

**Northeastern Pennsylvania  
Section**

**Mercedes-Benz Club of America**

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## ***Upcoming 2025 Events***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sa 5/17	7a-6p	Carlisle Import and Performance
Su 5/18		NEPA Day Drive
Tu 6/10	7p-9p	NEPA Board Meeting
Sa 6/14	8a-3p	June Jamboree
Sa 7/12	8a-4p	Deutsche Classic
Sa 7/19	10a	Brunch - Superior Restaurant
Su 8/3	8a-4p	Das Awkscht Fescht
Tu 8/5	7p-9p	NEPA Board Meeting

Su 8/10	8a-4p	New Hope Auto Show	
Sa 8/23	1p-5p	NEPA Section Picnic	
Su 9/7 this year)	9a-4p	Radnor Hunt Concours (Mercedes is the	featured car
Sa 9/13.	11a-	Mid-Atlantic Regional Picnic	
10/?		NEPA Road Rally	
10/?		NEPA Day Drive	
Th 10/16		NEPA Election and Planning Meeting	
Th 10/16		NEPA Board Meeting	
Sa 11/8	10a	NEPA Brunch	
Tu 12/9		NEPA Christmas/Holiday Party - Madeline's	

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### *Upcoming Events' Details*

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### **Cars and Coffee – Lehigh Valley 2025 Schedule**

<https://www.steelstacks.org/carsandcoffee/>

Steel Stacks Location

101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, PA 18015

**9AM to Noon**

- Sunday, May 4 | 9 a.m.
- Sunday, June 15 | 9 a.m.
- Sunday, July 13 | 9 a.m.
- Sunday, August 24 | 9 a.m.
- Sunday, September 7 | 9 a.m.

Cars & Coffee features a variety of unique, exotic and classic cars from the Lehigh Valley and beyond. The Mack Truck Stop at the Levitt Pavilion will be serving beverages and breakfast sandwiches available for purchase throughout the event.

Each month also offers a different car theme, from Imports to American Muscle to European. All events will be held from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information and to view past events visit [Cars & Coffee Lehigh Valley on Facebook](#).

### **2025 NEPA Brunches**

#### **Superior Restaurant**

**102 Main St**

Emmaus, PA 18049

**Saturday, July 19**

**Saturday, November 8**

These NEPA brunches have become very popular over the past several years as a way for members to continue their auto-related conversations and relationships. They are well-attended with lots of good Mercedes-related conversations and camaraderie. We hope to see you all at one or all of them in 2025! We order off the menu.

Saturday, July 19 is confirmed at Superior Restaurant at 10AM

**Please RSVP Roger Egolf email: [rae4@psu.edu](mailto:rae4@psu.edu) or cell [610-393-2688](tel:610-393-2688)**

### **Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals**

**Carlisle Fairgrounds**

**1000 Bryn Mawr Rd  
Carlisle, PA 17013**

**Saturday, May 17, 2025**

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, restoration: s, clubs and brands representing the world of automobiles and performance. Check out their website for more information [here](#).

We are again taking our MBCA's tent there on Saturday and would like more Mercedes people to join us there.

**If you have signed up for this, could you please text Wesley Wormser to let him know. (484) 269-1776**

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**61st Annual June Jamboree  
The premiere event for the local Mercedes-Benz Club of America!**

**Saturday, June 14, 2025  
8:30AM-3:00PM**

This year our June Jamboree will again be held at The Hermitage / A National Historic Landmark. The Hermitage is located at 3356 North Franklin Turnpike, HO-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423.

Cars will be displayed on grass under trees throughout the park. Please note, this event will be open to the public and all attendees of the park.

The pre-registration cost to enter a car is \$75.00 (day of is \$85.00) and this fee includes lunch for the driver. Additional guests lunches are only \$35.00 and lunch for those under 12 is free.

Lunch will be provided by food trucks.

REGISTRATIONS made the day of the event the registration fee is \$10 more per car and \$10 more per lunch.

**Important - No day of Concours registrations will be accepted - you must pre-register!**

You may attend the Jamboree as a spectator without showing a car, The Hermitage does have a suggested entry fee of \$10.00 Per Person.

Entry to the show will begin at 8:30 AM AND WILL END AT 9:45 AM. ALL CARS MUST BE ON THE FIELD BY 9:45 AM. 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.

The cars will be broken down into two categories: **Popular** (a more casual participation where cars are voted on by those in attendance) and **Concours** (judged by a team of judges according to the MBCA guidelines).

**Popular Vote:** In your registration packet there will be number coded votes for the **Popular Vote** cars – please match the number of the vote to the number of the window sign – votes not matching the correct color will be discarded. All popular votes begin with a letter followed by a number.

Popular Vote cars are divided into two categories (Sedan and Sport) and then further broken down by years – New – 2020 to present; Modern – 2010 – 2019; Old – 2000 – 2009; Vintage I – 1999 – 1974 (Cars 25 -49 years old); and Vintage II - Pre 1974 (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.

**Concours:** 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.

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.

Weather – Given that this year’s event will be on grass, let’s all hope for a dry day (Rain date June 15th). 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](mailto: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!!

Here is a link to pictures from last years June Jamboree from Facebook courtesy of Dean J. Laumbach

**(Suggest you bring chairs. There are also picnic tables throughout the grounds.)**

### Deutsche Classic

**Oley Fairgrounds  
26 Jefferson Street  
Oley, PA 19547**

**July 12, 2025**

Rain or Shine

Gates open 8am to 4pm (6:30am for vendors)

Pre-registration not available

General Admission \$20

(5) \$1 food coupons included with admission

Food prepared by Oley Fire Company

Swap Meet: NOS, new and used parts

Judged Car Show

New Car Displays

DJ all day

Free Parking

Pet friendly to friendly pets

### **Saturday's Schedule**

8:00am-3:00pm Food Pavilions Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks

8:00am-3:00pm Main Pavilion Information & Official Show Merchandise

10:30am Main Pavilion Deadline for Hagerty Insurance Youth Judging registration\*

10:45am Near Main Stage Kid's Car Hunt (Diecast): Ages 3-7

11:00am Show Car Judging Begins

11:15am-12:15pm Tire Toss\*\* Competition Qualifying - Near Stage

11:30am Car Show Field Deadline for arrival of cars/motorcycles to be judged

1:00pm Tire Toss Competition Finals - Near Stage, cash prizes totaling \$300!

3:00pm (Or Sooner) Main Stage Car Show Awards Presentation (Winners MUST be present to win trophy)

\* Hagerty Youth Judging for 8-14 years old

\*\* Last year's Deutsche Classic 1st place winner is ineligible to compete.

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### **New Hope Automobile Show**

**New Hope-Solebury High School on Bridge Street (Route 179) in New Hope,  
Pennsylvania.**

Sunday, August 10, 2025  
9AM - 3PM

Sunday is foreign cars (Saturday is domestic).

Please visit the New Hope Auto Show web page for additional information:  
<https://newhopeautoshow.com/the-show/>

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### ***Your MB Technical Questions Answered Here***

Member Gregg Semanchick has volunteered to address any Mercedes-related technical questions you may have. In addition to personally answering; if timely and/or relevant, the answers will be published in our next newsletter.

email: [gre423gg@gmail.com](mailto:gre423gg@gmail.com)

phone: [570-449-4980](tel:570-449-4980)

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## *New Members*

### **Welcome New and Returning members:**

Logan Koch of Wernersville, PA  
Gerald Maine of Harrisburg, PA (20 Gle 580; 84 300D turbocharger)  
Patrick Mccolian of Bangor, PA (2000 SL500)  
Joe Mirasola of Downingtown, PA (2012 E550)  
David Verderame of Selinsgrove, PA (2008 E350 4matic wagon)  
Susan Zimmerman of Elizabethtown, PA (SL600; GL550; E500 American Patriot RV)

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](mailto:achristensen@comcast.net))

## *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/>

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## *Past Events*

### NEPA Brunches Superior Restaurant Emmaus, PA

January 11, February 8 and March 15

Our NEPA Brunches were very well-attended on January 11, February 8 and March 15 at Superior Restaurant in Emmaus. Superior Restaurant has been very accommodating to us. Thanks again to Greg Semanchick for all the legwork finding great venues for our NEPA Section. Thank you Superior Restaurant. The food, service and room are perfect!

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### **MBCA-NEPA Spring Dinner**

**La Dolce Casa  
Tamaqua, PA**

**Thursday, March 20, 2025**

This year's Spring Dinner was held at La Dolce Casa on in Tamaqua, PA. The dinner and staff were exceptional. We are looking forward to seeing you all at our next dinner event!



Photo courtesy of Gina Mattera

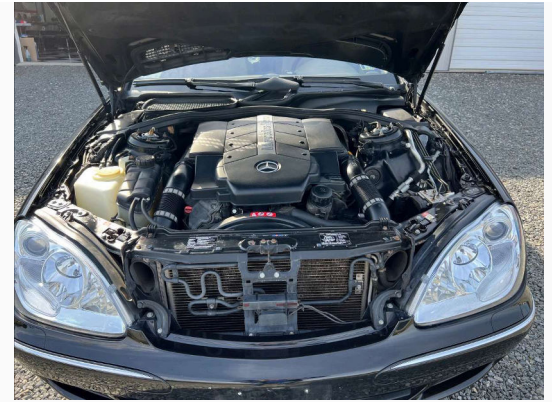
## **NEPA Tech Sessions March 29 and March 30 (detailing and scratch removal)**

**Organized by Gregg Semanchick, NEPA's Technical Advisor and Jeff Gumaer, NEPA's Membership Chairmen.**

Its goal was to focus on giving attendees the knowledge and experience to make their cars shine for summer drives and the upcoming show season.

Gregg gave excellent hands-on demonstrations showing how to properly wash the exterior, detail engine bay, clean & preserve the interior, clay and waxing/polishing.

There was a lot of interaction with the attendees. Gregg was able to answer everyone's questions, and included providing all equipment and products, such as random orbital polishers, pads, polish/was, cleaning solutions, leather conditioner, etc.--Brands, specifications, and where to buy,



## *Odds and Ends*

### **Change in NEPA Membership Chairman**

Jo Bottor has resigned his position on the Board as Membership Coordinator. Thank you for your service, Jo!

Jeff Gumaer has been approved by the NEPA Board to replace Jo as Membership Chairman.

### **MBCA's Website Change**

MBCA's website [www.mbca.org](http://www.mbca.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](tel: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.

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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 \$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.

Membership name tags can be ordered only when logged in to national website [www.mbca.org](http://www.mbca.org) then resources then drop down to name tags. Link: [Mercedes-Benz Club of America | Name Badge – Engraved. LLC](#)

If you lost your badge or would like one to keep in your other MB, they are \$20.

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).

[Jeff Gumaer](mailto:Gumaer.mbca@gmail.com) ([Gumaer.mbca@gmail.com](mailto:Gumaer.mbca@gmail.com))

Membership Chairman

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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). 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.

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### **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](mailto:businessoutfitters@landsend.com).

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.*

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### **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 Alice Christensen - [achristensen@comcast.net](mailto:achristensen@comcast.net) for possible inclusion on our website.

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### **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 Roger 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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### **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.



### **Mercedes Benz Channel on You-Tube**

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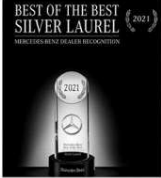

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