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**Shining Star  
Fall 2018 Newsletter**

***President's Message***

We had some great events this summer that you can read about in this newsletter.

Fall is a great time to drive our cars, especially with the top down (if it's not raining again). Our Fall Road Rally October 13<sup>th</sup> should be a great chance to enjoy a fun driving event put on by our Rally Master Ron Gabel.

General membership Planning Dinner Meeting on November 8 gives you a chance to suggest events for our 2019 year that you would make our club great. For helping us plan, you'll get a free dinner.

To end the year on a jolly note, we have our Christmas/Holiday Dinner at the Blue Grillhouse on December 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Hope to see you at an event,

***Mike Ziegler***



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**Upcoming Events**

**2018 Events still to come!**

**Sat Oct 13**

**Road Rally - NEPA Section Event -- details in next**

**section!**

**Thu Nov 8**

**Dinner & General Membership Planning Meeting**

**for 2019 events - NEPA Section Event**

**Starlite Diner in Fogelsville, 233 N Route 100, Allentown PA 18106.**

**6PM cocktails; 7PM dinner**

The ***entire membership*** is invited to join us at the Starlite Dinner, 233 N. Route 100, Fogelsville PA 18106 (near I-78). We will meet in their private dining room. You will order off their regular menu. Your NEPA section will be paying

the dinner for member and associate member as a thank-you for helping to plan the 2019 schedule of events that evening. Bring your ideas and calendar so we can pick dates that most of you are available to attend. One cocktail or soft drink will also be included. A cash bar is available for additional drinks. RSVP to Debbie Egolf [egolf2000@yahoo.com](mailto:egolf2000@yahoo.com)

**Wed Dec 19                      Christmas/Holiday Dinner at Blue Grillhouse -  
NEPA Section Event**

Hello everyone! Once again we are meeting at Blue Grillhouse for our Christmas party December 19 which is on Wednesday. The phone number is [610-691-8400](tel:610-691-8400) and the address is 4431 Easton Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18020 (Route 33). Cocktails will be served from 6 PM to 7 PM and dinner will be served at 7 PM. The club will be paying for part of the meal, gratuity and tax, one soda or alcoholic drink per member and associate member, but if you want a second drink, it will go on your tab. The price for member or associate member is \$50.00 each. If you bring a friend it will cost \$100.00. But I do know the desserts will be either dark chocolate truffle cake, peaches and cream and last but not least the classic creme Brulé.

For those of us who have been to Blue - we are going to be in The Fireplace room which is limited to 35 people. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Deborah Egolf at [egolf2000@yahoo.com](mailto:egolf2000@yahoo.com) or call me at [610-751-7865](tel:610-751-7865) to make a reservation in advance and make sure you have your seat reserved. I need to know and need payment by December 15. Thank you in advance. Checks written out to MBCA-NEPA and mailed to me, Debbie Egolf, at 2346 Wehr Mill Road, Allentown, PA, 18104, please.

Food at the Blue Grillhouse is delicious and the service is excellent. The menu will be out the Sunday before the party on Wednesday, December 19 on their website which is [m.opentable.com](http://m.opentable.com) if you'd like to see what we will be having to eat.

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**Fall Frolic Road Rally  
NEPA Section Event  
Saturday October 13  
9:45 AM (or earlier for Breakfast)**

The rally will begin with breakfast on your own at [The Starlite Diner on 233 N Route 100, Allentown PA 18106](#) (south of Route 22). The rally driver meeting will begin at 9:45 AM, but we encourage participants to arrive early enough for breakfast on your own and to receive rally instructions. This rally is a form of friendly competition in which participating cars leave the starting point individually and are directed to follow a prescribed route to the

finish point.

We have planned a shorter rally to encourage participation by members who cannot afford to use an entire day. **This rally is shorter in length than our previous rallies and has no half way point.** COME TRY IT OUT.

**THIS IS IN NO WAY A RACE.** In a race, the idea is to get to the finish line in the shortest possible time. In this rally the aim is to follow a predetermined route and correctly answer questions along the way. Going too fast will hurt your chances of winning. Answers to all questions can be found along the route for those lucky enough to locate them - sort of a treasure hunt. Time allowed for completion of the rally will be more than enough to complete the task. This contest is simply a test of your ability to follow precise instructions.

Our rally will cover approximately thirty-five miles (two to four hours). **Directions will be simple, so no previous experience will be necessary.** The rally will basically be a drive through the country, over scenic back roads while searching for answers to several questions, answers to which can be found along the way. You will drive slowly looking for answers to questions. Since you will be scored on driving the 'exact' route and distance, backtracking to locate missed answers will count against you. Of course, so will missing the answer.

Obviously, this is NOT a one-man job. **WE REQUIRE TWO OR MORE PERSONS TO A CAR** - family members and friends are welcome to participate. Each car will require a driver and one or more to 'navigate'. All you really need to participate is a pencil, a car, a love for driving, a roadmap in case you get lost, and the desire to have a good time.

General Instructions will be given to each designated navigator the morning of the rally. These 'Generals' will explain how to correctly follow the route and the 'Rules of the Road'. Your rally master will go over the instructions in detail and will answer all questions at the drivers meeting prior to the 10:00 AM start of the rally.

**ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE BUT THE CLUB HAS ELECTED TO COVER \$5.00 OF EACH MEMBER OR ASSOCIATE MEMBER'S BREAKFAST BILL. HOWEVER NO ONE IS REQUIRED TO BE THERE PRIOR TO THE DRIVER'S MEETING ABOUT 9:45.** The first car will start at about 10:00 AM. The Route Instructions, your directions from the start to finish of the rally, will be given to each driver one-minute prior to your start time. One of the cardinal rally rules is 'NEVER ASSUME ANYTHING', read your 'Generals' carefully.

Hope you will all plan to join us Saturday October 13th for food, good fun, and good fellowship. Food and toilet facilities will be available at the end of the rally. Plan to come early and have breakfast prior to the 9:45 AM starting time.

JOIN IN THE FUN! PLAN NOT TO MISS THIS ONE! The More Participants, the More Fun! Bring the Family!

Remember: Potential Members and/or Friends are Welcome to Participate in Your Mercedes-Benz vehicle or Their Own Mercedes-Benz.

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For any changes after this newsletter publication, check [MBCA-NEPA.COM](http://MBCA-NEPA.COM) for the latest information."

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**Meet our new members:**

Edward Brozena of Plymouth, PA (1983 280SE)  
Brett Fake of Boyertown, PA  
Jake Hallock of Wellsboro, PA  
Darlene Kantor of Sinking Spring, PA  
Stephan Moussa of Easton, PA  
Kyle Pantano of Allentown, PA  
Marc Richione of Scranton, Pa (2018 Interstate)

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**Please vote for Joe Grattan in the MBCA 2018 election:**

Our Mid-Atlantic Regional Director Joe Grattan's term is up this year. He is one of 6 candidates running for 4 positions as Director at Large. He has been very helpful to our section during his term as our Mid-Atlantic Regional Director. I hope you take the time to vote for him. You should have received the ballot. I received my ballot September 1<sup>st</sup> by email (check your junk mail if you didn't get it). If you are a member of the MBCA and you didn't get your ballot or if you need any assistance, please contact Election Services Co. by email at [mbcahelp@electionservicescorp.com](mailto:mbcahelp@electionservicescorp.com) or call toll-free 1-866-720-HELP (4357), 9:00AM - 5:00 PM., Eastern Time. **The deadline to cast your vote is 5:00PM (MT), October 15, 2018.**

Mike Ziegler (endorsed by the NEPA board of directors at the September 10, 2018 meeting)

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**New Technical Advisor Position for NEPA Section:**

I am happy to announce a new **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 maintenance and/or 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 M-Th 8:30 AM-noon, 1 PM - 4 PM (he may have to call you back).

610-865-4255

[www.WaltersMercedesServices.com](http://www.WaltersMercedesServices.com)

email: [waltersmbservice@aol.com](mailto:waltersmbservice@aol.com).

Mike Ziegler

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### **Request from our Membership Coordinator**

Dear Fellow Members;

As the new 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](mailto:lindemantd@gmail.com) or by phoning me at [610-349-9597](tel:610-349-9597) and I will be happy to assist!

Tom Lindeman

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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 Tom Lindeman for name badges.

Mike Ziegler

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## Wanted: Ad/Sponsor Coordinator

Looking for a person that would contact our MB dealers and MB related business to see if they would like to be a sponsor, or if they would like to place an ad in our Newsletters, eBlasts, and on our website. Contact Mike (610-504-5370), Roger ([610-393-2688](tel:610-393-2688)), or a board member if interested or if you have additional questions.

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## 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 September 1st for Fall issue, December 1st for the Winter issue, March 1st for the Spring issue, and June 1<sup>st</sup> for the Summer issue.

Mike Ziegler

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## Past events:

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Deutsche Classic  
**Sunday, July 14, 2018**  
**By Roger Egolf**

Several club members attended the Deutsche Classic at the Oley Fairgrounds on July 14<sup>th</sup>, including Roger Egolf with his 1992 500E, Barry Brobst with his 1981 300D, Otto Christensen with his 1980

450SL, and Dan Kelly with this 1971 280SL. The weather turned out to be perfect, one of the few days all month that it didn't rain!

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**NEPA Summer Picnic at  
John & Arlene Frailey's  
Saturday July 21**

by Debbie Egolf

Photos by Ron Gable



On Saturday, July 21, we had our NEPA Summer Picnic at John & Arlene Frailey's house in Stroudsburg. We had a great turnout. We had 40 people and had a wonderful time. **Above: Members and their cars**

Jolanta and Debbie once again did a marvelous job shopping and cooking for our members. Arlene made a peach cobbler and rhubarb cake which was absolutely delicious. Jolanta made chicken with her special sauce and they served hamburgers, hotdogs and filet mignon. We had sides of baked beans, broccoli salad, potato salad, deviled eggs, and carrots salad, pasta salad and many desserts contributed by our members, who are all great cooks.



**Above back to front, Walter, technical supervisor, Jolanta and Debbie, chefettes extraordinaire!**



We had a great tour of their beautiful house, tastefully decorated with trophies from various safaris John and Arlene have attended.



Patrick Ginoccheietti's 1960 180B ponton was the winner of the popular car vote. Patrick seen here with Mike Ziegler and Roger Egolf.

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Das Awkscht Fescht  
**Sunday, August 5, 2018**  
**By Roger Egolf**

Our club once again hosted the Mercedes Benz section at Das Awkscht Fescht at the Macungie Memorial Park on Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup>. The day was very hot, but the rains that created problems for the Saturday event were fortunately over. Four Mercedes-Benzenes were on display including Roger Egolf's 1992 500E and Dan Kelly's 1971 280SL. This show is always a great event to attend, and the club provides shade and cold water for both participants and spectators that drop by our tent. Be sure to mark your calendar for next year's Das Awkscht Fescht on the first Sunday of August in 2019.

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61st New Hope Auto Show  
**August 12, 2018**  
**by Daniel R Kelly III**

This was the 61st New Hope Auto Show, and I've been to most of them since 1963 when I got my first car at 12 years old, a 1930 Model A Ford which I still have.

With all the rain we've had this year the back to back Sunday shows of Macungie, and New Hope were dry and sunny days for a change.

We left for the show around 7:30AM with our 1969 280SL and arrived in time to set up.

We then walked into New Hope to Fred's Breakfast. Fred's is on the Delaware River one block north of the bridge and they have a great menu.

Returning to the show we walked around for a little and saw our president and his wife with their Rolls Royce, and met Roger Egolf taking in the show cars. The turn out was down a little this year due to a shaky forecast and some rain in the early morning, but our drive and the show were sunny and warm.

We did ok winning a couple ribbons after which we went to dinner south of New Hope at Bowmans Tavern with my cousin and his daughter in his 1966 Porsche.

The drive home was great as we followed the river north almost to Bethlehem going back and forth over the old metal bridges into NJ and back before heading home.



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## Pocono Race August 19, 2018

Pocono Raceway held their third annual car show during their Annual IndyCar Race. Our own Debra Kropf wrote a review of their amazing experience at 2016's event. It was eBlasted to our membership, and is [reproduced here](#)

Ron Gabel provided us with a few photos from the event. Seen below with his car (a 1995 SL320) is his beautiful, talented daughter, Stacy.

She won four of the Lehigh Valley Music Awards for 2018, the top Fans Choice Award, Best Female Artist, "Discovered" Artist and best Song. She is in the Bach Choir, The Swing Time Dolls and teaches Piano, Guitar, and Singing.





## Mid-Atlantic Regional Picnic at John Bleimeier's Farm

Saturday, September 8, 2018

By Roger Egolf

Roger and Debbie Egolf attended the Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> MBCA Mid-Atlantic Regional Picnic at John Bleimeier's farm in Hopewell Township New Jersey. While it rained in the morning before the picnic and in the late afternoon after the picnic, the weather was fine during the festivities. We highly recommend this wonderful (and free) gathering of club members from the Northern New Jersey, Southern New Jersey, Keystone, and Northeastern PA Sections of the club, held every year in September at this beautiful location.

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## Ongoing Items

### 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](http://mbusa.com/mercedes/recall).

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### 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. At least two of our members have applied for and received their customized plate, and are pictured on the top-right corner of our [MBCA-NEPA.com](http://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>



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### **Event Attendance Book:**

We have started 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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### **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](http://MBCA.org) web site, 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).

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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.

## CAR FOR SALE



2006 SLK350 retractable hardtop, Capri Blue metallic, AT, 6-disc-CD, heated memory seats, Comfort Package, Trim Package (wood trim dash, doors, steering wheel & handbrake), service records, owned since 2008, 63k miles. \$13,900 Mike Ziegler 610-504-5370

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