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Shining Star Spring 2024 Newsletter

Vice-President's Message

Spring is finally here, and it looks like the weather might start cooperating as well! Now that the doldrums of winter are behind us, I am sure many of us are starting to dust off our beloved Mercedes and beginning to enjoy them once again. Working in the collector car auction world, I can undoubtedly say everyone is more than eager to get driving again!

The Spring Dinner resulted in an excellent turnout of both familiar friends and new ones alike. With a wonderful calendar of events planned, there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy your Mercedes with like-minded enthusiasts. Hopefully, we'll meet more of our new members at the next event! Sincerely,

Wesley Wormser

Vice-President

1. Upcoming 2024 Events

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Sat. May 11, Carlisle Import & Performance National, Carlisle

Sat. May 18 9:30AM - NEPA Day Drive more info in a future eBlast

Tue. Jun 11 7PM-9PM NEPA Board Meeting - Starlite Diner, Foglesville

Sat. Jun 22 8AM-3PM - NNJS June Jamboree - NJ

Sat. Jul 13 8AM-4PM - Deutsche Classic - Oley

Sat. Jul 20, 10AM NEPA Brunch - Parkland Restaurant, Allentown

Sun. Aug 4, 8AM-4PM, Das Awkscht Fescht - Macungie

Sun. Aug 11, 8AM-4PM, New Hope Auto Show - New Hope

Tue. Aug 13, 7PM-9PM - NEPA Board Meeting - Starlite Diner, Foglesville

Sat. Aug 24, 1PM-5PM, NEPA Picnic hosted by Frances and Dan Kelly, Barto

Sun. Sep 8, 9AM-4PM, Radnor Hunt Concours - Melville

Sat. Sep ?, Mid-Atlantic Regional Picnic - Bleimaier's, Hopewell, NJ

Sat. Oct 12, NEPA Road Rally

Thu. Oct 17, 6:00 PM NEPA Planning Meeting - Hops at the Paddock, Allentown

Thu. Oct 17, 8:45 PM NEPA Board Meeting - Hops at the Paddock, Allentown

Oct 27, 12:30PM - NEPA Day Drive

Sat. Nov 16, NEPA Tech Session - Masano's Reading

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Cars and Coffee – Lehigh Valley 2024 Schedule -TBD

Steel Stacks Location
101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, PA 18015
Various Sundays - TBD

2024 Upcoming Event Details

2024 NEPA Brunches

The Parkland Restaurant/Diner
2702 Walbert Ave, Allentown, PA 18104

(610) 432-2745

10 AM

July 20, Nov 9

These NEPA Brunches have been popular and well-attended with lots of good Mercedes-related conversations and camaraderie. We hope to see you all at one or all of them in 2024! We order off the menu.

As the dates get closer, we will send eBlast reminders.

Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals

Carlisle Fairgrounds
1000 Bryn Mawr Rd
Carlisle, PA 17013

May 10 - 11, 2024



The show is an international vehicle wonderland where you can see 1,700+ unique and stunning imported vehicles from around the world as well as domestics, kit cars, motorcycles, trucks and high end performance vehicles. See the top builds, restorations, clubs and brands representing the world of automobiles and performance. Get your high-octane adrenaline fix on with autocross, drifting, rolling exhaust competition, and more! Check out their website for more info here. [Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals](#)

This year we are taking our MBCA's tent there on Saturday and need more Mercedes people to join us there. Last year we took our tent and only had 3 Benz's turn out.

Registration deadline is March 26, 2024

60th Annual June Jamboree
The premiere event for the local Mercedes-Benz Club of
America!

Saturday, June 22, 2024

8:30 PM - 3:00PM



About this Event: This year our June Jamboree will be held at The Hermitage / A National Historic Landmark. The Hermitage is located at 335 North Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423. More information can be found at <https://thehermitage.org/>

This year's event will take place on the lovely grounds of the Hermitage. Cars will be displayed on grass under trees throughout the park.

The pre-registration cost to enter a car is \$55 and this fee includes lunch for the driver: additional guests lunches only \$20 under 12 free no lunch.

Lunch, given the layout of The Hermitage, we have arranged to have 2 delicious food truck providers at the event. Each registered guest will have a ticket that will be redeemed for a meal & drink. Tables and chairs will be scattered throughout the grounds.

REGISTRATIONS made the day of the event the registration fee is \$10 more per car and \$10 more per lunch. So **please register by June 15th! Day of Registrations are cash or check only**. You may attend the Jamboree without a car, The Hermitage does have a suggested entry fee of \$10.00 Per Person.

Registration will begin at 8:30 AM AND WILL END AT 9:45AM. ALL CARS MUST BE ON THE FIELD BY 9:45AM You will need to pull your car up the driveway and to the Registration Table in order to receive your registration packet and be given your assigned parking spot. Please place your window sign on your window along with your scoresheet if you are participating in the concours. If you do not want anyone touching your vehicle without you being there, you must remain with your car during the judging time. Judging will begin at 9:45AM and at that time, there will be no further detailing of the cars allowed. AFTER 9:45 NO CONCOURS CARS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE FIELD FOR JUDGING. In your registration packet there will be color coded votes for the Popular Vote cars – please match the color of the vote to the color of the window sign – votes not matching the correct color will be discarded. All popular votes begin with a letter followed by a number.

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 – 2018 to present; Modern – 2008 – 2017; Old – 1998 – 2007; Vintage I – 1997 – 1972 (Cars 25 -49 years old); and Vintage II - Pre 1972 (Cars 50 years old and older). 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 your car judged for this certificate.

Weather – Given that this year’s event will be on grass, let’s all hope for a dry day (Rain date June 23rd). Looking forward to seeing many of you at this year’s event. If anyone is interested in helping to judge or to help in other ways, please email Greg at MBNNJS@Yahoo.com with the subject line: willing to help at the June Jamboree. Thank you.

***Please note – pre-registration makes everything run more smoothly and efficiently. Day of Registration causes delays to those who have pre-registered since they have to wait to pick up their packet while the day of registration car is being assigned to a category and a parking space. Please – Pre-register!

Tickets

Tickets for 60th Annual June Jamboree can be booked here.

Ticket Information	Ticket Price
Vehicle Registration (includes one lunch)	USD 55
Additional Lunches	USD 20

[Get Tickets](#)

Location

The Hermitage, 335 Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus, United States

Das
Awkscht Fescht



AUGUST 2, 3 & 4, 2024
MACUNGIE MEMORIAL PARK
MACUNGIE, PA

Das Awkscht Fescht

Sunday, August 4

Preregistration deadline July 1

Das Awkscht Fescht is a 3 day show, from August 2 to August 4. The days are packed with lots of activities -- games, entertainment for the entire family. The last day, **August 4, is Car Club Day.**

For more information visit the Das Awkscht Fescht website [here](#)

For registration information visit the Das Awkscht Fescht registration page [here](#)

[New Hope Auto Show](#)
Sunday, August 11 (Foreign Cars)
9AM - 4PM

"For 66 years, some of the finest antique and classic automobiles in the country have made their way to New Hope, Pennsylvania to be judged for authenticity, originality, cleanliness, and condition. Over the years, The New Hope Automobile Show has drawn up to 10,000 people over the two-day show, all looking to see and appreciate the design and technology of automobile manufacturers from all over the world.

Admission.

General admission tickets are **\$10.00 per person**, children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. Active military and their families are free with ID.

All proceeds are used by **New Hope Helping** to fund local community organizations and charities. Since 1949, we've donated over \$1.6 million to local causes and education. Thank you for your support over the years.

Show hours.

The show opens to the public at **9 am** each day and closes at **4 pm**.

Parking.

On site parking is \$5.00 and can be accessed from the Route 202 spur road at Hardy Bush Way. If traveling north on Route 202 it will be just prior to the New Jersey Bridge. If traveling from New Jersey heading south on Route 202 you will take the

first exit to Route 32 South just over the bridge, make the second right onto the 202 spur (south). From the center of New Hope follow Route 32 (River Road) North and turn left on the 202 spur (south). Look for the signs on the surrounding roads as you enter New Hope from any direction...."

Everything you need to know can be accessed here: [Schedule](#), [Eligible Cars](#), [Entrance Fees](#)

DeutscheClassic

Oley Fairgrounds

26 Jefferson St

Oley, PA

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 for the 20th anniversary on **Saturday, July 13th, 2024** at the beautiful [Oley Fairgrounds, Pennsylvania](#).

The day's events will 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!

[More info at: DeutscheClassic.com](#)

Please check [MBCA-NEPA.COM](#) for updates after this newsletter publication.

2. Members' Corner

Meet our new members:

John P. Bilbrey

Anthony Caruso

James Dale
Fraser Lay
Earl Mumma
Timothy Rudderow
Sharon Swanick
Richard Wagner

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 Supercars

by John Sale

Mercedes-Benz has produced truly rare and unique engines throughout its history. These engines represent pinnacle engineering, high-performance capabilities, and advanced technology, contributing to the exclusivity and rarity of the vehicles they power. Many of these engines were hand-built and had limited production runs, making them highly sought after by automotive enthusiasts and collectors.

I researched Mercedes Benz engine articles and found an article (Trust My Mechanic, November 22, 2023) summarized seven rare and unique engines. I decided that learning more about the largest post-WWII engine in the article would be of interest.

M120 7.3-Liter V12 (1990s and 2000s)

The M120 engine is a naturally aspirated high performance automobile piston V12 engine family used in the 1990s and 2000s in Mercedes' flagship models. This engine powered the Mercedes-Benz SL73 AMG and was one of the largest V12 engines produced by Mercedes-Benz. The engine was also used in the S73 AMG and CL73 AMG. With a displacement of 7.3 liters (445 cu.in.) and significant power output, it is exceedingly rare due to limited production. An enlargement of the Mercedes-Benz's 6-liter V12, the M120 engine cranked out 525hp and 553 lb-ft of torque.

The M120 engine is built in Stuttgart, Germany. It has an aluminum engine block lined with silicon/aluminum. The aluminum DOHC cylinder heads have four valves

per cylinder. It uses sequential fuel injection (SFI) and features forged steel connecting rods. Following the M120's introduction, multiple tuning houses like AMG, Brabus, RENNtech, or Carlsson would enlarge the M120 and turn it into a monster, but the engine would achieve legendary status on track, courtesy of Mercedes' long-time partners and future high-performance division, AMG.

The M120 engine began as a basic 6.0-liter V12 and was later transformed into a 7.3-liter marvel by AMG. This modification involved increasing the displacement to achieve even more impressive performance. The engine's official designation is M120.980/981 E72. It boasts a staggering 525 horsepower and an incredible 750 Nm of torque. The thoroughbred performance was engine code named M297.

The largest engine ever fitted into a production Mercedes-Benz.

For the SL 70, 72, and 73 models, AMG took the all-aluminum DOHC 6.0-liter M120 V12 of the SL600 that served as a base for all three cars and turned it into a thoroughbred performance engine codenamed M297. In the SL 73 AMG, it was enlarged all the way to 7.3 liters, which enabled the naturally aspirated engine to make 525 hp and 553 lb-ft (750 Nm) of torque. For comparison, the largest American engine of the M120 generation was the General Motors 7.4 liter (454 cu.in.) LS-7 naturally aspirated V8. The most powerful version of the LS-7 produced 465 hp (347 kW) and 610 lb-ft (827 Nm) of torque.



Photo: RM Sotheby's

To this day, the largest displacement engine ever fitted into a production Mercedes-Benz, the M297 was more powerful than the engines used by the Lamborghini Diablo SV (510 hp) for the Formula 1-derived Tipo F130B (512 hp) at the heart of the Ferrari F50.

Rare and highly-collectible today

One of the last high-performance beasts conceived before AMG became a Mercedes-Benz subsidiary, the SL 73, was produced from 1997 to 2001. Since the cars were conversions, the company did not keep an exact record of the units that left its headquarters, but multiple sources state that between 50 and 80 of them were sold by AMG.

Today, the SL 73 is highly sought-after by Mercedes-AMG fans who enjoy driving one of the coolest 1990s convertibles. Those who own one rarely part way with their prized possession, so the chances of finding one at an auction are low. The last SL 73 AMG that went under the hammer at an RM Sotheby's auction in 2018 had an estimated price of £240,000 (approximately \$300,000), but the highest bid did not meet the seller's reserve. Read more (<https://mercedes-world.com/sl-class/mercedes-benz-sl-73-amg-v12-r129-the-rare-sleeper>)

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

**Thu. Mar 21, 6PM NEPA Spring Dinner - Hops at the Paddock,
Allentown**



We held our annual spring dinner at Hops at the Paddock in Allentown. It was a nice turnout and we welcomed some new faces. Ordering was off the menu, and as usual, the food and service were excellent. Everyone had a nice time gathering together, discussing our common interests--most likely cars, and specifically Mercedes. We hope as word gets out more of our members will join our events in the future.

6. NEPA Board Member Resignations and Changes

NEPA Board Member Resignations and Changes

As previously announced **Mike Ziegler** stepped down as President and into the Director position of Webmaster for the MBCA website. **Roger Egolf** has replaced

Mike Ziegler as President effective January 1, 2024. **Wesley Wormser** has taken the position as Vice President.

Additionally:

We were sorry to announce that **Debbie Egolf** resigned the Secretary position of our NEPA section due to health reasons. We thank Debbie for her many years of service to our club. If you would be interested in volunteering to fill this officer position, please contact president Roger Egolf or Debbie Egolf. Roger and Debbie's contact information can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We were also sorry to announce that **Jolanta Piekarski** has resigned as Treasurer due to her health, to be effective when the NEPA board appoints a replacement. We thank Jolanta for her service as Treasurer since the founding of NEPA section in 1981! If you would like to volunteer to be considered for this officer position, contact president Roger Egolf or Mike Ziegler. Roger and Mike's contact information can also be found at the end of this newsletter.

Mike

7. MBCA website system change, attention members who were on automatic membership renewal:

MBCA's website www.mbc.org host has changed (old system will soon no longer be supported, so MBCA had to find a new system). Therefore, all the credit card numbers that were in the old system have been deleted and are not in the new system. If you are not able to log on the website to renew online, you will have to renew by calling MBCA National at 719-633-6427 (note: the 800# is no longer in service). Renewing with your credit card will incur a 3.75% credit card processing fee. You may send a check to National to avoid the fee. Your member number also changed with the new system. The new system is a work in progress, please be patient while the bugs are being worked out.

8. 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](https://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://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 \$10 and you pay the other \$10 and it will be sent to you in the mail. Payment (cash or check) must be paid before nametags are ordered. Three lines are permitted: 1st line is for your first and last name (what you want fellow members to call you should be your first name), 2nd line is our section name, and optional 3rd line to list your car or other item. Member name badges are blue (gold for officers, silver for directors). You may get a magnetic clip (most popular), 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 \$20.

Order your additional nametag or replacement nametag directly by going to www.mbca.org, then login, then click "Store", then click "VIEW MBCA EVENT EQUIPMENT STORE".

Contact me for your first name badge (and for an additional nametag or replacement nametag if you prefer not to order it yourself on the website).

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.

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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.](#)

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.



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John Sale
Advertising Coordinator

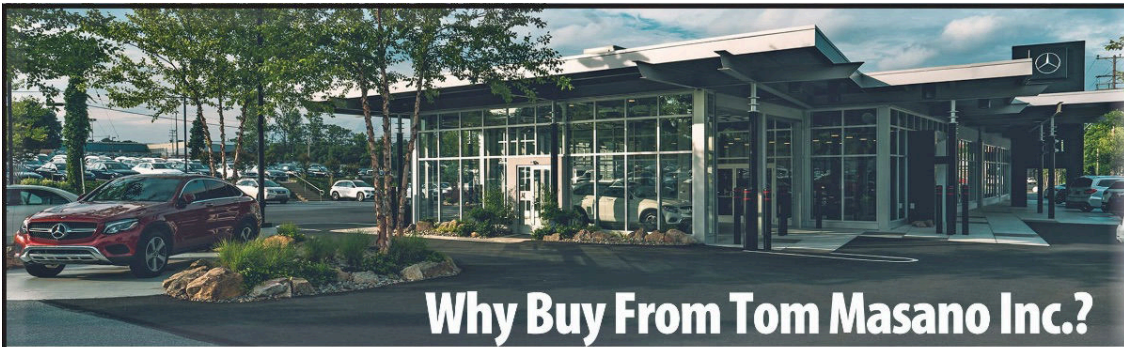
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Mercedes Benz Channel on You-Tube

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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