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The mood was festive, the food delicious, the music delightful, the men were handsome and the women were beautiful. What more can one say! The San Carlo provided our members with a delightful evening of dining and dancing. Pete Limone sang and

played wonderful music throughout the evening and the members had the opportunity to sing along and show off their talents on the dance floor. The hors d'oeuvres were so delicious that we were almost too full to eat our dinner, but that didn't last long, for as the meals were placed in front of us and we tasted the food, we made sure that nothing went to waste.

There were many wonderful surprises this year for the attendees. One person from each table won the adorable Santa basket centerpiece, a beautiful red basket filled with poinsettias and holly. Another lucky member from each table won a magnificent set of Mercedes Benz ornaments for their tree – not sure that I would put mine on the tree, I rather think that I would show them off

all year round in a special area (you probably figured out by now that I didn't win the ornaments). There were also several wonderful door prizes including a Mercedes-Benz folding chair, a red wristlet purse, pens, umbrellas, key chains, a clock, and more – every couple was able to take home a wonderful door prize.



We continued to enjoy ourselves until it was time to leave and as we said goodnight. We bid warm wishes to one another for a Healthy and Happy Holiday season and a Healthy and Happy New Year. As we left for our trip home, we were greeted by lovely snowflakes falling gently from the sky, providing the perfect ending to a truly enjoyable evening with fellow NNJS members and friends.

NNJS Tradition of Charity

Once again the members of our section proved their generous nature and caring for others by the wonderful array and amount of toys and games

that were brought to the party. There were board games, fire trucks, card games, learning games, and much, much more. The bags of toys filled up the back of Joe and Valerie Cristiano's E320 wagon on their way to be delivered to their drop-off point. This year the toys were donated to the Millburn Police Department as they were the collection location for the Marine's Toys for Tots program. I would personally like to thank all of the members who donated toys and for those who called and emailed me and then donated toys on their own since they were not able to attend the party.

We also collected the leftover desserts and brought them to the Eric Johnson House (a residential home for people who have HIV/AIDS) in Morristown. Every year, when there is leftover food from a meeting at a restaurant or from our picnic, we have been donating the food to various organizations.

They have always been most appreciative. The donations help to ease their cost and makes sure that the food is not thrown out and wasted. See more party photos on page 8.





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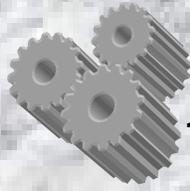
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High Gear



John Kuhn Bleimaier

No doubt members of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America are the salt of automotive society. In a bland and featureless environment we provide the savory diversion. Most motorcars are generic and totally lacking in personality. In the name of social responsibility Japanese and American manufacturers have created vehicles which are utterly uninteresting to drive. Is it any wonder that the number of car enthusiasts in the general population is in precipitous decline? Now, the genius of the engineers from Mercedes-Benz is that they have managed to build cars which government regulators and unsophisticated drivers will find safe, environmentally friendly and utterly dependable, while these same starships are capable of generating the most outrageous levels of excitement in skilled hands. We the illuminati of the Mercedes Club understand the potential of our vehicles and exploit that potential on the track at driving events and on the scenic back roads of never-never-land. Thus, we are the salt of the car universe. We release the hidden passion to be found at the tires' contact patch.

"Salt" in the foregoing sense is a positive component: the magic ingredient which releases taste and enlivens the sensory response. Sodium chloride in the form of table salt performs a useful culinary function. The flavor of many foods is enhanced by salt. Hence the analogy supra. But everything in its proper place and measure. Take that same sodium chloride and introduce it as road salt in the automotive environment and you have a monster. Salt can turn a work of automotive art into a rusted piece of junk. The wages of road salt are corrosion. Salt has transformed the industrial heartland of the American north-east into the rust belt. Sodium chloride



is a poison which an ignorant government has administered to an innocent and unsuspecting world of locomotion.

While the beautiful multicolored autumnal leaves yet swirl in the wake of a classic Gullwing or Finback, the demon salt spreader lurks in the shadows of a municipal garage poised to strike with devastating abandon. When the first white corrosive crystals hit the pavement it is time for all beauty and virtue to flee and seek refuge in winter storage. Yes, it is because I own and cherish a classic starship that I hate the cursed salt with the heat of all Hades. But my animosity is not a visceral emotion born of ignorance or prejudice. Salt on the roads is an objective evil, worthy of our concerted efforts to banish it forever.

It is true that classic cars are more prone to show the ravages of the hateful chemical. The churlish bubbling under the paint; the plague-like reddish discoloration; the lockjaw-like seizure of parts which must turn free. All these are the symptoms of the dread canker brought about by salt. Contemporary vehicles built with electrolytic and galvanic wizardry seem to resist the evil one. However, this is, alas, but an illusory impression. Modern production techniques manage to mask the first ravages of rust but the wasting illness proceeds apace. It may take seven or eight years for rust to become readily obvious on today's cars. However, long before you notice it, the grim reaper is at his hateful work. When the corrosion at last

rears its ugly head the battle is long lost and the innards of the automobile are already spoiled and desiccated with corruption. Galvanized steel and clever alloys do not represent even an ounce of prevention and they present no cure whatsoever. Thus you, on the rapturous honeymoon of new car ownership, delude yourself unless you realize that salt is from the first day of exposure cruelly rending the inmost organs and most intimate charms of your beloved. What a dreadful fate awaits! Oh, to avert one's eyes and not see the horrendous spectacle. But, halt. Better to know the enemy and to fight than to hide under the bedclothes. Let us stand up to the onslaught and turn it back to the hell from whence it came.

Have you ever noticed how eager the politicians and their minions of the road department are to spread the salt upon the road at the first cold gusts of wintry wind. Do you think that they



are concerned with your safety and well being, dear citizen? What an utterly naive notion! Do the loathsome

ward healers and their appointed cronies ever care for the public weal?

Nay, the procurement of road salt is a most lucrative business. Furthermore, the contracting for its dissemination is rife with most foul patronage. Yes, road salt not only corrodes your car it corrupts the body politic. Next time you see the political appointees or their surrogates spreading the sodium chloride think of the red ink of the municipal ledgers and the green hemorrhaging from your bank account with wasted tax dollars. And what of society's costly infrastructure? Roads, bridges, storm sewers, all these are

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ravaged by road salt. Works of civil engineering genius that might have survived like the Pyramids are laid waste within a cosmic fortnight.

This enormously increases the cost of government and provides yet another avenue for unscrupulous politicians and their cohorts to suck the life blood of a supine electorate. Furthermore, in recent years how many times have we heard of the loss of life associated with crumbling bridges and roads? Road salt worms its way into the retaining skeletons of critical structures bringing them crashing down, almost without warning. It is not only the pusillanimous who fear for the future in a world of environmental contamination. Here road salt also rears its villainous head. The sodium chloride which is spread on the roads finds its way into our ground water without



fail. When the underground aquifers are tainted you can kiss our precious flora and fauna good bye. The next victim will surely be our drinking water. One of the least understood, deadly consequences of spreading road salt is the increase in frequency of a particularly invidious type of accident. You see, the spreading of salt on the roads dramatically increases the frequency of motor vehicle collisions with deer and other wild animals.

Have you ever thought why deer gather by the side of the road when there is a vast, harmless landscape in which they could roam? The answer is road salt. Deer and other animals savor the taste of grasses and plants along the side of the road which have been salted by the spreader trucks. That is why the quadrupeds concentrate along the margin of the highway and precipitate deadly catastrophe. One of the significant causes of single

car accident fatalities is the presence of salt-craving wildlife by the roadside. In other parts of the world folks use sand in order to provide traction on ice and snow. Of course, in an era of 4matic transmission frozen precipitation should be an ever declining cause of concern. Furthermore, making skid pad training a central component of mandatory, universal drivers education would go a long way toward increasing winter driving safety.

As members of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America let us join with other enthusiasts to combat the profligate use of road salt. Among the manifold blessings which we obtain, please note that if we banish sodium chloride from the road, the Northeast will cease to be the rust belt. People and businesses will move back into our attractive towns and cities and the automobile can take its place as cherished leisure time playmate rather than mandated instrument of commutation drudgery.

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Vice President's Message.....Andreas Molde



Happy New Year to all. The Holiday Season is over and it's time to look ahead to the new year. Many different events are planned and hopefully there is something of interest for everybody. We will continue our "Tire Kicking" Sessions throughout the year, either by simply meeting in a diner's parking lot, somebody's driveway/backyard or some other location in the Northern New Jersey Area.

An effort will be made to have time and location published in our newsletter, but that also means it needs to be planned long in advance, which is not always possible. Therefore, I would suggest to everybody who has an interest to contact our Secretary to be put on our email list, so you can be notified of this or any other event. If you would like to share any idea's, have any suggestions or would like to contribute in any way, please feel free to contact me.

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Reminder: All submissions for the next Star Tracks 2009 issue must be received by Ken Spingarn, khs@openix.com by February 15, 2009. Thank you for your cooperation.

From the President - Doug Ochwat



It's hard to believe that 2009 is here already; seems as though we were celebrating the new millennium a short time ago. 2008 was a very successful year for our section. Altogether we held 15 events, a record for NNJS. We closed out 2008 with two fun events. Those of you who attended either the Cape May weekend and/or our annual Christmas and Holiday party know that we raffled off some nice prizes and everyone attending had a great time. Congratulations to Bob Wegner who was recognized as the NNJS 2008 Member of the Year.

Our plan is to start off 2009 with a tech session on Saturday, January 10th at the newest dealer in our area, Mercedes Benz of Flemington. It would be great if we could get a large turnout for this event as this dealer only opened their doors a number of months ago. We'd like to welcome them into the fold of the many dealers supporting our section in northern New Jersey. The details to register are on page 8 in this newsletter.

On March 14th, we will have the introduction of the GLK at Benzel Busch in Englewood. These new model introductions have been very successful as we experienced with both the new C-Class, and Smart Car. We had planned on having an open board meeting in February but that has to be postponed due to the closing of the restaurant. In April we'll have the annual Antique Road Show and the plan is to do a road rallye in May. That will be followed by the 46th annual June Jam-boree. As I said many times before...it's your club, come on out and join the fun.

Cape May Weekend

For anyone who has enjoyed part of the summer at beautiful, Victorian Cape May and its many offerings you simply must revisit that historical seaside community in November when they start into their Christmas Holiday season.

That is exactly what the four couples from NNJS and one couple from NEPA did who signed up for the Cape May Weekend. Five brave couples, indeed, for the temperatures were unseasonable cold, spent November 21st through November 24th sightseeing and shopping during the daylight hours. Our first evening, Friday, we walked briskly from our hotel to the Blue Pig Tavern in Congress Hall for our first group dinner. As we sat comfortably eating and chatting snowflakes began to fall and the mood was set for the festive weekend. After our appetites were sated, all adjourned to the Ochwat suite to continue friendly chatter and a little libation.

Saturday's temperature was still cold but the sun was shining. After a hot breakfast at the hotel (which was optional as a group, but we seemed to gravitate to the same time frame) everyone disbursed to spend their day. Sights were, the WWII cement ship that is sunk off Cape May Point, the 1859 Cape May Lighthouse at Cape May Point State Park just a short driving distance from our hotel, Washington Street Mall with its many shopping treats, including my favorite The Original Fudge House, walking tours of the Victorian homes in town, guided tours of the Emlen Physick Museum, and the Coast Guard base stationed in Cape May which is the only training facility in the US, to name just a few items of interest. We gathered in late afternoon Saturday, to take off for an early dinner at The Lobster House. If you can't find your seafood of choice there, I don't know where you can. We dined on mouth watering meals as we sat by a wharf side window enjoying the view as a yacht came in to refuel. What a sight! After dinner we posed as a group in front of a 37 ¼# lobster caught in local waters which is encased in The Lobster House entry way, then, off we went to the Emlen Physick Estate for caroling and the tree lighting, which was the highlight of the weekend. Our little group joined several hundred people gathered on the lawn around the Gazebo where the local high school choir sang traditional carols. Not one of us escaped rosy cheeks and red noses from being outdoors during the event but no one was complaining. There was a cheery, holiday mood in the air. After the festivities at the Physick estate we were happy to climb aboard a heated trolley car and enjoy a guided tour of the prominent Victorian homes in historic Cape May that had been decorated for the weekend. Later, having arrived back at our hotel we once again gathered at the Ochwat suite for stories, libation and in the spirit of the Christmas season Mercedes items were at hand for a raffle. As with previous days, Sunday was open to explore anything you had missed in the previous two days, then Sunday evening was spent on the Washington Mall at a delightfully different restaurant featuring the cuisine of southern Italy. A walk back to the hotel was in order after our meal.

Breakfast Monday morning was the culmination of having spent a long weekend enjoying the camaraderie of fellow Mercedes Benz members. We said farewell to our friends and Cape May and buoyed by the experience headed our starship north for home. I want to thank one and all who participated in making the Cape May weekend the enjoyable start to the Christmas Holiday that I knew it could be. *Nora Ochwat*



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Technical Corner

by Andreas Molde

TPM = Tire Pressure Monitor

TPM or TPC is required by Federal Law on all passenger vehicles model year 2008 and up. I guess it is safe to say that we have to thank, at least in part, Ford and Firestone Tire for that. There are pros and cons with those systems. The pros are, that a warning will appear on your instrument cluster, when there is a loss of pressure in one or more of your tires. There are basically three systems used on Mercedes. The "high end" version can display the pressure of each individual tire (except the spare, unless it is a Maybach) due to it's individual wheel sensors. The "low end" version also has individual wheel sensors, but can not identify which tire is low and does not have a display, only a warning message. The third version, is very "low end" and does not have wheel pressure sensors, but rather gets the information from the wheel speed sensors, which are part of the ESP system and displays a warning message only.

The cons are really the customer/driver. Most drivers don't check the tire pressure every couple of weeks like they are supposed to (that includes me, I do it every 6-8 weeks, when I change the oil). But today, with service intervals of 10k miles or more, most don't take the time to check the pressure. Now, if the tire is losing some air over time, which is normal, or the ambient temperature drops so will the pressure in the tire and the low pressure warning will be displayed! On the low end system you need to check which tire is low, whereas the high end system gives you the exact pressure of each wheel.

The other problem is that these systems need to be reset most of the time after correcting tire pressure (observe manufacturers recommendation) and are not always user (or repair shop) friendly and the life expectancy of the sensors can vary due to battery life.

Keep in mind that these systems are there for your safety and not because the shop wants to get a few more bucks out of you. Tires don't just 'blow out', but are a result of driving with an underinflated tire, which will overheat and then blow out!

So, keep an eye on that tire pressure and save yourself a visit to the shop.



TEN THINGS YOU WON'T READ ANYWHERE ELSE ABOUT TRI-O-RAMA 2008

1. For the first time ever, TOR was sponsored by the South Jersey Section.
2. For the first time ever, TOR was held in New Jersey.
3. Even though the country was in the midst of a financial crisis, the event was well attended and did not lose money.
5. The event awards were made of hand crafted glass specially for TOR by Wheaton Glass Company.
6. The TOR Committee members were mentored by event experts Joe Wozney and Bill Hopper of GWS,
7. Frank Cozza, (national driving events chairman and board member) and Mary Alice Cozza.
8. Members from 49(?) different states attended TOR 2008
9. My dog Hazel has a now attended track events in 7 states: New Jersey (NJMSP), Virginia (Summit Point and VIR), Ohio (Mid-Ohio and Nelson Ledges), Georgia (Robling Road), Pennsylvania (Beaver Run), Connecticut (Lime Rock), and Indiana (Raceway Park)
10. TOR was sponsored in part by North Jersey dealers Benzel-Busch Motor Car Company of Englewood and Ray Catina of Union. A very big "thank you" to them for their generous and continuing support. *Greg Calabro*

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New Dealer Introduction of Mercedes-Benz of Flemington

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Kip Leming, the dealership's Service Manager, will host a complete tour of their new facility, serve a light lunch and even do "an on lift" check of our vehicles. They currently have a SLR in the showroom and will also have a CLK63 Black Series on display, along with other new Star Cars.

The Dealership is located directly across from where the old Flemington Fair & Race Track was located. You may access Mercedes-Benz of Flemington's Website at <http://mbflemington.reachlocal.net/portal/site/DWS51144/> For those who have never been to Flemington, it has a large selection of designer outlet stores and a Main Street area with lots of antique stores and restaurants. *Please complete the attendance coupon found below*, so that we may get an accurate head count of who is participating. Starting time should be around 10:00 AM. Snow date is Jan 24.

You should finish in plenty of time to do some great "close out" shopping in Flemington, NJ.

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Bob Wegner is 2008 Member of the Year

After years of service to our club it is fitting that Bob should receive this award. From doing the "chef thing" at Falkenhorst to arranging car events, he has been there for us. Thank you for all your good work and your commitment to NNJS.



WHEN IMMACULATE IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH

During the summer I was practicing for Tri-O-Rama on the Lightning Track at New Jersey Motorsports Park in my Mercedes Benz 1986 190E 2.3-16 when I had an "off course" excursion and raised a lot of dust. I hit nothing, did no damage, but it literally took five minutes for the dust to settle. When it did, the dust was EVERYWHERE! The sun roof, passenger window, and driver window had been down so the dust went - deep in the air conditioning vents, under the sun visors, under the seats, and even behind the "Speedo" glass. When I raised the hood and looked at the engine I saw a mess not to be believed. Using an air compressor. I blew out as much dust I could from the passenger compartment and got back on Lightning to finish the track day.

That day at the track improved my driving skills for TOR, but presented a daunting task to prepare the 16 valve for the concours. At home, with a full complement of cleaning supplies, bucket in one hand and hose in the other, I stared at the unsightly condition of my Benz and fully appreciating the daunting task ahead, I said to myself, "s....w. this". I took the car to *All In The Details*, a professional detail service located at 169-171 Washington Street, Morristown, NJ 07960 (behind High Marques Auto). I left the car with the owner, Chris Covello, who's boyish looks belie his years of experience. My instructions were simple, clean this mess and get my 16 valve ready for concours.

The following week when I retrieved the car, I was astonished - the 16 valve was immaculate. No dust, no dirt, no oil, no grease, anywhere. The 16 valve was as clean as when it was new. I could not believe what I saw. Chris even removed the seats to clean the carpet. He did an amazing job! -- on to TOR -- first place *has* to be mine!

Competition in the 190 class was fierce. Ellen Ruck entered her red 190 Sport and Paul Vandenberg entered his 16 valve which was previously owned by Ted Joseph. Ruck, Vandenberg, and Joseph are all known for their expertise in preparing winning concourse vehicles; not only were their Benz' immaculate, but the condition of their cars were far superior to mine and all original equipment. Although I came in third, because of the great work done by *All In The Details*, my 16 valve scored 30 points higher at this TOR than at any other event. I am not making excuses, but my 16 valve is a track car and modified to my taste - there are stone chips, cone marks from autocross, cool 17 inch Evo 2 wheels, a modern radio, and general wear not found on the competition.

Maybe I am making excuses - don't care - still love my 16 valve, warts, mods, and all!

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Tech Session at Shade Tree Garage, Morristown, NJ



On November 15, 2008 about 20 members of the NNJS attended a Tech Session at Shade Tree Garage in Morristown, NJ. For the second time this year, John O'Connor and his staff welcomed us at their new location.

The weather was not very cooperative that day, lots of rain and dense fog, which made for a difficult drive and I want to thank all, who braved the elements.

After "kicking" some tires and having breakfast the Tech Session began, lead by Phil Eng. Phil, who is a technician at Shade Tree Garage, has an advanced degree in automotive technology and also teaches at a technical school in NJ. The power point presentation and discussions focused on Snow Tires vs. All Season Tires, 4 Matic/All Wheel Drive, ESP/ Traction Control and Tire Pressure Monitor Systems. We want to thank John O'Connor and his staff for their continued support of our section.
Andreas Molde



GLK Introduction and Tech Session at Benzel-Busch-Englewood, NJ

Be the first on your block to test drive the new GLK! On **Saturday, March 14** (snow date March 21) we will visit Benzel-Busch in Englewood, NJ to test drive the GLK.

As we did with the C-Class and Smart Car introduction, all participants will learn about the features and benefits as well as have the opportunity to get behind the wheel for a test drive. Plan on getting there early - 9:30 for a 10:00 AM start. We will meet at the service center directly behind the showroom.

See Benzel-Busch's full page advertisement on the next page for the location. Space is limited so register early.

Also, don't forget that Benzel-Busch offers MBCA members a 15% discount on Parts AND Service!

Please register with Lucille Chabala-luluchab@aol.com by Feb 17

Please include your name & number of participants attending

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Sunday, April 19 — Annual Antiques Road Show — Details in next issue

Saturday, May 2 — AACA Car Show — Automatic Switch — Florham Park, NJ — Details in next issue

Sunday, May 17 — Spring Road Rallye — Details in next issue

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More than 1137 members to date have saved money on their Mercedes-Benz purchases through the MBCA Buyers Loyalty Program. In the 2006/2007 time period 523 of our members and an additional 614 members took advantage of this program in 2008.

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The 2009 MBCA Buyers Loyalty Program Request Form is also available on the MBCA Website.

http://www.mbca.org/pages/documents/loyalty_2009.pdf

The 2009 MBCA Buyers Loyalty Program Request Form will also be included in your Jan/Feb 2009 Star Magazine and in our next issue of NNJS Star Tracks 2008.

At present, this MBCA member benefit can really come in handy!