

Tri-Angles

Minuteman Section

Summer Edition, 2003



Farberallye XXVI Make your plans now to attend this annual event. On **September 19-21** you will enjoy a rally you'll always remember, at places you'll never forget especially during fall foliage!

The inn is nestled in Whitefield, NH. The Spalding Inn sits on 200 beautiful acres overlooking the White Mountains. Play tennis on the clay courts or swim in the heated pool. The adjoining Mountain View Golf Course will welcome you and there are three other courses nearby.

The rally is almost complete. The meals have been set, special room rates have been given, rally course set, Saturday lunch at a site of one of the nation's best grand hotels, and one of the world's

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Father's Day Spring Rallye was held on June 15, 2003. The rallye started at Hyland Orchard & Brewery (www.hylandbrew.com) in Sturbridge. The 10 cars that participated in the Rallye got to see some interesting sights in the Brookfields, Oakham, and Brimfield areas. Along the 80 mile route the field got to see Long View Studios, the Salem Crofts Inn, historic Rock House Reservation, and several area lakes. The field was scored on their ability to match the Rallye Master's time and distance,

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Germanfest 17 On Sunday September 17, 2003 the Minuteman Section of the Mercedes Benz Club of America and the Larz Anderson Museum of Transportation are pleased to present the 17th annual Mercedes Benz day at the Museum of Transportation. This year Foreign Motors West of Natick, Mercedes Benz of North America and the Bose Corporation will cosponsor the event.

This will be a judged event with several classes to choose from. This year we will open a new 'SUV'; class to accommodate the growing ranks of both M and G class vehicles. David Sheehan will return, as Chief Judge and Dan Gurian will run the 'Daily Driver' class.

Registration will open at 9:00am and will cost \$20, which includes entrance to the museum for 2 individuals. All registration will take place on the day of the event. Judging will begin by 10:30 am with 'rags down' announced at that time. No cleaning of cars will be allowed after judging begins. Rules for judging in the street class and concourse class are according to Mercedes Benz Club of North America criteria, which focus on cleanliness and authenticity of the vehicle. Cars can be entered for display purposes only if desired, and no judging will take place on these cars. The daily driver class has rules that are developed each year by Dan and are always a surprise. You never know what points are awarded for in this class.

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MinuteMan Launches Yahoo Group

MinuteMan Section has started its own member Yahoo Group. Joining this group allows you to receive and place via e-mail timely reminders of events (ex. Discounted rate for Farberallye about to expire), for sale ads, query other members about specific aspects of your car, seek advice on repair shops, etc.

It is easy to join. You can register directly at www.yahogroups.com or send an e-mail to minute-manmbca-subscribe@yahogroups.com or steves190@aol.com. Please include your name, e-mail address, MBCA member number.

The MinuteMan group is minutemanmbca@yahogroups.com.

--Steve Wiener

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**Treasurer's Report
Minute Man Section**

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| Balance 1/1/03 | \$15,041.58 |
| <u>Income</u> | |
| National Rebates | \$5,324.00 |
| Raffle Rebate | \$793.00 |
| Advertising | \$350.00 |
| Interest | \$79.70 |
| Sub Total | \$6,546.70 |
| <u>Expenses</u> | |
| Current Annual Dinner | \$1,754.31 |
| Next Year Annual Dinner | \$0.00 |
| Tech Session | \$0.00 |
| Boat Event | \$600.00 |
| Germanfest | \$343.90 |
| Contributions | \$200.00 |
| Administration | \$16.00 |
| Flyer | \$0.00 |
| Newsletter | \$1,332.92 |
| Board Meetings | \$0.00 |
| Sub Total | \$5,006.88 |
| <u>Annual Net</u> | \$1,539.82 |
| Balance 7/8/03 | \$16,581.40 |

**--Steve Wiener
Treasurer**

Calendar of Events

August 10th, nautical event **Gloucester Sailing Cruise**, contact **Ken Bourque**, 781.326.5151 or kenbourque@juno.com. Details in Spring '03 edition of Tri-Angles.

September 14, 2003, Germanfest 17, Larz Anderson Museum of Transportation, contact **John Slamin**, 508.880.8441 or jslamin@dpyus.jnj.com.

September 19-21, 2003, Farberallye XXVI, hosted by the Granite State Section. Note article in Spring '03 edition of Tri-Angles or visit www.farberallye.org for more info.

Q4, 2004. We still need a forth quarter event. If anyone has an idea, let's hear it.

January 25, 2004, Annual Theater Event, Banquet and Officer Election Meeting. The Minuteman Section of MBCA will enjoy the Broadway Revival "Hair" the American Trival Rock Musical at the Shurbert Theater, Boston. Dinner plans are still in development. Reservation forms and dinner information will be published in the next issue of Triangles. Contact Rich Garick for advance information, 978-470-3287.

Frank Borsa – Memories of a Car Lover and Friend

This past May the Minuteman Section lost a loyal member and good friend with the sudden passing of Frank Borsa. Born and raised in Norwood, MA where he still made his home, Frank could be found sporting his red SL around town. A member of the Minuteman Section for almost 20 years, Frank served as President in 1994 and 1995 prior to my own term.

Frank loved to attend polo matches and organized the section's annual polo outing at the Myopia Hunt Club for many years. He also directed numerous tech sessions most recently at Mercedes-Benz of Westwood. As a businessman, Frank owned "Frank Borsa Productions" and started out by helping to promote entertainment groups. In the 1960's he co-owned two coffeehouses on Beacon Hill in Boston booking such names as Gordon Lightfoot, Peter Wolf, and Jonathan Edwards. As public relations assistant for a musical theater he squired Peter, Paul, & Mary around the area. Aerosmith was one of the many groups he helped to promote while leasing a club on the South Shore. In later years Frank turned to sports celebrities organizing card shows around hockey and football stars. Frank was a natural promoter and if one needed tickets for anything ... Frank was the man! An avid race fan from the early sixties, Frank became friendly with the drivers at Norwood Arena and more recently the Vintage Car Race at Limerock. We enjoyed several Formula 1 Grand Prix races in Montreal and Indianapolis ... Frank always obtained tickets

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for the hospitality tent! In 2002, Frank journeyed to Germany and via the German high speed train toured Mercedes-Benz in Stuttgart and visited a new engine plant in Cannstatt. Frank's red SLs were his trademark and were always treated with TLC. He routinely managed to stop at my business on his way to somewhere ... Frank was always on the go! I sometimes look up these days expecting Frank to come through the door as he had so many times before to bring a coffee and share some racing news always ready to run an errand or pick up some last minute parts ... his red SL parked outside.

We will all miss you, Frank.

--Peter Vanderveer

Farberallye XXVI--continued from page 1

greatest Mercedes-Benz restorers will be our banquet dinner speaker. *The only missing piece is you.* You are the most important element! For reservations and additional information, please go to www.farberallye.org. Or you can reserve your room at the Spalding Inn by calling them at 1-800-368-VIEW (8439).

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answer questions, and locate flags along the route. The Rallye ended at the Publick House (www.publickhouse.com) in Sturbridge, where a delicious dinner was served and results of the Rallye were announced. The winners were: 1st place Richard & Monica Lloyd; 2nd place Brad & Patti Pottle; and 3rd place John & Evelyn Slamin.

--Mark and Becky Fancy

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First, second and third place awards are given out in 11 classes and 4 trophies are awarded for the finest and most unusual cars entered.

Volunteers are always appreciated. Please contact me for any further information.

--John Slamin, 508-880-8441

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New Membership Directory--

Look for a special mailing from the Minuteman Section! Your club is putting out a membership directory. You will receive by separate announcement, a flyer describing all of the benefits and how to exchange your directory information about yourself and your automobile interests. If you would like to be included in the directory and information about your cars, you will be asked to complete the voluntary directory form. Look for the flyer in your mail box in August.

--Richard A. DeVito, Sr.

Star Trails 2003--

Friday, October 10--Monday October 13
Cripple Creek, Colorado

Give your four-wheel-drive Mercedes-Benz a little off-road experience! The Pikes Peak Section will have trail options for beginners to experts and road rally for autos. Space is limited; register now for this first-ever national off-road event

For more information:

You can register on-line at <http://www.ppmmbca.org> or email SDierks002@aol.com or call Steve Dierks (791) 593-9557 or write to:

MBCA Pikes Peak Section

**Attn: Dori Wald, Star Trails 2003 Registrar
PO Box 8070, Colorado Springs, C) 80933**

Tech Talk

Letters to the Technical Editor If you have a technical question regarding a Mercedes Benz related topic or have been looking for advice on the maintenance of your car--send a letter or e-mail to the technical editor. Your question and response will be published here in the next issue of Tri-Angles. Send to **Peter Vanderveer** pvanderveer@attbi.com

TECHNICAL Q AND A

The question of the day...Why does my remote open the car locks on my '94 SL500 only from the right-hand side and not from the left? **There are receivers in both the left and right door handles and the driver's side isn't picking up the signal from the remote. New receivers are installed through an access hole near the door handle as needed to effect the repair. This might also be the case for the trunk receiver if the lock won't open from the rear.**

Another club member asks... Why have my doors stopped closing automatically on my 1995 S500? **The doors will close safely and completely even when the automatic feature isn't working just close them a little harder than normally. The vacuum pump that pulls the doors completely closed can develop an internal air (vacuum) leak that causes the pump to keep running after the task of door "close-assist" is complete. A circuit breaker/timer eventually shuts off the pump and disables the "close-assist" feature. To determine if the pump is not shutting off the right away, go to the fuse panel in the trunk, locate and remove the "close assist" fuse and then reinstall it. This resets the timer so the doors will automatically close again. After closing a door listen for the pump and see if it's still running well after the door has closed. The pump is located behind the upper left (driver's side) front corner of the trunk in a 140 chassis. The pump is the usual culprit; however, other possible leaks include the air (vacuum) lines to the doors and or the vacuum motors in the doors themselves causing the "close-assist" vacuum pump to keep running until the timer shuts the system down. Go around and close each door one at a time and check the pump. If one particular door causes the**

pump to run on - the pump may not be bad. Most often though the pump is leaking and needs to be replaced.

--Peter Vanderveer, Technical Editor

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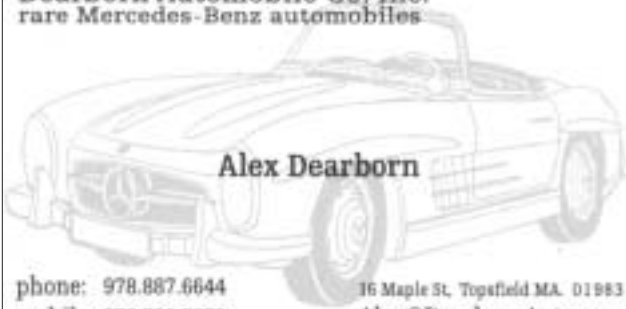


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