



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Keystone Star

Keystone Section of Central PA
May/June 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

****Details Inside****

****June 17 (Sat.): Drive & Dine

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

August (): Wyndridge Farm

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

October (): 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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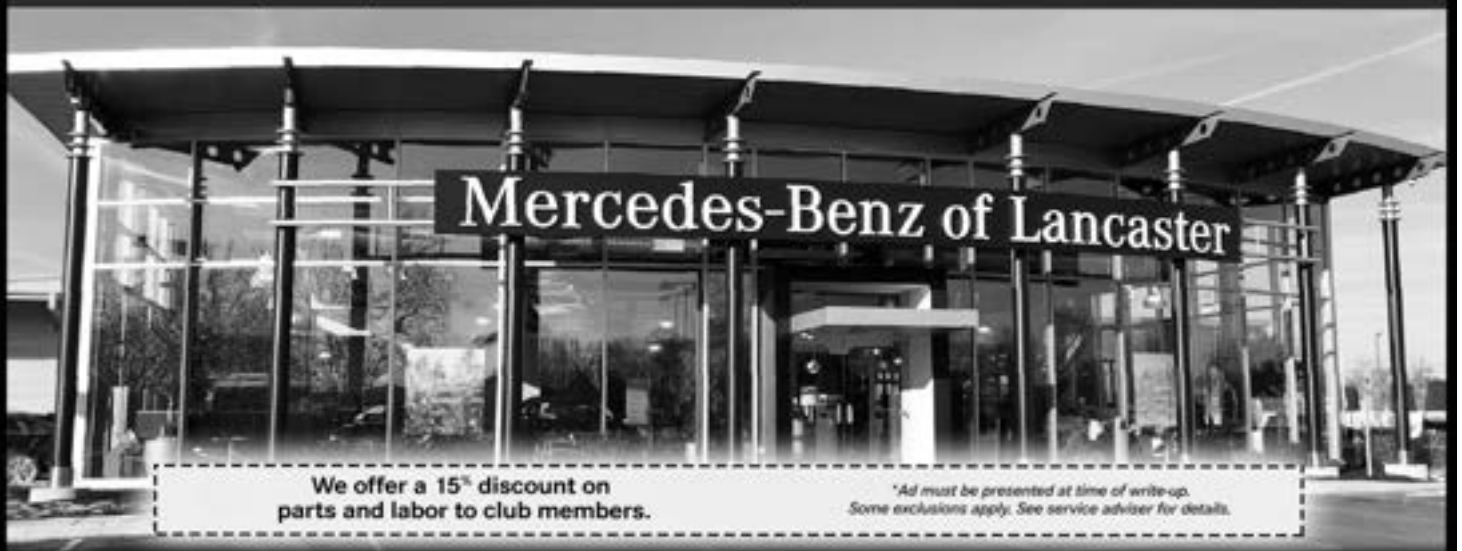
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From Our VP~~~~~

Cars and Friends

My wife Jan and I enjoyed a great weekend in Lewes(pronounced Low-iss)Delaware, with fellow club members, celebrating our annual Kentucky Derby Party.

All who attended are our friends. Some casual, some very close. We have been club members close to 25 years and have generated many friendships, all because of our common interest in cars.

On Saturday, Jan and I attended an all-British car show at the Cape May-Lewes Ferry terminal. The show featured 100 pre-2000 and 20 post-2000 British cars. As we walked around the show there was an atmosphere of friendship as total strangers talked to each other about the cars. People ask " where are you from" "how long have you owned this car" etc.

One car caught my attention. It was a red, 1964 Austin-Healy Sprite, with a black removeable soft top. Why did this one car catch my eye? My first car was a 1963, red Austin-Healy Sprite with a black removeable soft top. (The only difference is the '63 had removeable side curtains and the '64 has roll-up windows). As I waited to talk to the owner(who was engaged with two other men) I started to think he looks very familiar.

It turns out he was my former neighbor from just down the street. He and his wife moved to Delaware several years ago. When he lived near us, he restored a 60's XKE, that became one of the top XKE's in the country. He told me he sold it when he moved, as he thought the salt air would be bad for the car. John(the owner) called his wife and she and Jan spent several minutes catching up. Once again, one of the common threads to this friendship is CARS.

The Keystone Section is made up of a lot of different people. They are different ages, different jobs, old cars, new cars etc. They come from a lot of different backgrounds and have a lot of life lessons to offer. Why not come out to a section event and see if your car might make you some new friends.

John Kitner

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.



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April Tech Session Sun Motors Huge Success!



Sun Motor Cars hosted Keystone Section for our spring tech session on Saturday, April 22nd. Nearly twenty members and guests attended Sun's presentation by Chris Doll and Allen Moyer from the Service Dept., featuring a

detailed analysis of EQS and EQE SUV's. Mike Lombardi (right in picture) introduced us to Steve Barbaretta, their new Service Manager. Each of us received a special gift from the Parts Department for attending, and all purchases were 20% off that morning!



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Tech Session, continued.....



A breakfast of coffee, and sweet rolls and Danish choices was served during the Service portion of the event.

We thank Mike Lombardi and the entire Sun Motors Mercedes staff for welcoming us and having a great morning presentation for our section!

Drive & Dine in June!

Plan on joining us on Saturday, June 17, 2023, for our Keystone Section "Drive and Dine" event.

We will gather at the Sheetz 4025 West Market Street, just west of York, at Routes 30 and 616 at 2:15 PM. We will depart at 2:30 PM and travel around 30 miles to our dining destination: Friendly Farm Family Style Restaurant 17434 Foreston Rd. Upperco, MD 21155. (410-239-7400) Our trip will take around 45 minutes through scenic Southern York County and into Northern Maryland.

Friendly Farm is known for its picturesque views and delicious family style meals. We will likely be ordering off of their menu unless our group size exceeds 25. Please visit their website at friendlyfarm.net to view their menu offerings.

After our meal it is easy to access I-83 if that helps expedite your trip home.

A head count is needed by Saturday June 10. Please contact Marty Rexroth at 717-764-0624 marstang@aol.com with the number in your group attending.

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!



**May Kentucky Derby Weekend
Hotel Blue, Lewes, DE
May 5 – 6 – 7**

Our new venue this year in Lewes, DE for our Kentucky Derby Weekend, was a huge success! We are trying this new location, after the closing of our long-time destination in Cape May.

Bob and Denise Hussar hosted us this year. Our weekend was highlighted by our Saturday evening “Kentucky Derby Party”. We congregated in our host’s room to view the race on TV, and enjoy some great snacks, pizzas, and libations. We drew numbers to match the horses running in the Derby and threw a dollar in the pot. The holders of the numbers of the three top finishers won the pot. Our cute “traveling trophy”, Booby, the wonder horse, went to the holder of the last place finisher.

Hotel Blue is an all-adult 16 suite hotel ~ quiet and very clean, and everyone who joined us this weekend fell in love with this new venue! The quaint town of Lewes was wonderful to explore and had great choices for dining and other fun adventures.

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Place



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Last (Booby The Wonder Horse)

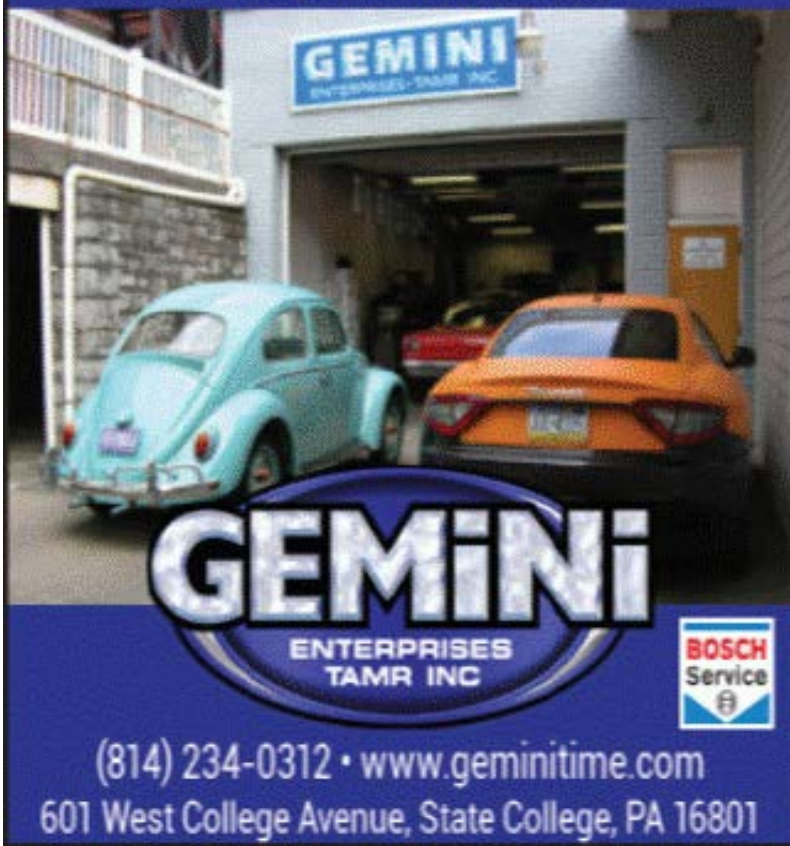


Our group enjoying the Derby



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future event!

DEUTSCHE CLASSIC CAR SHOW Oley, PA JULY 8, 2023

We will be returning to the Deutsche Classic Car show at the Oley Fairgrounds.

Oley is northeast of Reading. The show is rain or shine and starts at 8:00 am and ends at 4 pm. Cars on display will include Audi, BMW, Mercedes Benz, Porsche, and Volkswagen as well as the unique "orphan" cars. German motorcycles will also be displayed in a judged display.

The cost to show your car is \$25 which includes one admission ticket and 5 food tickets. Passengers will pay general admission fees (\$20 see below). The judged show will have winners for each marque. Judged cars must be on the field by 11:30 am. The judging process is very relaxed. We encourage all members to display their cars regardless of age or condition so that our club will be well represented. Awards will be presented at 3:00 pm.

If you have a car for sale, you can put it in the car coral for \$25. You can also get a vendor space for the same fee.

The general admission price is \$20, which includes 5 Free food and beverage tickets. Children under age 12 are free.

For more information, visit their website at <http://www.deutscheclassic.com> There is no official pre-registration. Just register at the gate.

Contact John Kitner, kitjan613@aol.com, or 717-872-2988 if you have any questions.

Directions to 26 Jefferson Street Oley, PA 19547:

Rt. 30 East or PA Turnpike (Reading Exit) to US-222 N. Proceed 20 miles from Turnpike Exit to 73 E. Proceed 7 miles. Watch for signs.



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