



# TRI-STAR



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## **Presidents' 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021 Tri-Star Message**

*by Don Klug*

Summer is in full bloom in the Finger Lakes Region with Mercedes Benz Club 'get-togethers' and the fun of enjoying our cars and relishing each other's company. We had a sun filled afternoon of enjoyment at the Sonnenberg Gardens Car Show in June (see page 3-4) and a few braved the rain at our annual picnic at Red Kosinski's home in Scottsville on July 11th (see page 6). Fortunately, we escaped the rains and celebrated under the roof of Red's huge garage and all had an entertainment filled afternoon of hilarity and fellowship. Thank you Red, for sharing your home as a destination for our annual picnic over many years!! The MBCA event of the year is Mercedes Freude, National's newest event, which is to be held in Hilton Head, South Carolina November 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> (see pages 9-11).

Member Ethan Fogg is investigating a drive-in afternoon event for mid-August to early September, planned to match us up with at least one other area German car club. A restaurant lunch and a drive for ice cream will be the afternoons 'flavor'. Sounds like fun to me! A repeat of our fall color tour of last October is scheduled for an October 2<sup>nd</sup> drive from Cortland to Skaneateles (see page 2 for details) and plans are percolating for our annual club business meeting in mid-November. We all look forward to seeing more of each other, in person, very soon.

The section will keep you posted with messages from Oscar and Peggy, our newsletter editors extraordinaire, with the details as they focus. This is a great opportunity to ask the question, 'Where would we be as a club if not for Oscar and Peggy Lopez Raffo?' Their selfless volunteer efforts have kept our whole club membership informed and communicating with our Tri-Star newsletter throughout a very trying and unusual period. Oscar and Peggy, thank you and we are grateful for a job very well done.

Have you been dreaming or pondering of an activity that you think the club would enjoy or even a fundraising activity where the dollars get donated to a charity? Ideas and champions are always sought for events that you and fellow club members find entertaining; we welcome your input. After all, club events, fellowship, and shared stories concerning our beautiful cars are the reason for a car club. Your thoughts are always welcome and may be shared by contacting President Don at [donklug@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:donklug@twcnny.rr.com) or Peggy & Oscar at [oscarraffo@hotmail.com](mailto:oscarraffo@hotmail.com). Happy driving, Section President Don Klug

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The FLMBCA Newsletter of 4th Quarter will be published on November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.  
Please access Newsletters by visiting our Website: [Fingerlakes.mbca.org/section-newsletters](http://Fingerlakes.mbca.org/section-newsletters)

## NEW MEMBER & TRANSFER

*WELCOME, and thank you for joining us!*

**Thomas Sirp**

*Corning, N.Y.*

**Gerald Moore**

*Canandaigua, N.Y.*

*(Transfer from Sacramento, C.A.)*

*Current members :  
Please remember to **renew!***

## Upcoming Event

**FINGER LAKES Section Fall Color Tour,  
Saturday, October 2, 2021**

*by Don Klug*

We are scheduling a 2021 Fall Color Tour on October 2nd with the intent to revisit our 2020 trip to traverse along sparsely travelled New York State Highway 41. We plan to cruise down into the Skaneateles Lake valley region from Cortland to Skaneateles, a one-hour trip of 32 miles of beautiful and colorful changing trees lining the ridges above Skaneateles Lake. We will meet at 11 AM at the Holiday Inn Express at Exit 11 off Route 81 in Cortland, N.Y. on the East side of route I 81. This may be the best time to record a picture before departing.



If interested we plan to enjoy lunch at the beautiful Sherwood Inn in Skaneateles as a group, or club members are welcome to enjoy lunch on their own at many of the numerous venues that Skaneateles has to offer. The area also includes two parks bordering Skaneateles Lake harbor. After lunch, exploration would seem to be the order of the day of the many shops and sights available in this picturesque town before returning home.

## Event Reports

### Mercedes Benz car display at Sonnenberg Father's Day Car Show

by Don Klug

Show at Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua which was held on Father's Day this past June. The afternoon was a wonderful warm afternoon that accommodated enjoying a cold drink, Hor d'oeuvres and the viewing beautiful cars of all makes on display.

It was obvious that people were ready to enjoy the company of friends not seen in the past 15 months. Show vehicles numbering 496, of all eras and makes, greeted young and old and all visitors attending were invited to vote for their favorites. "People's Choice Awards" plus other prizes and trophies were announced prior to the close of the show at 3 pm.



During the show, there were wine tastings inside Sonnenberg's Finger Lakes Wine Center and food was available for purchase. DJ and musical entertainment set the mood for a fun-filled afternoon. Show admission included access to the mansion, gardens, and greenhouses. It was obvious by the enjoyment on the faces of attendees that the whole family enjoyed the day.

The high number of attendees surprised coordinators with Sonnenberg Gardens leader Larry Dilullo promising that next year cars will be able to register once in the park with their car clubs without awaiting entry.



*Club members enjoying each other's company at the Sonnenberg gardens*

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FLMBCA MEMBER'S GREAT MERCEDES BENZ CARS AT SONNBERG GARDENS



*Our club neighbored with several Porsche Club cars*

## THE WAYMAN WAY

By Don Klug

Bill Wayman has opened his home over many years as host to our annual early Mercedes Benz Club FL Section season activities that we all know as the 'Wayman Garage Tour'. Usually held in late April, club members descend from all points north, south, east and west to Bill's garage/work studio to begin the season of picnics and touring events in our Mercedes Benz vehicles.

During various tours over the years', we usually see whatever vehicle Mr. Bill is restoring, whether it has been his beautifully restored 1938 Oldsmobile or his 1970 Jaguar XKE. Unfortunately, we missed our tours in 2020 and 2021, but Bill has been busy. The evidence was seen at the annual Sonnenberg Fathers' Day Show when we were graced with Bill's latest finished product on display, a 1970 Jaguar XKE that looks showroom ready.



*Bill Wayman graciously offers answers and advice about 'all things car's' in his work garage studio*



*Bill discusses his finished product with club members Doug Archer and Oscar Lopez Raffo at the Sonnenberg Garden Fathers' Day Car Show on June 20<sup>th</sup>.*



*From right to left: President Don Klug, Doug Archer, Bill Wayman and Red Kosinski.*



**Finger Lakes Section**

## Our 2021 Club Picnic In The Rain

by Don Klug

Our 2021 Picnic, in spite of an all-day rain in Scottsville, was a lovely afternoon hosted by long time member Red Kosinski in his sumptuous garage of nearly 700 square feet. Red, on seeing the weather report, set up 3 tables and many chairs to allow all to enjoy the company of new and old friends. New member Obed Opere-Sem along with his 2006 SLK enjoyed his first club event.



*New club member Obed Opere-Sem and his 2006 SLK*



Our most recent picnic, in July of 2019 saw nearly 30 attendees, but due to several days of rain, this year's event attendance dropped to nine. President Don raffled off a new Mercedes Benz Finger Lakes section polo shirt with an embossed logo and both reviewed the seasons events and highlighted the Mercedes Freude event to be held in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina on November 2 through 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Red, as always grilled hamburgers to match up with the pot luck dishes and desserts carried in by club members. Past President Robert Handzo provided the cold drinks and all enjoyed the witty repartee shared by all.



# Performance Driving Events for 2021

The MBCA Performance Driving Committee is pleased to announce a provisional partial schedule of 2021 events: Contact Jim Roberts [Jer-toothsaver@bellsouth.net](mailto:Jer-toothsaver@bellsouth.net) for more information.

## Monday 12 September

Salt Lake City Motorsports Park MBCA is not officially sanctioning this event, but it follows a weekend gathering in the area. This is a nice opportunity for our members and we will be on hand to help. Our partners with Lotus, Ltd will take the lead on this one. Details will follow.

## Saturday/Sunday 25-26 September

Shenandoah Circuit at Summit Point, WV Greater Washington Section has hosted this very successful event for several years. There is some elevation change in this challenging 2.2-mile, 17 turn circuit. Among the more famous sections are replicas of the Nürburgring's "Flugplatz" (airport) and steeply banked "Karusel" (carousel).

The weather in late September is delightful. If you are a "leaf peeper" or you just want to drive roads that were built to be fun and beautiful, the nearby Shenandoah National park and Blueridge Parkway should be on everyone's bucket list.

Contact Fraser Dachille for more information.

## Saturday 30 October

Talladega Grand Prix Raceway Alabama – NW Florida Section will partner with the Ferrari Club of America and Lotus, Ltd for this fall event. This is a bit more laid back than most our events. It is an excellent last chance of the year to enjoy your Mercedes-Benz.

This is the time of year that nearby Talladega National Forest, Mt. Cheaha, and the Talladega Scenic Drive explode with color.

# MERCEDES FREUDE

## “The Joy of Everything Mercedes”

MBCA's newest & greatest National Event **EVER!**

Combining the best and most-popular activities  
of both **StarTech** & **StarFest** into one  
fabulous Gathering!

### Location:

Omni Hilton Head Oceanfront Resort,  
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

### Dates:

Mercedes-Freude - Tuesday, November 2nd - Friday, November 5th, 2021

Legends of the Autobahn East - Saturday, November 6th (Port Royal Golf Course)

Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance - Sunday, November 7th (Port Royal Golf Course)

Along with our MBCA Event,  
we will be able to experience the kickoff of Legends of the Autobahn-East,  
as well as the renowned HHI Concours d'Elegance.

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDED, BUT NOT LIMITED TO** Welcome Reception, Historic Rally, Driving  
Events, Tech Sessions, MBCA Concours/Cars & Cocktails, MBCA Banquet, Golf, and a  
Special Limited Visit to the Robert Jepson Collection Tour.

*The hotel reservation link is open and available to book hotel rooms:*

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/hilton-head/meetings/mercedes-benz-club-of-america-10302021>

*OR reservations can be made by calling Omni central reservation at 1-800-843-6664.*

*Ask for the group code:110221MERCEDES. Cost per night, for a Resort View Studio Suite, is \$169,  
plus taxes and daily discounted resort fee.*

Further details coming your way in the near future!

Rick Siefert  
National Events Chair  
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HHI Concours d'Elegance

# Mercedes Freude Registration Details

Join us at MBCA's newest National Event, **Mercedes Freude**, as we celebrate "The Joy of Everything Mercedes." We look forward to safely being with members and attendees as we relish our passion.

Following are details of some of our planned activities.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

Packet pickup for registrants will open at 9 am. Attendees will gather in the evening during the Welcome Reception featuring member camaraderie around light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

Join other attendees for ideas on places to visit and available tours on Hilton Head Island, including Dolphin Watching Cruises, the Coastal Discovery Museum, boutique shopping, as well as other local activities. Carpooling can be arranged between attendees.

Do you want to attend an array of great Tech and Educational Sessions on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>? For only \$75 more, sign up for Primary Plus Registration, see below. Some of our included speakers are noted below:

**Dale Moss**, a Carolinas Section member and Concours judge will present a session on how to detail your car. He prepares Robert Jepson's automobiles for Concours events, including his 1938 Mercedes-Benz 540K Cabriolet that won Best of Show at the 2019 Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance.

**Ramsey Potts**, from RM/Sotheby's will give an informative session on the collector car market's current state, focusing on Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

**Peter Lesler**, Concours judge and current MBCA National Concours Committee Chair will present a session on the specific details on concours judging, which attendees will be able to appreciate when they attend the Hilton Head Island Concours on Sunday.

**Jim Fekete**, a member of the Peachtree Section, will introduce TSD rallies to our members and give tips on how to win this type of rally. (Note: Attendance at this session is not required to participate in the rally on Friday.)

**Bill Faison**, "Entering My Car In An MBCA Judged Event".

**George Murphy**, National Technical Information Chair.

**Bob Platz**, 190SL restorer extraordinaire!

**David Tobin**, collector car specialist and Editor of [Mercedes-Market.com](http://Mercedes-Market.com), and **Andy Reid**, Editor and valuation expert at [Classiccars.com](http://Classiccars.com) journal, team up on "Classic Mercedes on a Budget: Five Cars Under \$30,000 You Should Buy Today".

**Ryan Hemphill** and **Blakely Leonard**, co-founders of [The MB Market](http://The MB Market): the world's first online auction platform dedicated exclusively to Mercedes-Benz, will discuss how to get the best price when selling your Mercedes-Benz.

**Jeff Zurschmeide**, The Star® Editor, "What Makes an Excellent Regional/Sectional Membership Newsletter?" and an additional seminar on how to take magazine-style photographs of cars.

**Pierre Hedary**, MBCA member and Classic Mercedes Specialist, "How to Purchase a Classic Mercedes the Wrong Way" and "Maintenance Questions That Must Be Answered".

Information about other speakers will be provided as they are confirmed.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

**The Robert Jepson, Jr. Car Collection tour is full. If you are interested in being put on a waiting list, [CLICK HERE](#).**

**Robert Jepson, Jr. Car Collection** will be available for a complete tour on Thursday morning. This tour will include a caravan drive to Gregorie Neck Plantation, a beautiful 6,000-acre venue located in nearby Jasper County, refreshments at the venue, and a complete tour of Robert Jepson's car collection and wonderful facilities. **Cost \$30/person.**

**New Event! Butterfield Plantation Tour:** During the new Mercedes Freude Event, 50 lucky MBCA Members will be able to travel back in time from the Omni Hotel to the Low Country of South Carolina. You will be treated to interesting facts and visit historic locations in the Low Country. On the way to Butterfield Plantation, you will stop at points of interest, narrated by Butterfield's owner and fellow MBCA member Chuck Campbell and Butterfield's manager, Keith Smith. Once at Butterfield, Chuck will explain how this 1800 acre estate was established and its unique history from 1929 until the present.

Lunch will be provided at Butterfield as Chuck explains the current use of the estate. You will also be able to see a few of his prized Mercedes-Benz Ponton collection will be on the grounds as well. **Cost \$30/person**

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

Friday will be a day for exploring the Lowcountry. For the competitive driver and navigator that want a challenge, join us at the [TSD rally](#) (Time-Speed-Distance). A catered lunch will be provided to participants in the TSD rally for \$15 each. TSD rally awards will be presented to the winners at the Friday evening banquet.

For those who want to enjoy the scenic area, a leisurely cruise will stop at some of the historical locations within the surrounding area. A local historian will be at one of the stops to give a brief overview of the area's history. The caravan tour will culminate at the [Fish Camp](#) for lunch (on your own) in the historic waterfront setting.

Later in the day, a **Cars & Cocktails** will be held to show off our member's Mercedes. MBCA members will be voting for the People's Choice awards, which will be presented at the Final Banquet.

Mercedes Freude will conclude on Friday evening with a **Fabulous Final Banquet**, which will include a **Lowcountry Boil** of great starters and then local shrimp, potatoes, andouille sausage, corn on the cob and smoked old bay broth, grilled chicken, pickle brined and grilled with boiled peanut vinaigrette, along with many traditional Southern accompaniments. A cash bar will be available and the awards for the TSD rally and Cars & Cocktails People's Choice will be presented.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

**Saturday evening's wonderful BBQ Buffet**, including brined chicken, buttermilk fried with dill pickles, smoked brisket (18 hour smoked with Carolina and Kansas City BBQ sauce, and pork ribs (dry rubbed and slow smoked) will be held at the Omni for MBCA attendees and the other car clubs in the Legends of the Autobahn – East. Enjoy a wonderful meal and mix and mingle with others to discuss the cars seen at the event on Saturday afternoon at the Port Royal Golf Course.

**PRIMARY REGISTRATION includes the Welcome Reception, TSD and Historic Rallies, scenic driving tours, Cars & Cocktails Show, and the Friday evening Final MBCA Banquet. Cost: \$175/person.**

**PRIMARY PLUS REGISTRATION includes everything noted in the Primary Registration, plus the ability to attend the various Tech & Educational Sessions on Wednesday. Cost \$250/person.**

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

Are you interested in purchasing discounted tickets for the Hilton Head Concours, Savannah Speed Classic, or placing a car in the Legends of the Autobahn East?

[Click here to visit the Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival website.](#) (By clicking on this link, you will be leaving our site.)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Registering for Hilton Head Concours, Savannah Speed Classic, or Legends of the Autobahn East is not part of the Mercedes-Freude registration process.

If you interested in purchasing discounted tickets for the Hilton Head Concours, Savannah Speed Classic?, or placing a car in the Legends of the Autobahn East? Copy and paste the following website link in your browser: <https://tickets.hhiconcours.com/p/about/legends-of-the-autobahn>

### Login to Register

[Login Here](#)

### Not a Member?



# Concours Judging Clinic

August 7, 2021

Presented by the Peachtree Section

Learn the nuances of Concours Judging on Saturday, August 7th, 2021. This session will be facilitated by Peachtree Section Directors and Certified Judges, Eric Gilmer and Vice-President and Technical Director, Gary Edwards. National Concours Chair, Pete Lesler will also be on hand to assist with the session. We will review everything you need to know about judging a Mercedes-Benz in a Concours. After the classroom session all participants will be given an opportunity to become certified by answering a few quiz style questions.

When you complete the Motorsportreg.com registration process, you will immediately receive a confirmation email. If you don't get this confirmation email, then either you are not registered, or your email address is incorrect in Motorsportreg.com. You should check your Motor Sports profile to verify your email address.

**We plan to record this event, so be aware that your voice and potentially image may be recorded.**

The session will start at 10:00 a.m. EDT and will conclude around NOON and will be conducted via Zoom Video Teleconference. No NEED to leave your home. You can easily join the ZOOM meeting by computer, iPhone, iPad, Android device, or by telephone. You must be able to see the presentation and participate in the certification process, dialing-in by phone only will not be sufficient for this class you must attend via video.

**IMPORTANT ZOOM VTC SECURITY NOTE:** The organizers are well aware of security issues that have been brought to light over the last several months concerning ZOOM VTCs. ZOOM has implemented many security fixes over the last year and we have instituted a number of security precautions, which include a set of ground rules that will be covered at the start of the presentation. As these ground rules constitute part of our security system, it is important to follow them.

It would be best to download the Zoom app beforehand to simplify connection. We'll plan to have the VTC up by 9:45 a.m. EDT so we can hopefully get any technical issues out of the way. Please be on time, as we do not expect to be able to admit participants to the event after the 10 a.m. EDT start time.

There is NO CHARGE for this event, but registration is required. Please register by NOON on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Questions? Please call Doug Geganto at (404)754-9955) or by e-mail at [dgeganto@charter.net](mailto:dgeganto@charter.net)

[Register Here](#)

# Great Marques Concours d'Elegance

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**The Mercedes-Benz Club of America NYC-Long Island Section will join Porsche and BMW at Old Westbury Gardens "Great Lawn". Welcome Back!**

The Mercedes-Benz Club of America NYC-Long Island Section will join Porsche and BMW at Old Westbury Gardens "Great Lawn" for the Great Marques Concours our annual premier car event. We are expecting over 700 cars with approximately 3500 attendees.

- All participants will receive professional pictures of their vehicles
- Awards will be distributed for winners in the Concours and Touring classes
- Display class is for non-judged Mercedes driven to the event
- Please make sure you include the Model, Year and body style at checkout

## **MBCA Great Marques Concours D'Elegance 2021 Classes:**

- Concours - Judged (\$80)
- Concours Street (\$80) (Engine bay not Evaluated)
- Touring Class - Peer Votes (\$50)
- Display Class - No Judging (\$40)

**Note: Only 1 show vehicle registration per checkout.**

**There are limited Concours tickets, if we are sold out please send an email to our section President Oliver Seligman ([mogs05@aol.com](mailto:mogs05@aol.com)) with your vehicle and contact info in the event space opens up.**

**All classes must be registered and ticked by 9/16/2021 at 11:30. No exceptions**

**Check-in opens at 8 am for all ticket holders. Concours must be checked in no later than 9:30 am!**

### **Location**

Old Westbury Gardens  
71 Old Westbury Road  
Old Westbury, NY 11568

[View Map](#)



[Get Your  
Tickets](#)

# Brake Pad Blues

By Mike Gambuzza

Recently I had to replace the tires on my 1973 450SL. Anyone who has tried to replace vintage tires on these vintage beauties, and seeking a brand name, have found many have abandoned our OEM tire sizes. I was fortunate to find a set from General that was a HUGE improvement over the Tiger Paws that were on this car as I found - were installed the late 1980s. The tire store said they did recommend brake pad replacement as they were extremely low, but I told them I do some of the maintenance myself, and that would be my next task. Little did I know what a task this would be.



MGAMBUZZA'S 1973 450SL

I've owned vintage cars for over 40 years, and front brakes - especially front pads - were a blessing on cars versus the front drums on cars when I was a younger man. I started with searching the usual vendors, found the best price (bought Pagids), upon arrival, had to wait for some warmer weather to work in the garage - that was mid March.

That warm day came, and after seeing a couple YouTube videos, I was ready to tackle this task. Removed the hub caps, the bolts, tire, pins, and old pads with ease. Very happy but stressed to find that there was only about 2mm of pad left before damaging the rotor, so glad the tire company pointed this out (and showed they were honest). Pulled out the Pagids, went to install and there was no way in this world they would fit. I went through every tool possible and even with what I thought the caliper was completely recessed, the pads still didn't go in.

I then started going through the various sites again, thinking there were maybe different versions of the pad and depths. I did find that for that year, there were two pad sizes - 17mm and 15mm. I measured the ones I ordered and they were 17mm - about 2mm too big when I measured the gap on the car. I then ordered the next set of pads - ATE - which advertised to be 15mm. About a week later they showed up. Jacked the car up again, pulled the pins, pulled the old, and the new ones literally fell into place - success I thought. I went to put in the pins, it was night, didn't do a good job lining up the pads so there was an offset, and when I went to hammer in the pin - I bent the tip of one of the pins. I pulled it out to straighten it, and when doing so, the tip broke off. After a few choice words, I refrained, and thought I'd simply order a new pin - this time better order a few in case as I hadn't done the driver's side - and life will be good.

The new set of pins ordered, and another week later, arrive and I have high hopes of finishing the passenger side. Then reality hits - its too short. I measure the pin, and it is 70mm. I compared it to the other still good one and it is 77mm. I contact the vendor and they said they shipped the right part, and it showed the correct part for the 73, but just to confirm, send the VIN. They checked, and they replied that unfortunately their 70mm pin will not work, and a 77mm pin is what I need, and unfortunately they do not carry that part. That began the scavenger hunt as none of the typical vendors carry the 77mm pin. I even called MB Classics in California and they said the part is manufacture discontinued. I reached out to my Indies to see if they had the part and at this point they said I'd be better off buying a new caliper than searching for the pin. Internet searches were becoming a dead end - and then a roll of the dice pointed me to a vendor on ebay in the EU. There was a pin and spring kit they were selling which seemed to match mine. After all the shipping/return shipping, frustration from wrong parts, multiple measurements, I was willing to try anything to get a pin - let alone a kit that would work. After purchase, and a follow up email by me - they asked if I would be willing to do expedited shipping. After almost 2 months to do a brake job I was more than willing to pay extra, so I paid on May 10, it arrived on May 14. I opened up the package frantically and measured the pins - 77mm! I jacked up the car again, and the pins were a perfect fit - mission accomplished!! I completed the drivers side with ease, rolled the car around and did the rears with even easier as during this whole process I purchased a Lisle 29100 pad spreader which worked miracles to free up the pads and push the calipers at the same time. Best of all once all was reassembled, did a test drive and no more clunking of the pads when going in reverse, great stopping capability - it was definitely worth it.

Kudos to the vendors out there when parts were incorrect doing speedy refunds. I left rave reviews on eBay for the vendor who supplied the "miracle parts" for the hard/impossible to find pins. Although frustrating, it was extremely satisfying to have the final result. If anyone out there has a 1973, make sure when working with suppliers, you give your VIN to ensure correct parts are sent, don't need the sensors (mine didn't have them for this year), and be extremely cautious on the pin extraction and insertion so you don't bend them like I did. If all had been ordered and installed correctly, yes this would've been one of those walk in the park tasks - I wrote this so others don't have to go through some of the frustrations I did.

## **Classified ads**

### 2015 MERCEDES BENZ C350 4MATIC- COUPE

Paint color: red  
Size: mid-size  
Title status: clean  
Transmission: automatic  
Type: coupe

Contact: Rodney Boyd.

Phone # ( 585) 478-9749

BOUGHT LAST YEAR IN PHILADELPHIA. CARFAX SHOWS MINOR ACCIDENT, SCUFFS TO TWO WHEELS AND SCRATCHES ON HOOD WHICH WAS REPAIRED BUT I DID NOT THINK THE HOOD LOOKED GOOD ENOUGH SO PAID \$1459 TO PAINT IT AND BUFF ENTIRE CAR AT PANARAMA COLLISION. HAS ALL THE OPTIONS INCLUDING HARMON KARDON, AMG WHEELS WITH NEW CONTINENTALS, PANORAMIC ROOF AND MORE. NO WINTERS. \$51000 NEW. ASKING LESS THAN HALF FOR A LIKE NEW CAR. HAD AIRBAG REPLACED BY LOCAL M/B DEALERSHIP, DID 99 POINT INSPECTION AND DECLARED "PERFECT".

<https://rochester.craigslist.org/cto/d/rochester-2015-mercedes-c350-4matic/7342570766.html>



## **Looking for a(nother) Mercedes?**

2nd Hand Lions finds and delivers pre-owned vehicles!

**For Sale:**

**1986 560SL - Please  
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1986 Mercedes 560SL, excellent body with no rust, originally from Florida and never driven in winter weather. Red leather interior, original Becker Grand Prix radio/tape player. Odometer shows 134,250 original miles, runs and drives perfectly. Newer black convertible soft top. Estate sale. Service records since 1998 showing extensive maintenance. Asking \$15,000. Please call or text Gene Long 716-912-2902 for more information and photos.



## Classified ads



# UNIVERSAL IMPORTS

834 Linden Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14625  
**585-381-8677**



Günter and Astrid arrived here from Bavaria Germany in the late 60's and founded Universal Imports in 1984. Günter created an incredible business that still today stresses quality service and top line vehicles. They raised three children and helped raise seven grandchildren, and built this company from scratch. Sadly, Günter passed away in 2018. Astrid continues in her role of Owner and Vice President.

### Hours of Operation

Monday Thru Friday: 7:30 am to 6:30 pm  
Saturday : 7:30 am to 4:30 pm  
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