silver with Dark Blue leather interior. Asking \$ 5995. Car is in good condition; new tires, front brake pads, no rust. Has 153,000 miles, is driven weekly, and inspected until 2017. Selling due to retirement (and purchase of a 2013 550 SL). Interested parties can email me at hls550SL@gmail.com or phone 814.742.9002.



2016 Mercedes Metris passenger Van WD4PG2EE1G3083656: Silver, 7 passenger Black Leatherette, tinted side glass. 9062 miles. Recent yearly service and as new condition. Driver comfort and efficiency package with Becker Info and Nav system. Premium appearance, cold weather package and high performance/dual heat and air. Heated, power mirrors, single flip tailgate. 5 spoke 17" wheels, with complete winter treads and all seasons. Vehicle was equipped with a mechanical 48" fold out aluminum ramp and was set for wheelchair use for my wife during recovery from a severe spinal injury. Removed currently. Available for vehicle. All bolt in, NO modifications. My wife has recovered beyond our need for this vehicle. I would be glad to assist anyone who needs transport for family members if this vehicle could help. More pictures available. Extended Factory MB warranty until 11/2019 or 75,000 miles. Many extras. Contact John Simbeck, 814 231 0222 or John@geminitime.com. \$32,000 OBO. Please see vehicle.

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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 also, enables us to send the newsletter by email, and save the club some of the costs of printing and postage. You may always request to have a paper newsletter in the mail.

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Hope to meet all of you at a future event!

Airbag Recall

At Mercedes-Benz, our highest priority is keeping you safe. So we'd like to share some important information about a recall involving Takata frontal airbags used in many vehicles, including certain Mercedes-Benz models. This safety recall is a result of inflators that may improperly deploy with excessive force in the event of a crash. Takata and other inflator suppliers are working with the U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Administration (NHTSA) to coordinate availability of replacement airbags as soon as possible.

To learn more about the Takata recall, including information on free airbag replacement, visit mbusa.com/mercedes/recall.

Tech Session at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster March 25, 2017

The Keystone Section Technical Session will be held Saturday March 25, 2017. Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster will be hosting the event for us at 10:00 am. The dealership is located at 5100 Main Street (Rt. 72) in East Petersburg. Cost is only \$5.00.

Master Certified Shop Foreman Gene Eshleman will be giving us a presentation which will no doubt be interesting and informative.

Mercedes Benz of Lancaster always provides a quality experience. Come out to enjoy the fellowship of other members and the dealership staff.

Directions: Take Rt. 72N from Rt. 283 or Rt. 30.

Cost: \$5.00. Payable either before or at the event. Make checks payable to: Keystone Section MBCA

Mercedes Benz of Lancaster Tech Session March 25, 2017

Name _____ # attending _____ @ \$5.00 each

phone# _____ e-mail _____

Please RSVP by Friday March 17, 2017

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JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY OF "DRIVE 'N DINE"
APRIL 22, 2017

We will be **leaving** from the McDonald's at 101 Limekiln Road, New Cumberland, PA, at 8:30 am, and caravanning onto PA Turnpike 76W. First we will tour the grounds of the Flight 93 Memorial in Stoystown, PA. If we have enough participants, I will be able to get a guide to lead the tour. Our next stop will be lunch at Jean Bonnet Tavern where everyone will order their own meals from the wonderful menu. For menu info go to www.jeanbonnettavern.com or call 1-814-623-2250.

After lunch and a tour of this beautiful tavern, built in 1762 we will head for historic downtown Bedford, named one of the top ten main streets in the Nation! There is something for everyone - antiquing, unique specialty shops and boutiques, museums, art galleries, winery and chocolate shops and so much more. For more info: www.downtownbedford.com or 1-814 623-0048.

After approximately two hours on your own of exploration we will all meet at the Golden Eagle Inn, 131 E. Pitt St, Bedford. We'll have a relaxing time enjoying the local craft brews, single malt scotches, and contemporary pub fare. Info at www.bedfordpains.com or 1-814-624-0800.

Then homeward bound....or.....

If you choose to extend your stay in Bedford, there are some wonderful hotel choices. Those plans should be made on your own. The best is probably the Omni Resorts, 1-814-623-8100 or www.omnihotels.com/Bedford.

There are no up-front costs, just your expenses that day. However, I would like to know who is planning to join us and how many. So please call or email Donna Copenheaver at 1-717-764-5890(H) or 1-717-801-2531(C) or maxanddonna@verizon.net to RSVP.

National and Regional Events 2017

May 4 - 7: Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance. Triangle Section -- Pinehurst resort, North Carolina. For info on weekend activities contact steve_redwine@yahoo.com.

June 26, July 24, and Sept. 18: Stuttgart, Germany Tours. Space is limited! Reserve now to guarantee your slot. Contact Jim O'Sullivan, 843-671-2079 or osullivanj55@gmail.com.

Friday, August 18, 2017: Legends of the Autoban. "Legends Celebrates 50 Years of AMG" Legends of the Autobahn® returns to the Nicklaus Club in Monterey CA, and is co-hosted by MBCA, BMW Car Club of America, and Audi Club North America. More info at www.legendsoftheautobahn.org.

September 10: MotorSport Park at Radnor Hunt. This will be the fourth year for this event. <http://radnorconcours.org/>

*******May 16 - 22, 2018:***** StarFest 2018.** Alabama Section -- In Birmingham, Vance, Talladega, and Huntsville Alabama. Mark your calendars. Details will follow.

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