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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FOURTH QUARTER 2019

by Don Klug

Greetings to my fellow members of our wonderful Finger Lakes Section of Mercedes Benz Club of America. We have had a Mercedes Benz car and friendship focused fun filled time this past summer with many events, one that just concluded at the Del Lago Casino and Hotel on September 8th. Many members attended, however if you missed this great Jazz Fest, you missed a wonderful sun-drenched fun filled afternoon. We have to thank fellow member Larry Driscoll, also a member of The Seneca Falls Rotary Club who sponsored and Del Lago security for their efforts in organizing this afternoon. Pictures are a great way to share the story, so please take a look at the pages of this newsletter to see the fun we shared at the Seneca Falls Rotary Club Jazz Fest and also our see our club display of a dozen beautiful Mercedes Benz automobiles. We were able to check out models from a 2018 G550, to a 2018 SL 550 and a 1968 280 SE. A Seneca Falls Rotarian also displayed his 2014 E63 AMG. Here is hoping that he will join our club. More than one attendee asked if we could do this again. Well maybe? Next year's date for Jazz Fest is September 13, 2020.

In the meantime, you do not want to miss our very fun and exciting "Fall Color Tour 2019" driving rally on Saturday September 28th. Check it out in our 'Up Coming Events Section' for details and directions. This will be our last driving event of this year and is the first scheduled rally in several years. **DON'T MISS THIS!!** This will be an **EXCEPTIONAL** experience organized by Dave Tobin, an expert at organizing such events. His last event, carried in 'The Star' magazine on page 82 of the September 2016 issue, was called the 2016 Walleye 1000 Vintage Rally in Minnesota.

Now is the time to attend one of your last 2019 club events!! 2019 is fading. Don't wait.

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We look forward to our annual meeting in Geneva scheduled on Sunday November 17th. Once again, we will gather at historic Belhurst Castle for a lunch, elections and discussions about the possibilities of our 2020 schedule of events. Details may be found in the 'Up Coming Events Section' of this Tri-Star issue. Be sure to thank Judy and Bob Handzo for organizing this annual event as well as our picnic each year. This may be our last chance to 'break bread' with and share some time with past president Bob and retiring Secretary-Treasurer Judy. This wonderful couple, our leaders for nearly 10 years are retiring to North Carolina. We want to also thank VP Bob Harradine, who has taken on the responsibilities of a new full-time job, for his great efforts this past year as our vice president and membership chair. Bob also filled in nicely as our Liaison with Rochester Mercedes Benz. We now need your help in leadership positions, so if you believe that you can donate a brief amount of time in 2020 to your club, please free to contact me. You will find that a leadership positions is a fulfilling opportunity that requires less time than you may expect. As always, Mercedes Benz owners are a very fun group of people to share time with. Also, thank you for allowing me to be you club president in 2019. I have had fun.

Happy and safe motoring, President Don Klug

WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS, and thank you for joining us!

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

NEW MEMBERS

***Gary Janis (Auburn, NY)
Scott Foster (Fairport, NY)
David Sedlack (Homer, NY)
Obad Opare-Sem (Rochester, NY)***

EXPIRING MEMBERS

***John Lamb (Fairport, NY)
Dwight Hubbard Sr (Rochester, NY)***

NEW FLMBCA WEBSITE: www.Fingerlakes.mbca.org

Newsletters site is:

Fingerlakes.mbca.org/section-newsletters

Upcoming Events site is:

Fingerlakes.mbca.org/section-upcoming-events

FLMBCA UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Color Tour 2019



“ A casual driving tour through the Finger Lakes Region –Watkins Glen to Seneca Falls”

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 - 9:45 am to about 3:00 pm

9:45am - 10:00am: MEET at the International Motor Racing Research Center in Watkins Glen. Kip Zeiter, Visitor Services Coordinator of the I.M.R.R.C., will give us a tour of the center and explain the important work they do to preserve the history of motor racing in the United States.

Street Address for the I.M.R.R.C. (Starting Point): 610 Decatur St. - Watkins Glen, NY 13148.

10:30am: DEPART from the I.M.R.R.C. for a leisurely 3 hour driving tour through some of the most scenic and fun to drive back roads in the Finger Lakes region. A complete, turn by turn route guide will be provided to each participating car. Co-Drivers will stay busy along the way keeping their eyes peeled for answers to route based trivia questions along the way!

1:30pm: ARRIVE at Parker's Grille and Tap House in Seneca Falls for lunch. Parker's is a relaxed, brickwalled restaurant & bar offering a menu of American pub fare, there's something for everyone. Trivia papers will be graded during lunch. Prizes of unspeakable value will be awarded to the top two highest trivia scores. Street Address for Parker's Grille and Tap House (Lunch Stop): 86 Fall St. - Seneca Falls, NY 13148.

Please RSVP !



Finger Lakes Section

We need to print route guides and give an accurate head count to the restaurant ahead of time, so **please RSVP by Tuesday, September 24th.**

RSVP to Event Coordinator, Dave Tobin

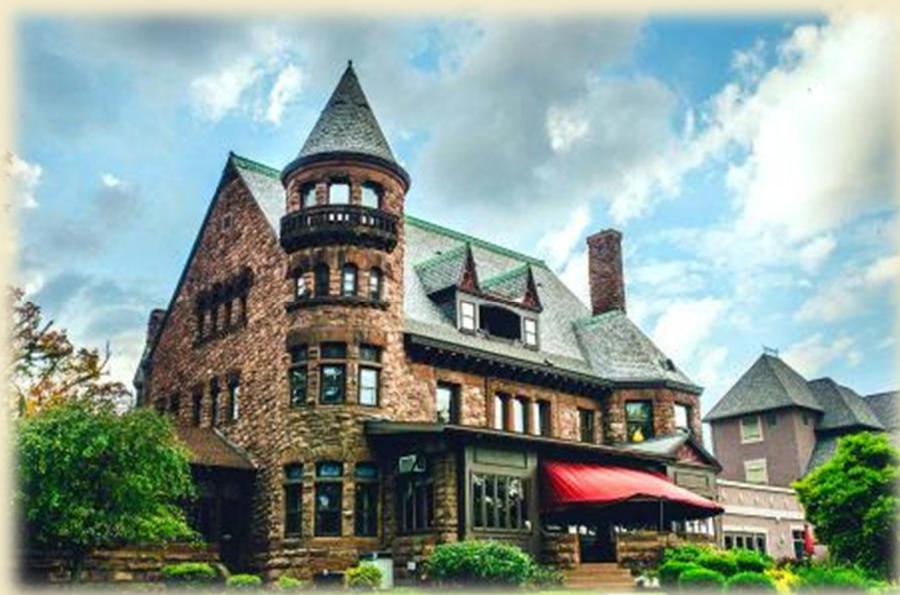
Ph: 651-216-1265 or email: dave@daveknowscars.com

**QUESTIONS about this event?
Contact Dave Tobin**



FLMBCA UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2019 - 1:30 PM
ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**



Belhurst Castle in Geneva will again be the site of our Annual Meeting. Club business and election of officers for 2020 will be followed by a club hosted luncheon.

The Board positions of Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President and Membership Chairman are open. If you are interested in running for any of these important jobs please contact Secretary Judy Handzo by November 1st to be placed on the ballot; handzo912@twc.com or 585-943-6377.

You will receive an email by the end of October with any further information and a menu of luncheon food choices.



Reservations are necessary by November 12th to Judy Handzo, handzo912@twc.com or 585-943-637.

FLMBCA EVENT REPORTS

2019 ANNUAL FLMBCA PICNIC



What would we do without Red Kosinski to treat us to another wonderful summer picnic at his home?!

25 members attended this year making it the best attendance yet. We welcomed Don and Betsy Klug, Bob and Kathy Harradine, Bill and Betty Wayman, Oscar and Peggy

Raffo, Gene Eng, Doug and Bea Archer, Bob and Judy Handzo, Ken and Jeanette Battle (thanks so much for being the check-in crew), Jim and Delsa Benz, and new members; Ethan Fogg, Linda and Bob Wilson, Jim Patton, Dave and Michele Tobin (long time M-B members but new to FLMBCA). I must not forget the most important people - Red, Kim, Red's daughter and Bronson, his grandson. Thanks for all your help in setting up and keeping the show running not to mention keeping the grill busy.





The "People's Choice" car show filled up three sections of lawn. It was difficult to choose just one of the beauties, so much eye candy.

Voting was conducted by paper ballot and the first place prize was awarded to Jim Patton and his superb 2018 white SL 550 roadster. We're sure the last folding Mercedes chair from West Herr is a prize he will enjoy.

Lots of M-B stories, comparisons, problems solved, and ideas traded filled the afternoon. There were many yummy hors d'oeuvres, to accompany the choice of wines, beers



and other cold drinks followed by a huge selection of salads and sides to enjoy with the grilled meats.

We missed the giant chocolate cake that



appeared in prior picnics courtesy of Bill Clune (the Marlboro Man) and a friend of Red. But lots of fresh fruits and homemade cookies and cakes filled in.

The weather was perfect and although no one splashed around in the beautiful pool (as usual) we all enjoyed the company of good Mercedes friends and look forward to our next gathering.

By Judy Handzo



JAZZ FESTIVAL AT DEL LAGO CASINO

This year our fall outing took a different turn. Instead of the traditional rendezvous and drive to a local point of interest we decided to take up the invitation of the Seneca Falls Rotary Club and join them for their annual music fest fundraiser at the Del Lago Casino and Resort.

The party is held in a big event set up next to the casino and we received a special parking area adjacent to the ' Big Top' to display our cars.

Inside the tent the good times were rolling as 150 or so partygoers enjoyed an afternoon of music, food, spirits and great bands. Many took a break from the festivities and stepped outside to view our Mercedes Benz car show.

We joined the party inside and enjoyed visiting, and showing off our cars. We also helped support a good cause. Proceeds from the music festival are used completely to support worldwide Clean Water projects.

By Larry Driscoll



Our thanks to Don & Betsy Klug and Larry & Janet Driscoll for their contribution in making this event a great success. The event was attended by Don & Betsy Klug, Bob & Kathy Harradine, Larry & Janet Driscoll, Ethan Fogg, Jim Patton, Louis Bouchard, Ed Maier, Barbara Ann Mattle, Oscar & Peggy Raffo and some FLMBCA potential members. If you missed this time, you may have a second chance on September 13, 2020.

By the Editors



The parking of our Mercedes Benz vehicles was organized by the Security group of Del Lago Casino. They did a fantastic job, showing us where to park in a protected and exclusive area next to the tent.



We were able to check out models from a 2018 G550, to a 2018 SL 550 and a 1968 280 SE.

A Seneca Falls Rotarian also displayed his 2014 E63 AMG and talk with very proud owners of extraordinary cars.



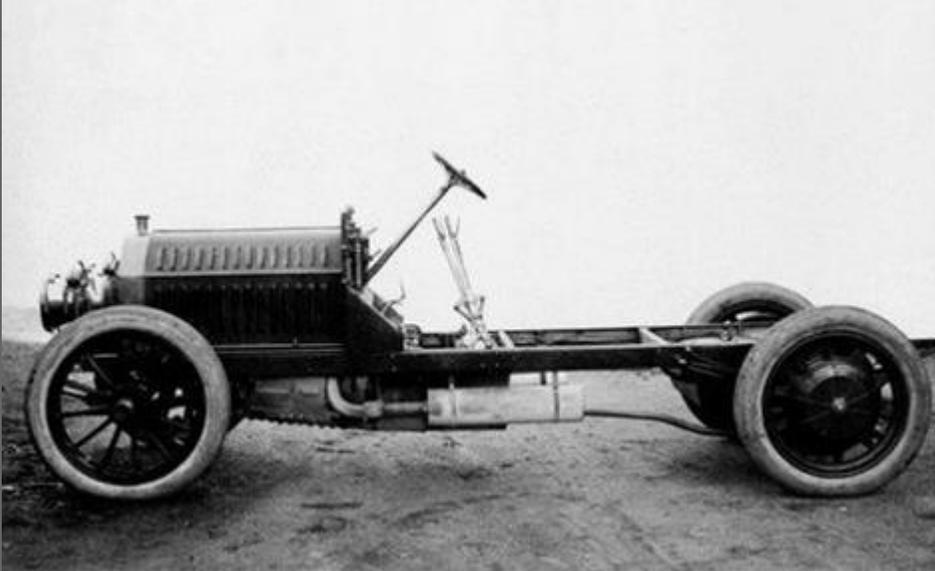


Inside the tent, two very cheerful Jazz Bands, the “COOL CLUB” and “THE LIPKER SISTERS”, entertained us for 3 hours. There was also good food, drinks and dancing!



FACTS ABOUT MERCEDES-BENZ INVENTIONS

Mercedes-Benz made a hybrid vehicle in 1906



Early car companies toyed with a mix of electric- and gasoline-powered vehicles before pure petrol-powered engines took over, and Mercedes-Benz' Mixte model was their first true hybrid. It had a gas engine in front with a dynamo that supplied spark for the two motors in the rear hubs. The Mixte had a claimed top speed of 75 mph.

Anti-lock brakes were created specifically for the S-Class in 1978



Brakes that don't lock up under full pressure on the pedal are now ubiquitous. They've helped save countless lives by allowing the driver to continue to steer the car and, hopefully, avoid a collision while braking hard. Mercedes-Benz first refined the technology with Bosch in the '70s, then added the technology to the S-Class in 1978. Soon after, anti-lock breaks became standard on all Mercedes-Benz models.

A PIECE OF GERMAN ENGINEERING

This piece of flat black painted steel can be found inside the trunk of your Mercedes Benz, by the spare tire or the jack.

It measures 7" x 2.75" x 0.75" thick.

Not all the MB's have it, but it is worth looking for it!



If your Mercedes Benz car doesn't have it, you can order it.

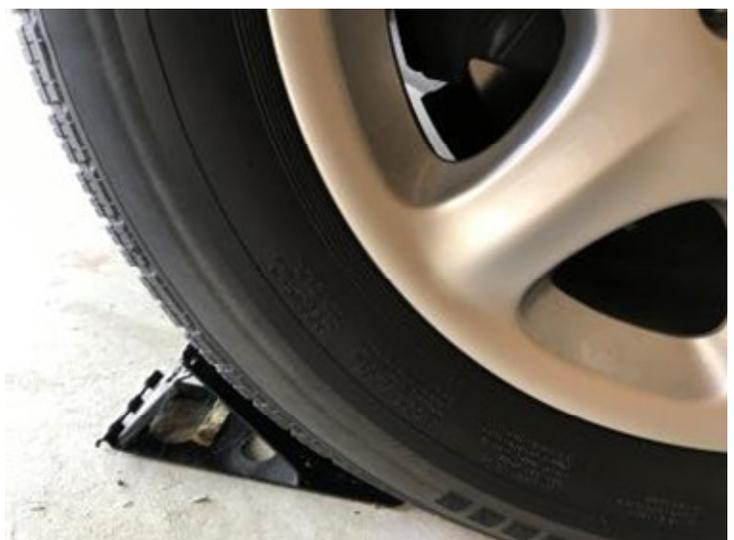
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Contact Bill Wayman at WHWayman@Gmail.com or (315)524-3788



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