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## *Shining Star* Spring Newsletter



### President's Message

Spring is here; time to do more driving in your Mercedes Benz, especially the Day Drive May 22 (more info in this newsletter). We have many events planned for this year. The Spring Dinner is the next social event April 7 (details in this newsletter). An exciting new event is the Car Show at the Pocono Raceway August 21 which includes free admission to the Indy race for show car participants (details in this newsletter). We give our condolences to the family & friends of our longest (44 year) member to the club, Denis Ide who passed away (I submitted the memorial in this newsletter to his daughter for approval, and she replied "Great article!!! My Dad would be proud.")

National MBCA is in the process of changing their website [www.mbca.org](http://www.mbca.org). Our website [www.nepa.mbca.org](http://www.nepa.mbca.org) is connected to theirs. During the change, not all of the areas on the pages are working correctly. It is a work in progress.

We are looking for a host/location for our NEPA summer picnic July 16; ideally at a member's home, preferably with parking for our cars. We have people to organize the picnic and do the grill, but need a location.

We are looking for a membership person to welcome new members, take care of name badges, and membership 5 year incremental pins, and encourage members who didn't renew, to renew.

Contact me if you would like to volunteer to host the picnic or be the membership person, or have questions.

Happy motoring,  
Mike Ziegler 610-504-5370 cell/text  
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## News

Pennsylvania license plates with the Mercedes-Benz Club of America organization on them are available. These organizational plates are only available to MBCA members in good standing who reside in PA.



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## Meet our New Members

Christopher Abbott of Birdsboro PA

Barry Cusano of Martins Creek PA

Rolf Heinz of Hawley PA

Richard Turner of Gilbertsville PA

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Contact Jim at [jsangiorgio@knopfauto.com](mailto:jsangiorgio@knopfauto.com), or at 610-967-0787.



[Previous Events](#)



**Tech event hosted by Knopf's Jim Sangiorgio and Greg Urban**

On March 9th, eleven club members enjoyed a very enjoyable evening at Knopf Automotive. After a few light snacks, the dealership's Mercedes shop foreman gave us a very interesting presentation on how to prepare a car for winter storage and how to get it ready to get back on the road at the end of the winter. The presentation was



followed by a question and answer session, after which we moved into the shop area



where we were able to take a look under the hood at a beautifully restored 1960 190SL currently on sale at the dealership. They also put the car up on a lift so we could look underneath, while the technician pointed out things to look for when inspecting an older Mercedes. Every attendee learned something that night. Our club offers its sincere thanks to Knopf for hosting this event.

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## Upcoming Events

MBCA NEPA SECTION  
ANNUAL SPRING DINNER  
APRIL 7, 2016, 6:30 cocktails, 7 pm Dinner  
Pickles Bar & Grill  
3941 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA 18049

RSVP by APRIL 4, 2016 to Debbie Egolf at 610-751-7865 or email  
[egolf2000@yahoo.com](mailto:egolf2000@yahoo.com)

**We will be meeting at 6:30pm for cocktails/social time with members  
Please--by Monday-APRIL 4, 2016-- RSVP to Debbie Egolf at 610-751-7865 or email me at  
[egolf2000@yahoo.com](mailto:egolf2000@yahoo.com). This is the deadline date.**

**Guests are very welcome, especially if they own a Mercedes Benz.**

**Pickles Bar & Grill is a local neighborhood eatery located in Emmaus, PA.**

**Pickles is laid back, electric and unpretentious. Pickles is one part antique diner and one part neighborhood bar & grill. Pickles restaurant encourages guest to settle in, get comfortable and have a great time.**

**You'll never leave Pickles Bar & Grill hungry with the food menu consisting of appetizers, salads, sandwiches, burgers, steaks & seafood, 3 signature soups, chops and entrees.**

**You will order off the menu and Pickles will allow separate checks to make payment for your meal easier. Our club will pick up the gratuity and taxes for NEPA-Section members and associate members. Guests will pay their own tax & gratuity (unless they join the MBCA by the dinner).**

**Thank you very much. Debbie, secretary**

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MBCA SPRING DRIVE  
May 22, 2016  
Fogelsville PA

For more information contact Barry Brobst at [bbrobst@ptd.net](mailto:bbrobst@ptd.net)

We'll start the drive in downtown Fogelsville and head west along a scenic route thru picturesque villages to our destination. Just what is the destination, well that's a secret. What I can say is it's the oldest continually run brewery in the states (so I was told) and not Yuengling. You might find this hard to believe but some brewery's just went "underground" to just make beer. The brewery is now a destination restaurant, bar (for lunch) and hotel. I'm sure you'll go back for a more formal dinner after this trip.  
-Barry Brobst



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## Car Show at the Pocono Raceway

August 21, 2016

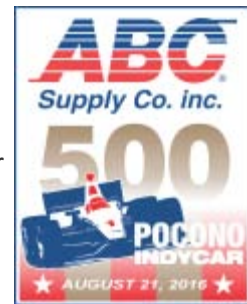
Long Pond PA

*RSVP information coming soon.*

Our MBCA-NEPA Section has been one of the clubs invited to participate in a Car Show at Pocono Raceway Sunday August 21st simultaneously with the IndyCar event. They are looking for vintage and/or rare cars (doesn't have to be a Mercedes Benz) to be displayed on the Pocono Raceway grounds. They are looking for about 200 to 250 cars. Those selected will need to be at the Raceway by 9am. Vehicles may leave any time after the drop of the green flag which would be around 2pm. It may be possible to display it on Saturday also.

If your car is selected, you will get:

- No charge admission for show vehicle, driver and one passenger
- 1 free paddock parking pass for the show vehicle
- 2 free grandstand tickets per show vehicle to enjoy the IndyCar action from the grandstand.



Further details and application form, from the Pocono Raceway, will be emailed to members when it is available.



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## In Memorandum

### **In Memory of Founding Member Denis Ide**

Denis A. Ide, 81 of Tunkhannock died November 24th at the Hospice of the Sacred Heart in Dunmore. Denis was a MBCA-NEPA Section founding member, and a member of the MBCA even before our section existed. He was a member of the MBCA for 44 years, joining September 30, 1971, making him the longest member in the NEPA Section at the time of his death. He enjoyed collecting vintage cars, and was always looking for a friendly conversation.



The picture of Denis you see here wearing a Mercedes Benz hat is the one the family used as his official obituary photo because he enjoyed his Mercedes Benz cars. He bought a new 1957 190SL which he had up until his death. He also had a 1985 300D-T at the time of his death. Both cars are listed in the Cars for Sale section of this newsletter. His daughter Sue told me in an email "he was all about the Mercedes's that is why we chose the picture, and believe it or not the top of the casket". On the top of the casket was a bronze Mercedes Benz emblem.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years Jean A. Sabatino Ide. He was born in Kingston, Pa on August 28, 1934 son of the late Donovan A. and Eleanor Sowerby Ide. Denis was a graduate of the Tunkhannock High School and retired from Commonwealth Telephone Company after 48 years of service and was a member of the Telephone Pioneers A member to Tunkhannock Masonic lodge #248 F&AM, Scottish Rite, Keystone Consistory, Bloomsburg Chapter and the Irem Temple Shrine.

He also enjoyed taking walks with his faithful companion, his dog Meg. He was preceded in death by an infant son Christopher Ide. Surviving is a son David and daughters Donna and husband Mitch Clemens and Suzanne Ide all of Tunkhannock, grandchildren Samantha, Joshua, Nicholas and Jessica Ide and Daniel Clemens. For on line condolences please visit [www.sheldonkukuchkafuneralhome.com](http://www.sheldonkukuchkafuneralhome.com).



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One owner car, garage kept.  
Has not been started in a while  
74,463 miles



Asking \$90,000 or best offer  
Contact Sue at (570) 637-0029 or email  
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### 1985 Mercedes Benz 300D-T 4 door sedan.

Garage kept. Very good condition.  
92,000 miles.



Asking \$9,000 but would consider best offer.  
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## SAVE THE DATE

April 7 - Spring Dinner at Pickles in Emmaus, PA  
May 22 - Day Drive planned by Barry Brobst  
June 12 - [The Elegance at Hershey](#) in Hershey PA  
June 25, June Jamboree, Florham Park, NJ  
July 9 - [Deutsche Classic](#) in Oley, PA  
July 16 - NEPA Picnic  
July 22-23, Defensive Driving/Autocross in Lancaster, PA  
August 7 - [Das Awkscht Fescht](#) in Macungie, PA  
August 14 [New Hope Auto Show](#) in New Hope PA  
August 21 [ABC 500 and Classic Car Auto Show at Pocono Raceway](#) in Long Pond, PA  
September 10, NEPA Road Rally

September 11, [Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance](#)  
October 23, NEPA Day Drive  
November 17, Annual Planning/ Election Meeting  
December 17 Annual Holiday Dinner

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