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Section**

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Shining Star Spring 2023 Newsletter

President's Message

It is my pleasure to announce that Jo Bottor has volunteered to hold the NEPA Membership position. He was approved unanimously at the March 7th NEPA board meeting. He has been an MBCA member since 2012. Thank you Jo!

Spring is a great time for car events with mild temperatures.

April 15th will give you the opportunity to tour the Auto Labs of the PA College of Technology in Williamsport. On May 20th Wesley Wormser will run the Day Drive.

June 17th is June Jamboree at a new location, Bridgewater Manor, NJ. Hosted by the NNJ section, June Jamboree is the longest running event in MBCA. This is an opportunity to have your car judged by MBCA judging rules in concours class or touring class. Those who don't want their car MBCA judged, may put their car in the popular vote class.

This will be the first year that any year and model MB car may be on the show field for Das Awkscht Fescht in Macungie, August 6th. There is no judging, but if your pre-registration is postmarked by July 1st (old school-no online registration), you will get a participation gift (if you stay till at least 3pm). Details about these events are in this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you at some of these great events,

Stay safe, happy motoring,



Mike Ziegler

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Cars and Coffee – Lehigh Valley 2023

Steel Stacks Location

101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, PA 18015

June 4th “Cars and Coffee-European Theme”

For more information: <https://www.steelstacks.org/carsandcoffee/>

Upcoming 2023 Event Details

**MBCA, Inc. Educational Foundation (MBCAEF)
tour of the automotive labs at the Pennsylvania College of
Technology (PCT)
Williamsport PA**

April 15, 2023 9AM

The Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Inc. Educational Foundation (MBCAEF) has scheduled a tour of the automotive labs at the Pennsylvania College of Technology (PCT) in Williamsport PA on April 15, 2023 at 9 am. Pennsylvania College of Technology has several automotive programs: collision repair, auto restoration, automotive service sales & marketing, automotive service technician, automotive technology management and automotive technology. PCT has an extensive facility that would be of interest to any automobile enthusiast. Check out their automotive programs: <https://www.pct.edu/academics/program-finder>

JOIN US for a tour of their facility on April 15, 2023 at 9am. See the schedule below:

9am-Greeting at Parkes Automotive Technology Center Tour Labs

10am-Tour Collision Repair Automotive Restoration Labs

11am-Tour of Automated Manufacturing Machining Welding and Metal Fabrication Labs

12am-Travel to Advanced Automotive Technology Technology Center

12:15am- Tour of Advanced Automotive Technology Center

1pm-Lunch

2:30 Departure

Here is the link to all the hotels in the area that offer a discount for guests visiting Penn College of Technology: <https://www.pct.edu/visit/where-to-stay-in-williamsport>
When making a reservation BE SURE TO TELL THE RESERVATION REPRESENTATIVE THAT YOU ARE A CORPORATE GUEST VISITING PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY.

NEPA Day Drive, Saturday, May 20

Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles

Come with us on a scenic drive through the Pennsylvania countryside before stopping at the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles. The museum is housed in the former Boyertown Auto Body Works that remained in operation from 1872 until 1990, with many of the original tools on display. It celebrates Pennsylvania's

transportation heritage with exhibits ranging from horse-drawn vehicles to high wheel bicycles, to gasoline and electric vehicles. There are even very early cars manufactured in the surrounding area! Our tour will have the added benefit of happening during one of their live blacksmithing demonstrations on an original forge dating back to 1872. More information to follow in the coming weeks! Wesley Wormser

NNJ/SSJ June Jamboree, Bridgewater Manor

Saturday, June 17, 2023

8:00am to 3:00pm

[Bridgewater Manor](#)

1251 US-206

Bridgewater, NJ 08807

The Bridgewater Manor is conveniently located near major roadways and is easy to get to from your location. As time gets closer, we will let you know more details.

Per the 2022 event (subject to change for 2023) the cars will be broken down into two categories -- Concours (judged by a team of judges according to MBCA guidelines) and Popular (voted on by those in attendance). The cars in Concours class are then further broken down according to chassis. Concours cars need to be detailed and will be judged in four categories: 1 -- Interior, Upholstery, Trunk; 2 -- Glass, Lights, Rubber, Chrome, Trim; 3 -- Engine Compartment; 4 -- Paint, coachwork; and points are also given for mileage and age. There is a mandatory 2-point deduction if your car is trailered to the event. Popular Vote cars are divided into two categories (Sedan and Sport) and then further broken down by years -- New -- 2016 to present; Modern -- 2005 -- 2015; Old -- 1996 -- 2005; Vintage -- pre - 1996. My advice for the Popular Vote cars is to "Give the baby a bath and come enjoy a good time with fellow Benz enthusiasts." Cars over 25 years old are also eligible for the Silver Star Preservation certificate -- you can be in either Popular or Concours and have our car judged for this certificate. Registration information will be available soon.

Deutsche Classic

Oley Fairgrounds

**26 Jefferson St
Oley, PA 19547
(US 222 North of Reading to Rt 73 East)
Saturday, July 8, 2023
8AM - 4PM**

The Deutsche Classic is an all-German automotive & motorcycle event, welcoming vintage, classic and late model German vehicles – cars, motorcycles and more! Plan on joining us for our 17th anniversary on **Saturday, July 8th, 2023** at the beautiful [Oley Fairgrounds, Pennsylvania](#).

The day's events include a swap meet, car & motorcycle show with unique hand crafted show awards, music, food, and activities for the whole family. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Rain or Shine
Free Parking

(Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Opel, Porsche, VW, M/C, Microcar/Orphan)

Visit Deutsch Classic web site for more
information: <https://www.deutscheclassic.com/>

**Das Awkscht Fescht
Sunday, August 6 8AM-4PM**

**60th Annual Das Awkscht Fescht Car Show
Macungie Memorial Park
Macungie PA
Sunday, August 6
8AM-4PM**

This will be the first year that any year and model MB car may be on the show field for Das Awkscht Fescht in Macungie, August 6th. There is no judging, but if your pre-registration is postmarked by July 1st (old school-no online registration), you will get a participation gift (if you stay till at least 3pm). Details about these events are in the links below:

Click [Here](#) for more detailed information

For Sunday Registration Form, click [Here](#)

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

2. Members' Corner

Meet our new members:

Bruce Carey of Auburn, PA
Betty Long of Bloomsburg, PA
Christine Clark of Scranton, PA
Harlan Koehn of Bowers, PA (2001 SLK320)
Betty Long of Bloomsburg, PA
Paul Miller of Harrisburg, PA (2022 GLE350 SUV)
Jonathan Seda of Easton, PA
James Tosto of Scranton, PA (2013 C300 4MATIC; 2002 CLK320 Cabriolet)

Thomas VanDuren of Lenhartsville, PA
Joe Wagner 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)

3. Technical Section

Mercedes Benz Technology Transition: Short History of Electronic Engine Control

by John Sale

A few months ago, I found out that some service centers were going to limit the age of the Mercedes Benz cars that they would work on to 1990's and newer. I wasn't given an exact cutoff date or chassis/model that was being considered. However, it appeared that they were referring to cars that incorporated electronic engine control units (ECU) that could be monitored through the onboard diagnostic port (OBD) port.

There are two generations of the OBD port: the OBD-I port, and OBD-II port. If a car was built after 1996, it probably has an OBD-II port.

OBD-I Port (1981-1986)

Before the release of OBD-I, each car manufacturer set its own OBD standards. For this reason, mechanics had to use a different scan tool to work with each manufacturer, which could get pricey. In 1981, OBD-I was introduced as a way of standardizing onboard diagnostics. The origins of OBD1 in the US can be traced back to California at the end of the 1980s, as it was developed to monitor and control the levels of emissions from automobiles that were a major contributor towards pollution, particularly in car-heavy cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco. Stricter emissions limits were introduced as well as the requirement for vehicles to self-monitor their emission control systems. Other US states adopted these regulations in the mid-1990s.

OBD-II Port (1994-Present)

To improve upon what was already established, OBD-II was created. This advanced port was released in 1994 with better diagnostic ability. The under the hood computerization began about 1996 for the W140. Since 1996, All Mercedes

Benz vehicles in the USA have been equipped with OBD-II. In the EU, it became mandatory for petrol (gasoline) vehicles to be equipped with OBD-II since 2001, and diesel vehicles from 2004.

Electronic Ignition and Fuel Injection System

Bosch perfected their Jetronic (Bosch Jetronic — The Dawn of Electronic Fuel Injection) electronic fuel injection system, which used data from a pressure sensor as well as engine speed to control the fuel injection rate. Jetronic was indeed a computer-based system, and it worked. Bosch licensed it to several automakers; the first to put it into production was Volkswagen in 1968 Type III Fastback and Squareback.

There have also been microprocessors in Mercedes cars from way back in the late 60's and early 70's when Robert Bosch was developing the Jetronic for the S-Class M110. No microprocessors, all analog, with a few integrated circuits (IC's).

Mercedes Benz Transition to the Bosch KE-Jetronic System

In September 1985, the factory introduced two completely new six-cylinder SOHC engines, M103 (already used in the W124 series), replaced the 2.8-litre DOHC M110 engines. The carbureted version was replaced by a 2.6-litre fuel injection engine, while the 3.0-litre version replaced the fuel injected M110. Also new was a 4.2-litre V8 engine, designed to replace the 3.8-liter version used in the W126 sedans, coupés, and the SL-Class. The 5.0-litre engine was modified to receive electronic ignition and electronic-mechanical fuel injection in the form of the Bosch KE-Jetronic system. Performance was increased to 245 hp (183 kW). An ECE version of the 5.0-litre M117 V8 engine was also available from September 1987 with a power output of 265hp (198kW). (Mercedes-Benz 126 specifications (mercedesautoworks.com))

Conclusion

The emergence of the OBD port in the early 1980s coincided with the adoption of electronic ignition and fuel injection systems. The development of electronically controlled engines required more sophisticated onboard monitoring and diagnostic system for tuning and troubleshooting. This can be seen by reviewing in detail the development of the Bosch KE-Jetronic for the Mercedes Benz. However, after a quick review of the development of the Bosch system, I'll save that article for another day. To answer the question raised at the beginning of this article, it appears that the cutoff date for working on earlier Mercedes Benz would be 1996 which are cars that have the OBD2 port. This provides the best diagnostics and most cost-effective service for older cars.

Technical Questions Answered

If you have technical questions submit them to [Alice Christensen](#), Newsletter Editor, who will then submit them to Walter Piekarski, our Technical Advisor, for an answer, which may also be put in our next edition.

4. Join us on Facebook



Please visit and join our Facebook page. Once accepted you can post pictures of your cars, join member discussions on various Mercedes topics, and ask questions. Click here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MercedesBenzNEPA/>

5. Past Events

**NEPA Christmas/Holiday Party at
Madeline's, 1250 Turnstone Dr., Fogelsville, PA 18051
Tuesday Dec. 13, 2022 from 6-10pm**

6pm Drinks & Social gathering 7pm Dinner

The evening started with a social gathering, followed by a most amazing dinner. We had a choice of Short Ribs or Baked Salmon. The sides, service, and presentation were perfect. Everything was delicious. Desert was pecan tartelette Ala mode. It was worth every calorie.

Following dinner, awards were handed out. Mike Ziegler presented Member of the Year award to Otto Christensen. Otto has been hosting our section's picnic for several years, and is always willing to help out at club events. Another award was handed out for 'attendance at most of the club events'. First place went to Roger Egolf.

John Bleimaier brought a very interesting and entertaining slide show from several Mercedes museums and auto shows as well as non-Mercedes museums and events, including Porsche and VW.

MBCA donated \$100 in our name to Alzheimers. For every \$20 donation, you got a ticket for a chance to win a medal which was given to NEPA section. The club donated \$100 with our name. This is an exclusive medal, one of a kind which has our section engraved on medal. The person who won the raffle has a close relative with Alzheimer's. How fitting.







Group Photo very top Left to Right: Barry & Sandra Stetler, Barry Brobst, Alice & Otto Christensen, Roger & Debbie Egolf, Ron & Elaine Gabel, Gina Mattera & Jo Bottor, Mike & Nancy Ziegler, John Sale, Marina & John Bleimaier.

From left to right, top to bottom: Otto Christensen receives Member of the Year Award from Mike Ziegler, John Bleimaier presenting, Gina Mattera (NEPA Social Media Coordinator) and Jo Bottor (Membership Coordinator), Ron (Rally Master) and Elaine Gabel, Mike (NEPA Section President) and Nancy Ziegler, Otto and Alice Christensen (NEPA Newsletter Editor), Roger (NEPA Vice President) and Debbie Egolf (NEPA Secretary).

Bottom right: Ruffled medallion that supports Alzheimer's. The member that won it has someone close to them with Alzheimer's (fate).

~Photos by Gina Mattera~

Brunches

This year we added Saturday brunches in months we felt we needed time to socialize with fellow members.

January and February were our first brunches, and they went over well.

Our next brunch is July 15th. Hope to see you there!

MBCA-NEPA Spring Dinner

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Hops at the Paddock

1945 W. Columbia Str

Allentown PA 18104

Hops at the Paddock is a very comfortable venue. We have a private room. We started with cocktails at 6PM. Dinner was served at 6:30. The menu is extensive. The food is excellent and the service is great.

Great time to get together, catch up with other members and of course, talk about our MB's.



Photo taken from one end of the table, then the other. In the left photo starting from left and going around the table -- In attendance were: Barry Brobst, John Sale, Elaine and Ron Gable, Otto Christensen, Wesley Wormser, Eugene Espinosa, JoAnne Faust, Lois and Sam Gamber. Same photo on the right taken from the other end of the table.

~Photos by Debbie Egolf~

6. In Memory of Bob Steele

In January 2023, we lost long-time member Bob Steele. Bob was a member of our club since 2003. His 1971 280SE has taken numerous prizes in shows. Bob kept his car in original condition and immaculate, from its glossy anthracite-color paint to its amazingly clean undercarriage. Bob had a great sense of humor and was liked by everyone. He will really be missed.



On the left, is Bob's car "Anthracite" named for its anthracite-color paint. On the right is our President Mike Ziegler congratulating Bob on one of many people's choice awards for the car. Bob donated his car to Classic Motor Museum in St. Michael's Maryland.

7. Past Items of Interest

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>



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](https://www.mbca.org) web site (also notify editor if you want the associate member to receive emailed newsletters and eBlasts), or email the information to Newsletter Editor 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

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.

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 \$7 and you pay the other \$7 and it will be sent to you in the mail. For an extra \$1 an additional line can be added to list your car, or other item. You may get a

magnetic clip, dual tie tack clips, or a pin type.

If you lost your badge or would like one to keep in your other MB, they are \$14. Contact me for name badges.

[Jo Bottor, Membership](#)

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 10th for the Summer issue, September 10th for Fall issue, December 10th for the Winter issue, and March 10th for the Spring issue.

Mike Ziegler

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](tel:8005871541).

*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.*

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.](#)

Membership Renewal/Sign Up Reminders

Most of our members utilize the MBCA website to renew their membership. It is important when you do this to also keep your contact information up to date. Remember that you may also add an Associate Member at no cost. This could be your spouse, another family member, or other significant person.

Current members may **renew their membership**-either online through the MBCA.org portal or by calling MBCA National directly at [800-637-2360](tel:8006372360). There are annual renewal options, as well as multi-year options available.

The MBCA National Office also provides several renewal reminders by contacting members approximately 90 days before the renewal date, the date of renewal and 30 days after the passing of the renewal date.

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, Alice Christensen, Newsletter Editor at achristensen@comcast.net or by phoning me at [610-926-8392](tel:610-926-8392) 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)

Current Members-Remember that when you refer a potential member for membership and the person joins the MBCA, ***you receive an additional free month of membership for each new member you refer.*** There are probably family members, co-workers, and other social friends who are enjoying the Mercedes Benz driving experience. Encourage them to join our Club and Section to enjoy the full complement of **fun driving and social activities** our Section plans each year!

Keep our membership numbers and Club strong and enjoy the benefits and value of membership by renewing promptly. Please contact me if you have any questions or issues.

Mike Ziegler
MBCA NEPA Section
mikez@zieglersrv.com

Pictures of events needed for our website:

When you take pictures at our club events, please email the ones you would like to see on our website to Debra Kropf debra@kropf.com for possible inclusion on our website, and please cc your Newsletter Editor achristensen@comcast.net.

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.

Request From The Advertising Coordinator

Do you have a favorite Mercedes-Benz service center or equipment supplier? Please send me their contact information (name, address, telephone number, and/or email address). I will contact them to see if we can get them involved with NEPA advertising and activities.



The New Online Membership Brochure / Application

The newly redesigned two-page Membership Application has been updated with a cover page highlighting MBCA Membership Roadmap of Benefits, has links to our Social Media Pages and a completely redesigned fillable membership application. This new condensed version of the traditional application reduces printing costs while still providing important information about the club and benefits of being an MBCA member.

This new two-sided online brochure can be locally printed, reducing the expense of printing and mailing the traditional tri-fold application. Sections that need applications immediately for a recruiting event can download the PDF and have the new Brochure/Application printed locally on card stock.

The new Brochure / Fillable Application can be viewed or downloaded by clicking on the link or the image below:

https://www.mbca.org/sites/default/files/reference/MBCA_online_Brochure2021_FORM.pdf

[Mercedes Benz Channel on You-Tube](#)

Click on the link in the heading to browse Mercedes Benz Channel on You-Tube.

Important Member Survey

Hello Members! If you have not already filled out this survey, please take a few moments to complete this short but important member survey. We want to hear what in person events and topics presented through social media you would be interested in! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T5JR28C>



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