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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, 3RD QUARTER 2018

Judy and I attended the memorial services for our friends Roy Kuck, in Buffalo and Larry Hansen, in Penn Yan this past month. How unfortunate to lose two of our wonderful members. Roy has been an inspiration to us and to Finger Lakes for many years and Larry, with his Mercedes knowledge and sense of humor was a delight when he had time to join us.

I hope to see many of you at our annual July picnic at Red Kosinski's. Further info is in this newsletter. We have a low key People's Choice car show on the lawn and plenty to eat and drink plus welcoming our newest members and relaxing with old friends.

We originally moved to the Finger Lakes area in 2004 to be closer to our daughter and young grandchildren. Plus - who could not fall in love with the outstanding scenery! The "kids" are in college now and we're older and ready to accept the fact that upkeep of our acreage is a chore, although the venison is delicious. It is time to move on seeking an easier living environment in a little warmer winter climate. Sooo.....it's really time now for you to get involved to keep this club going strong, to keep the spirit of our activities, encouraging new members and making new friends. Being on the Executive Board in any position is not a difficult job and the rewards are many. We will need a new President and Secretary/Treasurer in 2019. If you have interest, let's talk before our annual meeting on November 11th.

Bob

NEW MEMBERS

Steve Becraft (Ithaca, NY)
Frank Bonamie (Ithaca, NY)
Anthony DiBiase (Fayetteville, NY)
Peter Fellegara (Fairport, NY)
Milan Katz (Rochestr, NY)
Stephen Levine (Syracuse, NY)
Clyde Williams

WELCOME TO ALL, and thank you for joining us!

(Current members : Please remember to renew!)

FLMBCA Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, JULY 8TH AT 1:00 PM

ANNUAL PICNIC AND NEW MEMBER WELCOME RED KOSINSKI'S HOME IN SCOTTSVILLE

Bring your Mercedes, family, chairs and a picnic side dish to share to our most popular event. A sparkling pool, lawn games and wood land trails to explore plus our People's Choice car show on the lawn, lots of Mercedes stories and wonderful foods await you. In addition to burgers and dogs Red grills a fantastic beef roast to enjoy with the selection of sides. The club provides all the rest including tableware, condiments, various liquid refreshments, and homemade ice cream. We welcome our newest members (those who have joined between July 2017 and June 2018) with Mercedes pins and initiate them into the fun of owning the best car in the world. Reservations are necessary. Please RSVP to Judy Handzo if you plan to attend by Thursday, July 5th at either [585-943-6377](tel:585-943-6377) or handzo912@twc.com.

Red's home is located at 1300 Scottsville-Mumford Road (Route 383), 2 miles south of the village of Scottsville. GPS directions are for 1250 Scottsville-Mumford Road which is part of Red's property. Look for the pylons at the end of the driveway. Rain or shine!

FRIDAY, JULY 20TH

2018 PPG Syracuse Nationals Classic Car Show

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 1:30PM

Annual Meeting at Belhurst, Geneva, NY. Election for Executive Board positions, ideas and discussions for 2019. Lunch choices will be available in October. Reservations are necessary.

2018 Germany Trips

The 2018 Germany trips are set. These member-only trips provide direct and personal access to Mercedes-Benz facilities and museums and many amazing European landmarks. Don't wait any longer, as space is limited and already filling up.

Summer Stuttgart, Germany Trip
July 16-22, 2018

Fall Stuttgart, Germany Trip
Sept. 24-30, 2018

Do not book your flight until your trip is confirmed.

Optional River Cruise

Optional river cruises are offered before or after the Stuttgart trips. Please contact Randy Norris at Frosch Travel, (800) 878-2929 ext. 7105, for details.

[Click here to register](#) and learn more or call trip Leiter and past national MBCA president Jim O'Sullivan at (843) 671-2079 or email him at osullivanj55@gmail.com.

Jim will be unavailable by telephone Dec. 11, 2017-Jan. 21, 2018. He will be answering email. However, it may be delayed.

To secure your trip before they sell out, Jim suggests calling the National Business Office at (800) 637-2360 to register and pay a deposit, which is fully refundable. [Click here](#) for a trip reservation form.



BILL WAYMAN'S ANNUAL GARAGE AND SHOP TOUR

Sunday April 22th, at 1:00pm



Don Klug and Larry Hansen



Once again, Bill welcomed the Finger Lakes Mercedes Benz Club to his residence in Ontario, NY. The meeting was attended by Bob Handzo, Don Klug, Bill Wayman, Rick Lux, Gene Eng, Jeff Miller, Keith Gilliland, Larry Hansen and Oscar Raffo. Now that his green 1935 Oldsmobile is completely restored... it is time for a new project! At this opportunity, Bill proudly showed his new toy: a 1970 Jaguar XKE that he will restore to its original state. The only way that Bill restores cars is TO PERFECTION !

It was a beautiful spring day with Lake Ontario less elevated than last year. Nobody would expect that this would be the last time that we had the opportunity to share our time with Larry Hansen who passed away a few weeks ago.

A VISIT TO HISTORIC SENECA FALLS, Saturday, May 5th, 2018

After losing our electricity the night before the 5th with that ferocious rain and wind I had visions of having to cancel our meeting in Seneca Falls due to fallen trees and possible storm damage. No fear! Saturday dawned sunny and warm. Locally the electric was restored, some big limbs down but nothing requiring immediate care. Early breakfast and we were off to meet Jan and Larry Driscoll in Seneca Falls by 9:30AM. We parked in the Gould Hotel lot and a short walk took us to the fascinating Women's Rights National Historical Park on the Main Street. Bob Harradine joined us for a short film on the history of the movement followed by a tour of the two floors where an amazing collection of photos, articles and exhibits of the lives of women prior to full emancipation. Next door to this building is the former Wesleyan Chapel, now fully restored, where women gathered in secret meetings to plan their equality to be considered equal to men in all aspects. In 1848 hundreds gathered to debate their request and these strong women stood up for themselves and their sisters. However it was after the turn of the century before full rights were given to all women.

We walked over to view the Cayuga-Seneca canal that runs through the heart of the town and to admire the large brick building, a former knitting mill, on the far side that will become the new home of the National Women's Hall of Fame hopefully later this year. We met friends of the Driscoll's who were only too happy to take pictures of their visiting tourists. We continued down Main Street (Route 5 & 20) to spend some time in the Seneca Museum of Waterways and Industry and the Visitors Center. I found the huge full wall size painting of the two lakes feeding the canal to be most helpful in understanding the lay of the land. Sort of like viewing the area from a plane. Many interesting exhibits of the local manufacturing both past and present.

And to complete the morning tour, another short walk to the store front museum of the famous movie "It's a Wonderful Life". The motion picture that put Seneca Falls on the map. If you're a fan of this film this is the place to be. Lots and lots of photos of the actors and actress and a guide who can give you a detailed account of the entire filming.

After all this walking and intelligence gathering we returned to the Gould Hotel for lunch. Kathy Harradine was waiting for us and we were joined by two new members, Jeanette and Ken Battle who live along Seneca Lake. The Hotel has an extensive menu and we found the food delicious and the ambiance perfect, as always with Mercedes friends.



FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW AT SONNENBERG GARDENS

Sunday, June 17th, 11:30 am to 4:00 pm



Another wonderful day at Sonnenberg Gardens! So many cars to see one didn't know where to start first! The Mercedes Benz Niagara section was represented by Gene and Joanie Long, Ed Yungbluth, Bev Basinski, Jim Patton and others. The Finger Lakes section was represented by Doug Archer, Bea Archer, Red Kosinsky, Oscar Raffo, Peggy Raffo, Don Klug, Betsy Klug, Bob, Kathy and Kris Harradine and others

We had a delicious snack buffet with excellent beverage choices. Thanks to all who brought something to share! A special thanks to Betsy Klug who delighted us with her special spread of liverwurst pate. We were blessed with a great location with some nice shade trees. We were all cool as cucumbers! Maybe we didn't win any car prizes, but it was lots of fun.

Dearly Departed Members

Norman Ahlheim, from Chaumont NY, passed away on May 30, 2018.

Norman had been a member of FLMBCA since October 2015.

Our deepest sympathy to his family.

Larry Hansen from Penn Yan, NY passed away on June 9, 2018. Larry had been a member of FLMBCA since December 2000. Soft spoken with a good sense of humor.

He did win the first place in our People's Choice Car Show in 2015 with his beloved 1999 little red SLK.

We will miss him.

Roy Kuck, passed away on June 15, 2018. Roy had been a Mercedes Benz Club Niagara and Finger Lake Sections member, for nearly forty years, and had encouraged existing and new members alike through the years by getting them involved in club activities. He had held several MBCA national positions. He was the former Editor of TRI-STAR for many years. Roy will be missed greatly at our future gatherings.

Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife, Jeanette, and their entire family.

BLING FOR YOUR MERCEDES! Only one left!

Let the world know you are a member of the Finger Lakes Section MBCA with a new powder coated heavy metal license plate frame to spark up the back, and or front, of your Star Car. We've had these sturdy frames made by Preferred Powder Coatings in Minnesota. They feature "MBCA" and the Mercedes logo on top and Finger Lakes Section and the club logo on the bottom in blue and white. The coated frame is matte silver. They are available at \$22.00 each at every gathering and event and can be mailed to you for a small additional charge. Call or e-mail Bob or Judy to order one today! handzo912@twc.com 585-367-2815.



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