



NICKEL CITY STAR

NIAGARA SECTION

BUFFALO, NIAGARA FALLS, AND WESTERN NEW YORK STATE

FALL 2023

Summer Picnic 2023

West Falls, NY

A family picnic in the country! Jeff and Marlene Gaffney and Gene and Joanie Long hosted section members and their families on a fabulous day in West Falls. We displayed our cars on the lawn and enjoyed conversation while the young people were treated to a fun bounce house! The swimming pool was open as well, to the delight of the kids.



Everyone enjoyed a delicious feast highlighted by Jeff's baked chicken, Italian sausage and hot dogs and Julie Bruggner's corn on the cob, which she brought all the way from Indiana! Everyone brought food to share, which provided a wide variety of great food. Take your pick, it's all delicious.



The 2023 People's Choice Award was given to the most popular car (out of fifteen on display) a red 1987 560SL owned by member Jerry Kaczor.

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2023 EVENTS CALENDAR - PLEASE SEE LAST PAGE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been my pleasure and my privilege to serve as Niagara Section President for two terms. Working with the Executive team has been very enjoyable, with the cooperation and support of the whole team. We've weathered Covid challenges and come through successfully. Our membership numbers continue to rise and participation in our events has been terrific. As we elect new officers at our October business meeting, we'll be in very capable hands with a team whose commitment to club excellence is guaranteed. As Past President, I serve as an advisor on the Board.

This fall we'll hold a road rally in October which promises to be great fun. Our annual Christmas party is planned and is always a lovely start to the holiday season. Check the schedule on the last page for specific dates, and watch your email for detailed flyers and reminders.

Gene and I will continue to actively participate and support our friends and events of our club. We look forward to new ideas and activities from the new president and board. Please think about chairing an event this year! 2024 will be a great MB club year!

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME, and thank you for joining us!
(Current members: Please remember to renew!)

Mark Stephen

Lancaster

William Cummings

Williamsville

Samuel Goodloe III

Williamsville

Robert Yetto

East Amherst

Kenneth Kossakowski

Hamburg

Niagara Section/Fox Run Car Show, July 19, 2023

The Niagara Section was invited to display our cars, no matter what make, at a special sponsored show at the Fox Run Living Center in Orchard Park, NY, for the benefit of the residents and their families and friends. Our turnout was great, with over twenty cars including seventeen Mercedes, a 1981 Buick Park Avenue, a 1967 Army Jeep, and even a DeLorean!



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Cruisin' at the Wurlitzer 2023

The Niagara Section MBCA was again the featured marque at the August 28 Cruise Night. We displayed twenty seven Mercedes from 1957 to 2023, which included some non-members who happened by and were directed to park with us. Some of them pledged to become members of the club on the spot. Attending cruises is a great way to meet M-B owners and introduce them to the club!



Thanks to cruise organizer Joe Follendorf of Pist'n Broke Cruisers, the entire field was treated to a fly-by—a vintage 1944 P40 WWII airplane out of Dunkirk airport. And thanks go to Mike D'Ambrosio for working to get us our own space at a wonderful show.



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This summer we have traveled to Merritt Wineries for a festival, and Canaseraga's famous Birdsall Inn for lunch after our get-togethers.

Fall sessions will likely find us going other places, and we are eager and open to destination ideas, so throw a lawn chair in the back and stop down. And if you want to cruise together, be at Benz & Coffee by 11:00 and follow me on the scenic route of the month.

Jeff Gaffney
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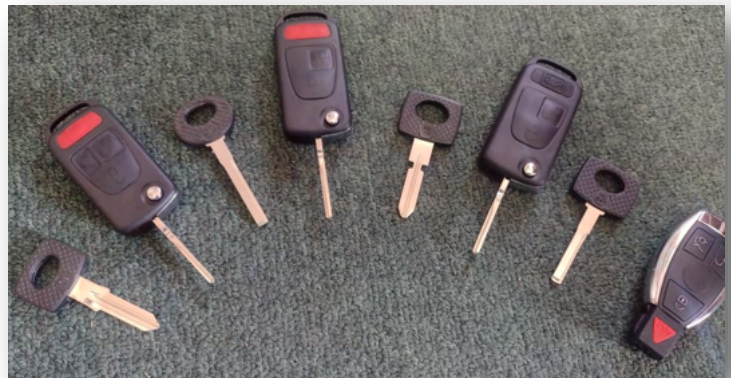
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Monthly Member Meetings: The third Tuesday of September, October and November at 6:30 PM. All members and guests are always welcome to attend.

**Location: Sean Patrick's, 3480 Millersport Highway,
Getzville 14068**



- **September 10 Schlachtfest at Spring Garden, Marilla, arrive before Noon in a Mercedes for free entrance, and parking in the meadow, Courtesy of Jerry Knapp.**
- **September 6—10, Mercedes Grande, Indianapolis Indiana**
- **September 17, Benz and Coffee, see page 5**
- **October 7, Niagara Section Road Rally, Watch for information on email!***
- **October 15, Benz and Coffee, see page 5**
- **November—To Be Determined***
- **December 3, Annual Christmas Party, East Aurora Country Club***

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