

MBCA-NEPA Spring 2019 Newsletter

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Spring 2019 Newsletter**

President's Message

Spring is here! And that means you'll be able to take that collector car, antique car, or your newer "baby" out of the garage for a drive, especially to MBCA-NEPA events: Thursday April 11th the Spring Dinner, Saturday May 18th the Spring Day Drive. In addition: Sunday June 9th the Concours d'Elegance at Hershey to see some of the world's finest collector vintage and antique cars out there (contact me about \$10 discount if we get at least 10 people); and Saturday June 22rd the June Jamboree, the longest running MBCA event where you can enter your MB in the show. Invite another Mercedes owner to the events. They may then want to join the club to continue to enjoy the camaraderie and the events. See more details on these events in this newsletter and future eblasts. I look forward to seeing you at an event. Happy and safe motoring,

Mike Ziegler



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2019 Upcoming Events

Thu Apr 11 6PM NEPA - Spring Dinner at Stefano's Restaurant at 2760 Linden St., Corner of Macada and Linden in Bethlehem, PA. There will be a set price for the dinner and NEPA section will pick up the tax and gratuity. * See below for further information *****

Sat May 18 - NEPA Day Drive- keep the date open and we will have a

delicious lunch at Kauffman's Chicken Ranch

Sun June 9 9AM-4PM - Hershey Concours d'Elegance

A \$10 discount for Sunday June 9th **Hershey Concours d'Elegance** are available if we get 10 minimum tickets (\$30 instead of \$40). If interested contact Mike Ziegler 610-504-5370 mikez@zieglersrv.com .

Sat Jun 22 - June Jamboree, Riverdale, NJ

Sat Jun ? 1PM-5PM - Summer Picnic at Sam and Lois Giamber's home, Springtown, PA - NEPA Section Event

Sat Jul 13 - Deutsche Classic, Oley Fairgrounds near Reading PA -
www.deutscheclassic.com

Sun Aug 4 8AM-4PM - Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie PA
deadline for registration is July 1st - <https://awkscht.com/>

Sun Aug 11 - New Hope Car Show

Sun Aug 18 - IndyCar Day Show at [Pocono Raceway](#) - NEPA Section Event

** See following write-up for registration form and more details **

Sun Sep 8 9AM-4PM - Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance

Sat Sep 14 - Mid-Atlantic Regional Picnic at Falkenhorst (John Bleimaier's Estate), Hopewell, NJ - Northern NJ Section Event

Sun Sep 15 - Day Drive - NEPA Section Event

Thu Oct 10 6PM - NEPA Planning Meeting Election

Sat Oct 12 - Road Rally - NEPA Section Event (tentative date)

Thu Dec 19 6PM - Christmas/Holiday Party

***** [Thursday April 11 Spring Dinner](#) *****

It looks like Spring has sprung! Speaking of Spring our Spring Dinner is on Thursday April 11, 2019. Cocktails 6:30pm (cash bar), Dinner 7:00pm.

We have a brand new place in Bethlehem called Stefano's Restaurant on the corner of Linden and Macada Road. The address is 2970 Linden St., Bethlehem, Pa 18017. The phone number is 610-866-8886; stefanosrest.com. Stefano's is an established restaurant with ample parking behind the restaurant.

They will be serving us a choice of 3 entrees:

1. Oven Roasted Chicken quarters , wild rice, mushrooms and onions.
2. Veal Parmigiana breaded and fried, mozzarella, tomato sauce and spaghetti.
3. Swai Piccata, capers, roasted red peppers and onions, lemons, white wine butter sauce and angel hair pasta.

Three kinds of gelato wheeled to your table and Jolanta making 2 cakes.

Cost for the meal is \$25.00 per person (our section is paying the room fee, tax, and gratuity).

RSVP by: April 4th by contacting Jolanta Piekarski at 610-745-2638 or jolantsrentals@aol.com

Mail payment by April 4, 2019. to Jolanta Piekarski. 1412 Stark RD., Bethlehem, Pa 18017 checks made out to MBCA-NEPA..

Thank you,

Debbie

2019 POCONO RACEWAY CAR SHOW

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Thank you for your interest in our classic car show to be held at Pocono Raceway, 1234 Long Pond Road, Long Pond, Pa. This show will be held in conjunction with our IndyCar race on August 18, 2019, bringing some unique and exciting action to Pocono Raceway.

There will be no cost for the show car and two guests. Space on the show field is limited, so all cars must pre-register, and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. A registration form follows.

*All show cars will receive **two** complimentary grandstand tickets to the race along with **two** pit/paddock passes that allow access into the IndyCar garage. All vehicles are to enter the facility at Gate 1, located on Long Pond Road. The show will run from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., at which time all show car guests are invited to make their way to the grandstands to enjoy the race.*

NOTE: All show cars must remain in place in the show area until the conclusion of the race at about 6 p.m.

*Any guest requesting to bring a car on a trailer must make a note on the registration form. The Registration form is available on our web site:
<http://mbca-nepa.com/events2019/PoconoIndyDay2019RegistrationForm.pdf>*

Show specifics:

•Show date: Sunday, August 18, 2019

•Show time: 10 AM to 3:30 PM - Cars must remain through race, until about 6 PM

•Registration deadline: received by August 3 (ed. suggest sending it asap since last year registration filled up months earlier than the deadline)!

•Vehicles must enter at Gate 1

•Parking will be in the designated area only

•Engines must be off while parked

•Tents/canopies are NOT allowed.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact me at the email or phone number below. Thank you!

Starrlee Warner | Pocono Raceway | Operations Assistant

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Thank You,

Starrlee Warner

Operations Administrative Assistant

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NEPA Section board meetings for 2019 (*tentatively*):

Tue, March 14, 7pm-9pm - Cancelled

Tue March 14, 7pm-9pm

Mon September 9, 7pm-9pm

Tue December 10, 7pm-9pm

Please check MBCA-NEPA.COM for updates after this newsletter publication.

NEWS

Meet our new members:

Kimberly Garcia of Coopersburg, PA

Lawrence Gould of Lake Harmony, PA (Maritza Gould, Associate Member)
(2015-GLK 350 4Matic)

Thomas Joseph of Mountain Top, PA (2000-CL 500; 2014-E350)

Edward Ortiz of East Stroudsburg, PA (Migdalia Fuentes-Ortiz, Associate
Member) (2013-GL450 4Matic)

Randy Shayler, II of Bethlehem, PA

Please note: if your associate member would like to receive a separate copy of our newsletter and eBlasts, please send their email address to our Newsletter Editor, Alice Christensen (achristensen@comcast.net)

Bill Fisher, new Mid-Atlantic Regional Director



Bill Fisher is NEPA's new Regional Director. He is a 20+ year member of the MBCA and has served in South Jersey section's positions of:

1. Newsletter editor
2. Vice President
3. Treasurer
4. President

He has planned several car rallies (scavenger hunt and wineries based).

In 2018, he ran for Regional Director, when term limits caused Joe Grattan to step down.

Bill has a wife, Karen, of 40+ years and 2 adult daughters, both of whom are getting married in 2019.

Bill currently has a E320 daily drive and a toy of a 560SL.

He currently works at Chase Bank with IT service management, ensuring their computers deliver the service you expect.

Welcome Bill when you see him at an event.

Mike Ziegler

Congratulations to Stacy Gabel, talented and beautiful daughter of Ron Gabel, our Rally Master, and his wife Elaine Gabel.

Stacy entered the Lehigh Valley Music Awards last year, 2018, for the first time winning four awards including the top two. She entered again this year and again won the top



two awards: Fans' Choice and Best All-Around Performer on the fans' ballot. At this moment she is on vacation with her sister in St. Martin where she was interviewed on the radio and sang a new song she wrote on the way down.

Mercedes-Benz Club of America Educational Foundation (MBCAEF)

The Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) established the Mercedes-Benz Club of America Educational Foundation (MBCAEF) as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in 1997. The newly formed Foundation's goal was to share the rich history and heritage of the Mercedes-Benz automobile through education and preservation.

With the founding objectives clearly in mind, the MBCAEF Board of Directors has launched three initiatives.

Automobile Restoration Initiative – There is a strong history of cooperation between Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts and the McPherson College automobile

restoration program. The MBCAEF Board views automobile restoration as an excellent means to both educate and preserve Mercedes-Benz automobile history and heritage.

The McPherson College Automobile Restoration Program has announced their acquisition of a 1953 Mercedes-Benz 300S Cabriolet. As part of their strategic plan, they will restore this car and present it at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in 2023. The MBCAEF has contributed funds and Board members, regularly attend the annual McPherson College Automotive Restoration Students (C.A.R.S.) Club weekend event the first weekend in May.

Driver Skills Initiative – Each year, too many drivers in the United States and Canada are seriously injured or lose their lives on public roadways. A significant percentage of these drivers are new and inexperienced. In recognition of an educational opportunity that would benefit the greater community of drivers, the MBCAEF developed the Safe Drivers/Safe Families (SD/SF) Driver skills curriculum on behalf of MBCA. The SD/SF curriculum uses a combination of classroom instruction and closed course practical application of vital driving tactics while providing a sustainable and uniform driver skills curriculum that may be applied in all twelve regions of MBCA

The SD/SF Driver Skills Curriculum is the exclusive property of MBCA and has been formally adopted as the official MBCA driver skills curriculum. The MBCAEF has developed printable pdf documents and has printed Driver Handbooks and Coaches Guides for use by MBCA Regions and Sections who host or sponsor SD/SF events.

Library Cataloging - Since inception of the MBCAEF, the Foundation has been recipient of many volumes of literature, video tapes, 16mm films, microfiche film and other assorted materials. It is within the scope of the MBCAEF to organize and catalog, as possible, the materials that now belong to the Foundation. The materials reside at the National Business Office of the Member. Some cataloging of donated materials has been previously accomplished. There has been no recent progress in this initiative.

Fund Raising – The MBCAEF accepts cash donations from Sections and members. Additionally, the Foundation is prepared to accept donations of Mercedes-Benz automobiles from members. Because the Foundation is a 501 (c)(3), contributions are deductible. Please consider the Mercedes-Benz Club

of America Educational Foundation among your charitable giving candidate organizations.

MBCA Northeastern PA Section Logo Clothing Available!

A diverse line of quality men's and women's *Lands' End* activewear, outerwear, shirts, sweaters and other items are available with our MBCA Section logo.

Visit the *Lands' End* website at <http://business.landsend.com> to browse the catalog or email them at businessoutfitters@landsend.com.

You can also connect by telephone at (800) 587-1541.

*Be sure to indicate that you are a member of the **MBCA Northeastern PA Section** and wish to have that logo placed on your selected items.*

Tom Lindeman

Survey Request:

In an effort to keep the NEPA section interesting and relevant to all of our members, we have included a link to a survey. If you have not previously filled out the survey, would you please fill out this short 6 question survey regarding your preferences by clicking the below link. Thank you!

[Click here to complete short survey.](#)

Tom Lindeman

Past events:

2018 Christmas/Holiday Dinner

On Wed Dec 19 we held our annual Christmas/Holiday party at the Blue Grillhouse in Bethlehem, PA. As usual the food, service and drinks were excellent.



View of the room and attendees.

Mike Ziegler presented Member of the Year Award to Aaron Newman and Officer of the Year award to Jolanta Piekarski, NEPA's Excellent Treasurer since the section's inception. Congratulations to Aaron and Jolanta!



Mike Ziegler presented Aaron Newman with Member of the Year award.
Seated to Aaron's right is his wife, associate member Helen Newman.



Mike Ziegler presented Jolanta with Mid-Atlantic Region Officer of the Year Award, selected by the 2018 Regional Director Joe Grattan. They were having so much fun I had to insert both photos.



Our Newsletter Editor, Alice Christensen, a certified Yoga Instructor, gave a short talk after dinner about what yoga is and suggested some breathing exercises and stretches drivers can do before hitting the road, during rest stops, or even while driving! Debra Kropf, our IT Specialist, being familiar with yoga was able to demonstrate several of the poses. It was a lighthearted and fun presentation. You can always e-mail Alice Christensen (achristensen@comcast.net) for more information, or perhaps to schedule a private or group session.

Technical Advisor Position for NEPA Section:

Member benefit to our NEPA Section: Walter Piekarski, owner of Walter's Foreign Car Service, has volunteered to be our Technical Advisor. Walter, along with his wife Jolanta (our NEPA Treasurer) are founding NEPA Section members. He works on most Mercedes-Benz cars. He has worked on Mercedes-Benz cars for over 50 years which makes him very knowledgeable on the older Mercedes-Benz cars too. Call him at his shop during business hours for free technical help with your Mercedes-Benz. If after talking with him, you would prefer him to do the repair, he will offer a 10% discount on labor to

Mercedes-Benz Club of America members. Make sure you identify yourself as a member of the Mercedes-Benz Club when you call.

The best time to reach Walter is Mon-Thu 8:30 AM-noon, 1 PM - 4 PM at **610-865-4255** (he may have to call you back). You can visit his web site at:

www.WaltersMercedesServices.com

Mike Ziegler

Request from our Membership Coordinator

As the Membership Chairperson for our Club, one of my duties is to maintain our Membership Directory and database. Keeping your contact information current helps the Club to provide timely and accurate information regarding events and activities.

There is a definite need to provide the following bits of information to help the Club for event planning purposes:

- The year, make, and model of your car;
- Associate Member—all Members can add one Associate Member to their membership AT NO COST! We would just need you to provide that person's First Name, Last Name and e-mail address

Double-check for accuracy---

Your current address, telephone number and e-mail address. This can be accomplished by providing the information to me at lindemantd@gmail.com or by phoning me at 610-349-9597 and I will be happy to assist!

Also, If your associate member is not currently receiving a separate copy of our newsletter and would like to receive a separate copy , please send their email address to our Newsletter Editor, Alice Christensen (achristensen@comcast.net)

Tom Lindeman

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 \$6 and you pay the other \$6 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 \$12. Contact Tom Linderman for name badges.

Mike Ziegler

Volunteer Needed to Handle Sponsor Ads

Your NEPA club is looking for a volunteer to handle sponsors (ads) in the newsletter/eBlasts. For more information contact Mike Ziegler 610-504-5370 or one of our officers or directors.

Free classified ads:

As a NEPA member benefit, if you have a Mercedes-Benz car or part for sale or wanted and are a member of the NEPA Section, you may list one ad for free per issue (limited to 20 words plus your contact information, then 20 cents per word) in the NEPA newsletter. One free picture will also be permitted if picture is emailed (\$50 if submitting a photo). Free ads may not be listed in printed copies (\$75 to ensure it will be in the printed newsletter). Submit ads by email to the newsletter editor. If you want your classified ad in another issue, you must resubmit your free ad for each newsletter. Members who are in the business of selling Mercedes Benz cars or parts may list one free classified ad per year. For paid ads email the newsletter editor or president with your request.

Personal non-NEPA member classified ads are \$25 for up to 20 words, then 20 cents per word (picture rules same as for NEPA members).

The deadline to submit classified ads are June 1st for the Summer issue, September 1st for Fall issue, December 1st for the Winter issue, and March 1st for the Spring issue.

Mike Ziegler

Airbag Recall

At Mercedes-Benz, our highest priority is keeping you safe. So we'd like to share some important information about a recall involving Takata frontal airbags used in many vehicles, including certain Mercedes-Benz models. This safety recall is a result of inflators that may improperly deploy with excessive force in the event of a crash. Takata and other inflator suppliers are working with the U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to coordinate availability of replacement airbags as soon as possible. To learn more about the Takata Recall, including information on free airbag replacement, visit mbusa.com/mercedes/recall.

Personalized License Plates now Available from DMV

The Pennsylvania license plates with the Mercedes-Benz Club of America logo on them are available again through our Keystone Section. They are available either sequence numbered, or customized with up to 5 letter/numbers for an additional one-time fee. Two of our members customized plates are pictured on the top-right corner of our MBCA-NEPA.com web site. The link to the directions and forms to fill out can be found here:

<https://keystone.mbca.org/pa-license-plate>



Event Attendance Book:

Members who attend NEPA events are requested to sign the Event Attendance Book, and if you brought your Mercedes-Benz 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.

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 directly. You can do that by logging into the MBCA.org web site (also notify editor if you want the associate member to receive emailed newsletters and eBlasts), or email the information to [Tom Lindeman](mailto:Tom.Lindeman) along with their phone number (or let him know that the associate member's phone number is the same as the member's phone number).

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 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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