

**Northeastern Pennsylvania  
Section  
Mercedes-Benz Club  
of America**

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**Shining Star  
Summer 2017 Newsletter**

**President's Message**

Summer is a wonderful time for car events. During July & August we have 4 car show events and a picnic (with a popular vote car show for MB of all years and models). Info on these events are in this newsletter. Deadlines and specific requirements to bring to your attention as follows: To enter a MB car in the Das Awscht Fescht Car show, it must be 1992 or older and the postmark deadline to register is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Deutsche Classic is open to all German cars and registration is the day of the event. The New Hope Auto Show: Because of limited space, the popular divisions fill up quickly and day-of-show registrations can't be guaranteed (and if available are \$5 additional). We are fortunate to be invited back to the Pocono Raceway Car Show with registration deadline August 4<sup>th</sup>; and if your car is selected, you will receive 2 free tickets to the race! You don't have to bring a MB car to be a spectator at these events. Hope to see you at one or all these events!

*Mike Ziegler*

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**Membership Anniversary Pins:**

The NEPA Section is giving Membership Anniversary Pins to NEPA members & associate members in honor of your membership with the NEPA Section from 5 years to 50 years, in 5 year increments. You will be given one for your latest anniversary (older pins may be traded in, but it's not required). Some members

received a pin, but in the past, associate members (spouse/partner) did not. We will now be giving a pin to the associate member also. For those who let their membership lapse, the MBCA record only shows the start of your current consecutive membership, but we will count your previous membership years if you let us know what they are. If you qualify for a pin and haven't received it, let Mike Ziegler know, and we will be happy to present it to you at the next event you are attending.

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**Attention: Past Presidents, Member of the Year recipients, and Officer of the Year recipients:**

NEPA would like to honor you by giving you a pin with that accomplishment on it. Please let Mike Ziegler know that you would like your pin, and we will plan to get it to you.

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**Event Attendance Book:**

We will be trying something new. Members who attend NEPA events are requested to sign the Event Attendance Book, and if you brought your MB to the event, list the year, make, and model brought. If you don't see the book at the event, tell Debbie Egolf or one of the other officers (with gold colored name badges) that you would like to sign the Event Attendance Book.

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**Name Badges:**

Please wear your name badge to all events. If you (a NEPA member or associate member) never got a badge, your NEPA section will pay \$5 and you pay the other \$5 and it will be sent to you in the mail. If you lost your badge or would like one to keep in your other MB, they are \$10. Contact Mike Ziegler for name badges.

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**Associate Members emails:**

We would like to have each member who has a spouse or partner, to list that

person at no additional cost, as an associate member, and to list their email address so they also get the newsletters and other updates. You can do that by logging onto the [www.MBCA.org](http://www.MBCA.org) site or email the information to Mike Ziegler along with their phone number (or let me know that the associate member's phone number is the same as the member's phone number).

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### **Membership Person needed:**

NEPA is looking for a Membership Person. This person would welcome new members, be the one to order name tags (mailed by MBCA directly to the member), membership anniversary pins, pass the Event Attendance Book around at events (or assign someone if you won't be there), follow up on members who don't renew, etc. If you would be willing to volunteer, let one of the officers know.

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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 \$5 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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### **Nominating Committee needed:**

If you are interested in being on the nominating committee for selecting NEPA officers, board of directors, and committee people, notify Mike Ziegler or one of the officers.

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**Interested in running for as a NEPA officer, director, or committee person?**

Think about helping out your club. We hope to have a nominating committee selected by the Fall Newsletter, and then you would let them know you have an interest in running for a position.

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**Change of eMail vendor:**

In order to save our club money, we have converted our email to MailChimp. This will be our first emailing using the new service. Please contact your newsletter editor for any comments, suggestions, or errors at [achristensen@comcast.net](mailto:achristensen@comcast.net)

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**Meet our new members:**

Frank Cohen of New York, NY (1981 380SL)  
Ernest Jurado of Wyoming, PA  
Brooks Karns of Palmerton, PA (1985 380SL; 2013 C300 4Matic Sport)  
Benjamin Watts of Wyomissing, PA (2017 C43 AMG)

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Our new Member Frank Cohen came to our day drive in his beautiful 1981 380SL. His mom bought this car new and he now has it and uses it in her memory. The car only has 42,000 miles. Welcome, Frank!



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Upcoming Events:

## July 8 Deutsche Classic - Oley Fairgrounds.

The Deutsche Classic is held annually on the 2nd Saturday of July! The 13th anniversary of this event is on Saturday July 8th 2017 at the beautiful Oley Fairgrounds, in the historic village of Oley, Pennsylvania. The Deutsche Classic is an all-German automotive & motorcycle event, welcoming vintage, classic and late model German vehicles - cars, motorcycles and more! The day's events include a swap meet, car & motorcycle show with unique hand crafted show awards, live music, food, and other activities for the whole family. Food by the Oley Fire Company is included in the entry fee. For more info:

<http://deutscheclassic.com/>

## July 15 1:00-5:00 PM - NEPA Summer Picnic

Our next event is our *free* picnic on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at Otto & Alice Christensen's house. It is their 2nd annual picnic in Otto's humongous garage and he's turning on the air conditioner. We had close to 20 people last year and had plenty of room and food. This year we are stepping it up and our menu will consist of:

hamburgers,  
hotdogs,  
filet mignon,  
chicken and  
bratwurst with sauerkraut.



Jolanta is bringing a pasta salad. There will be sodas and water. The picnic starts at 1 PM and goes until 5 PM. If you can help our picnic to be even more successful, please bring a covered dish such as deviled eggs, potato salad, fruit bowl, desserts, and baked beans, etc... We will be having a wonderful time and once again we will be voting on the cars **with really good prizes** for the winners. If you prefer to bring your own beverage please do so. **Hint hint!**

**Please RSVP** to Debbie Egolf at 610-751-7865 or email [egolf2000@yahoo.com](mailto:egolf2000@yahoo.com) with how many people are coming and what you can bring **by Tuesday, July 11th** so Jolanta can get enough food, rolls etc...

The Christensen's address is 1685 Garfield Road, Mohrsville, PA 19541.

It is a nice drive to their house. Just to the left of their driveway is a grass car path leading to the garage where the picnic is being held. You won't miss it it's a huge garage.

Thank you,  
Debbie Egolf, secretary

### **Sun Aug 6 Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie, PA**

To enter a MB car in the Das Awscht Fescht car show, it must be 1992 or older and the postmark deadline to register is July 1<sup>st</sup>. It is \$15 per car but your car can contain up to 4 people. To register online go to <http://www.awkscht.com> and click on registration. Contact Roger Egolf ([rae4@psu.edu](mailto:rae4@psu.edu)) for more information on this event.

### **Sun Aug 13 8AM-4PM New Hope Auto Show**

This year's show will be just ONE DAY at the New Hope-Solebury High School.

For those not entering a MB car, admission to the show is \$10.00 per person. \$5.00 for Senior Citizens 62 and over, children under 12 accompanied by an adult are free. Active duty military and dependents are free.

If you have a 1990 or older MB, you may pre-register for \$25 (\$30 day of show, if space is available) which includes your admission. The fee is the same for displayed or judged cars on the show field.

Parking is free.

- Please remember to vote for your favorite vehicle
- Obtain a ballot at either gate, the awards table, or the New Hope Automobile Show merchandise tent. The vehicle that gets the most votes will win the People's Choice Award at the end of each day!
- Each vehicle will have a window placard with the person's name and vehicle information on it to assist you in identifying the vehicle.
- Please vote by 2PM. The vehicle that gets the most votes will win the People's Choice Award at the end of each day!

For additional information, visit <http://www.newhopeautoshow.com/the-show/>

### **Sun Aug 20 Car Show & Pocono Race, Pocono Racetrack**

## **Pocono Raceway Car Show:**

Pocono Raceway is holding their second car show held during the Indy Race. *Last year went so well that they would like to host it in conjunction with their Indy Race again on August 20, 2017 from 10:00 AM until approximately 3:30 PM.* At the end of this newsletter, you will find the 2017 participant registration form. Please fill out this form and send the completed form to [opssupport@poconoraceway.com](mailto:opssupport@poconoraceway.com) or P.O. Box 500, Long Pond, PA 18334-0500 Attn: Bethany Zucco -Ops. Registrations must be in by Friday August 4, 2017 in order to be chosen for the show. Please note that filling out the registration does not guarantee a spot in the show. Notify Mike Ziegler by email when you apply and if you are accepted. We hope to see you at this year's Indy Car Show!

**Sat Sep 9 Road Rally**, NEPA Section Event. Everyone had such a good time last year. Hope you can join us for this next one. More information to come in a future newsletter and eBlast.

**Sun Sep 10 9AM-4PM Radnor Hunt C d'Elegance**  
for more information, visit [www.radnorconcours.org/](http://www.radnorconcours.org/)

**Sat Sep 16 Picnic, John Bleimaier's** Hopewell, NJ

**Sat Oct 14 Saturday Drive-Fall Foliage**, NEPA Section Event. This spring we had a most wonderful time driving our caravan of beautiful Mercedes through scenic towns ending up at Bill's Bike Barn. More information and pictures can be seen below under Past Events. It was a wonderful day and we are looking forward to the Fall Saturday Drive. More information will be forthcoming in a future newsletter and/or eBlast.

**Thu, Nov 9, 7:00PM Planning Dinner (Election '18)**, NEPA Section Event

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

\*\*\*\*Check [MBCA-NEPA.COM](http://MBCA-NEPA.COM) for more up-to-date info\*\*\*\*

## Past events:

### **April 27 Spring Dinner at The Carmel Kitchen in Allentown**

We all had a wonderful time. A room was sectioned off for us. The food was superb and we had fun talking with each other. Carmel Kitchen was a pleasant experience and the staff was friendly and efficient. We had 23 attendees, whose names I was going to post, but my phone died and I lost all the information.

Members, please come to our events. They are fun and informative and we have a great time. The six different selections of food we chose from was delicious and the desserts were so wonderful to eat.

Thank you one and all for coming to The Carmel Kitchen for our Spring dinner. If anyone has any ideas for future venues, please let me know. We like trying out different restaurants.

Debbie Egolf, secretary

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### **MBCA-NEPA - May 21, 2017 Day Drive**

The club began the drive at Dunkin Donuts in Fogelsville and took very interesting back roads to Bill's Old Bike Barn and Museum in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. The caravan consisted of ten Mercedes! The group traveled through small towns on tree-lined roads offering spectacular views and always anticipating what is coming when rounding the curves in the roads. A stop at Heisler's Cloverleaf Dairy was enjoyed.

Bill's Old Bike Barn was truly a walk through history. The museum was a complete indoor town, the town of Billville PA, complete with Main street bordered by shops like the camera shop, toy store along with a dentist office, a



fire house, newspaper, shoe maker, hotel and post office and too many more to mention. This is an unparalleled collection of not just vintage motorcycles but thousands of vintage items from a German WW11 Kettenkrad to a 1948 Rolls Royce pickup truck. This truly turned out to be a trip well worth the trip.

Another successful and fun-filled day with the Club! Keep your eyes and ears open for the next drive.

Barry

**Some Photos from our Day Drive:**



Above: Debra Kropf captured this awesome photograph of our line of cars heading toward a windmill that looks like the Mercedes star!

Below top: Town of 'Billville' inside Bill's Bike Barn. Member cars parked at Bill's, the group's stops for ice cream at Heisler's.



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## 2017 CAR SHOW REGISTRATION

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate: \_\_\_\_\_

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