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Section**

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**Shining Star
Winter 2021 Newsletter**

President's Message

We were glad to get together with club friends for most of our events for this year. The 2022 events schedule is included in this newsletter. We have a couple of new events. A glass blowing demonstration 2/5 by member Dennis Gardner (husband of Christina, our Membership Director). In a past member survey many members wanted an overnight event. We did schedule that for July 23-24. If you have a suggestion and/or can help with the planning, contact Barry Brobst, Day Drive Coordinator. Our NEPA picnic is 8/27 and we are looking for someone to host it at their home or business. Our next event is the Annual Christmas Dinner 12/14 at Madeline's followed by a presentation by John Bleimaier (information in this newsletter, deadline to send check to the treasurer is 12/7). Hopefully 2022 will be another great year to enjoy the club comradery at the events planned.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year!

Stay safe,



Mike Ziegler

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1. Upcoming 2021 Events

Tue, Dec 14 NEPA Christmas/Holiday Party, Madeline's (details below)

Upcoming 2022 Events

Tue, Mar 15, 7PM - 9PM NEPA Board Meeting - via Webex

Thu, Apr 7, NEPA Spring Dinner - 6PM Cocktails; 6:30PM Dinner

Sat, May 14, NEPA Spring Day Drive

Tue, Jun 14, 7PM - 9PM NEPA Board Meeting

Sat, Jun ?, NNJ/SSJ June Jamboree, Park Avenue Club

Sat, Jul 9, 8AM - 4PM Deutsche Classic (NEPA/Keystone)

July 23 - 24 NEPA Overnight Trip

Sun, Aug 7, Das Awkscht Fescht Car Show

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Tue, Aug 16, 7PM - 9PM NEPA Board Meeting

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Sat, Sep ? NNJ SNJ Regional Picnic Bleiemaier's, Hopewell, NJ

Sun Sep 18, 1PM NEPA Day Drive

Sat, Oct 1, 9:30AM / 10:45AM / 11AM NEPA Road Rally, Ron Gabel

Thu, Oct 13, NEPA Planning Meeting - 6PM Cocktails; 6:30PM Dinner

Thu, Oct 13, 8:45PM NEPA Board Meeting

TBD - NEPA Tech Session, Masano's MB, Reading (Alice & Otto)

Tue, Dec 13, NEPA Christmas/Holiday Party, 6PM Cocktails; 7PM Dinner

Upcoming 2021 Event Details



**NEPA Mercedes-Benz Christmas Dinner at Madeline's Fogelsville
1250 Turnstone Drive, Fogelsville PA**

Tuesday December 14, 2021

6:00 cocktails—7:00 Dinner

Join us for our annual NEPA Christmas/Holiday Dinner in a private room at Madeline's <https://madelinesfogelsville.com>.

After dinner we will have a slide (digital) presentation by John Bleimaier, our past Regional Director (and long-time host of the regional picnic).

NEPA club will buy a glass of wine or a beer, but seconds are on you...

We will start with:

*Madeline's Salad- field greens with strawberries, oranges, and toasted almonds in a mango vingerette.

Optional: *Lobster bisque soup if chosen, is available as an upgrade for \$4.00 per person and forgo the salad in its place. We need to know the exact number of people interested.

As an added touch, they will be serving sorbet between courses.....

Entrees:

*Crab stuffed flounder with Madeline's signature lump crab mix & lemon butter. \$50.00 per person

*Filet Mignon six oz. tenderloin, char-grilled & topped with bordelaise sauce. \$60.00 per person

*Seasonal Vegetarian Dish \$40.00 per person

All entrees served with Chef's choice of starch and vegetables.

Finish with dessert:

*Seasonal cobbler

Coffee and soda are included with the price.

Above prices include: 6% tax & 20% gratuity fee.

RSVP: Debbie Egolf needs to know by the seventh also your food entrées and if anyone wants lobster bisque soup.

Debbie Egolf 610-751-7865 or egolf2000@yahoo.com with selection of entrée & if wanting the optional lobster bisque soup.

**** Check due 12/7** (deadline per Madeline's, no refunds if canceling after that date)

Check made out to NEPA-MBCA and sent to our treasurer:

Jolanta Piekarski

1412 Stark Road, Bethlehem PA 18017

Please check MBCA-NEPA.COM for updates after this newsletter publication.

Members' Corner

Meet our new members:

Joseph Augustine of S Abington Twp, PA

Peter Carlino (associate member Marsha Carlino) of Wyomissing, PA (2021 S-class sedan; 2007 S550; 2004 SL600; 1962 300SL Rd; 2021 GLS AMG63)

Jeff Fanelli of Orwigsburg, PA

William Hampson of Elverson, PA

Jeffrey Harris of Matamoras, PA (2016 E350)

Danae Metz of Morgantown, PA

Barry Miles, Sr (associate member Barry Miles, Jr) of Easton, PA (2017 E400 Cabriolet; 2019 GLS550 4matic)

Robert Slomovitz of Pittston, PA 18640

Leonid Tsypis of Brooklyn, NY

Please note: if your associate member would like to receive a separate copy of our newsletter and eBlasts, please send their email address to our Newsletter Editor, Alice Christensen (achristensen@comcast.net)

Important Member Survey

Hello Members! Please take a few moments to complete this short but important member survey. We want to hear what in person events and topics presented through social media you would be interested in! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T5JR28C>

3. Technical Section

Mercedes-Benz Land Speed Record by John Sale

My interests in unusual Mercedes-Benz history is looking for little known facts about the development of the car we know today. A little-known fact is that in 1938 Mercedes-Benz held the land speed record of 432.7 km/hr (268.8 mph) on a public road for eighty years. Even in 1938, this was not the fastest anyone had driven on four wheels, for three years earlier Malcolm Campbell had breached 300 mph in his Bluebird car. But that record was set on the Bonneville Salt Flats, not a public highway.

The car was known as the Mercedes-Benz W125 Recordwagen. The record-breaking car was based on the W125 Silver Arrow grand prix racer. Powering it was a V12 5577cc engine with two superchargers producing 736 HP (541 kW). This speed was the fastest speed ever to be reached on a public road, and it remained for nearly 80 years until on 5 November 2017, when Koenigsegg Agera RS blazed down a closed section of Nevada Route 160 to set a new two-way speed record of 445.6 km/hr (276.9 mph). Videos of the record breaking run can be found on YouTube.

The history of the car started in 1937 with Mercedes-Benz winning the European Grand Prix. During the record attempt week in Frankfurt am Main in October 1937, the W125 with a 5.6-litre

V12 engine was unable to better the competing cars of Auto Union.

Mercedes-Benz withdrew the car from the competition and decided that the car should be comprehensively developed further for the next record attempt.



Mercedes-Benz's next record-breaking attempt was to be made in January 1938. The instructions issued to the engineers were to modify the W125 chassis and engine and develop a completely new vehicle body. The reason was above all the excessive front axle lift of the 1937 version, which at times led to loss of steerability. Mercedes-Benz shortened the front overhang and gave the car a rounder front end. In addition, the front end was lowered and more sharply tapered. This had the desired effect of reducing front axle lift. A streamlined body was developed that was more heavily rounded off, which reduced susceptibility to crosswinds. And finally, the cockpit glazing was modified to resemble the shape and cross section of a teardrop. The streamlined form of the car was also accentuated by the covered wheel arches.



The V12 engine was completely rebuilt, featured a handful of novel engineering specs. For example, the engine used an ice-cooling system rather than ambient air. Engineers cooled the massive engine with 11 pounds of ice and 12.6 gallons of water. Test bench trials confirmed the success of all this work. On 29 December 1937, an output measurement prior to installation in the vehicle showed an output of 525 kW (714 hp).

In the morning of January 28, 1938, just after 8 a.m., Rudolf Caracciola achieved the highest speed ever recorded on the Reichs-Autobahn A5 between Frankfurt am Main and Darmstadt, which had been opened in May 1935. He clocked a speed of 432.7 km/hr over the flying kilometer, and broke the record for the flying mile with a speed of 432.4 km/hr.

Auto Union attempted to break this new Mercedes-Benz record on that same day, however Bernd Rosemeyer, the competing company's most successful racing driver, suffered a fatal accident when his car was caught by a gust of wind at top speed and veered off the road. A history of the Auto Union record breaking attempt can be found at the TopGear website.

Caracciola's speed record on a public road remained unbroken for almost eight decades. It was only on 4 November 2017 that it was broken with a new record of 445.54 km/hr. The vehicle concerned had almost twice the engine output. This makes the record-breaking Mercedes-Benz W125 a shining example of efficiency to this day. A complete history of the Mercedes-Benz W125 record breaking streamliner can be found at the Mercedes-Benz Classic website.

Towing dual axle trailers with our Mercedes GL SUV:

I don't recall reading anything in our newsletters recently regarding Towing with our Mercedes, so here goes...

Shortly after purchasing our used 2007 GL450 4Matic with the usual Air Suspension and the not-so-common Class IV factory tow package, I purchased a 2,000 lb Tandem Axle Trailer to tow our 5,000 lb Kubota 4WD Loader/Backhoe between our Pleasant Mount PA and Kingston NY properties.

The GL can pull 7,500 lbs but has a lower than normal 600 lb tongue weight limit (8%, instead of the common 10%). I added a Tekonsha Prodigy 90195 Brake Controller to the factory installed wiring under the dashboard to power the Electric Trailer Brakes.



The trailer brake lights would fail with a Brake Light Failure message immediately upon stepping on the brakes. The "4-ways" hazard and turn signal lights would work as normal, but no brake lights on the trailer. (The hitch receiver looked like it had the original paint, so the previous owner probably never towed a trailer in the 8+ years they owned it.) Jason at Keeler Motors in Latham NY quickly determined that the Rear SAM original programming was for the non-USA variant, but a quick reprogramming fixed the Brake Light error. (Thank you Jason!)

Many would say we'd need the diesel motor or at least the 550 motor to pull the full 7500 lb capacity, but short of normal automatic downshifts and a minor slow down as we tow up good size hills, the GL450 does a fine job of Towing our equipment. In April 2021, we drove to Houston TX to purchase a 2015 Lance 1685 "4 Season" 5400 lb GVWR travel trailer. Like our tandem 'lowboy' trailer, the RV trailer had only the 2-5/16" ball hitch and no Sway control or any Weight Distribution System. However, the increased cross-section of the 20' camper made going faster than 63 mph unnerving, so Debra charted the 'scenic routes' back home as we visited a few campgrounds and other pleasant sightseeing stops on our return. (Gulpha Gorge Campground at Hot Springs National Park AR with my Senior Lifetime National Park pass was a favorite!)

We had 'settled for' the smaller 20' model with its 275 lb tongue/'Hitch' weight as Debra learned from [the Lance RV forum](#) that many would have more than double the dry Hitch weight. But being more familiar now with the layout, we decided to get the 22' trailer rated at 335 lb tongue weight & 5700 lb GVWR, and just be very careful to not load up the front and exceed the 600 lb limit, as is often done by most. I could relocate the camper's front mounted battery and spare tire if needed. We soon drove to NH to purchase a 2015 Lance 1985 trailer and it came with a Husky Center Line TS Weight Distributing Hitch which definitely helped with sway control.



The Husky sliding torsion bar system was noisier than I cared for, so I purchased a Blue Ox SwayPro system and moved the Husky system to the 20' trailer. The SwayPro system is silent and much easier/safer to load - a great improvement!

I bought a used Sherline Trailer Tongue Weight Scale

so I can easily be sure to not exceed the 600 lb capacity of the GL.

We already have our first Quarter Million Kilometer 'High Mileage Award', but with now over 292,000 miles on it, we're less than 18,000 miles away from our second (500,000 km) Mercedes-Benz Classic Center medallion, and it's looking like many of those miles will be Towing our Lance 4 Season Travel Trailer around our country.

You can read much more about Towing with a Mercedes on the Forums at MBWorld.org, and more about our Luxury Towing machine at Kropf.us/2007GL450.

Brett (& Debra) Kropf

Technical Questions Answered

If you have technical questions submit them to [Alice Christensen](#), Newsletter Editor, who will then submit them to Walter Piekarski, our Technical Advisor, for an answer in our next edition

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Please visit and join our Facebook page. Once accepted you can post pictures of your cars, join member discussions on various Mercedes topics, and ask questions.

Click here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MercedesBenzNEPA/>

Past Events

2021 Fall Country COVID Rally

Saturday, October 2

by Alice Christensen

See some of the photos below taken following our road rally. Ron Gabel has planned these rallies and as with previous rallies, his directions were fun and kept us on our toes. He took us on low-traffic roads for safety. There was so much to see, so many beautiful structures and landscapes.

John Bleimiaer and Marina came in first. John Sale and Denise Sale came in second. Barry and Lynn Brobst came in third. After the rally, we were treated to a lovely lunch in the Gabel's backyard park-like setting.

Few photos below. Top left: The cars start to arrive at Ron and Elaine Gabel's property. Top right: Ron prepares to give certificates to the winners. Middle Left: Rally participants dining al fresco in this charming picnic like setting. Middle right: Mike Ziegler and Marina and John Bleimaier. Bottom left: John Bleimaier's acceptance of their award. Bottom right: Winners and their navigators; Left to right: Barry and Lynn Brobst, Denise and John Sale, Marina and John Bleiemaier.





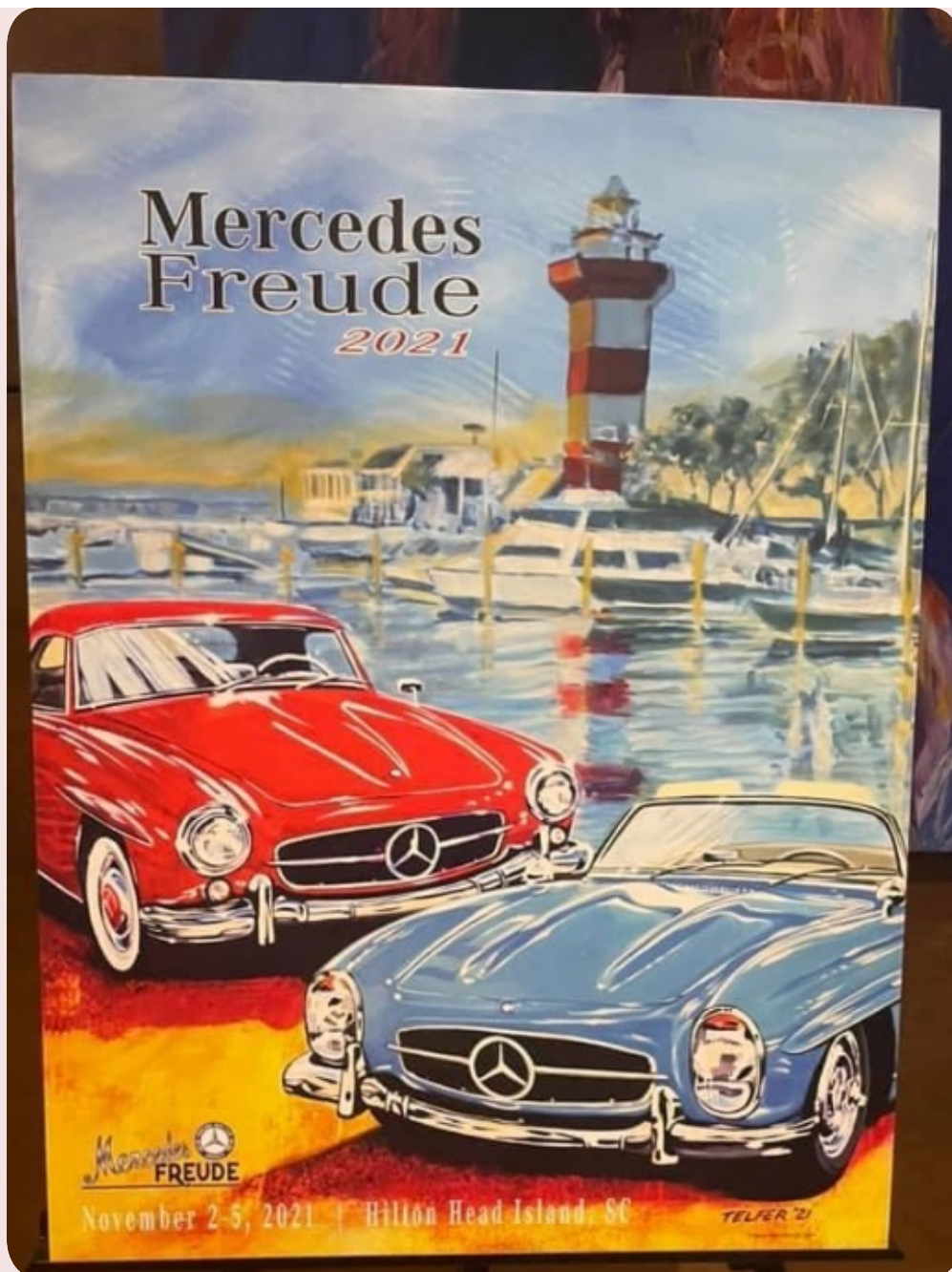
**Election and 2022 Planning Meeting
October 7, 2021
Hops at the Paddock Restaurant**



I am pleased to announce that all the current officers and directors agreed to another 2-year term and were unanimously approved by the membership in attendance. We also elected Christina Gardner as Membership Director. I would like to personally thank all the officers and directors for volunteering their time to our club and for working together so well. See the list at the bottom of this newsletter. The 2022 events were selected and approved. The list is included with this newsletter. We hope to see you at the events. Mark them in your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun.

Mike Ziegler

Mercedes Freude November 2-5, 2021, Hilton Head Island:



This year was the first Mercedes Freude put on by the National MBCA. It was the largest attended National event in MBCA history. My wife and I were fortunate enough to have attended this fine event. Tuesday was a meet and greet cocktail party. Wednesday there were the many Technical Sessions. Thursday, we toured the private car collection of Robert Jepson. It was a treat to see his Mercedes 540K and his 1936 Horch 853A Special Roadster. He personally gave us a tour and the story behind his automobiles. The tour was followed by a catered lunch. Friday was the TSD (Time/Speed/Distance) Rally followed by a lunch in a park. This was our first TSD Rally, and I look forward to the next one. Friday evening was the final Banquet Buffet. Although the weather was cool and wet toward the end of the event, we had a great time. Sunday was the combined Legends of the Autobahn – East (rescheduled from the rained out Saturday event) and the Hilton

Head Island Concours d'Elegance and there were beautiful cars that came out even though it rained Sunday morning. National plans to have the Mercedes Freude as a yearly event. Hopefully you can experience the next one.

Mike Ziegler

Legends of the Autobahn East 11/6 and Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance 11/7

Heavy rains fell from Friday through Saturday. Legends of the Autobahn was moved from its original date of November 6 to Sunday, November 7, the same day and venue as the Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance. In spite of Sunday AM's cold drizzle, the turnout was great.

Guests of the event participated in the iconic tradition of casting their vote for the 'People's Choice' award. Over the course of the Concours votes were cast with 1957 Mercedes-Benz 300 SL Roadster owned by Ed Knoll of Saint Louis, Missouri winning the fan favorite title ahead of the grand finale with attendees surrounding the ironically southern Port Royal Golf Club.

"We are very proud of our 2021 return and the opportunity to celebrate the achievements, preservation and innovation of our exhibitors, who in all cases have become great friends of our event." said Lindsey Harrell, President.

Notable attendees included: Moray Callum (Vice President, Design, Ford Motor Company, retired), Craig Metros (Design Director of North American Trucks and SUVs, Ford Motor Company, retired), Michael Simcoe (Vice President, Global Design, GM), Jay Ward (Creative Director of Franchise, Pixar Animation Studios) and Kip Wasenko (Director of Design, Special Vehicles, GM, retired). Renowned collector, restorer and President of the Classic Car Club of America Steve Babinsky and his wife Susan and long-time exhibitors at the Hilton Head Island Concours, Robert & Mitzi McNab, were recognized as the 2021 Pinnacle and Honored Collectors.

Next year marks a historic milestone for The Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance Motoring Festival. The 20th Anniversary is scheduled for November 4 - 6, 2022. For more information on the Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival, visit the official website at www.HHIConcours.com.

ABOUT THE HILTON HEAD ISLAND CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE & MOTORING FESTIVAL:

The [Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival](http://www.HHIConcours.com) celebrated its 19th year in the fall of 2021. Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance, Inc., a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization, is a unique, multi-day "Lowcountry" motoring experience that entertains and educates the community while supporting youth programs. Whether four wheels or two, a propeller, a sail or a horseless carriage, the Motoring Festival offers the full gamut with over 700 vintage and specialty

vehicles on display. The weekend celebration offers everything from an elegant hangar gala to a showcase of car clubs displaying their pride and joy to the culmination, the heart of the event, the Concours d'Elegance, all with a touch of Southern hospitality. Complete list of Sponsors for the 2021 Festival is available at <https://www.hhiconcours.com/sponsors.html>.

Some photos below: Our Mercedes line up in the rain!



November to Remember Event Cancelled

This black tie event at the Hyatt Greenwich Hotel in Old Greenwich, CT will be rescheduled for 2022.

New Items of Interest

2021 Mercedes C-Class Captures Coveted Safety Award

It's not everyday that vehicles roll away with a Top Safety Pick+ award from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). That recognition — the highest accolade a vehicle can earn from IIHS — recently went to the 2021 Mercedes-Benz C-Class, provided the car is equipped with an optional front crash prevention system.

The mid-size luxury car was put through the paces, earning good ratings in six crashworthiness tests. These included the driver-side small overlap front, passenger-side small overlap front, moderate overlap front, side, roof strength, and head restraint tests.

Read the entire article from Fleet Safety News [here](#)

Past Items of Interest

[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 Traffic Safety 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.

Personalized License Plates now Available from DMV

The Pennsylvania license plates with the Mercedes-Benz Club of America logo on them are available again through our Keystone Section. They are available either sequence numbered, or customized with up to 5 letter/numbers for an additional one-time fee. Two of our members customized plates are pictured on the top-right corner of our MBCA-NEPA.com web site. The link to the directions and forms to fill out can be found here: <https://keystone.mbca.org/pa-license-plate>



Associate Members emails:

We would like to have each member who has a spouse or partner, to list that person at no additional cost, as an associate member, and to list their email address so they also get the newsletters and other updates directly. You can do that by logging into the MBCA.org web site (also notify editor if you want the associate member to receive emailed newsletters and eBlasts), or email the information to Newsletter Editor along with their phone number (or let him know that the associate member's phone number is the same as the member's phone number).

MBCA Car Flags for sale:

Blue car flags with the MBCA logo on both sides are available. They fit on the side windows. They are good for any MBCA event to show your support of our club. They are available from Debbie Egolf or Mike Ziegler at most events. Preferably, email Debbie at egolf2000@yahoo.com so she knows to give it to you at the event you are going to. There is a donation of \$5 requested preferably by check to MBCA-NEPA. Get one for each of your MB cars and keep it in the car, so you don't have to remember to take it with you on an event.

Name Badges:

Please wear your name badge to all events. If you (a NEPA member or associate member) never got a badge, your NEPA section will pay \$7 and you pay the other \$7 and it will be sent to you in the mail. If you lost your badge or would like one to keep in your other MB, they are \$14. Contact me for name badges.

Christina Gardner

Free classified ads:

As a NEPA member benefit, if you have a Mercedes-Benz car or part for sale or wanted and are a member of the NEPA Section, you may list one ad for free per issue (limited to 20 words plus your contact information, then 20 cents per word) in the NEPA newsletter. One free picture will also be permitted if picture is emailed (\$50 if submitting a photo). Free ads may not be listed in printed copies (\$75 to ensure it will be in the printed newsletter). Submit ads by email to the newsletter editor. If you want your classified ad in another issue, you must resubmit your free ad for each newsletter. Members who are in the business of selling Mercedes Benz cars or parts may list one free classified ad per year. For paid ads email the newsletter editor or president with your request.

Personal non-NEPA member classified ads are \$25 for up to 20 words, then 20 cents per word (picture rules same as for NEPA members).

The deadline to submit classified ads are June 1st for the Summer issue, September 1st for Fall issue, December 1st for the Winter issue, and March 1st for the Spring issue.

Mike Ziegler

MBCA Northeastern PA Section Logo Clothing Available!

A diverse line of quality men's and women's *Lands' End* activewear, outerwear, shirts, sweaters and other items are available with our MBCA Section logo.

Visit the *Lands' End* website at <http://business.landsend.com> to browse the catalog or email them at businessoutfitters@landsend.com.

You can also connect by telephone at [\(800\) 587-1541](tel:8005871541).

*Be sure to indicate that you are a member of the **MBCA Northeastern PA Section** and wish to have that logo placed on your selected items.*

Survey Request:

In an effort to keep the NEPA section interesting and relevant to all of our members, we have included a link to a survey. If you have not previously filled out the survey, would you please fill out this short 6 question survey regarding your preferences by clicking the below link. Thank you!

[Click here to complete short survey.](#)

Membership Renewal Reminders

Most of our members utilize the MBCA website to renew their membership. It is important when you do this to also keep your contact information up to date. Remember that you may also add an Associate Member at no cost. This could be your spouse, another family member, or other significant person.

The MBCA National Office also provides several renewal reminders by contacting members approximately 90 days before the renewal date, the date of renewal and 30 days after the passing of the renewal date.

Keep our membership numbers and Club strong and enjoy the benefits and value of membership by renewing promptly. Please contact me if you have any questions or issues.

Mike Ziegler
MBCA NEPA Section
mikez@zieglersrv.com

Pictures of events needed for our website:

When you take pictures at our club events, please email the ones you would like to see on our website to Debra Kropf debra@kropf.com for possible inclusion on our website.

Technical Advisor Position for NEPA Section:

Member benefit to our NEPA Section: Walter Piekarski has volunteered to be our Technical Advisor. Walter, along with his wife Jolanta (our NEPA Treasurer) are founding NEPA Section members. He has worked on Mercedes-Benz cars for over 50 years.

Mike Ziegler

Keeping Your Membership Current

Keeping your contact information current helps the Club to provide timely and accurate information regarding events and activities.

There is a definite need to provide the following bits of information to help the Club for event planning purposes:

- The year, make, and model of your car;
- Associate Member — all Members can add one Associate Member to their membership AT NO COST! We would just need you to provide that person's First Name, Last Name and e-mail address

Double-check for accuracy---

Your current address, telephone number and e-mail address. This can be accomplished by providing the information to me, Alice Christensen, Newsletter Editor at achristensen@comcast.net or by phoning me at 610-926-8392 and I will be happy to assist!

Also, If your associate member is not currently receiving a separate copy of our newsletter and would like to receive a separate copy, please send their email address to our Newsletter Editor, Alice Christensen (achristensen@comcast.net)

Event Attendance Book:

Members who attend NEPA events are requested to sign the Event Attendance Book, and if you brought your Mercedes-Benz to the event, list the year, make, and model brought. If you don't see the book at the event, tell Debbie Egolf or one of the other officers (with gold colored name badges) that you would like to sign the Event Attendance Book.

Request From The Advertising Coordinator

Do you have a favorite Mercedes-Benz service center or equipment supplier? Please send me their contact information (name, address, telephone number, and/or email address). I will contact them to see if we can get them involved with NEPA advertising and activities.



Renew Your Membership/Sign up New Members

Current members may **renew their membership**-either online through the MBCA.org portal or by calling MBCA National directly at 800-637-2360. There are annual renewal options, as well as multi-year options available. **Don't let your membership lapse so you can continue to enjoy the benefits of being a member of the MBCA!!!**

Current Members-Remember that when you refer a potential member for membership and the person joins the MBCA, ***you receive an additional free month of membership for each new member you refer.*** There are probably family members, co-workers, and other social friends who are enjoying the Mercedes Benz driving experience. Encourage them to join our Club and Section to enjoy the full complement of **fun driving and social activities** our Section plans each year!

The New Online Membership Brochure / Application

The newly redesigned two-page Membership Application has been updated with a cover page highlighting MBCA Membership Roadmap of Benefits, has links to our Social Media Pages and a completely redesigned fillable membership application. This new condensed version of the traditional application reduces printing costs while still providing important information about the club and benefits of being an MBCA member.

This new two-sided online brochure can be locally printed, reducing the expense of printing and mailing the traditional tri-fold application. Sections that need applications immediately for a recruiting event can download the PDF and have the new Brochure/Application printed locally on card stock.

The new Brochure / Fillable Application can be viewed or downloaded by clicking on the link or the image below:

https://www.mbca.org/sites/default/files/reference/MBCA_online_Brochure2021_FORM.pdf

Mercedes Benz Channel on You-Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MercedesBenzTV>



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