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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, 1ST QUARTER 2019

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Meeting in November and for having the confidence in me to serve as your new President. The new Board will feature Bob Harradine as your new VP and we are greatly appreciative to retain Judith Handzo as our Secretary/ Treasurer. Let me also take this opportunity to share my extreme gratitude to Bob Handzo for his eight years of service as our president.

Mercedes Benz Club members, as I can attest are fun people to be around. I am already looking forward to our upcoming year, as several potential candidate events for 2019 were discussed at our meeting. Lots of wonderful ideas were shared and as a result, our social calendar is already looking robust. An executive board meeting followed and we have tentative events scheduled for a late Sunday in April, June 16th, July 7th, September 7th and/or 8th and November 10th. These dates include our popular tech session with Bill Wayman at his wonderful multi garage venue in late April, the Sonnenberg Father's Day Car show in Canandaigua in June and our ever popular picnic in July at Red Kozinski's. We have volunteers already at work on a joint Rotary/ Mercedes Benz Club event at the shiny new De Lago Casino and Resort in September and of course our annual meeting in November. We are certainly encourage ideas and volunteers to organize events for May and August. New member Jim had suggested a group gathering that offers driving our collected Benz's together to a destination as a wonderful experience for both club members and those that see us along the way. What a great photo opportunity that will be.

We also want to begin something new. In commiserating with several members at the annual meeting it hit me square between the eyes that everyone has a unique and special story to share of how they procured their babies (their 'Benz'). Bob Harradine has offered to share his story about his recent E350 acquisition and maybe his long ago purchase of his SL in an upcoming newsletter. I know new comers Jim Patton and Ethan Fogg have stories to tell about their new 'wheels' as do I when researching and buying my 2000 CLK320 Cabriolet back in 2013.

As previously stated by past president Bob, "Enjoy the rest of winter, in the sunny south (Mercedes weather) or the blustery north (your pleasure covered up and stored in the garage)". Remember the good times had by all when the FLMBCA will gather sooner than we all think.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2019.

Don Klug

THANK YOU ALL!

It has been a privilege to have been the President of Finger Lakes Section, Mercedes-Benz Club of America for the past eight years. I have been gratified to see the Section grow, the friendship of members, new and old, mean a great deal to me and I thank the many members who have suggested and carried through on event ideas for all to enjoy.

Special thanks to Don Klug, Judy Handzo, Oscar and Peggy Raffo and Dave Kliment who were always there to back up the inner workings of guiding the Club. Don will assume the Presidency in 2019 and his skills and enthusiasm will carry FLMBCA into the new year and beyond.

BOB

FINGER LAKES SECTION

MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA

Minutes of the Annual Meeting, November 11th, 2018



Belhurst Castle in Geneva hosted our Annual Meeting again on Sunday November 11th. Twenty four people were in attendance, twelve members, eight affiliates and four guests were present. We welcomed Menzer and Rena Doud and their daughter Julie; Newsletter Editors Peggy and Oscar Raffo; Bob and Kathy Harradine; Vice President Don Klug and Betsy; Jan and Larry Driscoll; Mel and Alice Dillon; Gene Eng; President Bob Handzo; Secretary/Treasurer Judy Handzo and their daughter Gillian; Doug and Bea Archer; Bill Wayman; Red Kosinski and friend Nellie; and two new members, Jim Patton and Ethan Fogg.

Bob called the meeting to order at 1:50 PM and announced there would be no elections to fill the two open positions on the Executive Board (President and Secretary/Treasurer) as no applications for these positions were received. Therefore, Vice President, Don Klug will assume the Presidency on January 1st, 2019. Judy will continue as Secretary/Treasurer for the foreseeable future and Don asked Bob Harradine to step into the Vice President position, which he agreed to. Peggy and Oscar Raffo will continue as Editors and new member contacts and Dave Kliment will fill the Webmaster slot again.



Bob mentioned that at the National MBCA meeting recently, the slow growth of membership was discussed. We will learn more as National will put new plans and ideas for all Sections in play. FLMBCA is growing slowly and steadily helped by the local sales of new models. We enjoyed hearing Jim's and Ethan's stories of their Mercedes acquisitions.





Judy mentioned the 10 members (their names elsewhere in this Newsletter) who will receive their 10 year membership award pins and she presented Bob with his 30 year award pin. She also gave the current financial report: to date income for 2018 is \$1,576.70 attributed to member rebates from National, our advertisers, and club sales. To date 2018 expenses totaled \$897.62 including postage, office expenses, events and web maintenance. The current bank balance is \$3,783.21. Requests for a copy of the final treasury report will be available at the end of January when I send the report to National.

Lunch was served and quiet reigned until everything (except dessert) was consumed.



Four articles of M-B logoed clothing on display were offered as raffle prizes and quickly won by pleased members.

We discussed possible monthly events for the coming year. Bill Wayman will host his popular annual Garage Tech and question and answer session in the Spring at his home again. Judy suggested the bus tour at the Seneca Army Depot to see the white deer and the many remains of the facility left behind by the Army. Also mentioned: Auburn offers a Prison City Mug Shot and great beef on week to enjoy nearby; Empire Brewery tour in Syracuse; Seneca Falls Rotary Club food festival at the Del Lago Casino; Hammondsport's Fly-In and car show on the second weekend in September. More suggestions will be offered as the new year proceeds.



Our traditional Annual Picnic and New Member Welcome at Red Kosinski's home will be on the Sunday after Fourth of July; we will again meet up with the Niagara Section for the Father's Day Car Show at Sonnenberg in May; also in May (no date yet) we will join with the Western New York Lotus Club for a day on the track at Watkins Glen; the Annual Meeting is on for the Sunday before Thanksgiving again at Belhurst.



We ended our meeting with the traditional FLMBCA fancy dessert. This year it was 3 log style carrot cakes with cream cheese icing and the MB star. Nothing was left, as usual.

The 2018 meeting concluded at 3:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Handzo, Secretary/Treasurer

2018 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARD PINS

10 YEARS:

**Bill Barron - Tyler Cobb - Richard Gangemi
Lee Peters - William Rose - Bill Rourke - David Tobin**

30 YEARS:

Robert Handzo

UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 MBCA Germany Trips

The 2019 Germany trips are set. These member-only trips provide direct and personal access to Mercedes-Benz facilities and museums and many amazing European landmarks.

**Summer Stuttgart, Germany Trip
June 17-23, 2019**

**Fall Stuttgart, Germany Trip
Sept. 9-15, 2019**

Do not book your flight until your trip is confirmed. River cruises might be available.

Please contact Randy Norris at Frosch Travel, (800) 878-2929 ext. 7105, for details.

To learn more, contact trip Leiter and past national MBCA president Jim O'Sullivan at (843) 671-2079 or [click here to email him](#).



All section members and their guests are encouraged to plan and attend our activities. MBCA sections exist for the sole purpose of bringing together enthusiasts of the Mercedes brand to enjoy and share experiences related to their proud ownership of the Mercedes-Benz automobile.

Classified ads

1971 Mercedes Benz 280 S sedan, asking \$3,500. Mileage, 136,000; new tires, new battery, regular maintenance and lots of TLC has been done. Family is downsizing .

Contact [Steve Rowel](mailto:SteveRowel@Gmail.com) at (315)-767-8434 (Watertown).



Parts from a 1983 300SD 5-cyl Diesel.

140K engine with low compression on 2 cyl, engine accessories, 5-speed auto transmission, hood, trunk lid, all glass except rear light, electronic modules, differential, exhaust system, bumper cover, front core support, radiator, buckets of hardware and bolts etc. And more I have yet to dig out. A pickup truck load! . **FREE but you must take all of it!**

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

Selling one new 15 " wheel Mercedes Benz OEM , I purchased it for my 1986 MB SEL, but never had a chance to mount it . Asking \$ 50.



Also, selling 4 new 15" wheels from Tire Rack, with caps and bolts, Asking \$120 (\$30 each). Number 7Jx15H2.

Contact Oscar Raffo: oscarraffo@hotmail.com 585-317-8857

How to winterize your Mercedes-Benz

For some Mercedes-Benz owners, (especially the lucky ones with a convertible) the winter puts an end to the summer fun. Storing your Mercedes-Benz the right way is important to ensure that you will not be greeted with warning lights when you need to get your car started again. Or even worse– not be greeted at all. Here is a list of things that you may want to consider as you plan on winterizing your Mercedes-Benz.

Here are a few valuable tips for Mercedes-Benz drivers. If you don't drive your car in the winter and want to store it, follow these easy tips.

Fill up the Fuel Tank

Don't leave the car parked for months with a nearly empty fuel tank. The empty space in the fuel tank of your Mercedes-Benz will contain vapor, and over time it will condense to water. The water will not only contaminate the gasoline, but it can cause corrosion especially to the fuel level sensor. Otherwise, you may have problems such as the fuel gauge no longer works or shows the correct gas level.



Perform Routine Maintenance



If your Mercedes-Benz is nearing the routine maintenance such as Service A, B, C, D, E in the next 500 miles or 30 days, you may want to have the maintenance performed before you store your MB.

Check Tire Pressure



Add air to the tire and set the pressure to at least 40 psi. It is very likely that the tires will lose some air even if you have no leaks. This will minimize the flat spotting of the tires. If you don't have a tire inflator at home, you can use air compressor that plugs into the cigarette lighter and inflates your tires.

How to winterize your Mercedes-Benz

Use Car Cover



If you are planning on storing your Mercedes-Benz, it is recommended that you use a cover. This will prevent damage to the car's paint. Replacement covers can be purchased at any local store or online. You don't need to get a cover designed specifically for Mercedes-Benz, any universal cover will be better than nothing, as long as it will fit on the car. Most MB cars need a large car cover for S, CLK, CLS, CLA-Class. Small or mid size vehicle covers may be hard to fit even on a C-Class but may work on S, SL class.

Disconnect Battery



We would prefer to disconnect the battery if you plan on letting the car sit for several months. Keep in mind that when you start up the car again you will need to synchronize things such as the windows by pressing and holding the windows switch for 5 seconds once the window hits the top. Sync the sunroof by moving it all the way to the back then continue to hold the switch for another five seconds. Repeat the same procedure but this time move the sunroof all the way to the front and continue to hold the switch after the sunroof closes.

You will also need to reset the steering angle sensor otherwise you will have ABS, ESP defective warning on the dashboard. To reset the steering angle sensor, start the car and turn the steering wheel all the way to the right then all the way to the left. Do this a couple of times and then restart the car. The warning lights should disappear.

If you feel uncomfortable with disconnecting the battery, your other option would be to connect a battery tender.

Fluids



Make sure that your systems have the correct fluids. What do we mean? Your coolant should have a 50/50 mix, not just water. You shouldn't have water in your cooling system anyway. If you live in very cold climates you may want to change the mixing ratio to 30 water and 70 antifreeze.

Make sure that you also have windshield washer fluid that will not freeze in low temperatures. It is not uncommon for owners to fill up the windshield washer fluid reservoir with just water. If you are going to store your Mercedes-Benz for the winter, If you have only **water** in your windshield washer fluid reservoir; add the correct windshield washer fluid. Then run the wipers for a few minutes to get the windshield washer fluid into the lines. Otherwise, the lines can freeze during the winter especially if you have been using just water. This can cause crack and windshield washer fluid leaks.

If it is possible start the car up a few times during the winter and take it for a short trip. That would be best way to ensure that your Mercedes-Benz stays in excellent shape.

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