

STAR TRACKS 2005

August 2005

Notes from our

President.

- This is a special abbreviated issue of Star Tracks 2005.
- Our Club's 50th Anniversary is next year . There will be many special events. Keep checking both MBCA and our website and newsletter for updates & information.
- Look for a flyer in early September announcing the candidates running for office.
- **NNJS WEBSITE** http://www.mbca.org/northern_new_jersey/NNJMBCA.html

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NNJS Officer Elections

September 17th Elections

New Section officers will be elected this September 17th at the annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Picnic held at Falkenhorst, John Bleimaier's country estate. Anyone wishing to run for any of the offices – President; Vice-President; Secretary; or Treasurer – please send a letter of intent and your qualifications for the position to the Nominating Committee by the 20th of August.

The Nominating Committee is made up of Chairwoman – Barbaranna Kefalonitis, Ed Jahn, and Andy Permison.

Please send your letter to:

Barbaranna Kefalonitis

2 Labarre Rd

Blairstown, NJ 07825

The new officers will be announced at the picnic and will officially take office January 1, 2006.

NNJS By-Laws Revision

NNJS's By-Laws have been revised; please take the time to read them carefully. We will then vote on the new By-Laws at the annual meeting on September 17, 2005.

Thank you to the By-Laws Committee – Ed Longosz, Sean Connor, Ken Spingarn, and Valerie Cristiano for all of their time and effort



42nd NNJS June Jamboree

The stars were perfectly aligned for NNJS's 42nd June Jamboree held on Saturday, June 18, 2005 at Mercedes Benz HQ in Montvale, NJ. Magnificent examples of Mercedes Benz craftsmanship began pulling in at 6:45 am. and continued on until mid afternoon when the

beautiful Starships began their departure for their trip home. After signing in at the Registration table, the participants drove their beauties to the Mercedes Benz sign where our photographer took their pictures. At the end of the day, all Concours and Popular

Vote registrants were able to pick up their framed souvenir three pose photograph.

One could not have asked for a better day as members of MBCA walked the field of cars and admired the expert craftsmanship. From 10:30 until lunch all registrants were given the opportunity to cast a ballot for their favorite Popular Vote car in six different categories while the judges meticulously went over the Concours cars.

Around 12:30, everyone began working their way around the front of the building and through the gate in order to partake of the delicious barbeque most graciously provided by Maryalice Ritzmann of the Classic Center. People had their choice of dining al fresco or eating inside. After lunch we all gathered together for the presentation of the awards.

Maryalice Ritzmann, on behalf of MBUSA, welcomed everyone and let us know that she is looking forward to next year's Jamboree which will also be the 50th anniversary of the Club. Doris Korallus from the European

Delivery Program addressed the group and gave us some information regarding the benefits of this type of delivery.

After the awards were presented, registrants had the opportunity to win a door prize. This year our door prizes were graciously donated by Mercedes Benz of Princeton – thanks to Bob Greces; Contemporary Motors – thanks to Scott Coleman; Mercedes Benz – thanks to Maryalice Ritzmann; Globe Motor Car Company – thanks to Peter Scherr; INTERCAR – thanks to Reid Smith; and Ray Catena's – thanks to Leigh Farrell.

One of the prizes was rather large – a 300SL Pedal Car donated by Contemporary Motors – and it was auctioned off for charity. There was much lively bidding and the lucky winner was Cynthia Martz.

Special Presentation to Dick Barber & Special Auction Winner, Cynthia Martz

There was also a very special presentation made to Richard (Dick) Barber. Dick has been a member of NNJS since September of 1970 and was presented with a 35 year pin as well as one for his wife, Anne. Dick also received a crystal cube etched with the Mercedes Benz logo from our club for all of his years of membership and dedication to our section.

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Annual NNJS-SJS Picnic

Our annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Picnic co-hosted by SJS and NNJS will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2005 at the country estate of John Bleimaier. SJS will once again provide the beverages (non-alcoholic) and NNJS will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, and paper goods. We ask everyone who attends to please bring a main dish, appetizer, or salad to share. Please check with Lucille if you are not sure what to bring and she will let you know what we need.

This is also a Popular Vote Car Show – so give the baby a bath and come on down or up or over to the picnic on the 17th of September. There will be several categories – New, Modern Sedan, Old Sedan, Modern Sport, Old Sport, and Antique/Classic.

Saturday, September 17th 2005 Picnic

Please plan to arrive around 11 am and lunch will be served around 1 pm. John will have some chairs set up, but you may wish to bring your own table and chairs. The volleyball net will be set up and John and Bob will set up the cones for the Jersey Lawn Sprints at the end of the afternoon.



Once again we will be holding one of our Charity Auctions and we ask if you would please bring something to donate to the auction table. It does not have to be new; something that is gently used is great. Just think – you can clean out the closet of those unwanted gifts and donate them to charity.

The Silent auction will take place during the day and the winners will be announced at the end of the picnic. You do not need to bring an item, however, your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Mid-Atlantic Regional Picnic – Saturday, September 17, 2005

Please register by September 10, 2005

Name(s) of attendees: _____

Email address: _____ Phone # _____

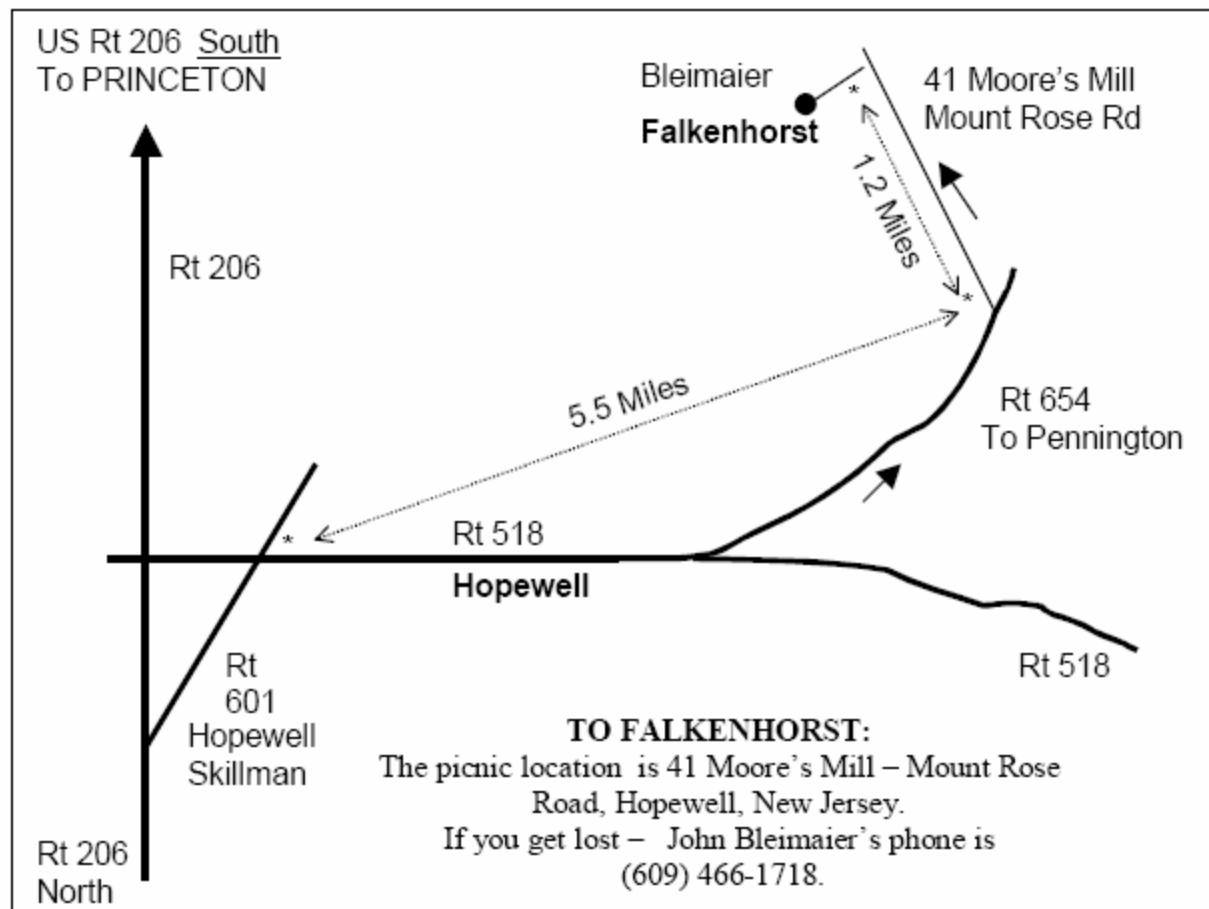
Address: _____

Mercedes: Year _____ Model _____

I/We will Bring: ___ Main Dish ___ Salad ___ Appetizer ___ Dessert

Send form to: Lucille Chabala 6 Brook Way West Orange, NJ 07952

MAP to FALKENHORST Regional Picnic — September 18, 2004



A big heartfelt thanks to:

All those who helped with the judging and/or directing the cars to their proper location:

Ralph Esposito, Joe Grattan, Jeff Corton, Nick Ford, Sean Conner, David Veith, Fred Perry, Ellen Ruck, John Kefalonitis, Barbaranna Kefalonitis, Bob Wegner, Ken Spingarn, Frank Chabala, Joe Cristiano, Sam Berliner, Sy Jacobowitz, and our Head Judge – Ed Jahn.

Bob Platz for helping us to combine the classes for judging.

Kris Connor and Michelle Gallego for helping the children make the crafts.

John Bleimaier, Bob Donnelly, Doug Ochwat, Ken and Loni Spingarn for picking up the dealer donations.

And all those who worked behind the scenes to prepare for the day: Lucille and Frank Chabala, Ed and Pauline Longosz, Loni and Kenny Spingarn, and Joe Cristiano.



2005 June Jamboree Concours Results

Class 3 & Class 4

1 st – 1957	190SL	Bob Platz	382.59
2 nd - 1957	220S cab	Hans Karl	362.14
3 rd – 1959	300SL	Cynthia & Alvin Martz	327.57
1962	300SL	Ole Mortensen	302.5

Class 6 & Class 7

1 st – 1966	250SE	Keith Morgan	347.57
2 nd – 1981	380SLC	Eric Geiger	345.83
3 rd – 1965	220SE	Frank Chabala	324.54

Class 8

1 st – 1988	190e 2.6	Ellen Ruck	372.69
2 nd – 1987	190e 2.3	Rui & Nick Silva	359.7
3 rd – 1994	E320	Robert Milite	351.97
1991	300TE	Mark Sluscavage	339.12

Class 9 & Class 10

1 st – 1991	560SEC	Ellen Ruck	373.09
2 nd – 1989	560SEC	Valerie Cristiano	361.53
3 rd – 1985	560SEC	Phil Vier	329.4
1990	560SEC	Jay Hirsch	313.84
1997	300SE	Mark Sluscavage	298.26

Class 11

1 st – 2001	SLK320	Tom Elder	364.6
2 nd – 1997	600SL	Eckart Scheffler	340.73
3 rd – 1990	500SL	Richard Tynes	321.19

Class 12

1 st – 1999	E430	Vincent Canepa	380.21
2 nd – 2005	E320CDI	Bob Donnelly	366.35

Class 13, Class 14, & Class 17

1 st – 1994	S500 coupe	Valery Moskin	365.18
2 nd – 1997	S500	Elmer Ebersol	356.78
3 rd – 1999	320CLK	Paul Buzzi	350.64
2000	ML430	Frank Bambace	340.81
2005	CLK320	Mark Sluscavage	322

Class 15

1 st – 1968	280SL Joseph Anisko	358.81
2 nd – 1971	280SL Larry Frankel	343.12
3 rd – 1967	230SL Mark Sluscavage	317.92

Class 16

1 st – 1989	560SL Fred Perry	371.26
2 nd – 1980	450SL Loni Spingarn	356.12
3 rd – 1989	560SL Joe Grattan	341.59
1978	450SL John Kefalonitis	326.73

Best in Show

1957	300SL Eckart Scheffler	368.75
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Popular Vote

Old Sport

1 st – 1990	560SEC	David Veith	17
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Modern Sport

1 st – 1993	300CE	Robert Archigian	- 10
2 nd – 1998	SL500	Joe Lofaro	-1

Old Sedan

1 st – 1986	420SEL	Nick Ford	-11
2 nd – 1978	300SDL	Jay Hirsch	- 1

Modern Sedan

1 st – 1993	500E	Jeff Corton	-14
2 nd – 1999	E320	Al Gambardella	-11
3 rd – 1991	420SEL	Sean Connor	-9

New

1 st – 2002	SLK320	Carl Ian Schwartz	- 8
2 nd – 2002	E320 wagon	Joe Cristiano	- 5
3 rd – 2004	C240	Mark Wilensky	-3
2002	C240	William Cosgrove	-2

Vintage

1 st – 1976	450SL	Ralph Esposito	– 9
2 nd – 1959	180	Tony Libertelli	-7
3 rd – 1971	280SE3.5	Cynthia Martz	– 6
1968	280SL	Dave Lamoreaux	- 5
1966	230SL	Lewis Eig	– 4

1969	280SE coupe	Andrew Totoli – 2
1963	220SE	Chris Sciales – 2
1968	200D	Danny Goldberg – 1
1975	450SL	Herbert Becher – 1
1961	190SL	John Herrlin – 1
1957	190SL	Peter Rutigliano – 1

November Tech Session

Save the date, Saturday, November 5 for a Tech Session at Ray Catena's Details to follow and they will also be posted on the website.

Holiday Party 2005

Mark your calendars now for the NNJS Holiday Party to be held at the fabulous Fairmount Country Club on Saturday, December 10, 2005. Member of the Year and Membership Pins will be awarded during the evening.



Picnic, Popular Vote Car Show, and Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, August 28, 2005

We will gather at 4 pm on Sunday, August 28th at Loantaka Brook Park in Morristown, NJ for a fun filled afternoon. There is a wonderful gazebo and plenty of picnic tables situated in the shade. Bring the kids along as there is also a playground for the younger set to enjoy. There are many beautiful paths to stroll along and even an exercise area for the more athletic minded.

Please bring your own food and beverages and NNJS will provide dessert. You may also wish to bring a chair or a blanket.

We will be having a Popular Vote Car Show along with a Scavenger Hunt – in other words there will be something for everyone to enjoy. So come and join us as we count down the days until the Fall begins and take advantage of a beautiful summer afternoon and evening.

If attending please complete the section below and mail before August 21st
with payment, to
Lucille Chabala / 6 Brook Way / West Orange, NJ 07052

Names: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

ATTENDING: _____ @\$5 per car

DIRECTIONS TO LOANTAKA BROOK PARK:

From 287 South: Exit 35 for “South St / Rt. 124, Morristown”. At end of exit ramp, make a right directly onto South Street. Loantaka Brook Park is on left.

From 287 North: Exit 35 for “South St / Rt. 124 Morristown”. Take the “Madison Ave West” exit ramp, turning right onto Madison Ave (a.k.a. Route 124) for .1 mile. Make a sharp left onto South Street. Loantaka Brook Park

**BYLAWS OF THE
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY SECTION
OF THE MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.**

APPROVED BY VOTES OF THE Board of Directors (date) and the general membership (date)

**Article I
Membership**

A. Membership:

1. To be eligible for membership in this Section one must be a member in good standing of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America.
2. Spouse/family members/significant others are eligible for non-voting membership which entitles them to participate in all section activities.

B. Voting Privileges:

1. Only dues paying members have voting privileges as defined in Article IV

C. Removal from Membership – Expulsion: The Board of Directors of the Section, by a majority vote, may request the resignation or recommend the expulsion of any member or person whose conduct, in their opinion, is detrimental to the welfare of the Section. Recommendations for expulsion shall be submitted to the National Club and will follow the procedures specified in the National Bylaws.

**Article II
Officers**

A. Officers: The elected Officers of the Section shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Officers shall be known as the Executive Board. The Immediate Past President shall serve as an Ex-Officer during the terms of the successor and shall be part of the Executive Board. In the event that the Ex-Officer does not complete the term of office, no replacement shall be provided.

1. Section President: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer, and shall have general supervision of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors.

2. Section Vice-President: The Vice-President, in the event of the unavoidable absence of the President, shall perform all of the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers and be subject to all the responsibilities of the President. The Vice-President shall also perform other duties as assigned by the President.

3. Section Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of all meetings in a book specifically kept for that purpose. The minutes shall include the time and place where such meetings were held, the names of those present, and a summary of the meeting.

4. Section Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep records of all financial transactions including receipts, income, and expenditures.

B. Officers Participation: Officers must be present at a minimum of 80% of meetings and events over the course of a year or they may be subject to removal by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

C. Officers Election: The Section Officers shall be elected at the annual Fall meeting of Section members as specified in **Article IV**

Article III

Board of Directors/ Committees

Board of Directors: Section Officers (Executive Board), appointed Directors, and the Immediate Past President as a collective group shall make up the Board of Directors.

Appointed Directors: Members who will help to serve in an advisory capacity, appointed by the President, with the approval and consent of the Executive Board.

Committees: Made up of a person or persons functioning towards a specific interest. Committee chairs shall be appointed by the President with the approval and consent of the Executive Board. Committee chairs may appoint members to serve on their committee with the approval of the Board of Directors and/or the President.

Standing Committees

Social Committee: Responsible for scheduling social events and making required arrangements.

Membership Committee: Responsible for securing new members by promoting membership in the Section. Responsible for welcoming new members to the Section.

Technical Committee – Responsible for disseminating technical information and to help assist members whenever possible.

Driving Events Committee: Responsible for scheduling driving events including defensive driving and track events. May also work with other Sections to secure sites and hold joint events.

Being a part of the Board of Directors, appointed Directors have the power to cast a vote during decisions made by the Board itself.

Immediate Past President: Person who served as the President previous to the term(s) of the current President. Immediate Past Presidents have the power to cast a vote during decisions made by the Board.

Article IV

Nominations and Elections

A. Nominations and Elections: Nominations and elections of Section officers will be every two (2) years, according to the following procedures.

1. Nominations of Section Officers: The President shall appoint a nomination committee July of the year of the election. This committee shall consist of at least three members of the Section. The committee shall select one nominee for each office.

2. Election Procedure: The list of nominations shall be published in the Section Newsletter [Star Tracks] at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the Annual Fall Meeting. At the meeting, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. If there is more than one (1) nominee for a given office, a written ballot shall be distributed at the meeting. If there is only one (1) nominee for each office, election will be by voice vote. In either case, the results shall be determined by a majority vote of those members present at the meeting.

B. Term of Office: The term of office for officers, committee chairs, and appointed Board of Directors members shall be two (2) years commencing on January 1 following the election, or by appointment.

C. Vacancies: A vacancy in any Section office may be filled for the unexpired term by vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

Article V

Meetings

A. Meetings: Meetings of the Board of Directors, Officers, and Section Membership will be held as follows.

- 1. Board of Directors Meeting:** The Board will meet at least once per year. The date, time, and location shall be selected by the President and other officers.
- 2. Officers Meetings:** The Officers may schedule business meetings as necessary to carry on the day-to-day operations of the Section.
- 3. Membership Meetings:** The annual meeting for all Section members shall be held in the fall, after September 1. Elections for Officers shall be held at this meeting as specified in Article IV. Additional membership meetings may be held. Dates and locations for such meetings shall be promulgated to members by publication in Star Tracks, through other publications, and the Section website.

Article VI

Financial Accounts

- A. Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year of the Section shall run from January 1 to December 31, which corresponds to the fiscal year defined by MBCA National.
- B. Financial Books:** Financial books of record shall be properly maintained by the Treasurer to reflect financial receipts, disbursements, and balances.
- C. Audit:** Section accounts must be audited at the end of the fiscal year. This audit shall be done by a committee of two Section members, appointed by the President, but not containing the President and Treasurer.
- D. Financial Reports:** The year-end financial report will be given to the Section in the form sent to MBCA National. A summary of the report will also be published in Star Tracks.

Article VII

Amendments to the Bylaws

A. Procedures: Any additions or alterations to the Bylaws may be made as prescribed in the following procedures:

- 1. Proposal for Change:** Any Section member may propose an addition or alteration to the Bylaws by submitting it to the President in writing.
- 2. Approval for Submission to Section:** The President will submit the proposed amendment/alteration to the Bylaws to the Board of Directors and if approved by a majority vote of the Board, the proposed amendment/alteration will be submitted to a vote by the Section membership.
- 3. Voting for Changes:** Section members will be notified of the proposed amendment/alteration to the Bylaws no later than thirty (30) days prior to a general Section meeting at which a vote will be taken on the proposal. A proposed amendment/alteration to the Bylaws will be adopted if approved by the majority of ballots cast by the Section members at that meeting.

NNJS May Events were enjoyed by many.

The Saturday, May 13th Rallye began at Loantaka Brook Reservation and ended up with dinner at the Calaloo Café in Morristown. Sean and Kris Connor plotted out an interesting trip through Morris and Union counties. There were some very tricky questions along the way and one had to keep the eyes peeled in order to find some of the answers to the questions. Winners from the C-class group and other NNJS members selected their prizes from a large group of Mercedes Benz items. Everyone left a winner.

The Sunday, May 14th Princeton Rotary Car Show turned out just fine even though the rain and the gray skies did not bode well early in the morning. The drive into the park was scenic and we were greeted with signs welcoming our club. There were many wonderful examples of automotive craftsmanship for one to feast the eyes. Bob and Claire Wegner did an excellent job of organizing this for our section and providing a hospitality area for us to gather and rest our weary bones.

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