



Shining Star

Spring 2015

Mercedes-Benz Club of America | Northeastern Pennsylvania Section

Since 1981

Welcome, New Members

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Tech Session at Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster

All MBCA club members are invited to attend this interesting event Saturday April 11, 2015. Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster will be hosting us at 10:00 am. The dealership is located at 5100 Main Street (Rt. 72) in East Petersburg, PA. Cost is only \$5.00.

We are looking forward to hearing about the latest C Class technologies and other exciting innovations. Recent changes in the Mercedes Benz roadside assistance program will also be covered.

Elisabeth and Fred Smits from Wellington, New Zealand have been invited to attend the session. Elisabeth and Fred are currently touring the US in a classic 1957 220S. Their travels were featured in the November/December edition of the Star. The Smits' left Florida to head North on March 2, after staying there much longer than expected due to the cold weather. If all goes as planned, they should be in our area the weekend of the Tech Session. Follow their adventures at www.Facebook.com/ClassicStrider

Mercedes Benz of Lancaster always provides a quality experience. Come out to enjoy the fellowship with other members and the dealership staff. Lunch will be provided by Mercedes Benz of Lancaster. Directions: Take Rt. 72N from Rt. 283W or Rt. 30.

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

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"SHOUT OUT" EVENT

Date: April 11, 2015

Event:

Mercedes Benz of Lancaster Tech Session

Contact Person: Marty Rexroth

Time: 10:00 AM **Cost:** \$ 5.00

Email: marstang@AOL.com

Register by: Thursday April 2, 2015

Phone: (717) 764-0624

Why Not Advertise in our "SHINING STAR" Newsletter?

Our "SHINING STAR" newsletter is sent each quarter to all members of the Northeast Pennsylvania Section of the Mercedes Club of America. Shortly it will be available, through our website, to the 2550 members of the Mid-Atlantic Region and the 21,000 Mercedes Benz Club members in the USA and Canada. If interested in our advertising rates please e-mail our editor, Ron Gabel, at rggabel@ptd.net

NEPA WEBSITE

"with membership directory"

The Northeast Pennsylvania Section of the Mercedes Club of America now has its own website. Check it out now at <http://nepa.mbca.org> and refer to it often. When you are logged in on the nepa.mba.org website (currently you have to log in to mbca.org then open a new screen to nepa.mbca.org website) you can see the membership directory of our NEPA current members and their MB cars.

Deadline for Summer Newsletter Content

All submissions for inclusion in the Summer Newsletter should be in the hands of the editor by June 1st, 2015. Please try to adhere to this schedule.

Northeast Pennsylvania Section President Receives Officer of the Year Award for 2014

V.P. & Secretary Receive Member of the Year Award for 2014

Joe Grattan (Regional Director for the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Mercedes Benz Club of America, comprised of the State of Connecticut, Lower New York State, New Jersey and the Eastern third of Pennsylvania) was present at our clubs December Holiday party that was held at the home of Jolanta Piekarski. The Mid-Atlantic Region consists of seven of the Mercedes Club's 80 individual Sections in the USA and Canada whose membership totals 2,550 members owning an average of 2.7 Mercedes Benz cars each.



Our Northeast Pennsylvania Section President, Mike Ziegler, was pleasantly surprised when the Director presented him the Officer of the Year Award for the Mid-Atlantic Region. The Director is permitted to nominate one of the 28 Officers in his Region for this award.

In addition every year each Section is encouraged to nominate a person(s) for the Sections Member of the Year Award. This year Mr. Grattan presented the Member of the Year Award plaques to members Roger and Debbie Egolf for their ongoing service to the NEPA Section.

The Director congratulated the award recipients and the Northeast Pennsylvania Chapter who continue to serve Mercedes Benz enthusiasts since 1985.

President's Message:

With this spring issue, most people are glad that the snow and deep cold are behind us, and soon those who put their Mercedes Benz in the garage for the winter will be able to get them out. We have a lot of events for you to choose from.

We would like to thank Erica Jantos for doing a great job as our eBlast/eNewsletter Editor this past year. The eBlasts are the emails that are sent out between Newsletters with specific event information. As introduced in this newsletter, MBCA national office has set up our new website nepa.mbca.org and

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President's Message: *cont.*

we need a volunteer to work with Erica on our internet based information to update the website when we have new events, news, etc. We would be willing to train the helper.

The other 2 positions we need volunteers for are:

Driving Coordinator to organize day trips (formerly called First Sunday Drives). We have people to help, but need a coordinator.

The other position is Membership Chairman. This person's team would welcome new members, contact members who didn't renew, keep track of name badges and Years of Service Pins, and encourage ways to grow our membership.

Contact me if you may be interested or would like more information on any of these positions to make this club a success. We are looking forward to a great 2015.

*Happy motoring,
Mike Ziegler*

**Mercedes Benz of Lancaster Tech Session** *Continued from pg 1***Registration Sheet**

Mercedes Benz of Lancaster Tech Session April 11, 2015

Cost \$5.00. Payable either before or at the event.

Make checks payable to: Keystone Section MBCA

Name _____ # attending _____

Phone # _____ e-mail _____

Please RSVP by Thursday April 2

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Have You Changed your E-Mail Address?

You are receiving this NEPA newsletter as a benefit of your membership in the Mercedes Benz Club of America (MBCA). Your MBCA club benefits include membership in the NEPA local section of the Mercedes Benz Club at no additional charge. It is important, for many reasons, you notify the MBCA National Business Office at (719)633-6427 (8AM-4PM Mountain Time, 2 hours behind Eastern Time) if you have changed your e-mail or mailing address. You can review and/or change your data on file when you go to mbca.org, log-in (your password is your membership number, until you change it), click on Membership then click My Profile or next to My Profile click Edit (to edit your profile). Your MEMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS block is located under MEMBER USERNAME. When you notify them of the change please include your membership number which is listed on your membership card, and on the mailing label of THE STAR. If an associate member is not listed and you would like to add your spouse or partner it can be added at no cost. If you prefer to make your changes via e-mail it can be accomplished at: <http://www.mbca.org/contact/contact?nid=7039939>

All members are welcome at any club events, all of which will be announced at least four times per year in THE SHINING STAR newsletter. This spring 2015 issue has been sent to all current members as a hard copy; it is our intention to send future copies by E-mail unless you notify us you prefer hard copy.

We have been sending out reminders and updates by E-mail over the past year. It is important you make certain your current E-mail address is up-to-date with National, especially if you have not been receiving those reminders



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

To:



NEPA Upcoming Events



- April 11, 2015Tech Session Mercedes-Benz of Lancaster, Regional Event
- May 21, 2015Spring Dinner, (location TBD)
- June 6, 2015Jamboree, Mercedes-Benz USA Headquarters, Montvale NJ, Regional Event
- June 27, 2015NEPA Summer Picnic and Car Show, (location TBD)
- July 11, 2015The Deutsche Classic, Oley, Regional Event
- July 25, 2015Drive to Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles
- August 2, 2015Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie PA
- August 9, 2015New Hope Car Show, Regional Event
- August 15, 2015.....NEPA Shrimp Boil at Toms River NJ Marina
- August 20, 2015.....Board Meeting 8 AM at Jolanta Piekarski's home
- September 13, 2015.....Car show at Radnor Concours
- September 19, 2015.....Annual Picnic at Falkenhorst, Hopewell NJ, Regional Event
- October 4, 2015.....Tinicum Park Polo Club
- October 22, 2015Fall election and planning dinner
- December 5, 2015Annual Holiday Dinner