



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA
July/August 2023

Keystone Section Events 2023

February 19 (Sun.): Kick-off Dinner at First Post, York PA

March 19 (Sat.): Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, Lancaster, PA

April 22 (Sat.): Tech Session at Sun Motor Cars, Mechanicsburg, PA

May 5 - 7 (Fri. thru Sun.): Kentucky Derby Weekend, Lewes, DE

June 17 (Sat.): Drive & Dine (Cancelled due to poor response)

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

****Details Inside****

****August 17 (Thurs.): Live On the Farm, Wyndridge Farm, Dallastown, PA

****Sept 10 (Sun): Keystone Section Picnic, Masonic Village, Elizabethtown, PA

October 22 (Sun): Fall Road Rally

November 11 (Sat): Planning Meeting, M B of Lancaster, East Petersburg, PA.

Share in the planning of our monthly events for 2024. Contact Marty Rexroth, 717-764-0624 or marstang@aol.com, to attend, or if you have ideas for events.

December 2 (Sat.): Holiday Party at Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA

The Eden Resort is located on Oregon Pike (Rt. 272N), off Rt 30 in Lancaster. Anyone wishing to reserve a room for the night should contact the Eden Resort at 717-569-6444, and mention you are attending the Keystone Section Mercedes-Benz Club holiday event, to receive a special rate (s/b \$115.95). Contact Jan & John Kitner, kitjan613@aol.com or 717-872-2988, for more information.

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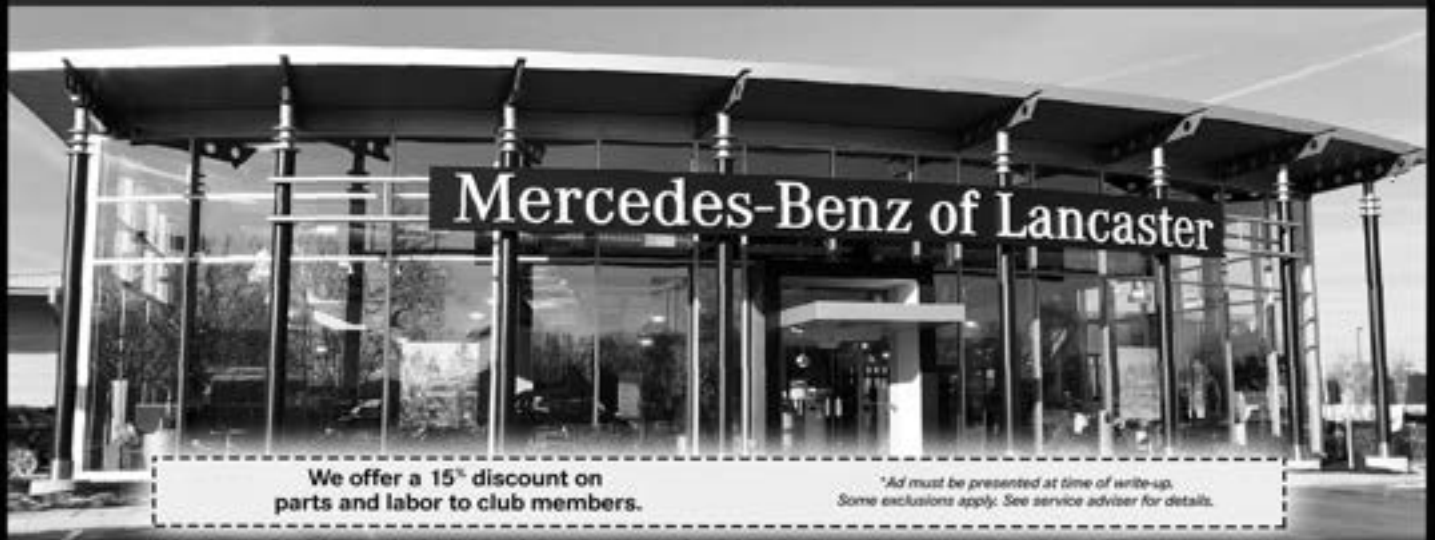
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From Our President.....

What is the longest that you have owned a Benz?

What drew you to the Mercedes Benz marquee? Was it styling, performance, or safety? For me it has always been about the longevity that has long been associated with owning a Mercedes Benz. In a previous career, I worked with a lot of factory representatives and regional sales managers. The ones that drove a Mercedes would tout the advantages of the road manners of a Benz. Being able to cover a multiple state territory and arriving refreshed at their destination. They could also rack up hundreds of thousands of miles before they would have to consider a replacement. Pulling up in a Mercedes also conveyed to a customer that you were dealing with a successful representative.

My kids grew up with a Mercedes in the family. They were chauffeured to soccer, scouts, and swimming practice in a Mercedes. One evening when my wife was bringing my son home from a Cross Country meet in her E Class, an inattentive driver rear ended them. I was astounded at how the design of the E Class had kept the speeding Ford Explorer from entering the cabin of the car. If they had been driving another brand of sedan, that Explorer would have ended up in the back seat! That E Class was replaced with another, which we still have.

When my son turned 16 in 2014, he chose to buy a Mercedes. He found a 1998 C280, which he has been driving ever since. Fast forward to June 2023. My son is 25. The car that he has owned for 9 years, the only car he has ever owned, is also 25. The little C280 was in need of some repairs, a bit of rust was showing, as well as some battle scars from the car's life in Philadelphia. My son and I stopped in at the car lot where he bought the C280, just looking. There sat a 2009 W204 C300. Do you think I should consider replacing my car? Should I test drive it? We took the C300 for a test drive. He really liked it. We thanked the owner of the lot for the test drive and left. Later that weekend, my son said, "I can't stop thinking about that car". I said, "If you want it, let me get them to put it on a lift, and I will check it out. If it's ok, I'll give them a deposit". He bought the car. Will he keep this one for 9 years? Probably not. But you never know!

How long have you owned a Benz?

Hope you are having a great summer!

Marty





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An Evening of Camaraderie and Music at Wyndridge Farm

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Our August event will be a casual dining evening, Thursday August 17 at Wyndridge Farm. We will be dining indoors from their varied menu. The Farm features great food along with hand crafted wines, beer, and ciders. Live Music on The Farm will also be featured on their patio for those who wish to step outside. Food and drinks will be available to order off the menu. Music is free to attend! Please check their web site, wyndridge.com, for food and drink details and directions.

Wyndridge Farm has agreed to accept our reservation and give individual checks. Please arrive by 6pm. Wyndridge Farm is located at 885 South Pleasant Ave, Dallastown, PA 17313 (717) 244-9900.

For more info, or to RSVP(headcount only) please contact Jan & John Kitner, 717-872-2988 or kitjan613@aol.com. We must give the restaurant a final count by Wednesday, August 16, to assure proper staffing.



DEUTSCHE CLASSIC CAR SHOW Oley, PA JULY 8, 2023

The Deutsche Classic Car show returned to the Oley Fairgrounds, on July 8, to bright sun and heat. The show featured separate areas for each German make of car along with a swap meet area and a cars for sale area. The Oley Fairgrounds also has several food concession stands and a covered band shell which housed a DJ, handmade show trophies (old car parts) and



show merchandise. Your admission includes tickets, good for the purchase of food.



Over 40 Mercedes were on display this year. The cars range from the 1950's to some current models, including a G-Wagon and a Uni-Mog.

Several Keystone Section members attended the show. It was good to reunite with longtime member John Perry, who displayed his somewhat rare, dark green 300E.

This show is a great outdoor event that provides a nice ride to the greater Reading area and a really interesting sample of German auto



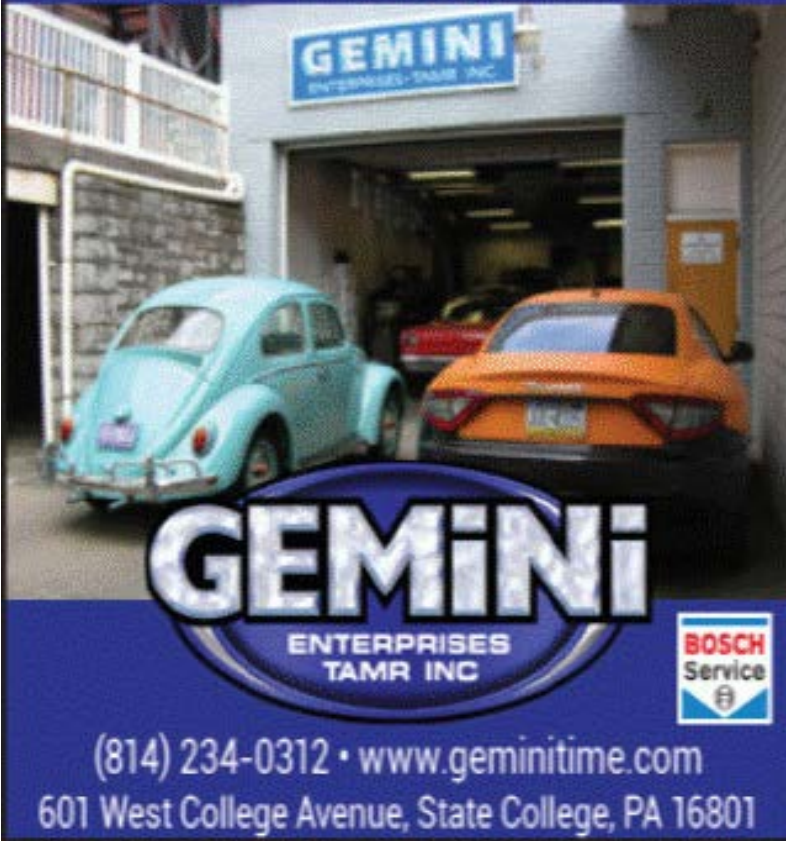
and motorcycle history. This year also included a small collection of "mini cars". I hope you will consider attending next year. You can check their web site for class winners and lots of pictures.

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Jeffrey Kline of Lititz
Cameron Lantzy of Dallastown
Joshua Landis of Lancaster

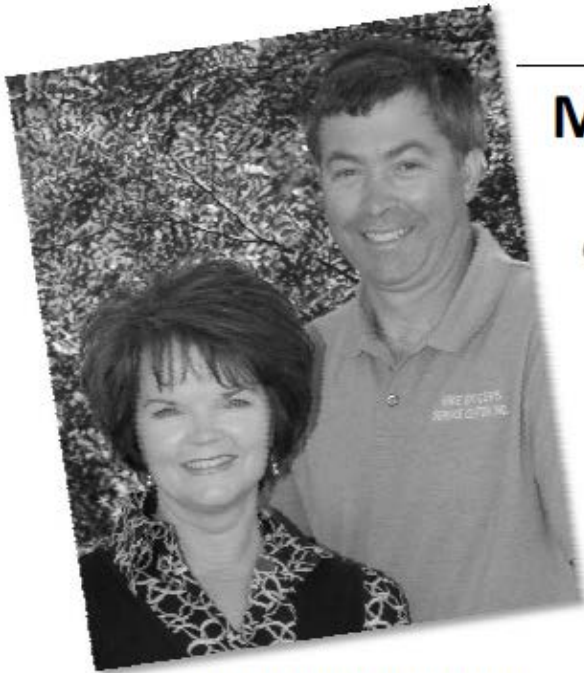
Hope to meet all of you at a
future event!

*****Editor's Note*****

Mercedes Benz of Lancaster's Service Dept. has asked that our members please inform the service writers that you are an MBCA member when you bring your car for service, so that they can insure you get your 15% discount, and it is written up before service. You may, also, be asked to show your membership card, so take it along. This will save you and the Service Dept. the time of having to do a refund after the fact. This would also work at Sun Motors or any other authorized dealer that offers MBCA members a discount.

Web Master Needed!

Our section has been without a webmaster for the last couple years, and our web site is woefully out of date. If you have any experience or would like to learn to take care of our site, please contact one of your officers ASAP!



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