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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, 2ND QUARTER 2016

A recent visit with one of our members led to a discussion reviewing the history and growth of club membership during the past few years. We agreed that most leisure time clubs are not what they used to be. Today, few people have the time or inclination to spend to get fully involved in club activities although they may have interest in the subject. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest et. al. have become the communication vehicles while the comradeship of club events and meetings that brought members together has diminished. Perhaps one of the members we haven't seen in a while will discover that although social message sites are handy and quick but meeting members face to face is of greater value and interest than a few words that can be saved or deleted. The FLMBCA members who plan the clubs' social gatherings try to find the right combination of activities that will appeal to the greatest number of members and we always need your help and suggestions.

We all love to drive our Mercedes cars and April and May have planned events that will increase your knowledge and pleasure in your STAR car. I always look forward to an afternoon at Bill Wayman's garages where the discussions range from how to do most anything automobile-wise to wine making. In May, Simon Pontin will teach you how to detail your car to produce a winner at the Sonnenberg Car Show in June. Here are two events devoted to one of the reasons you joined the club. I hope to see many of you at both opportunities. Don't forget the Mercedes-Lotus driving event at Watkins Glen also in June. Not only will you learn to appreciate what your car can do, you'll learn to drive safely at speed. All on one of the great racetracks in the country!

Pick an event, meet your fellow members, learn something new, I can assure you that it will be time well spent.

BOB

SEE YOU AT STARFEST!!

FINGER LAKES SECTION - MBCA
UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE 2016



APRIL: SUNDAY APRIL 24TH, 1:00PM An afternoon of answers to all your automotive/technical, or just about anything else, questions with our Guru, Bill Wayman. Bill welcomes us to his home and garages in Ontario where his many projects are on display. Additional information and directions are elsewhere in this newsletter.

MAY: SUNDAY MAY 22ND, 1:00PM-3:00PM Simon Pontin will be hosting an afternoon guiding you in preparing a car show winner with his in-depth detailing instructions. Additional information and directions are elsewhere in this newsletter.

JUNE: SUNDAY JUNE 19TH, Fathers Day Car Show at Sonnenberg Gardens, Canandaigua. Finger Lakes joins with Niagara Section to display a wide variety of Mercedes models and to enjoy a picnic together. The premier car show of the season includes many marques, lots to do and see on site for the whole family. Register online (sonnenberg.org, click on events) or call 585-394-4922 before June 15th for special \$7.00/car fee or pay day of show for \$14.00/car. Additional information will be e-mailed in May.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND, Mercedes and Lotus day at Watkins Glen. Your opportunity to learn to be a better driver and to enjoy your car safely at speed. Full information including registration and entry fee will be emailed in May.

JULY: SUNDAY JULY 10TH, 1:00PM til ?, Annual picnic and new member welcome at Red Kosinski's home in Scottsville. People's choice car show, swimming, hiking, lawn games, prizes, lots of fun. Everyone brings a dish to pass, club supplies drinks, burgers, hot dogs, Red supplies a fantastic haunch of meat roasted on his special grill. Additional information and directions will be emailed in June. Don't miss this event!

AUGUST: TBD, suggestions please.....



ANNUAL WINTER GET-TOGETHER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST 2016

The Spaghetti Warehouse in Syracuse is akin to a carnival or boardwalk arcade with their extensive collection of fun artifacts. Lunch in a trolley car? - right this way! When we asked for the reserved Mercedes-Benz table we were led to the rear banquet room where we were astonished to find 30 + people already seated at long tables. Turns out it was the annual meeting of the local Antique Car Club of America. They thought the Handzos and the Klugs were new members and greeted us with enthusiasm. We explained that we should have been seated with the Mercedes group but one of the ACCA members had a story to tell us first. In 1984 he bought a Gullwing with 32,000 original miles that had been in storage for 15 years, paid \$17,000 and trailered it home. When he found out how much the restoration would cost (having a couple of kids in college) he couldn't keep it. He found a buyer in Texas the following year who happily paid \$47,000. Not a bad return but knowing what a Gullwing would sell for today he could kick himself. We left the ACCA members to enjoy their speaker of the day and were seated at a table beneath an elegant, very fancy and very old bedstead. We were a small group which made conversation easy in the crowded restaurant. I had hoped to have more members from the Syracuse area join us but it is that time of year when Florida and points south beckon especially when Syracuse has won the most snow award ...so far. We ordered lunch and were rewarded with great portions of really delicious foods. Their highly touted 15 layer lasagna was more than I could finish and came home with me for dinner the next night and lunch the following day. Conversation was mostly about the 2016 change in electing officers for the club. Bob has declined the position of President after this year. The election committee will ask members with interest to serve on the Executive Board and prepare a ballot for all positions with additional opportunity for members to add other names. Ballots will be emailed, or mailed, to all members. The voting will be conducted, as usual, at the annual meeting in November. Don had a recommendation of five events during the year rather than monthly get-togethers. They would be a spring or fall tech session, Sonnenberg Car Show in June, annual July picnic, an autumn tour or rally and the Annual Meeting in November. Since FLMBCA covers such a large area and it's difficult to get a group together to enjoy monthly meetings this appears to be something we should try. Let Bob (585-367-2815) or Don (315-785-8800) know if you think this is a good idea or you have other suggestions.

Traveling on the Thruway to Syracuse gave us a start when the roadway became grooved cement instead of macadam west of exit 36 and it felt like the car was being buffeted by high winds. Tire problem? Steering malfunction? Something worse? We pulled into the exit before 36 and carefully examined the car to no avail. Nothing could be found that would have caused the problem so we continued on and shortly the problem disappeared – we were back on solid macadam. Yes, new snow tires and grooved road surfaces are not exactly compatible. Noel White, our resident solver of problems like this, agreed. The drive home was much more comfortable knowing the cause. Judy Handzo



TECH SESSION AT BILL WAYMAN'S GARAGES

SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2016 AT 1:00 PM

Bill is a retiree from many years at Xerox with more than 85 patents in his name, just so you know this is a very smart man. Bring him an automotive or technical question and he will have an answer for you and show you how to fix it yourself too. Bill might fire-up his welder, milling machine or lathe to solve a problem on the spot. Speaking of "firing up", if the weather is nice he will fire-up his 1899 steam car replica and give rides. If you have a part that needs identification, bring that along for an explanation.

In addition to the steam car, which Bill built, his collection includes a 1929 REO, a 1935 Oldsmobile under complete restoration, three Mercedes from 1981 to 2006 and a misbehaving 2003 Audi. Obviously all these cars have given Bill an edge in his automotive knowledge that he is happy to share with fellow members.

Your tech session presence will enable you to enjoy the wide array of benefits, social activity and fellowship that our common passion for Mercedes-Benz automobiles offer. We are very grateful to have Bill share his knowledge and his home with us. Light refreshments will be available. Come rain or shine.

Directions: 1945 Lake Road, Ontario NY 14519. Google maps have the correct location. From Route 104 take Knickerbocker north to Lake Road, turn left and turn right in the first driveway. This shared driveway is located next to a large blue water tank.



CAR SHOW PREPARATION WITH SIMON PONTIN

SUNDAY, MAY 22ND, 1:00 TO 3:00 PM

Car Show season is upon us. There are numerous shows throughout the summer located on supermarket and mall lots, restaurant parking areas, parks, clubs, just about anywhere with an adequate area. It's easy to get hooked, especially when you have a car worth admiration and we all have at least one of those, don't we?

Simon is going to show us how to do it properly. How to have that first place or people's choice winner. He will demonstrate and teach us exterior paint care and correct buffing. Interior cleaning and the all important detailing chores will be explained. Must have clean streak free windows and tires that look brand new. Our expert will be happy to answer any questions concerning paint and detailing.

Plenty of local shows including Sonnenberg and our annual picnic show are coming up. You want that SL to be the best looking Mercedes so we'll see you at Simons to make sure you will take home the first place trophy.

Light refreshments will be available.

Directions: Finger Lakes Vintage & Sports Car is located at 54 West Main Street in Shortsville, NY. From Thruway exit 43, 2 miles south on Route 21, left on West Main Street to #54. From Canandaigua, follow Route 21 to West Main Street, Shortsville. 585-750-8091.



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1991 Mercedes-Benz 500SL. Auto trans., 110,000 miles, hard and soft tops. \$9,000. Chris Lusert @ 607-438-8211. First place award at Sonnenberg Car Show in June. Other photos available.

FOR SALE: 1992 190E, black with silver grey interior, 49,000 original miles, sun roof, Mercedes authorized service only, stored in winters, very clean. Located in Fairport, NY. Asking \$5,500. Call Bob for details – 585-367-2815.

Do you have something to sell or something you want?
E-Mail Vickie at vpatriidge@netzero.com.

BLING FOR YOUR MERCEDES!

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@frontiernet.net / 585-367-2815.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, 2ND QUARTER 2016

Alexander Leonhart, Prattsburgh, NY

Joseph Dibella, Rochester, NY

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For more information e-mail: Mercedes Club of America@mail.vresp.com



MBCA 2016 European Tours
June 20th and Sept. 19th

MBCA's Stuttgart Germany Tour presents the rich heritage of Mercedes-Benz in its home region.

Travelers will enjoy:

- **Guided tours of the Carl Benz Museum in Ladenburg**
- **The Daimler Workshop in Bad Cannstatt**
- **AMG facilities in Affalterbach**
- **The Mercedes-Benz Museum and Brand Center in Unterturkheim**
- **The Technical Museum in Sinsheim**
- **The Bad Cannstatt Engine Assembly Plant**
- **The Classic Center in Fellbach and the Sindelfingen assembly plant that covers more ground than the entire principality of Monaco.**
- **AND be one of the first to witness the production of the Mercedes-Benz 2016 CLA Sedan and GLA SUV in Hungary on our G-Wagon tour in Austria and Hungary October 2016**

This is the Finger Lakes Section ad that will appear in Minuteman's August Starfest program. It was designed by a Rochester firm from the suggestions of Judy and Gillian Handzo.

BEST WISHES TO THE MINUTEMAN SECTION FOR HOSTING THE 2016 STARFEST GATHERING

As part of the Northeast Region,
Finger Lakes Section
welcomes attendees from
across the country to enjoy our
beautiful lake and coastal areas
and award-winning wineries.





2016 National Election

Mercedes-Benz Club of America will conduct a National Election this year to select four Directors at Large and six Regional Directors. The Directors at Large whose terms expire in 2016 are: Cliff Reyle, William Hopper, Josie Lesler and Frank Cozza. Regional Directors in the six even-numbered Regions will also be elected this year. Affected regions include: Mid-Atlantic Region (2), South Central Region (4), Southwest Region (6), Great Lakes Region (8), Southeast Region (10) and the Eastern Region (12).

Active members interested in running for office are encouraged to go online for information and petition forms: 1) Go to www.mbca.org; 2) click the 'Login' button at the top right corner of the home page and follow the log-in instructions; 3) click on the navigation tab titled "Community" then click on the drop down titled "MBCA Resources." The printable petition forms are under the "Election" section. Completed nomination petitions are due at the NBO by May 16, 2016.

If you need assistance, please call the NBO at 800.637.2360, 8am-4:30pm MT (M-T) 8am-4pm MT (F). The deadline for submitting valid petitions is close of business Monday, May 16, 2016.

This year will be the first year for on-line voting. Please update your email address with the club! The new on-line voting will be streamlined and save the club funds if we do not need to send out a paper ballot. Please call or email us with your new or corrected email address.

Steve Ross, 2016 Election Committee Chair



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