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Summer is Here!

As the warm days of summer find us, we're proud to bring you the latest edition of our newsletter. We put in a lot of effort behind the scenes to bring this to you, and we truly appreciate the time you spend reading with us.

Have you enjoyed a scenic drive recently? Got tips for maintenance or insights on the latest car technologies? We'd love to feature your contributions in our upcoming issues. Contact us at hello@leiamowen.com or europeanautosolutions@gmail.com.

Hosting or planning a club event? Send us a summary and photos. It's a wonderful way for the Minuteman Section to stay connected and perhaps participate in future events.

Thank you for being a part of our community. We're looking forward to your contributions!

Leia Owen
EDITOR

Welcome, New Members!

Thank you to all the new members from our region who joined the MBCA Minuteman Chapter in April, May, and June! Let's welcome:

Edward Komar
Ramin Farzaneh-Far
Scott Roche
Robert Finger
Stefan Reitshamer
Gilles Blanchette
W Dolan
John Harrington
David Cookman
Brenda Marchwicki
Richard Roy
Brent Mathieson
Christopher Vieira
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Cynthia Medeiros
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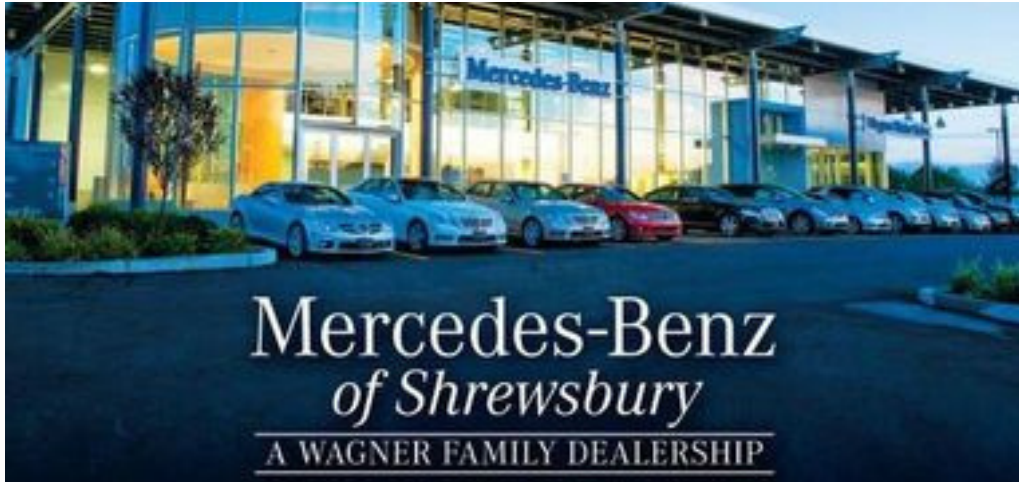
Are you one of our new members? We're happy to have you! Check out the upcoming events and other chapter information contained in this quarterly publication.

Please contact our team if you have any questions!

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Letter from the President

By the time you read this we will already be in the summer season, which means more car shows, drives and Minuteman events. Thanks to our events team, our calendar is filling up fast with some great ideas, some of which are brand new.

First I'd like to thank our newest sponsor, Mercedes Benz of Shrewsbury. We are planning a new members event in the fall at their facility, likely in September. I'd also like to thank the 30 members and guests that joined us at the Westport Vineyards winery for a nice tour and tasting. A post event writeup is included in this issue.

Coming up we have a Northshore drive, hosted by Roland Boucher and Ulysses DeGuzman. This was done last year and was well attended and liked by all. Newport Polo will follow in August and then soon enough it will be time for Mercedes Day at Larz Anderson park. We will resume online registration to streamline the admission process. A whole list of events can be found on the calendar section of this newsletter. If you have any other event ideas, please reach out to Ulysses: ulyssesdeguzman@gmail.com.

You may have noticed the new MBCA website hosted by GlueUp. This includes the Minuteman website as well as the event pages that we create for each individual function. GlueUp has some nice features and makes it easy for me to create events, send emails and collect payment for tickets. There have been some bugs (which are normal for any new system rollout) and I ask that you be patient while these things are solved. Give it a chance and if it doesn't work for you, try it again in a few days. As always if you have any problems registering for events, please reach out to me here: mbca.minuteman@gmail.com. The new MBCA store is now open and can be accessed here: <https://mbca.ourproshop.com/>. Create an account and start shopping!

Some new information from our national headquarters: chapter rebates are being reinstated! Soon we should see some funds flow into our chapter's accounts which can be used to subsidize events, expand our offerings and perhaps have some giveaways at upcoming events.

I look forward to seeing you over the summer.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean".

Dean Coclin
Minuteman Section President

From Our Members



Highlights from Cars & Coffee

Mercedes-Benz
of Portsmouth



On Saturday, April 20, Mercedes-Benz of Portsmouth played host to a delightful Cars and Coffee event, organized by Ulysses De Guzman of the Minutemen Mercedes club. Despite the persistent morning rain, over 20 guests gathered to indulge in Dunkin' Donuts coffee and pastries while sharing their love for the iconic Mercedes-Benz brand.

The highlight of the event was undoubtedly the special demonstration of the 2024 Mercedes-Benz AMG EQS, a stunning representation of cutting-edge automotive engineering and luxury. Attendees were treated to an exclusive glimpse into the future of electric performance vehicles, marveling at the sleek design and advanced technology packed into the AMG EQS.

Despite the less-than-ideal weather conditions, enthusiasts were undeterred, taking advantage of the indoor setting to mix and mingle with fellow car aficionados. The cozy atmosphere fostered lively conversations and camaraderie among attendees, making it a memorable Saturday morning for all who participated.

The indoor Cars and Coffee gathering proved to be a resounding success, offering attendees the opportunity to admire an impressive lineup of Mercedes-Benz vehicles while seeking refuge from the rain outside. From classic models to the latest releases, there was no shortage of automotive excellence on display, delighting enthusiasts of all ages.

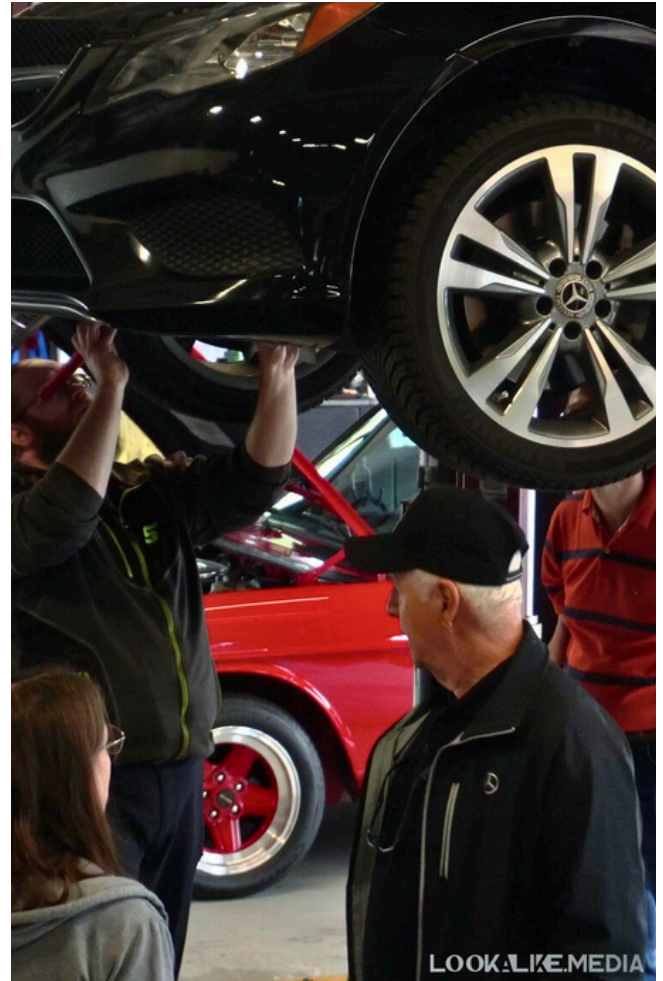
Special congratulations are in order for some lucky attendees who walked away as raffle winners. Bonnie Fancy and others were rewarded for their participation, adding an extra element of excitement to an already enjoyable event. Their enthusiasm and support are greatly appreciated, contributing to the overall success of the gathering.

A big thank you goes out to Chris Caputo for graciously hosting and ensuring that everything ran smoothly. As the rain subsided and the event drew to a close, attendees departed with cherished memories and newfound connection.



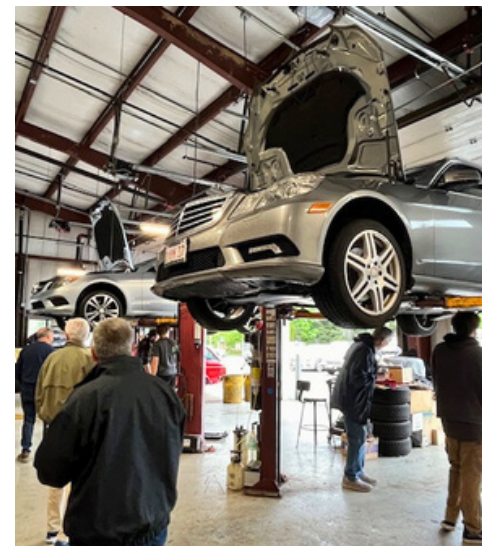
HIGHLIGHTS FROM EAS OPEN HOUSE & TECH SESSION

by Leia Owen



European Auto Solutions hosted the 17th Annual Open House/Tech Session on May 6th, welcoming members of the MBCA Minuteman Section. This year's event saw the largest turnout in years, with over 50 Mercedes-Benz cars, ranging from classic models to the latest releases.

The tradition, which started in 2006, continues to grow in popularity and enthusiasm. Mercedes-Benz owners enjoyed 15 minutes of lift time, allowing them to learn and inspect their vehicles with the assistance of EAS' knowledgeable technicians.



Westport Rivers Wine Tasting and Tour

by Heather Renzoni



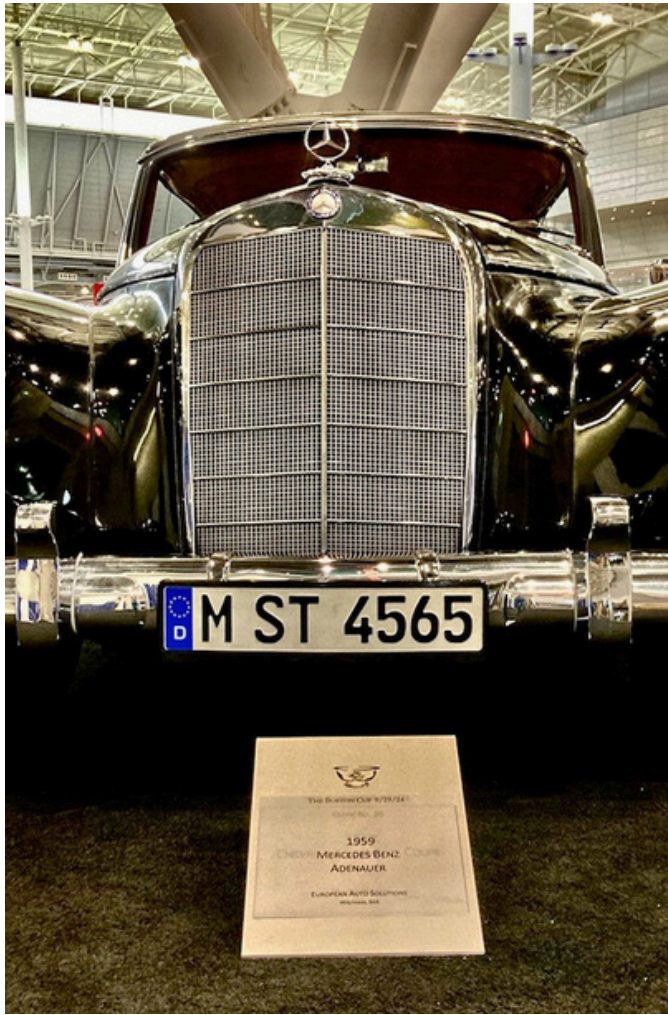
On June 22nd, 30 Minuteman members and guests met in Westport, MA at the Westport Rivers Vineyards and Winery. Our afternoon began with a tour of the vineyards and the wine making process, followed by a tasting of five selections at the tasting bar.

From there, we traveled a short distance to the Back Eddy Restaurant overlooking the Westport river for seafood delights and social mingling. A wonderful afternoon of cars, camaraderie and wine!



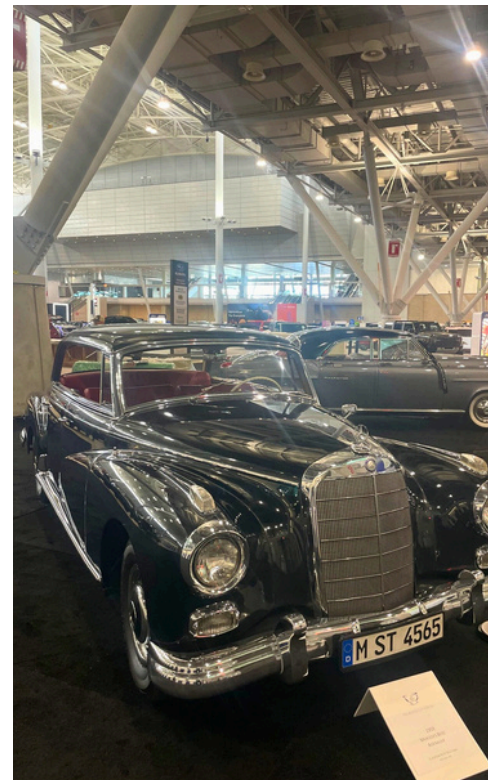
NEW ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

by Ed Owen



As seen at the Boston International Auto Show in the Boston Convention Center!

1959 Mercedes-Benz 300d
"Adenauer"



MODAMIAMI 2024

by Ed Owen



FANGIO'S SILVER ARROW

Photo Courtesy of Ed Owen; see more at [@eas_craftsmanship](#)

MODAMIAMI 2024

by Ed Owen



1934 CADILLAC V-16 CABRIOLET

Over the past year there was a schism in the collector car world between Hagerty and RM Sotheby's, certainly not as monumental as the Papal Schism of 1378, but in our small community it was a bit seismic. It is more deeply seated than this, but in summation, Hagerty recently purchased the Greenwich Concoors, the Detroit Concoors, the California Mille, and more pertinent to this conversation, the Amelia Island Concoors. RM Sotheby's was the first Auction House at the Amelia Island Concoors and for 23 years it occupied the Ritz-Carlton ballroom, at the heart of the Concoors. In 2023, under the second year of Hagerty ownership, the ballroom location was given to Broad Arrow Auctions, a company majority owned by Hagerty. In response for 2024, the owner/founder of RM Sotheby's organized a Concoors and auction in Miami, called MODAMiami, scheduled on the same weekend as the Amelia Island Concoors. So the question for the 6 months leading up to the weekend was "Amelia or Miami?" Among my friends, it was a 60/40 split, Amelia to Miami.

We decided to divide and conquer: Denton to Amelia and me to Miami. Denton drove down with his friends in the 1985 Mercedes-Benz 190E 16V-2.3 "Carlsson" and participated in the RADwood portion of the show on Saturday. I shipped the 1991 Mercedes-Benz 190E 16V-2.5 Evolution II to participate in the Concoors and the Cruise. We also shipped the 1994 Porsche 964 Speedster to Miami for the RM Sotheby's auction, as we were all in on both!

MODAMiami was hosted at the Biltmore Hotel Coral Gables, a place that oozes old school elegance. I was feeling a bit guilty about missing my first Amelia in many years, in fact I was at the inaugural with Hatch & Sons, but a dry martini at the 23,000 sq. ft. pool put me at ease. The Biltmore was completed in 1926 and its design was inspired by the Giralda Tower of Seville, Spain, and upon its completion, made it the tallest building south of Atlanta. In the late 1920s the hotel featured the world's largest pool and hosted fashion shows, galas, golf tournaments, and aquatic shows. So all of our cars parked out front for the Cruise felt just right. The hotel became a hospital in WWII, 1942 through 1968, and what I found hard to imagine is that it was an abandoned property from 1968 through 1986. Thankfully it was revitalized in 1987 and was a fabulous setting for a Concoors.



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COLLECTION



1991 MERCEDES-BENZ 190 E 2.5-16 EVOLUTION II

PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH



Edward Owen

MODAMIAMI 2024

by Ed Owen



CARS GATHERING FOR THE CRUISE



THE DRIVE ACROSS THE PODIUM

The Cruise was on Friday, starting at the Biltmore we were escorted by 20 of Miami's finest on motorcycles and with a car full of friends, we were wedged between a 1970 Plymouth Road runner Superbird and 1928 Auburn 8-115 Speedster. Great company! The drive rolled through Coconut Grove with a stop at Vizcaya, the beautiful estate of John Deering, and on to Key Biscayne. It was quite the experience cruising through without stopping for lights, etc., with 29 other amazing cars. The sights, the sounds, and the beautiful weather all made for a great experience.

Our class for the Concours was "Back to the Future", a very competitive class of mostly iconic cars from the 80's and 90's. I knew it was going to be a good weekend though when our assigned class number was P1! The Mercedes-Benz Classic Center rolled out a real heavy weight onto the field, Fangio's W196 Silver Arrow which won the 1955 Dutch Grand Prix. Other highlights included an entire class of Pebble Beach 'Best of Show' Winners including the 1937 Mercedes-Benz 540K Special Roadster. Some of my favorites were the 1935 Duesenberg Model SJ "Mormon Meteor", the 1934 Cadillac V-16 Cabriolet customized in Europe to look French, an all original 1911 Oldsmobile Touring, and a childhood favorite, one of the actual cars used in the movie "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" that was based on a Mercedes chassis.

As for a first year experience, I thought the spectator numbers were a bit weak and the auction results were 'meh', including ours, but the vehicle selection, the parties, the seafood paella, the swimming pool dancers, the live music, and the Cruise were all first class! Adding icing to the cake, we won the Runner Up Award in our class and earned a drive across the podium. Thankfully next year there is no need for dividing as MODAMiami and the Amelia Island Concours are on opposing weekends.



DANCERS AT THE BILTMORE POOL



SATURDAY NIGHT CONCOURS DE NUIT

**DENTON IN THE
1985 MERCEDES-BENZ
190E 16V-2.3 "CARLSSON"
ON THE WAY TO AMELIA...**



TEST YOUR MERCEDES METTLE: DID YOU KNOW...?

by Steve Rankel

Mercedes Benz has pioneered automotive safety for over 50 years. Who was the engineer that led the charge?

- A. Rudy Uhlenhaut
- B. Paul Bracq
- C. Béla Barényi
- D. William Haspel

Mercedes Benz owned another prominent German car brand for a short time. Who was it?

- A. BMW
- B. Audi
- C. Porsche
- D. VW

Many Mercedes (and German cars) come with transmissions from this niche manufacturer.

- A. Borg Warner
- B. ZF
- C. Dana Spicer
- D. Emerson Power Transmission

What little-known Austrian manufacturer builds the Mercedes G-wagon, as well as the platform-sharing Toyota Supra and BMW Z4.

- A. Zell am See
- B. Daimler Austria AG
- C. Steyr
- D. Jelinek Fabrik

Mercedes is credited with which of the following safety innovations:

- A. Crumple zones
- B. Rigid passenger compartments
- C. Collapsible steering columns
- D. Antilock brakes

When Mercedes developed a rapidly deployable airbag system, it's biggest obstacle was:

- A. Getting internal budget to test it
- B. Explaining its value to potential customers
- C. Finding canisters that wouldn't release shrapnel
- D. Getting the German government to approve firing an explosive at a drivers head

W140 S-CLASS: HOW DO YOU SELL THE LEAST ATTRACTIVE CAR IN IT'S CLASS?

by Steve Rankel



This is the precise problem facing the Mercedes-Benz marketing team, and their agency when they released the W 140 S-class in 1991. First, let's talk about the car itself. Because there was A LOT right with it.

LOTS of room. Especially in the SEL, where the additional length was devoted entirely to rear passenger legroom.

Environmentally sensitive. Mercedes made sure that the car was asbestos-free (asbestos brakes were being phased out, but not banned entirely until 2003). The wood trim was from tree farms, not tropical forests. And the wiring loom (known to be an issue because its environmentally-friendly design made it more susceptible to becoming brittle and cracking), was biodegradable.

Safe. Refined crumple zones, ABS brakes (which were actually called the Anti-blockier Systeme during development using the W108 platform and later the W116), a driver's-side airbag, and eventually a passenger airbag plus optional seat-belt tensioner. *NOTE: From a safety perspective it's worth remembering that this was during a time when small, boxy, not-too-sturdy cars were on sale in the US - the Yugo being one example - having been made from materials as sturdy as Reynolds Wrap.*

Amazing engine options. The European luxury horsepower race with BMW and Jaguar had heated up. Jaguar had its XJ12, but when BMW released its 5.0 7-series V12, its domestic German competitor took this as a direct challenge. BMW's direct challenge pushed Mercedes to develop the V12 engine in FOUR YEARS (lightning fast in the world of engine development) for the 600 SEL - the first 600 designation to be used since the 600 Grosser.



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Interestingly, this was not the first time BMW had pushed Mercedes in the category of engine development: BMW's silky smooth in-line sixes in the late-80's 3-series pushed Mercedes to develop a comparable "small car" 6 – the 2.6L six released in the W201 190E 2.6.

Interior options. S-class interiors always offered lots of room. This one offered more adjustability in the driver's seat, and typical Teutonic solidity. The center control stack practically sprouted buttons and controls - oozing technical sophistication.

Electronics. Mercedes claimed that the engine management system/ECU module was the most sophisticated ever developed for an engine. Doors were soft closed with a motor that pulled them into their final latch position. Privacy screens could be raised and lowered electrically from the driver's seat. And more!

Styling & design. Here was the Achilles' heel, if you could call it that.

It was big: At 17 feet long, the W140 was approximately as long as a 2024 Ford F150, XLT pick up. Especially in Europe, the W140's size hurt it (ever try parking a 17 foot vehicle on the side of a German Village Road or in the city centers? I drove an Audi Q8 in Germany and Austria, and felt every inch of it's 16 feet while parking). It didn't look like it's predecessors or thoroughbred stablemates. Bruno Sacco had spoiled the luxury car market by designing the previous Mercedes vehicles (the W201 190's (the baby Benz), W124 E-class, and W126 S-class so that everyone knew what the Mercedes "family of cars" looked like.

It was considered angular, boxy and clunky. Words that were not typically used when describing a Mercedes. You see the problem here, right? Mercedes delivered the most sophisticated vehicle ever produced, safer than virtually anything else on the road, with engine options including Mercedes' 1st passenger-car production V12, but it was not a looker. To add insult to injury, the W140's predecessor was not just an incredible car, it was a movie star. You might remember the 500SEL version being featured as the personal limousine of the villain Victor Maitland in Beverly Hills Cop? See the pictures:



I showed the ad to a colleague of mine, who immediately thought "UH OH, my car is too short – maybe I need to get a different one." Mission accomplished.

This kind of marketing didn't turn the W140 S-class into an all-time success, with about 58,000 units per each of the 7 production years vs. the W116's record-setting 68,000 S-class' per year. But in Arlington near where I live, I see a W140 parked in someone's driveway, but I don't see any W126's around.

Maybe he who laughs last really does laugh best?



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EMBARK ON A SUMMER ROAD TRIP WITH YOUR MERCEDES-BENZ

by Leia Owen

As a proud owner of a Mercedes-Benz, you understand the joy of driving a vehicle that combines luxury, performance, and style. This summer, why not take advantage of your car's superior comfort and handling by embarking on a memorable road trip across New England?

I've curated a selection of picturesque and exciting destinations, perfect for creating unforgettable summer memories. From the charming streets of Cape Cod to the scenic beauty of Maine, here's your guide to the ultimate summer road trips:

1. Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Cape Cod is a quintessential summer destination, known for its stunning beaches, charming villages, and delicious seafood.

- **Provincetown:** Begin your journey at the tip of Cape Cod in Provincetown. Explore the vibrant art scene, stroll through the historic streets, and enjoy the panoramic views from the Pilgrim Monument.
 - **Suggested Restaurants:** The Lobster Pot, The Mews Restaurant & Cafe
 - **Photo Opp:** Capture your Mercedes-Benz against the backdrop of Race Point Beach or the Pilgrim Monument.
- **Chatham:** Drive to Chatham for a quintessential Cape experience. Visit the Chatham Lighthouse, relax on Lighthouse Beach, and indulge in a fresh seafood lunch at the Chatham Pier Fish Market.
 - **Suggested Restaurants:** Chatham Wine Bar & Restaurant, Impudent Oyster
 - **Photo Opp:** Park near the Chatham Lighthouse for a classic Cape Cod shot.

2. Boston, Massachusetts

Boston offers a mix of historical landmarks, modern attractions, and vibrant neighborhoods.

EMBARK ON A SUMMER ROAD TRIP WITH YOUR MERCEDES-BENZ

by Leia Owen

- **Freedom Trail:** Walk along the Freedom Trail to explore America's history. Don't miss sites like the Boston Common, Paul Revere House, and the Old North Church.
 - **Suggested Restaurants:** Union Oyster House, Legal Sea Foods
 - **Photo Opp:** Snap a picture with your Mercedes-Benz in front of the Boston Common or near the Paul Revere House.
- **Seaport District:** Enjoy the modern side of Boston in the Seaport District. Visit the Institute of Contemporary Art, dine at Legal Harborside, and relax at the beautiful waterfront.
 - **Suggested Restaurants:** Legal Harborside, Row 34
 - **Photo Opp:** The waterfront with the Boston skyline in the background makes for a stunning photo.

3. North Shore, Massachusetts

The North Shore is home to scenic coastal towns, historic sites, and beautiful beaches.

- **Salem:** Known for its witch trials history, Salem offers a unique blend of historical intrigue and modern culture. Visit the Salem Witch Museum and stroll through the historic district.
 - **Suggested Restaurants:** Turner's Seafood, Finz Seafood & Grill
 - **Photo Opp:** The historic Witch House or Derby Wharf with your Mercedes-Benz adds a mystical touch.
- **Rockport:** A picturesque coastal town, Rockport is perfect for a leisurely day trip. Explore the galleries and shops on Bearskin Neck, and enjoy a meal with an ocean view at the Roy Moore Lobster Co.
 - **Suggested Restaurants:** Roy Moore Lobster Co., The Red Skiff
 - **Photo Opp:** Motif No. 1 is one of the most painted buildings in America and a perfect spot for a photo.

4. South Shore, Massachusetts

The South Shore offers a mix of coastal beauty, historic towns, and family-friendly activities.

- **Plymouth:** Explore the history of Plymouth, the site of the first Pilgrim settlement. Visit Plymouth Rock, the Mayflower II, and Plimoth Patuxet Museums to delve into early American history.
 - **Suggested Restaurants:** East Bay Grille, The Blue-Eyed Crab
 - **Photo Opp:** Pose with your Mercedes-Benz at the Plymouth Waterfront or with the Mayflower II in the background.
- **Hingham:** Enjoy the quaint town of Hingham with its beautiful harbor, historic homes, and boutique shopping. Stop by the Hingham Shipyard for waterfront dining and entertainment.
 - **Suggested Restaurants:** Alma Nove, Wahlburgers
 - **Photo Opp:** Hingham Harbor provides a picturesque setting for your vehicle.

5. New Hampshire

New Hampshire boasts stunning natural landscapes, from the White Mountains to charming small towns.

- **White Mountains:** For outdoor enthusiasts, the White Mountains offer hiking, scenic drives, and breathtaking views. Drive up the Mount Washington Auto Road for a thrilling experience and stunning vistas.
 - **Suggested Restaurants:** The Red Fox Bar & Grille, The Common Man
 - **Photo Opp:** Park at the summit of Mount Washington for an awe-inspiring photo.
- **Portsmouth:** A historic seaport, Portsmouth features charming streets, unique shops, and excellent dining. Visit Prescott Park for beautiful gardens and waterfront views.
 - **Suggested Restaurants:** The Library, Black Trumpet
 - **Photo Opp:** The historic Strawberry Banke area or Prescott Park offers great backdrops.

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by Leia Owen

6. Maine

Maine's rugged coastline and charming towns make it an ideal road trip destination.

- **Portland:** Start in Portland, known for its vibrant food scene and historic Old Port district. Enjoy fresh lobster rolls at Eventide Oyster Co. and explore the boutiques along Commercial Street.
 - **Suggested Restaurants:** Eventide Oyster Co., Fore Street
 - **Photo Opp:** The Portland Head Light is a must for a scenic photo with your car.
- **Bar Harbor:** Drive up to Bar Harbor, the gateway to Acadia National Park. Explore the park's scenic drives, hike Cadillac Mountain, and relax in the quaint town center.
 - **Suggested Restaurants:** Café This Way, Side Street Café
 - **Photo Opp:** The view from Cadillac Mountain or along the Park Loop Road in Acadia.

7. Rhode Island

Rhode Island offers beautiful coastal scenery, historic mansions, and charming towns.

- **Newport:** Known for its Gilded Age mansions, Newport is a must-visit. Tour The Breakers, stroll along the Cliff Walk, and enjoy a meal at the waterfront Bowen's Wharf.
 - **Suggested Restaurants:** The Mooring, Clarke Cooke House
 - **Photo Opp:** The Cliff Walk with the mansions or Bowen's Wharf with your Mercedes-Benz in the foreground.
- **Narragansett:** For a more relaxed vibe, head to Narragansett. Spend the day at Narragansett Town Beach and savor fresh seafood at Aunt Carrie's.
 - **Suggested Restaurants:** Aunt Carrie's, The Coast Guard House
 - **Photo Opp:** Narragansett Beach with the iconic Towers in the background is perfect for a photo.

Tips for a Smooth Road Trip

- **Vehicle Check:** Ensure your Mercedes-Benz is in top condition with a pre-trip inspection. Check tire pressure, oil levels, and brakes.
- **Plan Your Route:** Use GPS and map out your stops ahead of time to make the most of your trip.
- **Pack Essentials:** Bring along snacks, water, a first-aid kit, and any necessary travel documents.
- **Stay Comfortable:** Be sure to take advantage of your Mercedes-Benz's luxurious features, such as climate control and comfortable seating, to enhance your travel experience!

Whether you're exploring the historic streets of Boston or the scenic shores of Cape Cod, I hope your journey will be as memorable as the destinations. And remember, send in your photos from your road trip (and a write-up, if you feel so inclined!) for the next edition of our newsletter.

Safe travels and happy driving!

2024 Calendar

Visit <https://mbca.glueup.com/events/>
for more details and registrations

JULY

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**NorthShore –
Cape Ann Sunday Drive**
Sunday, July 14th
Details TBA

AUGUST

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Newport Polo Outing
Saturday, August 10
3pm - 6pm
@Newport Polo, Portsmouth RI

SEPTEMBER

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Mercedes Day
Sunday, September 8
9am - 1pm
@Larz Anderson Auto Museum

NEW MEMBERS
Sunday, September 8
9am - 1pm
@Larz Anderson Auto Museum

OCTOBER

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Hosted by the Northern New England Star Chapter

Farberallye
Friday, October 18th - Sunday, October 20th
@Middlebury Inn - Middlebury, VT

NOVEMBER

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Cars & Coffee
Sunday, November 3rd
8am - 10am
@Tavern Parking lot, located between
St Julia Catholic Church and Weston
Historical Society in Weston, MA
Stay tuned for more details

DECEMBER

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**Dates & Location TBA -
Annual Theater & Dinner Event**

UPCOMING EVENTS

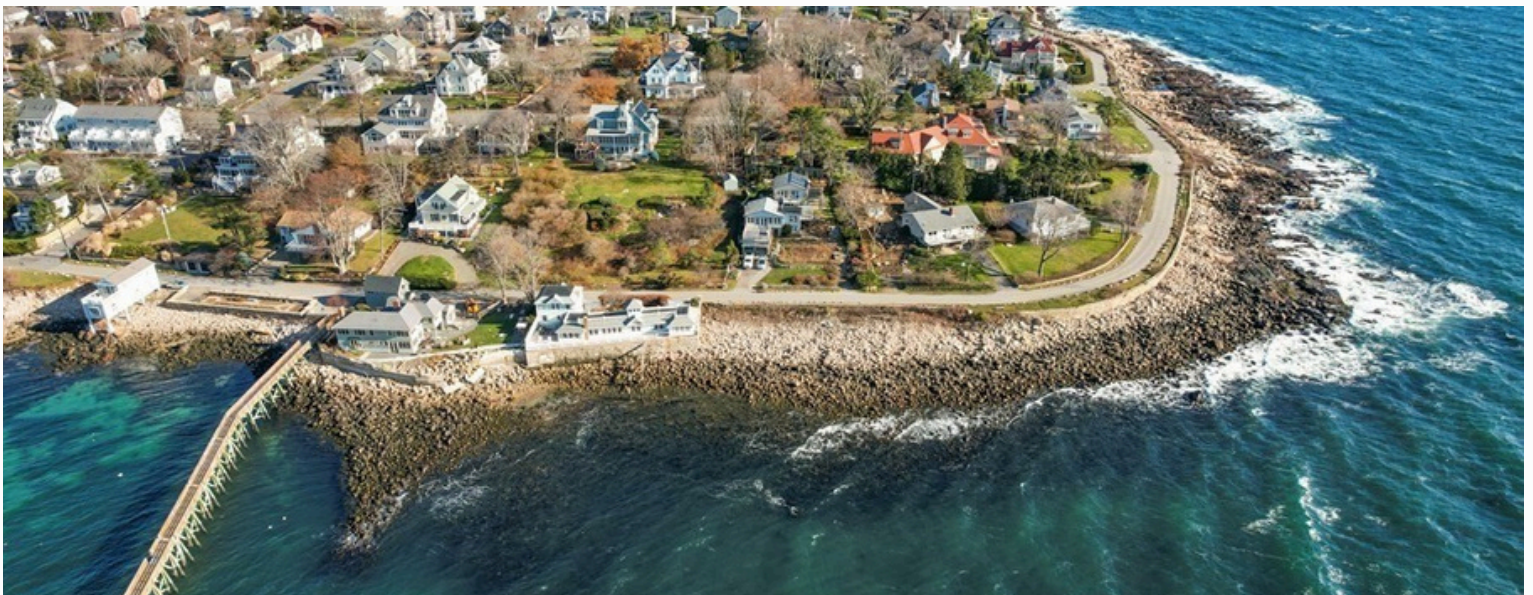
North Shore Drive - July 14th

JULY 14, 2024 @ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MEET AT DUNKIN' - BEACH STREET 40

MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA, MASSACHUSETTS

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Members of the Minuteman Mercedes Benz Club and the Pagoda Club (230SL, 250SL, 280SL owners): we are planning to gather at Manchester-by-the-Sea's Dunkin' Donuts parking lot for a pre-tour briefing. Together, we will embark on a journey to explore Cape Anne's hidden coves, private beaches, and magnificent ocean views. Along the way, we'll catch glimpses of the secluded enclaves of several of the great oceanfront estates of Boston's North Shore. The tour will follow the scenic Northshore coastal roads from Manchester-by-the-Sea, through Magnolia, passing by Hammond Castle, and then through Gloucester to Rockport, much like the route we enjoyed last year. However, we have also added a few new hidden gems to this year's itinerary.

There will be an option for lunch at Woodman's of Essex for those who care to partake:
119 Main Street, Essex, MA 01929

We are hoping for beautiful weather, just like we had last year!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Get ready for an exhilarating day of high-class entertainment, as we cordially invite you to our annual outing at the prestigious Newport Polo Club! This event promises to be a sold-out spectacle that you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 10, 2024, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, and prepare to be swept away by the excitement and glamour that awaits.

Members are encouraged to bring along one guest to share in the splendor of the Newport Polo experience. This is a popular event that typically sells out each year - so please reserve your tickets ASAP if you plan to attend.

Here are the essential details for the event:

Date: Saturday, August 10, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: Newport Polo Club

Address: 250 Linden Lane, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, 02871

Feel free to bring your own chairs and any other personal touches to ensure maximum comfort and enjoyment throughout the event. The Newport Polo Club provides an ideal setting for us to revel in the luxury and elegance of this fabulous venue. Let's showcase our Mercedes-Benz pride by arriving in style, as we celebrate our passion for exceptional automobiles alongside the thrill of this prestigious sport.

To secure your place at this event, simply follow the link below to purchase your tickets:

<https://mbca.glueup.com/event/annual-newport-polo-event-108675/>

For any inquiries or further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Barry O'Neill, our dedicated event coordinator. You can reach Barry via email at barryo56@gmail.com or by phone at (508) 864-6823. Space is limited, so act swiftly to guarantee your spot at this extraordinary occasion. Don't miss out on an unforgettable day of polo, camaraderie, and automotive excellence.

We look forward to seeing you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday, September 8, 2024 - 9:00am to 1:00pm
Larz Anderson Park - Lawn Event
Brookline, Massachusetts

Plans are underway for our annual Germanfest at Larz Anderson Park. This is one of our most popular events of the year.

Stay tuned for more info in August!

German Fest, aka "Mercedes Day"

The three-pointed star of Mercedes-Benz has been synonymous with success and luxury now for decades. Come see fine examples of the premium automobiles from this legendary marque's amazingly long history. Sponsored by MBCA – Minuteman Chapter.

Event Details: Car Registration information will be released soon.
Please note: Museum members will still need to pay the Car Registration fee.

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1978 MERCEDES-BENZ 450SL CONVERTIBLE

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1978 Mercedes-Benz 450SL featured in Anthracite Gray (DB172) with Black Leather Interior. This vehicle was purchased new by actor James Darren (Gidget, Guns of Navarone, etc..) who owned it until 2022 when it was purchased by a local collector client of EAS. Bought new at Beverly Hills LTD Mercedes-Benz and always garaged in Beverly Hills, this fantastic survivor R107 was a frequently seen at the Playboy Mansion and other A-List events.

We've kept the chrome wheels and analog phone in the car for that period correct California look. Since its purchase in 2022, its been going through the mechanical sorting process here at EAS including Major Service, New Front Brakes, New Alternator, New Starter, New battery, New Tires, and an Alignment. Sale includes proper paperwork, original manuals, and tool kit.



For FREE: W114/W115 OEM MBZ SEATS

I have a pair of used condition W114/W115 OEM MBZ seats in black I'm looking to give away.

I bought them on eBay with the plan to convert them into office chairs and don't have the bandwidth to move the project forward. They are currently wrapped in plastic in my storage unit in Chestnut Hill-Newton.

- Ulysses De Guzman

Call or text: 617-953-3281



Answer Key: TEST YOUR MERCEDES METTLE: DID YOU KNOW...?

Mercedes Benz has pioneered automotive safety for over 50 years. Who was the engineer that led the charge?

Answer: C - Béla Barényi, the Hungarian engineer first hired in the late 1930s, was Mercedes' early pioneer in automotive safety.

Mercedes Benz owned another prominent German car brand for a short time. Who was it?

Answer: B - Auto Union, formerly Audi was owned by Daimler Benz for a brief period from the 1950's to the early 1960's.

Many Mercedes (and German cars) come with transmissions from this niche manufacturer.

Answer: B - ZF, which stands for Zahnradfabrik or gear factory.

What little-known Austrian manufacturer builds the Mercedes G-wagon, as well as the platform-sharing Toyota Supra and BMW Z4.

Answer: C - Steyr is a specialist car manufacturer based outside of Linz that outsources production of entire vehicle platforms for car manufacturers lacking capacity for niche models.

Mercedes is credited with which of the following safety innovations:

Answer: all of the above!

When Mercedes developed a rapidly deployable airbag system, it's biggest obstacle was:

Answer: D - it took some years of convincing and proof until the German government approved an incendiary device that 'safely' targeted the drivers head.

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