

Northeastern Pennsylvania Section

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Shining Star Summer 2023 Newsletter

President's Message

There are many events scheduled this summer. We are adding a July brunch event this year on 7/15 for a chance to get together with MB fellow members.

Our club participates in the following car shows: Deutsche Classic 7/8, Das Awkscht Fescht 8/6 (if your registration is postmarked by 7/1 you would get a participation gift at 4pm), and the New Hope Auto Show 8/14.

Thank you to Frances and Daniel Kelly for volunteering to host this year's NEPA picnic! 8/19. The club provides hamburgers and hotdogs, and the members bring side dishes and their folding chairs.

The NEPA weekend tour to Gettysburg and Harper's Ferry is 9/29-10/1 (either only Friday night or Friday and Saturday nights). **We need to know if there is enough interest to have this event. Contact our Driving Events Coordinator Barry Brobst by next week if you have an interest in going. Details in the write-up below.**

NEPA elections are held every other year, and this is the year (election 10/12). Most of the NEPA board are willing to continue in their positions, with the following changes (nominations approved by the NEPA board): Roger Egolf for president and Wesley Wormser for Vice President. If you have an interest in volunteering your time and running for a position, let me know.

Additional information on the above events may be found in this newsletter.

Enjoy the great outdoors, great MB cars, and wonderful MB club members this

summer.

Mike Ziegler

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Sat. Aug 19, 1PM-5PM, NEPA Picnic

Sun. Sep 10, 9AM-4PM, Radnor Hunt Concours - Melville, PA

Sat. Sep 23, NNJ/SNJ Picnic - Bleimaier's, Hopewell, NJ

Sep 29th - Oct 1, Weekend Drive - Civil War Tour ending at Harper's Ferry, VA

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Upcoming 2023 Event Details

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 for non-show car attendees.

No pre-registration. Car show entry \$25 includes 1 general admission for driver and \$5 worth of food tickets. Extra passengers \$20 each. Children 12 & under free. Cars to be judged must be on show field by 11:30am.

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

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

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! Will send more details in a separate eBlast closer to the date.

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](#)

The New Hope Auto Show Sunday, August 13

The New Hope Automobile Show is a two-day event presented by New Hope Helping, a 501(c)(e) charitable organization. All proceeds from the Show benefit local community projects and charitable organizations. Domestic vehicles are presented on Saturday and Foreign vehicles on Sunday. Show is Rain or Shine. No rain date.

Price: Tickets may be purchased at the gate: \$10.00 general admission. Active Duty Military personnel and their dependents attend for free (must show ID). Children age 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. On-site parking is \$5.00. More vehicle types, makes, and models now qualify for the show. Foundational classes, Antiques and Classics, keep the custom of the 25-year Rule, so this year's cut-off is Model Year 1998. These vehicles, some over a century old, are in original, preserved, restored condition, and, except for safety items, unmodified.

By popular demand, a select few classes permit vehicles newer than 1998.

Modified vehicles, and those interesting show-ready vehicles that deserve to be New Hope Cars but just don't seem to fit in an established class, may register in each day's **Display** class.

Extensively modified foreign vehicles of any year are invited to our Sunday **Tuner** class.

Our organizing committee welcomes applicants to our volunteer judging staff. Please call [215-862-5665](tel:215-862-5665) or email showinfo@newhopeautoshow.com.

Registration Fee

Show car and Car Corral pre-registration: \$35 each vehicle, available up to midnight on August 12, 2022.

Show car and Car Corral "day-of" registration: \$45 each vehicle, available after midnight, August 12, 2022.

Registration fees are considered a non-refundable donation to our parent organization, the New Hope-Solebury Community Association, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Registration Procedure

ALL SHOW CAR and CAR CORRAL REGISTRATIONS, **including** "day-of" registrations, **will be done online**. Even if you decide at the last minute to bring your car to the show, you must register online. Having you enter your vehicle information, personal contact information, and payment through our online portal before you leave home greatly speeds up the drive-thru and check-in process at the Show, benefiting everyone. Our registration portal powered by CarShowPro.com accepts a wide variety of payment methods.

Show car gate opens at 7:30am. All Show cars are requested to arrive at the show grounds by 9:30am. Show vehicle entry gates will close at 10am. Spectator gates open at 9am.

Arrival: All show cars and car corral cars, except trailered vehicles, should enter show grounds from Bridge Street at the front of the high school.

For more detailed information, visit the show's web site at <https://newhopeautoshow.com/the-show/>

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NEPA ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday, August 19 1PM-5PM

This year our annual picnic will be hosted by members Frances and Daniel Kelly at their beautiful grounds in Barto, PA. The club provides hamburgers and hotdogs, and the members bring side dishes and their folding chairs.

We always have great fun, including people's choice car awards! We'll send out an eBlast with more details before the event!



Prior picnic picture.

NEPA Overnight Trip to Gettysburg, Frederick, MD and Harpers Ferry, VA

September 29 - October 1 2023

We will leave at 9:00 am from Dunkin Donuts (Weis Market, Route 100, Fogelsville, PA) and travel to Sheetz (Route 322, Ephrata, PA) to pick up members from our western area.

We will leave Sheetz (891 E Main St. Ephrata, PA 17522) at 10:30 am to continue our trip to Dobbin House Tavern, Gettysburg, PA for lunch. Following lunch we will have an afternoon of adventure in Gettysburg, PA.

We will depart for Frederick, MD and check into the [Hampton Inn and Suites](#) and have dinner. Sunday we will check out and take a 30 minute drive to Harpers Ferry MD to continue our adventure.

It's a 3 hour trip from Harpers Ferry to Allentown, therefore it's at your discretion when you want to return.

We need to know if there is enough interest to have this event. Contact our Driving Events Coordinator Barry Brobst by next week if you have an interest in going. Contact info below.

Hope to see you on this trip,
Barry

**Please RSVP Barry Brobst @ bbrobst@ptd.net
or [610 - 390 - 1878](tel:610-390-1878)**

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

2. Members' Corner

Meet our new members:

Matt Latif Of Allentown, PA (2017 C300 4MATIC)

Robert McKeage of Scranton, PA

Ronald Merifield of Schuylkill County, PA (1996 SL500)

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 Automotive Engines Developed from Aircraft Engines: Which Came First?

by John Sale

Over the past year, I have been following on YouTube the rebuilding of a reciprocating engine-powered aircraft. Recently, I started thinking about how much the aircraft engine looked like a high-performance Mercedes-Benz engine. Both engine types have superchargers, fuel injection and dual spark plugs in each cylinder. That got me thinking about the evolution of these two engine-types; ?automotive or aircraft engines, which came first

Mercedes-Benz traces its origins to Karl Benz's first internal combustion engine in a car, seen in the Benz Patent Motorwagen – financed by Bertha Benz's dowry and patented in January 1886 – and Gottlieb Daimler and their engineer Wilhelm Maybach's conversion of a stagecoach, with the addition of a petrol engine, introduced later that year. The Mercedes automobile was first marketed in 1901 by Daimler Motoren Gesellschaft (DMG). The first Mercedes-Benz branded vehicles were produced in 1926, following the merger of Karl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler's companies into the Daimler-Benz company on 28 June of the same year.

Aircraft Engines

From 1937 onward, Daimler Benz focused increasingly on military products such as the DB 600 and the DB 601 aero engines. The Daimler-Benz DB 600 and DB 601 were liquid-cooled inverted V12 engine aircraft engine designed and built before and during World War II. The DB 601 prototype was built and first run in 1935. Production was from 1937 to 1943.

Most newer DB engine designs were based on the DB 600 engine. Among these new features were fuel injection systems rather than carburetors. The DB 600 formed this function (having in turn been developed from the Daimler-Benz F4A and F4B V12s), therefore when the injection system was ready it meant that the DB 600 was replaced by the otherwise similar DB 601, which in addition to direct fuel injection, also added the variable speed supercharger. Later DB series engines grew in bore, stroke, and horsepower, including the DB 603 and DB 605, but were generally like the DB 600.

Automotive Engines

Numerous technological innovations were introduced on Mercedes-Benz automobiles throughout the many years of their production. Mercedes-Benz were the first to offer direct fuel injection on the Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing (1954-1957). The 300 SL traces its origins to the company's 1952 racing car, the W194, and was equipped with a mechanical direct fuel injection system that significantly increased the power output of its three-liter overhead camshaft straight-six engine.

Mercedes-Benz W202 is the internal designation for a compact sedan/saloon manufactured and marketed by Mercedes-Benz 1993–2000, as the first generation of the C-Class. Replacing the 190 series/W201 in June 1993, the C-Class sedan was Mercedes' entry-level model until 1997. The most important addition to the C-Class was a supercharged version of the fuel injected straight four, the C 230 Kompressor (M111 E23 ML), using a Roots-type supercharger to generate 193 PS (142 kW; 190 hp) at 5300 rpm. Mercedes-Benz finally reused the supercharger technology in an automotive engine after 60 years.

Dual Ignition

Dual Ignition is a system for spark-ignition engines, whereby critical ignition components, such as spark plugs and magnetos, are duplicated. Dual ignition is commonly employed on aero engines and is sometimes found on cars and motorcycles.

Dual ignition provides two advantages in aero engines: redundancy in the event of in-flight failure of one ignition system; and more efficient burning of the fuel-air mixture within the combustion chamber. In automobiles, the main targets are efficient combustion and meeting emission law requirements.

Several modern Mercedes-Benz engines also have two spark plugs per cylinder, such as the M112 and M113 engines. All M112 engines use sequential fuel injection with two spark plugs per cylinder. In 2002, the V-8-powered C43 AMG was replaced with the C32 AMG, powered by a supercharged version of Mercedes' 3.2-liter, twin-ignition, fuel injected, 3-valve 90-degree V-6.

Conclusion

The origin of the combined dual ignition, supercharged, and fuel injected reciprocating engine belongs to the 1937 DB 601 aero engine. Even though the supercharged engine was pioneered by the Mercedes-Benz automotive engineers in the model 6/25 automobile (1923), it wasn't until 2002 with the introduction of the C32 AMG that a similarly configured automotive engine using all three technologies was introduced.

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 Day Drive, Saturday, May 20

Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles by Wesley Wormser

We had a good turnout for this scenic drive through scenic Pennsylvania countryside to 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 had the added benefit of happening during one of their live blacksmithing demonstrations on an original forge dating back to 1872.

Interesting note: all the museum exhibits are made in PA.

It is really worth the visit. To get information, visit the web page: <https://boyertownmuseum.org/>

Below are photos of some of the exhibits.





Photos courtesy of Otto Christensen.

NNJ/SSJ June Jamboree, Bridgewater Manor

Saturday, June 17, 2023

8:00am to 3:00pm

[Bridgewater Manor](#)

1251 US-206

Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Although this was our 59th June Jamboree, it would have been the 60th except for COVID!. This is the longest running car show in the United States. This also coincided with the 60th anniversary of the introduction of the Pagoda model of Mercedes, the W113. There was a great turnout of them. They were lined up all together. Pictures at the end of this write-up.

This year the venue moved to Bridgewater Manor in Bridgewater, NJ. It was perfect. We had about 120 people register and an estimated 75 cars. After the cars were judged, we all went in for a fabulous buffet lunch at the Manor, which consisted of field green salad, mashed potatoes, ziti, mixed vegetables, chicken or beef or salmon (or all three). There was a dessert buffet with many different types of mini desserts. Super delicious.

The cars were divided into two categories -- Concours (judged by a team of judges according to MBCA guidelines) and Popular (voted on by those in attendance). Many award certificates were handed out. So many beautiful cars must make judging a challenge.

There was also a silent auction with many fun items, both Mercedes-related and other.

This is an event not-to-be missed.

Kudos and many many thank-you's to Valerie Christiano, Lucille and all the people who worked hard to make this such a well organized and fun event.

Alice Christensen
Newsletter Editor





Top 2– row of Pagodas from different ends
Bottom 2 - some more interesting MBs
photos courtesy of Alice and Otto Christensen

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 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

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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.

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You can also connect by telephone at [\(800\) 587-1541](tel:(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.*

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:800-637-2360). 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:

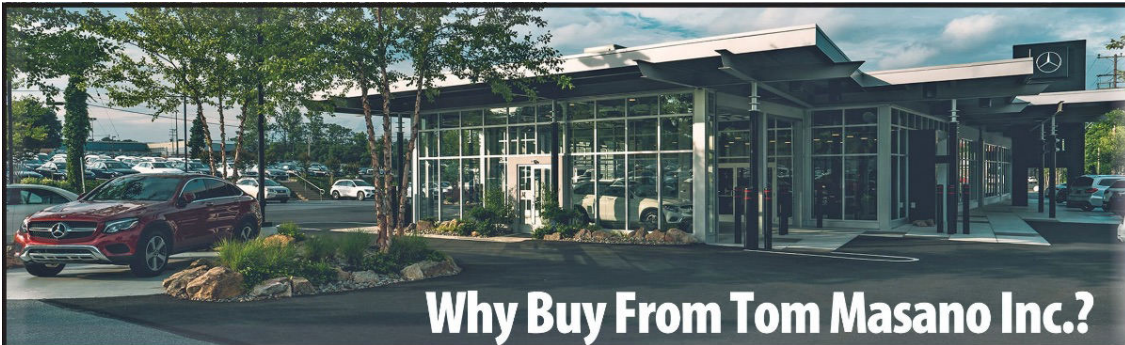
https://www.mbca.org/sites/default/files/reference/MBCA_online_Brochure2021_FORM.pdf

[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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