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November 2014 Newsletter

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President's Message

Hello and an early Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Results of our election held November 1, 2014: President: Mike Ziegler Vice President: Roger Egolf Secretary: Debbie Egolf Treasurer: Jolanta Piekarski

Thank you for electing me as your president, and congratulations to the other elected officers.

I'd like to thank Ramon Infante for volunteering to be our Photographer. He will be our official photographer, taking pictures at our events for the newsletter and our website (website should be up by spring). However, if he is not at a Mercedes event, we ask that our member's email pictures of the event to our webmaster Erica Jantos @ ericajantos@live.com and preferably with a description about the picture or event. Also, if you have a picture you think would be of interest to club members, submit it to the webmaster with a description for possible use in our newsletter and/or on the website.

At our Planning Meeting November 1st we came up with a great list of events for 2015 that are shown In this newsletter. A lot of ideas were suggested, and we narrowed it down as

shown. Other ideas will be discussed for the following year. Mark your calendar with the 2015 events you may like to attend, so you can keep those dates free. Whether you attend all events or only one event, you are welcome. We hope with the many events planned, something will be of interest to you. We need organizers and helpers for our 2015 events. Let me or one of our officers know if you can volunteer.

Our club is looking forward to a great 2015!

Mike Ziegler



News

Where is YOUR MBC NEPA Name tag?

If you requested a MBCA-NEPA name tag prior to the November 1, 2014 Election/Planning meeting (we have the November 1st requests), and have not received your nametag, we're sorry, but the list is lost, and you will have to request your free name tag again at the next event.

Name tags for the following people have arrived and may be picked up from Mike Ziegler (Debbie Egolf if Mike is not there) at the next event:

Charles Clemmer Jr
Neil Dancho
Tom & Jackie Gess
Jan Graybill
Dan & Jeanne Mooney
James Zawick.

All members may get one nametag paid for by our section as a member benefit, by requesting it an event, and picking it up at the next event after it arrives. Please wear your nametag at all events, and if you don't have an official nametag yet, any nametag is better than none.

Thanks,
Mike Ziegler

[Your MBC-NEPA Facebook group is LIVE](#)

A new Facebook page has been created for the club.

Have a new car to show off?
Looking to sell a car or parts?
Have a tech question?

This is your forum to keep in touch and share information.



Please join us at -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MercedesBenzNEPA/>

Club Photographer Ramon Infante will be moderating this page. MBC-NEPA and Mercedes-Benz events, news, and photos will be posted regularly.



Event Recaps

ENGINES REVELING, RUBBER BURNING, BRAKES SQUEALING

Those were the sounds heard at the Defensive Driving Clinic held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on August 17, 2014. Let's start at the beginning. On August 17, the Keystone Section and NEPA hosted the MBCA Mid-Atlantic Regional Autocross and Defensive Driving Clinic. Mike Ziegler and I represented the NEPA. There were other clubs represented, not only from Pennsylvania, but from Delaware and Washington, DC.

A defensive driving clinic and Autocross was held on the first day for the facilities employees' children. The MBC members participated on the second day. The defense clinic course involved approximately one hour of classroom instruction and three-to-four laps around the course defined by orange pylons on a parking lot. The defensive driving part of the clinic was as exciting as I expected-engines reveling, rubber burning and brakes squealing!

The clinic's purpose was to learn about the breaking and handling characteristics of our own Mercedes. (And, the experience was so much fun!)

During the lunch break, the instructors changed the course into an Autocross course. The participants were placed in classes by cars driven to the event. Each participant had three timed-practice runs and three timed-final runs through the course. The goal was to navigate the car through the course the best. All the instruction we learned in the defensive training class was used in this contest.

This was my first experience in this type of driving event. I was proud of my second- place showing. Yes, Mike received a first-place spot.

If you have the opportunity to participate in a Defensive Driving Clinic, do it!! I had fun speeding around a parking lot. As a result of my participation, I received a discount on my automobile insurance.

And, Mike next time I intend to receive the first-place trophy!!

Barry Brobst

November Election and Event Planning Dinner

An intimate group of your fellow local MBC members met on November 1st to confirm your 2014-2015 board. It is as follows:

Mike Ziegler President
Roger Egolf Vice President
Debbie Egolf Secretary
Jolanta Piekarski Treasurer

One of our new members, Ramon Infante, has volunteered to be the Club's Photographer. Please be sure to introduce yourself to him, or at least smile in his direction.

Many great events were recommended during the dinner. You will find some of them listed below under the 'upcoming events' section, including a special Tech Event featuring R107's. See below for more details!



Upcoming Events

*MBC NEPA Events are part of your MEMBER BENEFIT.
Your local club subsidizes a portion or all the costs of the following events.*

HOLIDAY DINNER

ALMOST SOLD OUT! if you have already RSVP'd please forward your check's to Jolanta c/o 1412 Stark Road, Bethlehem PA 18107

December 6th, 2014 5:00 PM

RSVP BY November 30, 2014

1412 Stark Road, Bethlehem, PA

\$20.00 Per person checks payable to mbca-nepa

December 6, 2014 is our annual Christmas Dinner; this year at the Piekarski residence in Bethlehem PA. Menu to include: Shrimp cocktail, Artisan Cheese Plater, Seasonal Vegetable Crudités, Filet Mignon, Roasted Turkey. Guests are requested to bring Wine or a NON-Alcoholic beverage.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 25 GUESTS and very NEARLY FULL. Due to the limited space, this event is for Northern PA Section members and their guests only. Please contact Jolanta Piekarski at cell 610-745-2638 / email jolanta.rentals@verizon.net with number of people attending. Reservations accepted until the 25 maximum is reached, no later than NOVEMBER 30th



Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

March 14, 2015

Amelia Island, FL

<https://www.ameliaconcours.org/>



For those members heading south for the season, Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance has invited MBCA members who own SL vehicles to submit for participation in the Cars and Coffee at the Concours display event.

Only 40 Mercedes-Benz SL vehicles will be selected for this informal display.

This is a by invitation only event.

The MBCA Amelia Island committee, and the Amelia Island Concours committee will review submissions. The Amelia Island Concours committee will select the finalists

and issue official invitations and event instructions in early March 2015.

Vehicle submissions are due January 5, 2015.

MBCA members who want to submit their SL for display consideration should include:

- At least one, but no more than three photos of your SL vehicle
- The year and model of your SL and the state where your SL is licensed.
- One or two paragraphs explaining why your SL is important to you and any memorable stories that are associated with your vehicle.
- Your MBCA section of record, your MBCA member number, and your contact information (including your cell phone number).

There is no submission or participation fee for this event. The event is only open to current MBCA members.

Please contact William West Hopper by phone or email with questions and/or to submit your SL for consideration.

Phone: 202.364.2852

Email: wwhrestoration@att.net



R107, the 1971-1989 Mercedes-Benz SL-Series
Show and Tech Event
Saturday May 2nd, 2015

Walter's Foreign Car
Bethlehem, PA

An Afternoon of R107's, Shop Talk, Friends and Refreshments.

Do you have a '71-'89 SL /SLC? Here is your opportunity to show it off.
We are currently seeking a diverse selection of years and models to represent in the Show.

Please contact Ramon at info@usedautoservices.com for more information and to submit your car.

SAVE THE DATE

Feb 8-15, 2015 Drive to [Philadelphia Auto Show](#)
April 23, 2015 Spring Dinner, Location TBD
May 2, 2015 MBC-NEPA R107 Tech Event
May 15-18, 2015 Drive to [Carlisle Import and Kit Nationals](#)
June 6, 2015 June Jamboree, Mercedes-Benz USA Headquarters, Montvale NJ
June 27, 2015 NEPA Summer Picnic and Car Show, Location TBD
July 11, 2015 [The Deutsche Classic, Oley PA](#)
July 25, 2015 [Drive to the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles and Private Tour](#)
August 2, 2015 [Das Awkscht Fescht](#)
August 9, 2015 [New Hope Car Show](#)
August 15, 2015 NEPA Shirimp Boil at the Marina, Tom's River NJ
September 13, 2015 Drive to and VIP Parking/Car Show at Radnor Concours
September 19, 2015 Northern NJ Picnic at Falkenhorst, Hopewell NJ
October 4, 2015 [Drive and Tailgating at Tinicum Park Polo Club](#)
October 22, 2015 Fall Election and Planning Dinner, Location TBD
December 5, 2015 Annual Holiday Dinner , Location TBD



MBC-NEPA Classifieds

2 Mercedes-Benz polo shirts for sale.

One is off white with red & black weave collar & sleeve ends, with a "Mercedes-Benz" and the MB logo on the front left. There are 2 very light, almost unnoticeable stains. The other is black with red & black striped collar & sleeve ends, with "Motorsport" and a race car logo on the front left, and "Powered by Mercedes-Benz" on the right sleeve. Both shirts are XL. The tag inside shows "Mercedes-Benz". The shirts are being offered by a widow, they were her husbands. She would like \$10 each. Mike Ziegler 484-661-1674 zieglersrv@rcn.com

Insert your Logo here!

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Contact Erica Jantos at ericajantos@live.com for rates and more information



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