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Pennsylvania Section

Mercedes-Benz  
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## *Shining Star* Spring 2017 Newsletter



### President's Message



Spring is here! And that means you'll be able to take that collector car, antique car, or you newer "baby" out of the garage for a drive, and to a MBCA-NEPA events: the next event is our Spring Dinner at Carmel Restaurant April 27th, then take a Day Drive on Sunday May 21st, and we are fortunate to have a Concours d'Elegance at Hershey only a short drive away, with some of the finest cars out there. Invite another Mercedes owner to the events. Maybe they will join the club once they meet the other members. See more details on these events in this newsletter.

If you have any car stories that you want to share with your fellow members, email your article and pictures to the newsletter editor. Your article may be used in a future newsletter. The next newsletter deadline is June 18th. I look forward to seeing you at an event.

Happy and safe motoring,  
Mike Ziegler



### News:

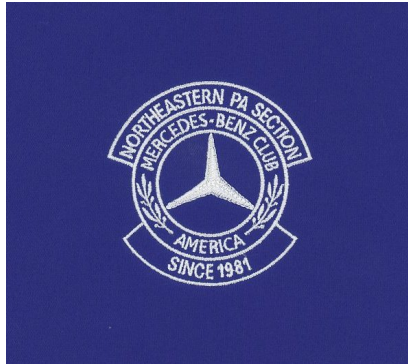
!!!!Congratulations to Mercedes-Benz for getting the 2017 MotorTrend SUV of the Year for the Mercedes-Benz GLC (per MotorTrend magazine January 2017 issue)!!!!



Meet our New Members



## Mercedes Logo Shirts from Lands End



Lands End logo shirts are now ready to be ordered. Please go on the website, create your login and user password and order. They are really nice shirts. I ordered myself a polo shirt with two buttons down in front and it fits real nice and the quality is good. They can be purchased through Business Outfitters by Lands' End magazine, a special book from Lands' End. Here is the link for placing your order:

<https://business.landsend.com/store/mbca-nepa/>

You will need to specify the color of shirt. If asked for a color thread for the logo, you may want to select blue because that is our color.

We can show our Mercedes spirit at car events, picnics, etc... call Lands End at 1-800-770-9315 for your Business Outfitters catalog.

Thank you all,  
Debbie Egolf, secretary  
610-751-7865



## 2017 Upcoming Events

Thu Apr 27, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Spring Dinner, NEPA Section Event

Carmel Kitchen and Wine Bar, 3750 Hamilton Blvd, Allentown PA 18103

Carmel Kitchen is across the street from Dorney Park and it used to be Mangos. They have a nice menu, a beautiful place and we should have a great time. There will be a set price and choice of a few menu items. We'll send you more info as the date gets closer. Please call Debbie Egolf or email her (contact details below) with the number in your party by April 19, so Debbie can let the restaurant know the final headcount.

RSVP by April 19: email: Debbie Egolf at [egolf2000@yahoo.com](mailto:egolf2000@yahoo.com) or call 610-751-7865

Sun May 21, 11:00 AM - 3 PM

Day Drive, NEPA Section Event

Sunday Drive in the Lehigh Valley. After the drive we will go to a restaurant. Mark your calendar with the date. More information when it gets closer to the date. Barry Brobst - [bbrobst@ptd.net](mailto:bbrobst@ptd.net)

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Jun 11 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Concours d'Elegance Garden Party \*\*\* further information in following section \*\*\*

Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA

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Tue Jun 13, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

NEPA Board Meeting

\*\*\*Sun Jun 18 -- Deadline for NEPA Summer Newsletter Articles\*\*\*

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Sat June 17

Picnic \*\*date changed to Sat July 15\*\*

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Sat June 24 8:00 AM

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Sat July 8

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Sat July 15 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Picnic, NEPA Section Event

Otto's Garage; 1685 Garfield Rd, Mohrsville, Pa.

Short write-up further down in the document

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Sun Aug 6 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Das Awkscht Fescht

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Your cars need to be entered by July 1st and is \$15 per car but you can take as many people that fit in your car.

To register go to <http://www.awkscht.com> and click on registration

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Sun Aug 13 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

New Hope Auto Show

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Sat Sep 9 \*\* see later in this newsletter for an enticing look at September's Road Rally \*\*

Road Rally, NEPA Section Event

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Sun Sep 10 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Radnor Hunt C d-Elegance

Radnor, PA

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Sat Sep 16  
Picnic, John Bleimier's  
Hopewell, NJ

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Sat Oct 14  
Saturday Drive, NEPA Section Event

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Thurs Nov 9, 7:00  
Planning Meeting, NEPA Section Event (Election '18)

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Thu Dec 14, 7:00 PM  
Christmas Holiday Dinner, NEPA Section Event

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\*\*\*\*Check [MBCA-NEPA.COM](http://MBCA-NEPA.COM) for more info and 2017 events\*\*\*\*

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## The Concours d'Elegance Garden Party, June 11th 9AM - 4PM Hotel Hershey, Hershey PA

The Elegance is modeled after the finest of European and American Concours d'Elegance. It is an automotive garden party featuring the world's finest collector vintage and antique cars, arrayed around the manicured formal gardens of The Hotel Hershey.

Car owners, and those who adore their cars, gather for a day of mutual admiration and relaxed camaraderie while special guest judges review and critique the participants' cars.

This event benefits the following charities: AACA Museum, JDRF, and AACA Library & Research Center.

For additional information check out the website: [www.theEleganceAtHershey.com](http://www.theEleganceAtHershey.com)  
Tickets available online or at the door.

If you would like to car pool or caravan to The Elegance, or have questions, contact Mike Ziegler [mikez@zieglersrv.com](mailto:mikez@zieglersrv.com)  
610-504-5370.

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## Picnic July 15 Otto's Garage 1PM - 5PM

Picnic Date change. Make a change on your personal calendar:

Our NEPA picnic date has changed from June 17th to Saturday July 15th 1pm-5pm held at the same place as last year, Otto & Alice Christensen's property.

Thank you Alice for stepping up again this year. They have an air conditioned

section of Otto's man cave, a garage that is bigger than their house (and some have said cleaner than–this remark has been added by Alice) where we will eat.



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## \*\*2017 MBCA-NEPA FALL RALLY By Rally Master Ron Gabel\*\*



The Northeast Pennsylvania Section Mid-Atlantic Region Mercedes Club of America is tentatively planning their popular fall car rally for Saturday September 9, 2017. The rally is currently planned to begin at Perkins Restaurant off Route 512 just south of Route 22 north of Bethlehem PA for breakfast on your own from 8:30-10:00 AM.

Ask those who participated in our 2016 Rally how much they enjoyed the scenic and leisurely drive along with the day's fun and fellowship. A great time was had by all who participated as reported in our club newsletter. Some participants had been in previous club rallies, more than half had not.

For anyone considering participating in our Fall Rally for their first time keep in mind the rally is in no way a race, winners are determined by who follows the course correctly and how many correct answers to questions that can be located along the route (sort of a treasure hunt). The Rally is a friendly competition where participating cars leave a starting point individually being directed to follow a specific route to a predetermined finish point.... At which point everyone "Rallies".

Everyone is encouraged to drive slowly since the rally will be a nice drive through the country, over scenic back roads while searching for answers to a number of questions along the way. Bring your camera.

This is obviously not a one-man job; each participating car MUST have at minimum of a driver and a navigator. Friends and family are welcome to participate. There will be a half way stop for drinks and toilet facilities and the approximately fifty mile rally will end at a restaurant where food and drink will be available. **JOIN IN THE FUN! PLAN NOT TO MISS THIS ONE! THE MORE PARTICIPANTS, THE MORE THE FUN!** Watch for more information in our newsletters as we get closer to the date of the rally.

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### [Previous Events:](#)

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Northeastern Pennsylvania Section Holiday Party and Awards  
Dinner

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On Thursday, December 10, Northeastern Pennsylvania Section held its Holiday Party and Awards Dinner at the Bluehouse Grill in Bethlehem, Pa.

It was a well-attended fun night with great food, service and attendees.

Awards were presented by our delightful host and president, Mike Ziegler. Shown on the right is Mike Ziegler presenting a 30-year award to Ron Gabel and his wife Elaine.



Elaine Gabel, Mike Ziegler, Ron Gabel



Our club secretary, Debbie Egolf was presented with Officer of the Year award for her excellent and dedicated service. In addition to being our club's Secretary, Debbie is always willing to lend a helping hand where needed, including grilling burgers for our club in the hot summer sun at our NEPA picnic last year.

On the right is Mike introducing our new Newsletter Editor Alice Christensen. Alice is accepting a 25-year member pin on behalf of her husband, Otto Christensen, who was unable to attend this year.



Mike Ziegler presented our NEPA Section Member of the Year award for 2016 to Wesley Wormser, member since 2015 and proud driver of a beautiful, immaculately-kept and maintained 1978 280E.

Wesley has sponsored a new member and is enthusiastic about Mercedes Benz cars and the Mercedes Benz Club.



The evening concluded with a very interesting presentation by our own rally master Ronald Gabel who many of you know from club picnics and rally stops at his home as a researcher and collector of antique Pennsylvania/Kentucky rifles.

Ron is a past President of the National Kentucky Rifle Association, the Kentucky Rifle Association

and the prestigious American Society of Arms Collectors. He was editor of the

Kentucky Rifle Association Bulletin for forty years and has written countless articles and booklets on the subject. He has been featured on TV channel 69 and on the series "History Detectives". He was active in recently having the Pennsylvania rifle approved as the state rifle of Pennsylvania.



Ron and Elaine have toured the collections in Scotland for two weeks with the curator of Edinburgh Castle and have attended private parties in the Leeds gun museum and the White Tower of London in England.

Unfortunately, the restaurant would not allow Ron to bring in one of his collection to show the group!

Ron explained the origin of the now world famous rifle, where it got its name, its



local heritage, why it has been accepted by museums across the world as American Art and why it has been chosen as the Pennsylvania State Rifle.

There were a lot of questions relative to the collecting of the rifle, its identification and its importance to the formation of our country.

Ron pointed out this unique rifle has been accepted worldwide as true American Art and examples are exhibited in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Thank you Ron. We all learned something new!



### \*\*\*\* NEPA Member Classified Listings \*\*\*\*

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610-837-7888



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MBCA Car Flags for sale:

Blue car flags with the MBCA logo on both sides are available. They fit on the side windows. They are good for any MBCA event to show your support of our club. They are available from Debbie Egolf or Mike Ziegler at most events. Preferably, email Debbie at [egolf2000@yahoo.com](mailto:egolf2000@yahoo.com) so she knows to give it to you at the event you are going to. There is a donation of \$4 requested preferably by check to MBCA-NEPA. Get one for each of your MB cars and keep it in the car, so you don't have to remember to take it with you on an event.

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**Call to Action: Volunteers Needed:**

We are looking for a person to help manage membership and another person to help with advertising. These are voluntary positions on our board. You will join a team of fun, like-minded individuals. If you feel you'd like to help out, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Mike Ziegler at: 610-504-5370





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