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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE 4th Quarter 2020 by Don Klug**

**It's Fall! Enjoy the Colors and Sequester with Hope.**



It's Fall! Many of us are still masked and although we may have spent a little time behind the wheel of our Mercedes these past several months, we still hope to have fun again with our fellow club members. In an attempt to do just that we have our Fall Color Tour scheduled for Friday October 9th. This is the only club event we feel safe conducting for this season. We can easily social distance ourselves in our cars and drive together from Cortland to Skaneateles while enjoying the colors of fall. Upon arrival at our destination, we plan to enjoy a lunch (that we bring) along side of Skaneateles Lake. Bring a chair. We thank Doug and Bea Archer for coordinating this event.

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Your club officers have decided to move our annual meeting to late March or early April, 2021, in hope that we see a significant change in our fight against COVID-19. Judy Handzo, our annual meeting coordinator, has several venues in mind and will provide details at a later date. In the meantime, consider joining us October 9th.

As well, may I recommend that you enjoy the article in the September- October issue of The Star magazine, "At The Helm, The history of the steering wheel at Mercedes Benz", written by Star staff. The article covers the first steering wheel designed for a race in France in 1894 and its evolution through the newest generation, "2020: The Capacitive Steering Wheel ", designed for 2020 Mercedes vehicles. I believe that the article captures the essence of Mercedes Benz continued effort to design and build world class cars and reminds us all of the outstanding leadership engineering we have come to enjoy with Mercedes Benz ownership.

Sequestered in the garage with hope for a bright 2021.



Don Klug, Section President

*WE WELCOME THE NEW MEMBERS. Thank you for joining us!*

*Rodney Boyd (Rochester, NY)*

*Antoinette Polizzi (Rochester, NY)*

*Michael Sofia (Hamlin, NY)*

*Deborah Scally (North Chili, NY)*

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

# Upcoming Events

Friday October 9, 2020 : "Fall Color Tour 2020".



Our Fall Color Tour is just that, a color tour depending on Mother Nature, on **Friday, October 9th**. If the color is not ripe or we have predicted rain, we can postpone to October 23rd.

**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. The club requests that while we gather that social distancing be observed and masks worn. Once returning to your car, of course masks are at your discretion.

We will tour along sparsely travelled New York Highway 41 from Cortland to our destination, Skaneateles NY. The tour is 32 miles and may take up to one hour. Doug and Bea Archer will lead the way.

Lunch in Skaneateles offers choices. You may bring on your own packed picnic basket and enjoy your lunch at either of two parks bordering Skaneateles Lake harbor, or choose a restaurant, all open, on the main 'drag'. The Sherwood Inn serves lunch with distancing inside or outside with same menu.

After lunch feel free to explore the town and harbor and return home at your leisure.

Happy motoring,

Bea and Doug Archer

March-April 2021 : Annual Meeting, Date & Location TBD.

Due to NY State Laws related to the Pandemic, Some of the events may be cancelled.  
We will communicate such via a short newsletter message.

A Follow-up to “BOUGHT IT, DROVE IT, SHIPPED IT, SOLD IT, FOUND IT  
AND CAN’T FIND A KEY”

On The Road Again by Don Klug



In our April and July 2020 issues of our Tri –Star newsletters we shared a story about a red 350 SL from 1972 that owner Ken Rucki had recovered after selling it in 1994.

The car was abandoned in a one car garage after a divorce. We jumped to 2016 when the garage and house were sold and the new building owner wanted the car gone. Ken was able to negotiate with the building owner and the long-gone divorcee for car ownership.

It seemed one problem lead to another but Ken prevailed in attaining his long-lost treasure and began arrangements to make the car road worthy again.

Pictured is Ken and his 1972 SL350 as well as Ken driving off to some fun on the open road.

Plans are to replace the canvas top, already purchased and to visit a local paint shop to restore the lost red luster.



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## DID YOU KNOW ?

Juan Manuel Fangio is one of the original legends of F1, and perhaps the greatest. His **W196 R 1954 F1 car** is nearly as legendary, and now it belongs to a new owner. Fangio's Silver Arrow **sold at a Bonhams auction at the Goodwood Festival of Speed today for £19.6 million, or about \$29,650,000.**

The price tag is mind-numbing--and Bonhams claims it's a record for a car sold at auction, for any F1 car sold, and for any Mercedes-Benz sold. In 2011, a 1957 Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa sold for \$16.4 million, a record at the time.

Fangio's W196 isn't the most expensive car sold, however: a private sale in 2012 saw a 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO raced by Stirling Moss sold for \$35 million

Wearing chassis number 00006, this is the actual car that Fangio drove to his first F1 victory for Mercedes at the German Grand Prix--on the 14.2-mile Nurburgring Nordschleife circuit. Fangio also won the Swiss Grand Prix in the car.

Also driven by Mercedes-Benz racers Hans Herrmann and Karl Kling, this Silver Arrow featured some of the most advanced automotive technology of the time, as you'd expect in an F1 car, including: a fuel-injected engine; tubular spaceframe chassis; inboard brakes at all four corners; Desmodromic valve actuation; and a unique central power take-off from the in-line eight-cylinder's crankshaft to minimize vibration.

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From MOTOR AUTHORITY

# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Notification

**As the situation around novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve, we are all aware of the impact it is having on our country and our own communities. The Mercedes Benz Club of America wants to be sure the safety of our members is always our first consideration. Although some areas have not been touched by the disease yet, it is surely only a matter of time. Therefore, I call upon your good judgment to determine when it is in the best interest of your members to cancel an event. I know that is always a difficult call, given the time, effort, and sometimes money, put into the planning and execution of some of these events. Certainly taking into account the number of people attending, and where they are coming from, can help you decide if that is the right course of action. But the safety of the members, and the communities in which they live, must be your primary consideration.**



**Thank you for all you do for the Club!**

**Julie Bruggner  
Mercedes Benz Club of America  
National President**

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