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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 3rd QUARTER, 2014

We've reached our highest membership (9 new members within the last three months for a total of 118), that FLMBCA has ever had and we're still growing! There are many factors to thank especially to our current member enthusiasm and recruiting, the Rochester Mercedes-Benz dealership, our sponsors and the growing popularity of owning a truly suburb automobile. My wish would be to see more members attending our events and gatherings to meet and enjoy the fellowship of other owners.

Our joint event with the Niagara Section at the Father's Day Car Show at Sonnenberg Gardens was a great success. We had beautiful weather and beautiful cars to admire and it was enjoyable to be with people who understand and share our passion for the M-B marque.

We are collaborating with the Hudson-Mohawk Section in hosting an autumn weekend in the Finger Lakes on October 25 and 26, headquartered at the Ramada Hotel at the head of Seneca Lake in Geneva. Currently plans include a Saturday morning rally through the area, an afternoon devoted to sampling wines at several of Seneca's best wineries, and a reception and dinner Saturday evening. We'll keep you up to date as plans progress and let you know what extras are in store. Set this date aside for a wonderful weekend meeting new friends from Mercedes-Benz clubs throughout the Northeast.

A club with member common interests always has someone to help solve problems. If you have a question concerning maintenance, finding parts or accessories, guidance in exterior or interior care, or anything Mercedes related don't hesitate to contact me or our VP, Don Klug. We'll help you maintain the finer points of owning and driving your Mercedes-Benz.

Time to enjoy the warmer weather. Take a run-away day and check out the wonderful sights in the Finger Lakes in your Star car.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, THIRD QUARTER 2014

Randall Clark, Fairport, NY
Neil Morris, Farmington, NY – 2010 C300
Vincent Moyer, Rochester, NY
Doug and Beatrice Archer, Troy, PA
Larry Driscoll, Seneca Falls, NY
Howard Kelly, Watertown, NY
Christopher Rauscher, Manlius, NY
John Trippe, Victor, NY
Russ Faunce, Black River, NY

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JULY 20TH – Annual picnic and new member welcome at Red Kozinski's in Scottsville, 1 to 5 PM. See additional information in this newsletter.

AUGUST 23RD – A guided trolley tour of Mark Twain's legacy in Elmira, NY followed by lunch at Red Newt Cellars on the east side of Seneca Lake in Hector. More information will be sent by e-mail in early August.

SEPTEMBER – TBD. Looking for ideas. Have a favorite place to visit or an enjoyable country drive to share with other members?

OCTOBER 25TH AND 26TH – A weekend in the Finger Lakes hosted by FLMBCA and the Hudson-Mohawk Section. This is an event for the entire Northeast region and will be headquartered at the Ramada Hotel in Penn-Yan. Activities will include a Saturday morning rally followed by lunch and visits to several excellent Seneca wineries. A reception and dinner will be at the hotel that evening. Plans are still in the works for additional entertainment. Here's a chance to meet fellow M-B members from Canada, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and the three New York Sections. As more information is confirmed we will send e-mails to FLMBCA members.

NOVEMBER 17TH – Annual meeting at Belhurst Castle in Geneva. Election of officers and planning events for 2015 will be discussed. Lunch will be hosted by the club. If you wish to be considered for an office, or you want to place another's name for election, you, and your nominee, are required to be present at the meeting.

DECEMBER/JANUARY - No meetings/events these months. Put the Mercedes away, enjoy the holidays, go for a cruise to some warmer islands.



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FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW JUNE 15TH, 2014

SONNENBERG GARDENS, CANANDAIGUA

A perfect car show day. Over 150 cars of every make, model and the imagination could think of on display. Finger Lakes and Niagara Sections MBCA coordinated to display 15 Mercedes, including one Smart, on a day of sunshine, good friends, good food and a definitely fun experience. It was the day for SLs, top down. We had a 560, 550, two 500s, 450, 380 and a 320. All gorgeous, making you wonder why you weren't driving a convertible. In addition to all this beauty there was a bright red GLK250, a ML350 that appeared to be a "clown car" judging by the number of passengers who hopped out, a 300CE, a CLK320, an E320, and two 300SDs plus the Smart who sported a glowing orange "General Lee" façade.

There was a big picnic table under one of the huge trees and we piled it high with dips and chips, veggies, salads, pulled pork, meatballs and other fare, completing the feast with chocolate covered strawberries, cookies and brownies. The day was sunny, the temperature agreeable and the FLMBCA and NMBCA comraderie was instant. Stories, advice and recommendations were freely exchanged. Visits were made to the Sonnenberg mansion for tours, admiring the extensive gardens including the greenhouses and shopping at the gift shop. Did anyone try the wine tasting at the New York Wine Center? Music played all day, food and drinks were available for purchase - a car show with everything!

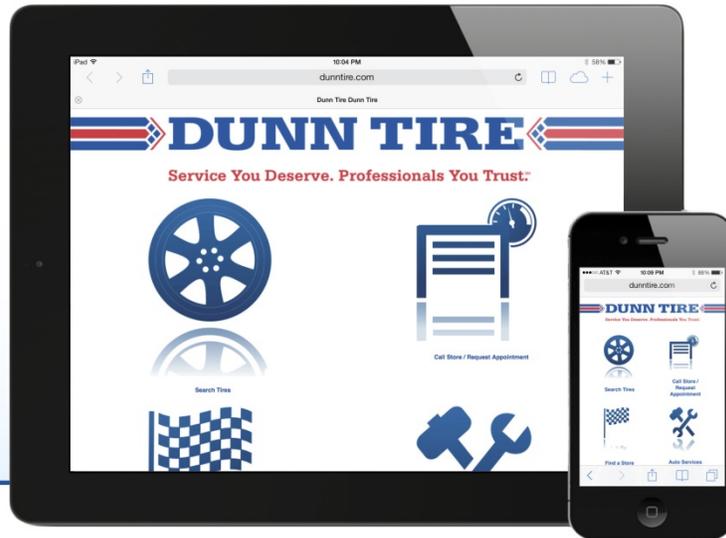
We all took time to admire the various other vehicles on display. Huge Cadillac convertibles, an early elegant Lincoln towncar, one Ferrari (that we chased out of the M-B parking area), lots of Corvettes, MGs and Triumphs, Fords and Chevys of every description, eye popping custom hot rods and so much more that I didn't recognize or can't remember. Everyone graciously answered any questions posed about their pride and joy.

I have to mention that FLMBCA's President, Bob Handzo, left the 300TD at home to enter his original owner 1967 912 Porsche in Finger Lakes PCA's annual concours held in conjunction with the Sonnenberg show. He received a Best of Class and was thrilled to take home a Best of Show award also. I guess I'll have to ramp up my cleaning efforts on the M-B but that's a whole lot more of car, and diesel too, in comparison to that little Porsche.

All in all – a perfect day at the perfect venue. Don't miss it next year.

Judy Handzo

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FLMBCA 2014 ANNUAL PICNIC AND NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Sunday, July 20th, 1:PM at Red Kozinski's home

1300 Scottsville-Mumford Road (Rt. 383), 2 miles south

of the village of Scottsville



GPS directions are for 1250 Scottsville-Mumford Rd. but that's part of Red's property – look for the pylons at the end of the driveway. Bring your family and picnic fare to share – salads or desserts, bathing suits and towels if you plan a swim in the sparkling pool, chairs, appetites and the anticipation of having a good time. The Club will supply foods for the grill, condiments and liquid refreshments. In addition to the pool, there will be lawn games, wooded trails to explore, a People's Choice informal car show, prizes and lots of Mercedes stories. We will welcome our newest (one year or less) members with M-B pins and initiate them into the fun of owning the best car in the world!

Please let me know by Wednesday, July 16th if you plan to attend (especially if you're bringing children) so we can plan the amount of food/drink to provide. Judy Handzo, handzo912@frontiernet.net or 585-367-2815



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A VISIT TO THE EASTMAN HOUSE

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH, 2014

Six of us met at the entrance to this beautiful house/photography museum and were met by our guide, Steve Piper, who started his excellent tour by explaining and showing us the changes in photography and equipment, especially what photo shop hath wrought, over the last 200 years. And, yes, we all had a Kodak Brownie as youngsters. We moved on to two galleries displaying the current selections while Steve continued his explanations and encouraged us to look deeper into each photo and observe what the photographer is telling us. The first gallery was "A World Apart". A collection of pictures of the culture of Hasidic communities in Israel. The wedding photos were full of celebrants having a wonderful time while the veiled bride was carried aloft. The second gallery was "Another America – A Tribute to the Amish" and a world away from the previous photographs. The photographer was tolerated by this closed community by never using his camera in posed positions. Revealed were pictures of hard working farmers using old fashion equipment in their fields, women tending kitchen gardens, hanging wash done by hand and with their barefoot children playing beside them. Indeed, they are the plain people

but beautiful. We had little time left to pause at the gallery of a large-format portfolio before meeting our house guide, John Young, for a look inside the restored mansion built by George Eastman. He started by explaining that the addition that houses the photography galleries has a climate controlled 3 level basement filled with photographic archives and other material for use and study by photographers, writers, students and other professionals. We walked past the Palm Court (devoid of palms) giving us a glimpse of the well-tended gardens outside where daffodils were announcing Spring and down the lattice covered Colonnade and into the house itself. We began our tour in the huge, beautiful front entry hall featuring a grand staircase with balcony overlooking the conservatory before splitting in a double stairway continuing to the second floor. On to the formal living room where most of the original art and furniture has been replicated including the extensive decorative moldings and ceiling. The estate was endowed to the University of Rochester and during the early years of the 20th century the house was used as the residence for the Presidents of the university. A majority of the fancy work throughout the first floor was removed during the tenure of a Quaker President who wished a simpler abode. The library was next followed by the billiard room featuring animal motifs and stained glass window medallions celebrating the various forms of transportation used by Mr. Eastman in his travels. The dining room sports a large silver safe hidden behind the wall paneling with plenty of room for extensive sterling and china. The table was set for luncheon for six, with simple place settings. The Conservatory was the final room on our tour and it is the highlight of the home, then and now. It was enlarged from square to rectangle configuration in 1910 when the house was literally cut in half, the rear half moved back and reconnected to the new, bigger conservatory at a cost of \$750,000, close to three times the cost of the original house. A huge elephant head, mounted at second floor level, and one mounted giant tusk dominate. Mr. Eastman shot the rogue elephant while on safari in 1928. It had just that one tusk so wooden tusks were improvised for the stuffed head. Lovely green trees and plants of the season are on display. The piece de resistance is a theatre style pipe organ and we were treated to a recital of popular and classical music. This organ has thousands of pipes located at both ends of the room hidden by screening on the second floor. The tone was rich, rather like Radio City Music Hall. Mr. Eastman had it played every morning while he read the daily papers. I can't believe it didn't awaken everyone else in the house. The only room open on the second floor, furnished as it might have been when occupied by Mr. Eastman's Mother, is her bedroom suite. Quite luxurious with a walk-in closet, full bathroom and sitting area. Several other rooms display the history of Eastman's life and the growth of the Kodak business and many more are dedicated to the offices of the personnel required to continue the management of the estate.

Sustenance was required at this point and we set off for Fairport and a favorite restaurant of Bob and Kathy Harradine where we could slake our thirst and get to know our newest members, Doug and Bea Archer. They live in PA, near Mansfield, and we are honored that they chose to join Finger Lakes. We cover such a large area and I'm always amazed at the dedication of our members who live so far from the majority here in the Rochester area. We must be doing something good or perhaps it's THE CAR alone.

Please join us for the next event – there are so many nice new friends to meet.



BILL WAYMANS GARAGE TECH SESSION, MARCH 31ST 2014



What better way to spend a snowy Sunday afternoon than in a warm setting of a well appointed garage where there wasn't an empty cubbyhole to store tools, supplies or anything else. One wall in particular was stuffed with a box of tubing, be it rubber, plastic, copper, a collection of wire, switches, valves – you might call it clutter but each item someday might be used to solve a small problem, but might also be cannibalized or used to salve another piece in a puzzle of fix or repair.

Topics discussed included the rebuilding of a 30 year old vacuum pump where the diaphragm or flappers had dried out and were not operating correctly.

We talked about window washer fluid additives to solve problems with streaking after the windshield wiper tried the best to clear the salt, snow, road grit and rain from the window.

The importance of the correct antifreeze solutions that will not cause radiator corrosion and make the heater and thermostat inoperable in a short time was addressed. Suitable substitute antifreeze brands were suggested if you didn't have the opportunity to purchase from the Mercedes-Benz dealer parts center.

A side discussion explained the steering challenge involved in the restoration of a 1938 Oldsmobile, the body of which was separated from the chassis and on dolly wheels to provide some extra space in the very crowded second four car garage that housed the 2006 diesel M-B Sunday drive car and Bill's hand built steam driven early Stanley Steamer replica machine used for parades, weddings, shows and general interest display

Opening the garage for guests and technical discussions afforded Bill the opportunity to straighten up, and store sawhorses, welding equipment, various machinery and sit and offer solutions to the various problems brought up by the attendees. The weather was terrible, another snow fall had left the roads covered and the temperature freezing but the stalwart members who attended certainly received plenty of useful information from the Finger Lake's guru of all things mechanical. If Bill is willing, perhaps he'll open his "laboratory" again next year, in warmer weather, and you can be treated to the answers only an expert can suggest your vexing questions.

Bob Handzo

MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB STAR® MAGAZINE WINS RECORD 18 MEDALS AT INTERNATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE MEDIA COMPETITION

Colorado Springs, CO — For the fifth consecutive year, the International Automotive Media Competition (IAMC), an awards program that recognizes excellence in all forms of automotive media, has awarded bronze, silver and gold medals to The Star® magazine, the official magazine of Mercedes-Benz Club of America. The Star received more gold medals than any other media outlet in the competition. The 23rd annual International Automotive Media Competition presented awards for works published from January 1-December 31, 2013. Entries were judged by a panel of experts whose backgrounds include academia, professional auto racing, public relations and automotive fine arts; among other disciplines.

Eighteen medals were awarded to The Star's editor and content contributors in the categories of magazine writing, graphics and best single/special issue. *"I am delighted that so many of our writers and photographers received medals for their work,"* reported Gary Anderson, Editor-in-Chief of The Star.

"Several of them have been aligned with the Mercedes-Benz brand and the automotive industry for decades and their in-depth reporting reflects that. Others, like Matthew Crawford — a member of MBCA's Desert Stars Section in Scottsdale, Arizona — is not a journalist, but his knowledge about Mercedes-Benz engineering and his enthusiasm for the Club showed through in his article about removing yellowing from headlights; earning him a silver medallion," Anderson added.

Gold medals were awarded to Mr. Anderson, Karl Ludvigsen, Graham Robson, Richard Simonds (past National President of MBCA), Stephan McKeown (The Star designer), and Royce Rumsey (photographer for the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center). Silver medallions were presented to Messrs. Crawford, Anderson, McKeown, Robson and Ted Zombeck. Messrs. McKeown, Zombeck, Anderson and Anderson's wife Genie, Associate Editor of The Star, also received Bronze medals.

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