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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE, 2ND QUARTER 2017

A while back I read a descriptive article about people who own various car makes. Mercedes-Benz owners were described as "Cheerful, optimistic folks, a pleasure to know". Sounds like us, wouldn't you agree? How about meeting some of these "cheerful folks" at one of the events Finger Lakes Section has planned for the coming months?

Attending the gathering at Bill Wayman's "museum" garages, at the end of April, is always a lesson in learning something new or solving an automotive problem plus meeting other members with similar interests. I look forward to seeing you there for an interesting afternoon.

The coming quarter has opportunities to spring clean your ride and drive to one of the planned activities be it the Erie Canal Jazz Cruise or the Sonnenberg show (always a great venue and we enjoy mixing with the Niagara crew) or brushing up on your driving skills at the Watkins Glen Drivers Education event in conjunction with the Lotus Club of Western New York.

Oscar and Peggy Raffo deserve a gold medal for the excellent 1st quarter newsletter they produced. I know the amount of time and effort they expended on the first edition and it shows in a refreshed TRI-STAR that's clean, crisp, easy to read and has great photos taken by Oscar. He's managed to become the club photographer, too. They have also taken on the job of New Member liaisons.

THANK YOU OSCAR AND PEGGY!

Keep in mind we're looking for members (primary or affiliate) to serve on the Executive Board. We vote at the Annual Meeting in November and I encourage anyone interested to let me know of their interest in a position.

Bob

Welcome New Members

Gerald and Sharon Kataskas, Ontario, NY

Michael Orlando, Rochester, NY

Jeremy Wabick, Fairport, NY

Albert Werner, Canandaigua, NY

Leon Smith, Horseheads, NY

FLMBCA Upcoming Events Schedule

April 30th

Sunday at 1:00 PM

Bill Wayman will host a garage and shop tour at his home, 1945 Lake Rd., Ontario. From Route 104 take Knickerbocker north to Lake Rd., turn left on Lake and turn right on the first driveway. This shared driveway is located next to a large blue water tank. Google maps also have correct directions. Bring your technical questions and problems for Bill and the attendees to solve for you! Light refreshments available. Come rain or shine.

June 12th

Monday evening

Erie Canal Jazz Cruise on the Colonial Belle, Fairport featuring the Smugtown Stompers. Tickets are \$30.pp and include a light dinner and cash bar. No reservations. Tickets will go on sale at www.jazz901.org on Monday, April 3rd. They sell out quickly, don't delay. We'll send out a reminder email on the weekend before.

June 18th

Sunday, 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Father's Day Car Show at Sonnenberg Gardens Plenty of show cars from all marques plus music, food, winetasting, visiting the mansion and gardens are all in the order of the day. Entry without registering a car to display: adults- \$14, senior- \$12, kids 13 to 17- \$7, kids 4 to 12- \$2. To enter your car, register at 585-394-4922 or www.sonnenberg.org and click on Events, no later than June 14th.. Entry fee is \$7.00 and includes all passengers in the car. Arrive any time after 10:00 AM and park with the Mercedes display. We're easy to find on the grass below the mansion along the long driveway. Finger Lakes and Niagara Sections will join in enjoying an informal picnic. Please bring a dish to share (finger foods are perfect) along with a chair or blanket, sun screen, walking shoes and your beverage of choice. Judging is informal, by Spectators Choice, and winners are announced at about 4:00 PM.

June 21st

Wednesday

Mercedes-Benz/Lotus Day at Watkins Glen. This high performance driver education is your opportunity to learn to be a better driver and to enjoy your car safely at speed. Laps and lunch will also be available about 11:30 AM for those that just want a little taste of the track - three laps behind a pace car and lunch at the Glen Club. This event fills up quickly and requires, for those registering for driver education, safety features you must have and a professional inspection of your car. For full information contact Tony Vaccaro at tvacc@lotusowners.com.

July 9th

Sunday at 1:00 PM

Annual picnic and New Member welcome hosted by Red Kosinski at his home in Scottsville. People's choice car show, swimming, lawn games, hiking through the woods, prizes, lots of fun and Red's fabulous beef roasts. Everyone brings a dish to share, the club supplies drinks, hot dogs, burgers and everything else. Additional information and directions will be emailed in June. Don't miss this event!

Rochester International Auto Show Riverside Convention Center-March 2017

By Judy Handzo

It's been quite a few years since my last visit to this car show, when did all these autos I never heard of, much less ever seen appear? I do remember the hundreds of people on that last attendance, drooling over the latest offerings - same reaction this time. Eye candy on display! We met up with Peggy and Oscar Raffo and Bob Harradine at the Mercedes display where the greatest crowd interest was for the C class over the E class. West Herr General Sales Manager, Ray Lawson, was patiently explaining features of both models. All the cars had unlocked doors and there was lots of jumping in and out for test sittings. The GLE and the GLS were side by side making it easy to see the differences in interior space. Glossy brochures were available to take home for final choices before ordering. Next stop was Porsche where our friend

Dennis Barrett, Garber Salesman, presided over the display. No sitting in these cars but I was ready to bring home the navy blue Boxter with same color cloth top. Among the offerings were a Panamera, the new 911 Targa and competing with the Mercedes SUVs, a Macan and Cayenne. Such choices! The men hung around the German makes while Peggy and I wandered on through the Minis and Audis; 2 stupendous Corvettes, one new and one old, were admired; we, kind of, ignored the American makes; quick looks at Mazda, VW and others I scarcely remember before we met up with the guys who needed sustenance before they starved right next to the Lexus display on the way out.



Genesee Brew House Rochester, NY - March 2017

By Judy Hanzo



On to the Genesee Brew House where we met up with Kathy Harradine enjoying a beer at the second floor bar. What else would you order at a Brew House?. We had a short wait for a table to be available, the restaurant was fully packed and I think we were the oldest patrons. Made us feel younger among all those 20 somethings. Lots of good beer choices, delicious casual food, reasonable prices - we were happy and full. Definitely worth a second visit if we can find Cataract Street again without driving all over the one way streets in Rochester.



Stuttgart Trips

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at osullivanj55@gmail.com or 843-671-2079.

Please note that Jim will not be available by phone through March 7. However, he will have access to email during this time.

Pinehurst, NC

May 4 Welcome "Mercedes-Benz of Fayetteville" Car Show at Little River Farms.

May 5 Driving and tour to the pottery area of Seagrove, NC, followed by lunch then driving and tour of Bruce Adams 190sl Restoration shop with a reception.

"Village Green" Mercedes Car Show in the village of Pinehurst.

May 6 Pinehurst Concours d'Elegance at the Historic Resort of Pinehurst, plus the Mercedes "Fairway Club" with 40 special MBCA members' cars. Student Judging, afternoon on the course "tailgate party" and concert featuring Sara Evans!

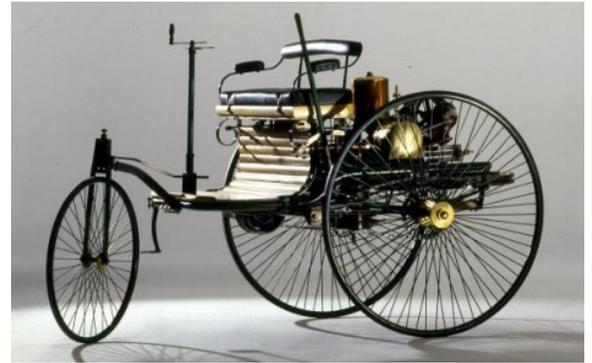
Dinner at the Ironwood Cafe Restaurant.

May 7 Parting MBCA Brunch.



Benz Patent-Motorwagen Replica

On January 29, 1886 Karl Benz patented the first automobile – the three-wheeled Patent-Motorwagen. Later in the same year just 60 miles away Gottlieb Daimler patented an internal-combustion engine and began with the construction of a four-wheeled horseless carriage. At the time neither Benz nor Daimler were aware of the other's work. The rest is (automotive) history. In commemoration of this milestone of engineering, Mercedes-Benz had produced a series of fully functioning replicas of the Benz Patent-Motorwagen in 2001 / 2002, mainly for museum and other public exhibit purposes. This particular example was built in 2002, was recently acquired, inspected and serviced by the Classic Center and presents with full functionality.



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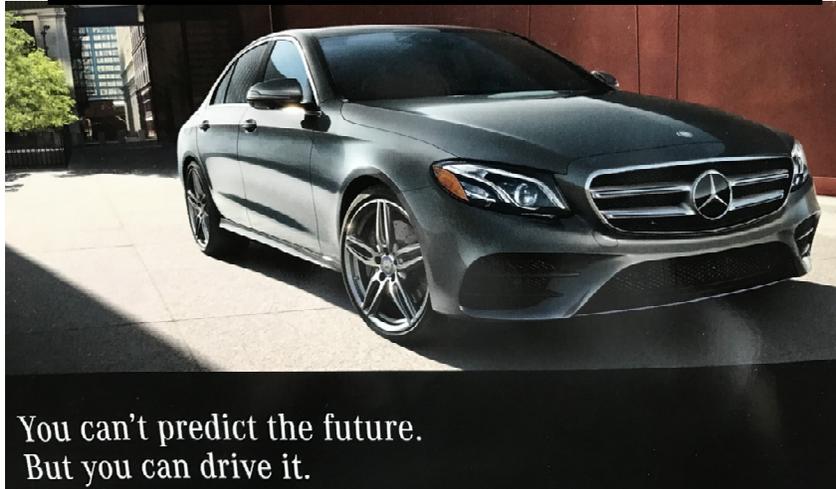


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