

Northeastern
Pennsylvania Section

Mercedes-Benz
Club of America

nepa.mbca.org



Shining Star Winter Newsletter



President's Message

It's hard to believe that 2015 is almost over. The antiques and classic cars are tucked away for the winter, and those with 4-matics are glad they have that extra safety for this winter, but, please be careful. Our club had a lot of fun events in 2015. Included in this newsletter are the events for 2016 that were discussed at the Planning Dinner Meeting. We had 13 people attend and had a lot of brainstorming. I think you will be as excited about the 2016 events as I am.

I'm glad to announce that Barry Brobst is our new Board member. We are happy that he has volunteered to be our Driving Events Coordinator. We have 3 driving events scheduled for 2016. When you see Barry, thank him for his service to the club as board member and Driving Events Coordinator.

I'd also like to welcome Brett Kropf as our new Webmaster. He attended the Fall Planning Meeting and his wife Debra raised his hand for him, since she knew he likes to do websites. Thank you Brett (and Debra) for volunteering for this position. Debra was also our photographer for the Planning Meeting. When you see Brett, thank him for his service to the club as our Webmaster.

Have a safe winter driving season. Hope to see you at the 2016 events.
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,
Mike Ziegler
610-504-5370 cell/text



News

Welcome Barry Brobst as Driving Events Coordinator

Barry Brobst, recently retired architect, was a Principal of The Architectural Studio for over 30 years. He was responsible for K-12 public school work.

He currently serves on the Allentown Historic Appeals Review Board. He also served on the Allentown Building Code Appeals Board.

He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Allentown and has served on various committees as well as Vestry President 2011-2012. Barry was also a Vice President of the Mercedes Benz Club 2009-2010.

His interests include modeling large-scale trains, completing small construction projects, planning vacations, and working on classics Mercedes. He is currently restoring a 1967 230SL. He is the owner of a 1967 230SL, 1981 300D, 2003 SL500, 2011 E550 and a 2012 ML350.

He and his wife, Lyne, have two sons and two grandchildren.



Pennsylvania license plates with the Mercedes-Benz Club of America organization on them are available. These organizational plates are only available to MBCA members in good standing who reside in PA.



nepa.mbca.org/pennsylvania-mbca-plates



Meet our New Members

Bernard, Ackerman, Bethlehem, PA, 1989 560SL
David Blazosek, Dupont, PA,
Jeffrey Huffert, Fleetwood, PA, 2002 CLK320
Jay Kohl, Mohnton, PA, 1988 560SL



New members at the Planning Meeting 11/19/15:
Aaron & Helen Newman; back - Brett & Debra Kropf

KNOPF **AUTOMOTIVE**

Proud to be a sponsor for the Northeast Pa Mercedes-Benz Club. We have been doing business in the Lehigh Valley for over 45 years. Knopf has been consistently rated as one of the top 10 best Mercedes dealerships in Sales and Service Satisfaction Nationally. We provide factory trained technicians, and have the latest service and diagnostic equipment available. See why there is a significant difference when servicing your Mercedes-Benz.

Stop in and see Club Member and Sales and Leasing Specialist Jim Sangiorgio for your next car or SUV. On your first visit Jim will give you your ID card which entitles you to a discount of 20% off parts and service repairs for club members as well as free loaner cars, and lifetime free state inspection when you purchase from Knopf Automotive.

Contact Jim at jsangiorgio@knopfauto.com, or at 610-967-0787.





Previous Events



Six members of the Lehigh Valley Section were among the over 100 people who attended the annual joint picnic of the North New Jersey and South New Jersey Sections at former Mid Atlantic Regional Director John Bleimeier's farm, Falkenhorst on September 27th. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed a great lunch catered by Ribdiculous BBQ, followed by a large variety of deserts brought by the attendees. Over 40 cars were entered in one of seven categories of the "favorite car" contest. The 1992 500E belonging to our section's vice-president, Roger Egolf, won first place in the "Old Sedan" category. This event is always one of the highlights of the year for those who attend it. If you weren't there this year, be sure to put it on your calendar next year!



The wine and cheese party for the viewing of the new GL was well received and a good time was had



by all with thanks to Knopf. Pictures of the event are included in this newsletter. If you missed the event, stop at Knopf and get a personal showing of the GL models.



2 members received their membership pins at the Planning Dinner 11/19/15:

Maureen Sangiorgio - 10 year pin
Sam Giamber - 5 year pin



Ziegler's RV

New & Used Sales, Service & Rentals
Motor homes, travel trailers, pop-ups

Route 145, 440 Lehigh St, Allentown PA 18103
www.ZieglersRV.com 610-435-8100





Upcoming Events

Saturday February 6, 2016 7:45am

Philadelphia Auto Show, Philadelphia Convention Center.

Meet at the Dunkin Donuts next to Hard Rock at 7:45am. Organized by the South Jersey Section. No pre-registration needed. There usually are tickets available at a discount for MBCA members and their guests.

www.phillyautoshow.com



LIKE us on facebook!

This is your forum to keep in touch and share information.

www.facebook.com/groups/MercedesBenzNEPA



As a Mercedes Benz owner, you experience the best automobile in the world to drive.
Now experience the best service for your Mercedes Benz by Star Service Center.

(610) 437-3374 starservicecentermb.com 738 N. Graham St. Allentown



Member Contributions

STORING YOUR BABY FOR THE WINTER

By Jim Sangiorgio, Sales and Leasing Specialist, Knopf Automotive, Allentown, PA

While we've had some unusually warm weather so far, Winter is on the way. You know what that means? It's time to store our babies and protect them from the elements. Follow these simple tips to ensure that your Mercedes-Benz will be ready to drive come Spring.

Tip #1: Change the oil. It's very important to give your car a fresh oil change. Don't think just because you might have changed it last spring that it's OK. It's not. If there's any dirt

in the oil, it will settle into your oil pan. Over time, this can cause sludge build up which can clog the breather on your oil pump. It's a very inexpensive way to ensure your engine is protected.

Tip #2: Inflate those tires. Check your tires and inflate to your manufacturers specifications. In fact, it's an even better idea to over inflate. This may help with flat spots from sitting. You may notice flat spots when you first start driving again, but these should disappear after 10 miles or so of driving. Also, if your tires are over three years old, think about replacing them in the Spring. Experts believe that some of the materials in the tires lose their elasticity and may dry rot from within where you can't see it.

Tip #3: Tank up. Fill your tank with fresh fuel. It's hard to get fuel without some percentage of ethanol in it. Experts state this trace amount of alcohol settles in the bottom of the tank. Upon initial startup, you could be getting pure alcohol running through your fuel lines which could damage some rubber components. It's also a great idea to put a fuel stabilizer in your tank if your car is going to sit more than 30 days.

Tip #4: Check for leaks. Putting some plastic sheeting under your car is a great way to discover if you have anything leaking. Over time seals dry out without you being aware of it. But catching these fluids you might be able to discover where it might be coming from. You can address this when you're ready to drive your car again in the Spring. Also, you can put some plastic wrap under your wiper blades to keep them from dry rotting and sticking to your windshield.

Tip #5: Wax your baby. A fresh coat of wax is sure to keep the oils in the paint and allow you to put an indoor car cover on your car's finish. Waxing your car can also help prevent scratches, because when you put a car cover on a dirty, unwaxed car, it can scratch the paint. The car cover may help keep the vermin hiding in your garage from getting inside and damaging your interior. And don't forget to crack the windows to let moisture accumulation out. It's also a good idea to pull out carpet mats which do tend to build up moisture as well.

Tip #6: Attach a battery charger. Tender your battery with the latest trickle charger. Over time batteries lose their charge. Nothing is more frustrating than going out to start your car only to leave you stranded because your battery has lost its charge. Trickle chargers are not only are a great way to extend the life of your battery, but they also make a great Christmas gift...hint, hint. When set up properly, they simply replenish the charge lost by your car just sitting.

Now you and your car are ready for Winter with these few simple tips. Stay tuned for Part Two -- How to Properly Wake Up Your Baby for Spring. Part Two tips will be a tech session and Q&A held at Knopf Automotive on March 9, 2016 at the monthly meeting at 6pm. Mark your calendars!

Walter's Foreign Cars

Mercedes Sales & Service

(610) 865-4255

50 years Experience waltersmbservice@aol.com
920 Pembroke Road & Stefko Blvd, Bethlehem, PA



SAVE THE DATE

February 6 - Philadelphia Auto Show - www.phillyautoshow.com

March 9 - Tech Session: Wake UP MB at Knopf Mercedes-Benz in Allentown, PA

April 7 - Spring Dinner at Pickles in Emmaus, PA

May 22 - Day Drive planned by Barry Brobst

June 12 - The Elegance at Hershey

July 9 - Deutsche Classic in Oley, PA

July 16 - NEPA Picnic

August 7 - Das Awkscht Fescht in Macungie, PA

nepa.mbca.org/upcoming-events

Your MBCA-NEPA Board

Mike Ziegler | President | zieglersrv@rcn.com

Roger Egolf | Vice President | rae4@psu.edu

Debbie Egolf | Secretary | egolf2000@yahoo.com

Jolanta Piekarski | Treasurer | jolanta.rentals@verizon.net

Barry Brobst | Driving Events Coordinator | bbrobst@ptd.net

Erica Jantos | Newsletter Editor | ericajantos@live.com

Ron Gabel | Assistant Newsletter Editor | rggabel@ptd.net

Brett Kropf | Webmaster | brett@kropf.com

Joe Grattan | Regional Director | Mid Atlantic | jjosephgrattan@aol.com

**Submit news, event, and other contributions for MBCA NEPA Shining
Star Newsletter to nepa.mbca@gmail.com**

Questions? Email your Section Officer or contact our National Business Office
at 1.800.637.2360 Or visit www.mbca.org