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The Rally in October



Folks started showing up at 10 am on Sunday, October 22 at Mat-tar's restaurant in Warren County. We visited, enjoyed the cars and conversation and had juice, coffee, bagels and Danish. At eleven o'clock Doug Ochwat distributed the maps, questions and the instructions.



25 people including several families, in 10 cars enjoyed a great rally. The weather was great and the leaves were colorful, a great day for a drive in the country. Time was not a factor. The only time requirement was that every-one be back in time for dinner.



Winners were determined by the number of questions answered correctly. In the event more than one car had the same number of correct answers the fewest miles driven determined the winner.

First place with one incorrect answer and 60 miles (fewest) driven were Julie Levine and Steve Rosen. Other cars with only one wrong were Helga and Andreas Molde, Allen Gold and Carl Schwartz, Frank Caluri and Terry Sotelo. All cars received a prize; prizes were selected by the navigators. The average miles driven were 68. Two cars drove 90 miles or more – you know who you are. The

average time was three hours and seventeen minutes. 2.6 was the average number of incorrect answers.

We finished the day with more conversation, laughs about the questions and the driving mistakes and a great dinner. We all enjoyed the day and plan to have another rallye (or two) next year.

November 18th Tech Session at Ray Catena Mercedes-Benz Union, NJ

Once again the Ray Catena family treated us to a great day at their new showroom and prep center on Route 22 in Union, NJ. Sixty-six members and guests, including several children, enjoyed a continental breakfast and listened to / asked questions of several Ray Catena executives and specialists.

Cesar Arredondo, Graphic Designer for Catena coordinated the event for us. The morning started with Jim Buchannan bringing us up to date on new events at Mercedes-Benz including the new MB leadership and their goals for 2007 and beyond. He discussed the new diesel technology, the constant improvement in customer satisfaction ratings and the fact that 75% of all MB cars sold in the United States are still on the road.

No other marque can make that statement.

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Presidents Message - Joe Grattan



As we come to the final calendar turn of 2006 we are planning the '07 events. Let's look back for a moment. This year we have sponsored or been part of four luncheons and dinners, two auto shows, a road rallye, a 5 day trip to Chicago – thank you Doug Ochwat— a defensive driving seminar, an auto-cross, the 43rd Annual June Jamboree celebrating MBCA's 50th Anniversary, a detail clinic, a judging seminar, two tech sessions, the picnic at John Bliemaier's Falkenhorst and other events. If you have a suggestion for something you would like to have us get involved in please let us know. Contact anyone shown on the first page. New ideas are important to the vibrancy of the club and we look forward to hearing from you. Happy Holidays!



For Sale: 1977 MB 450SL Roadster, white/blue in show quality shape. 84k miles and runs like new. Contact Frank Ghio, 973-822-8252 or fggio@verizon.net.

For Sale: 1992 MB 600 SEL V12 Cabernet red (color code 587) 81,000 miles. Tan leather interior. 4 door, 12 cylinders, power brakes, steering and seats. Contact Joe Grattan 973 628 1781 or JosephGrattan@aol.com.

We are pleased to announce member Carl Ian Schwartz has been designated official photographer for our section.

Carl's Photos from the October Rallye



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Ray Kolta, Car Care Specialist, provided a checklist for winter servicing of our cars. There are a lot of things to do, not expensive, not hard, but important for safe driving.

Steve Erlichman, Training Director for Mercedes Benz in this area, continued the conversation about the new diesel engines and fuel and what it will mean in the future. We all had the opportunity to inspect his 2007 CL550. Steve also asked lots of questions of us and awarded shirts, portfolios and other nice prizes for correct answers. Steve told us the Smart Car will be available in the US in early 2008.

After spending some time checking out the more than 300 cars Catena has on the premises (all inside the

building), we went to the vehicle preparation center across the parking lot to see the work their car care team had done on one of the member cars brought in earlier that day. Great job. More importantly we were able to see first-hand the products and equipment used and question the men who did the work.

Additionally, Catena is building a new service center immediately behind the showroom.

What a place! We thank the Catena family for such a great day and providing us access to their knowledgeable specialists.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

2006 WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR OUR SECTION. AMONG THE MANY EVENTS WE HELD WAS THE SPECIAL 43RD ANNUAL JUNE JAMBOREE CELEBRATING MBCA'S 50 YEARS OF CONTINUING SERVICE TO ITS MEMBERS. WITH A TOTAL OF 22 NEW MEMBERS FOR SEPT & OCT, WE NOW HAVE 110 NEW MEMBERS SO FAR THIS YEAR.

THANK YOU! PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN OUR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES!

September

- Jose Arellano
- Frank G. Caluri
- Nellie Chapman
- David Dawe
- Pin Lo
- Alfred J. Natak
- W. Quacinella
- Jeffrey Ricci
- Stephen Paul Sweeney
- Steven L. Williams
- David Wong

October

- Joel S. Botwick
- Donald Epstein
- Eric C. Litman
- Will Zapata
- Brian Wilcomes
- William Bradford
- Joseph A. Mastandrea
- William P. Miller
- Albert Franciosa
- Christopher Silva
- Paul LaPenta

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Moving?

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CO 80909 or call 1-800-
637-2360**

Reminder:

All submissions for the next Star Tracks 2006 newsletter must be received by the editor at khs@openix.com by January 17, 2007.

Thank you

**Saturday, December 16, 2006
NNJS Annual Holiday Party**

You are cordially invited to attend the NNJS Holiday Party which will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2006 at the *Fairmount Country Club in Chatham Township, New Jersey*. The evening will begin at 6 pm in the Oak Room with passed hors d'oeuvres and a **cash bar**. Dinner will follow in the Conservatory with tables set up by the fireplace and the dance floor by the windows. So "Come one. Come all." to NNJS's Holiday Party. Put on your best Holiday finery and come and join in the festivities of the season. It is time to get those "glad rags" out of the closet and "put on your dancin' shoes" and join in the fun at our annual Holiday Party.

This is also one of our Charity Events so please bring a new unwrapped toy for a child to be placed underneath the Holiday Tree. The toys will then be donated to "Toys for Tots" as we have done for the past several years. Last year the generosity of our members

overwhelmed the people at Weichert Realtors when it took two trunk loads of a 1991 420 SEL and two fully loaded back seats in order to transport our donations. Let's see if we can make it even more this year! We will begin with white glove service of passed hors d'oeuvres in the Oak Room with the following selections:

- Dim Sum with Duck Sauce
- Scallops Wrapped in Bacon
- Beef Kabobs
- Mozzarella en Corroza
- Brochette of Chicken Sesame
- Salmon Mousse
- Baby Lamb Chops
- Shrimp Cocktail

Dinner will begin at 7:30 pm in the Conservatory with a magnificent fireplace and view of the grounds.

- Fresh Melon and Seasonal Berries
- Tossed Green Salad with Bleu Cheese Dressing or Champagne Dressing

- Choice of Entrée
- Sliced Tenderloin of Beef & Chicken Duxelle
- Duet of Grilled Jumbo Shrimp & Seared Sirloin Strip Steak
- Duet of Grilled Jumbo Shrimp & Chicken
- Grilled Vegetarian Platter
- Dessert Chef's choice

There will be music throughout the evening and there will be a dance floor for those who wish to "cut a rug" during the night.

Membership pins will also be presented at the dinner. Members who are eligible will receive their pins for 5, 10, 15, 20, or 25 years of dedication and enthusiasm of owning and admiring Mercedes-Benz.



Holiday Party— Saturday, December 16, 2006 — Fairmount Country Club

Please register by December 10, 2006

Number Attending _____ Email Address _____

First and Last Names of Attendees _____

Address : _____ Phone: _____

Cost per person - \$65 _____ No. of people @ \$65 = _____

Choice of Entrée:

___ Tenderloin/Chicken ___ Shrimp/Beef ___ Shrimp/Chicken ___ Vegetarian

Please make check payable to MBCA-NNJS

Send form and check to: Lucille Chabala, 6 Brook Way, West Orange, NJ 07052

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Directions to Fairmont Country Club
Southern Blvd. Chatham, NJ 07928 973-377-8900

From North, Traveling Garden State Parkway

- Parkway to Exit 142, take I-78
- Travel Rt. 78W. to Rt. 24W. Stay right and follow West 24(Springfield-Morristown).
- Stay on Rt. 24/124 West to Chatham exit only.
- Go approx. 4 traffic lights and turn left onto Fairmount Avenue.
- Go 2 traffic lights, turn right onto Southern Boulevard (Church of Christ on your right at corner).
- Go approx. 1.5 miles to Fairmount Country Club on your right.

From South, traveling on Garden State Parkway

Take Parkway exit 142 to the right immediately past Union toll.

- Proceed 0.6 miles (stay on your right) on I-78
 - East to Exit 54.
 - Turn right, go over highway and turn right again to get back on highway going West
- Follow signs to I-78 West.
- Stay on Rt. 24/124 West to Chatham exit only.
 - Go approx. 4 traffic lights, and turn left onto Fairmount Avenue.
 - Go 2 traffic lights, and turn onto Southern Boulevard. (Church of Christ on your right, at corner).
 - Go approx. 1.5 miles to Fairmount Country Club on your right.

From West, traveling on I-78

- I-78E to Exit 44 (Berkeley Heights/ New Providence)
 - At the end of exit ramp, turn left onto Glenside Avenue
- Travel approx. 0.5 miles, make left onto Glenside Road.
- Go straight, pass lights. Glenside Road becomes South Street
 - Continue on South Street crossing Springfield Ave.
 - South Street becomes Passiac Street.
 - Bear right onto River Road.
 - Turn left at the light, Southern Blvd. (Steep Hill)
 - Stay on Southern Blvd. Approx. 1.5 miles to Fairmount Country Club on your right.

From East, traveling on I-78

- Take I-78W. to Exit 43
 - Turn right at top of exit ramp onto Diamond Hill Road
- travel 0.4 miles to first light turning right onto Mountain Avenue.
- Turn left on to South Street (you will pass Bell labs on your right before coming to the Light).
 - Continue on South Street crossing over Springfield Avenue. South Street will become Passaic Street.
 - Bear right onto River Road (going over small bridge).
 - Turn left at light onto Southern Blvd.
 - Continue approx. 2.8 miles to Fairmount Country Club on your right.

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Oktoberfest 2006 at Chubb Park—Chester, NJ

NJMS and members from other MBCA sections gathered at Chubb Park in Chester on Saturday, September 30, 2006 for Oktoberfest. The sun was shining when we arrived with tops down even though there was a chill in the air. Bob and Claire Wegner were there to greet us with hot coffee and homemade breads to welcome the members as they arrived. We parked our cars in their respective categories and set up our chairs for socializing while eagerly awaiting the sounds from the bandstand to fill the air. Several of our members came in traditional German garb to the delight of everyone. We had a Popular Vote Car Show and Oktoberfest attendees enthusiastically voted for their favorite in each category. We enthusiastically joined in the festivities of the event and enjoyed our “brats, sauerkraut, und bier”.

This being one of our “Charity Events”, we presented the Chester Lions Club with a check which will help to fund this year’s project of “Homes for Heroes”. Even though the day became cloudy and damp with more than a few sprinkles, it could not dampen our spirits. We gathered under our tents as the rain became a little more intense and the closeness only bolstered our spirits. The rain then became a fine then a nonexistent mist. We emerged from cover and gathered once more in the field for the awards ceremony. After the awards presentations, some of the members said “auf wiedersehen” and began the drive home. Other members stayed for awhile longer chatting, enjoying the music, and dancing. We had some magnificent examples of German engineering both new and old. One would be hard pressed to tell the difference between the ages of the cars if it were not for the styling – as the 49 and 50 years old had as much shine and attention to detail as the one who had not yet celebrated a full year on the road. Bob Donnelly was presented with a bier stein from Heidelberg for his lederhosen and doing a little German dancing for us. Our odometer Blackjack winner with 21 points was Nancy Hammel and her 1985 300CD with an odometer reading of x84126.x (the hundred thousands column nor the tenth of a mile column counted in the total scoring).



The most Popular car of the day trophy went to Bob and Joan Donnelly for their 2005 E320CDI.

In the Convertible/Roadster category the trophies went to: **Honorable mention** went to the following entrants:

1st Hans Karl and his 1957 220S cab

2nd Frank and Diane Conforti and their 1986 560SL

3rd Joseph Bemelmans and his 1985 380 SL

In the Sedan category the trophies went to:

1st Frank Caluri and his 2002 E320

2nd Anthony Montalto and his 1986 420SEL

3rd Tony and Linda Libertelli and their 2006 C230 4matic

In the 2 door Coupe category the trophies went to:

1st Lisa Matta and her 2006 SL500

2nd Nancy Hammel and her 1985 300CD

3rd Doug Ochwat and his 2003 C230

Nora Ochwat’s 2001 E430

Bob Wegner’s 1998 E320

Ed and Pauline Longosz’s 2002 E320

Claire Wegner’s 1956 190SL

Frank and Lucille Chabala’s 1965 220SE

Joe and Valerie Cristiano’s 1995 320e cab

Joe Grattan’s 1989 560SL



NNJS January Kick Off Brunch**Sunday, January 21, 2007****Directions: JW Ginty's 908-647-6302****632 Meyersville Rd — Gillette, NJ 07933**

Start off the New Year right by attending the January Kick Off meeting of the Northern New Jersey Section. Our first meeting in 2007.

We will gather around 11:30am at J W Ginty's located at 632 Meyersville Road in Gillette, NJ 07933

We will have our own private room and partake of a delicious Sunday Brunch. Just the right atmosphere for a meeting greeting the new year with friends and colleagues.

During the meeting we will be discussing upcoming events for 2007.



For you football fans – you will be able to keep an eye on the playoff game if it is an early one.



The Brunch menu will consist of the following:

Corned Beef 'n Cabbage
 Roast Breast of Turkey
 "Roast of the Week"
 Pasta Primavera
 Hash Browns/Boxty
 Sausage & Bacon
 Pasta of the Week
 Mediterranean Salad
 Salad of the Week
 Smoked Salmon
 Fresh Fruit
 Eggs Benedict
 Omelets
 French Toast
 Pancakes
 The Pastry Board

Selection of juices, coffee, teas, and Virgin Mary's

Route 287

~Heading South~ Take 287 South to Harter Rd. (Exit 33). Bear right off exit. At light turn right onto James St. Go 1 mile and turn right at stop sign onto Blue Mill Rd. After light, look for sign for Great Swamp. Follow sign turning left onto Long Hill Rd. heading towards Swamp. (Long Hill Rd. turns into New Vernon Rd.) At stop sign, J W Ginty's is on right side at intersection.

~Heading North~ Take Rt. 287 North to Rt. 78 East, to Exit 40 (Plainfield/Watchung/Gillette). Turn left at stop sign. Follow signs toward Gillette (Rt. 531 North). go through 4-way stop staying on 531 North. (531 North turns into 638 North after crossing Valley Rd. at light). Continue on 638 North crossing over Long Hill Rd. (638 North becomes Meyersville Rd.). J W Ginty's is on the left side at the intersection at bottom of hill.

Route 78

~Heading East~ Rt. 78 East to Exit 40 (Plainfield/Watchung/Gillette). Turn left at stop sign. Follow signs to Gillette (531 North). Stay on 531 N through 4-way intersection. Cross over Valley Rd. (531 N ends and becomes 638 N Continue on 638 North crossing over Long Hill Road. (638 N then becomes Meyersville Rd.) J W Ginty's is on left side at intersection at the bottom of the hill.

~Heading West~ Rt. 78 West to Exit 40 (Plainfield/Watchung/Gillette). Turn right off exit and bear right onto Hillcrest Road (Rt. 531 North). Follow signs towards Gillette staying on 531 North. (531 North turns into 638 North at light where you cross Valley road. Stay on 638 North (Mountain Ave.), cross over Long Hill Road where 638 N becomes Meyersville Road. J W Ginty's is on the left side at the intersection at the bottom of the hill.

Route 22

~Heading East~ Take Watchung Ave. exit in Plainfield just after overpass (by VIP Honda) which jug handles over Rt. 22. At light turn left. Go to Watchung Circle. Take first right turn off circle and a quick left up hill (there will be a sign for Rt. 78 & Berkeley Hts.) Stay on this road (531 North) & follow signs to Gillette. cross over Valley Road (531 becomes 638 North), cross over Long Hill Rd. (638 becomes Meyersville Rd.) J W Ginty's is on left side at the intersection.

~Heading West~ Take Watchung Ave. exit in Plainfield (right turn). Follow to Circle. Take first right turn off circle and a quick left up hill (there will be a sign for Rt. 78 & Berkeley Hts.). Stay on this road (531 North) & follow signs to Gillette. Cross over Valley road, (531 becomes 638 North), cross over Long Hill Rd. (638 becomes Meyersville Rd.) J W Ginty's is on left side at the intersection at bottom of hill. *See registration form on next page.*

**January Kick-Off Brunch, Sunday
January 21, 2007 J W Ginty's
Please register by January 15, 2007**

Number Attending: _____

Email Address: _____

First and Last Names of Attendees:

Address :

Phone #: _____

Cost per person - \$24

___ No. of people @ \$24 = \$ _____

Children under 12 - \$11.50

___ No. of children under 12 @ \$11.50 = \$ _____

Children under 3 – free (Please let us know how many)

Total amount \$ _____

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Technical Corner

by Andreas Molde, NNJS
Technical Advisor

How to winterize your Mercedes-Benz.

First, I have to apologize to the person with the 450 SL that posted this question to me. Somehow I managed to “misplace” his email (how can one misplace an email), and could not respond directly or any sooner, but here it is. There are several ways of putting an MB away for the winter and it depends on the individual situation. The perfect scenario is that the car has it's own easy to get to garaged parking spot and you simply use it on nice days throughout the winter.

When I say a nice day, I mean a nice day not directly after a snow storm with all the salt and slush still on the road. When you do take it out, make sure you drive it at least 20 to 30 miles. That way the engine reaches full operating temperature and the exhaust gets rid of all condensation. Also, if temperatures are above freezing use the A/C or defroster setting, so the A/C compressor has a chance to run and lubricate the seals. Keeping all the seals on the drive train lubricated is the main reason for this suggestion and also to keep the brakes and other moving parts from seizing. The worst that can happen to a car besides a collision, is sitting too long!

Of course, this is not possible for everybody. If you have to “park” you car for a longer time, I would recommend to increase the tire pressure to the allowable maximum, to prevent “flat spots”, which are not too much of an issue with today's tires. Also, don't put it away with the old, ready-to-be-changed oil and keep the fuel tank full, so that no corrosion can build up and possibly use a fuel stabilizer. The last issue would be the battery. You can leave it connected, especially on older cars, lets say prior to 1991, since the only draw is from the clock. After 1991, most cars (MB) have computer systems that cause a little higher draw and therefore don't hold a charge that long. Even if you disconnect the battery, you will have to recharge it, at times slowly, to keep it fresh .

I would **not** recommend to use a “Tickle Charger”, for the whole time the car it's stored, because it maintains a constant charge and batteries don't like that very much. You could use a Battery Tender® which can be permanently installed in the vehicle. Once connected, you plug it into household current and forget about it and you can leave the battery connected to the vehicle. Just make sure you unplug the unit from the household outlet, before driving the car! You diesel drivers with block heaters on your cars know what I am talking about!

We have space for only one question and answer in this issue.

In our next issue, we will answer several more questions from our readers. As a service to our members, please feel free to submit technical questions to me at amh86@comcast.net.

Q. Hi...

I am looking for a very good and reliable mechanic to keep my 89 SL in top running condition. I live in Long Branch at the Jersey Shore...Steve

A. Steve,

Unfortunately, I don't know any shops in you area. I would suggest that you try our Club Forum, at www.mbc.org or another helpful site is www.mercedesshop.com. Simply sign up, if you didn't already and post your question to find a repair facility. You get in touch with people from all across the country and they can and will tell you first hand of their experience.

High Gear by John Kuhn Bleimaier

The winding road trails off into infinity. We have chosen the path less taken. The journey has rendered the destination irrelevant. Power out of the curve and steer with your right foot. Blip the throttle and down shift for the next bend. Crest the rise and put the pedal to the metal. We are the past, the present and the future, a legend in our own time. We are the vintage racers.

*A Higher
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-The Ballad-*

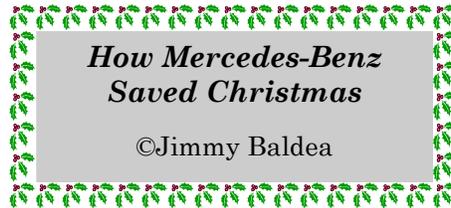
Let others stretch the envelope of electronic technology. Theirs is the world of black boxes and microchips. Ours the arcane alchemy of internal combustion; the physics of gnashing gears and slippery bearings. There is something splendid in the use of a tool which was crafted by a hand of flesh and blood. The superficial imperfections which mirror the flaws of nature are perfect in our eyes. We are the readers of poetry, the balladeers and bards. We are the vintage racers.

There is peril in staking life and limb on the vagaries of stressed metal. There are risks in trusting the designs and calculations of engineers long gone to their repose. There lurks danger around the next curve and down the following dip. Wrapped in historic insulation is the spark of a potential conflagration. We are the heroes who fly in the face of glowering fate. Courage is not ignorance but defiance. We are the vintage racers.

We are living in a prosaic age. Warriors hide behind layers of Kevlar and hunker down in the shelter of laminated steel. The finger that pulls the trigger can be flexed at ease a thousand miles from the theater of conflict in an air conditioned bunker. Gone is the mace and battle ax, obsolete the bayonet and saber. Seek we not the laurel leaves on Flanders field or on the heights at Balaclava. We are the vintage racers.

But we look yet to the Halls of Montezuma under an Aztec, azure sun. There the snaking byways know no guard rails. There the detour has no name. High in the Sierra Madre old adversaries duel to the death in the stark, thin morning light. On the tarmac heaved and broken lay we rubber in earnest fight. Carrera Panamericana, the name alone a clarion call at dawn. The great Mexican road race, an epic chess game in which we are more than just a pawn. We are the vintage racers.

Oh you sons and daughters of the torque converter, pray for those who dare and do. Think and dream of us who double clutch and follow through. If, per chance, you ride behind the silver star, root for us who hoist your standard from afar. In a 2.2 liter Finback six, we'll do our best to avoid the roiling waters of the River Stix.



'Twas the night before Christmas, and it started to snow. There was sleet on the ground, and it was frozen below.

The elves and the reindeer were packing the Sleigh. They all had a fear, as they stood by the quay.

The strong gusts of wind, and the blizzard in sight, May very well stop them, from making their flight.

They all went to Santa, with tears in their eyes, And he chuckled and giggled and ended their cries.

"I knew that the Winter would be real harsh this year, We won't cancel Christmas, so there's no need to fear!"

Away to the window they flew like a flash, When Santa's garage door went up with a smash.

Santa was ready; he planned in advance,

He prepared for the weather, and left nothing to chance.

When, what to their amazed eyes they should see, A new Mercedes-Benz, with a really strong chassis.

A Mercedes-Benz driver, so lively and quick; Who would have known, that one belonged to St. Nick?

More rapid than reindeer, and ready to go, He was sure-ready, to drive through snow.

"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen! Tell Comet! Tell Cupid! Tell Donder and Blitzen..."

Fetch what I ordered from the Mercedes-Benz site, For, I have a long drive, for the rest of this night!"

He bought lots of items from the Mercedes-Benz store; Santa was ready for driving, and more.

With a signature blanket, a scarf, and a sweater, Santa's driving experience was all-the-more-better.

He checked his wipers and put Mobil-1 in his motor, Then carefully inspected every wheel and each rotor.

Built with great pride, all around and each side, Santa was excited, to take his car for a ride.

With independent suspension, and anti-lock brakes, And pneumatics, and sensors all over the place.

The warm leather seats and the mahogany knob, Offered style and comfort for his annual job.

He rolled down the windows, truly so Merry, To redden his cheeks and make his nose like a cherry.

The elves popped the trunk and loaded the toys, So that Santa could bring smiles to all the good girls and boys.

With ample room, for his belly and hat, And he stretched out his legs, to the end of the mat.

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With a shift into gear and a twist of a key, He turned on the lights and he started to see.

The time was approaching for Santa to go, He grabbed his bell, and laughed, "Ho-Ho-Ho!"

To the driveways and doorways, of every home he drove, Through cities, through countries, past each hill and each grove.

The precise navigation and live help-assist, Clearly ensured that not-an-address was missed.

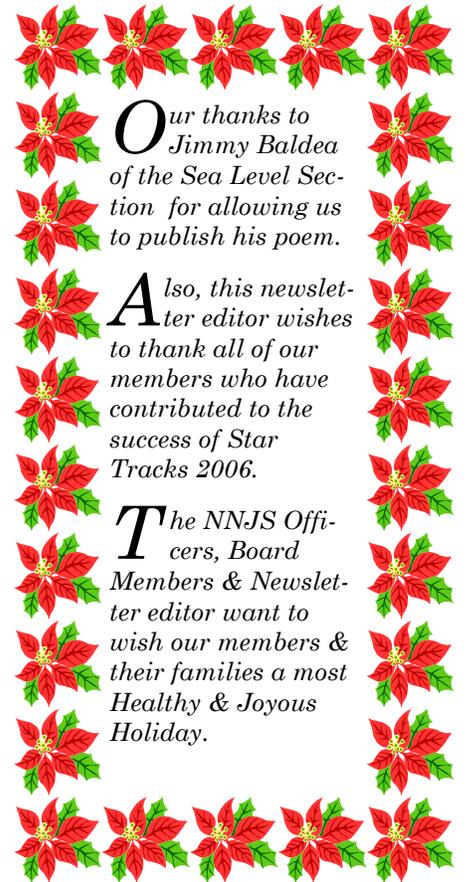
With reliable steering and great cruise control, Santa drove over every snow-mound and hole.

He accomplished his goal, in spite of the ice, And dropped off gifts to everyone who was nice.

The Miracle of Christmas, and German engineering, too Made it possible for Holiday dreams to come true

Be like Santa and spread this Holiday feeler, Come test-drive a car at your local Mercedes-Benz dealer.

Happy Holidays



Our thanks to Jimmy Baldea of the Sea Level Section for allowing us to publish his poem.

Also, this newsletter editor wishes to thank all of our members who have contributed to the success of Star Tracks 2006.

The NNJS Officers, Board Members & Newsletter editor want to wish our members & their families a most Healthy & Joyous Holiday.

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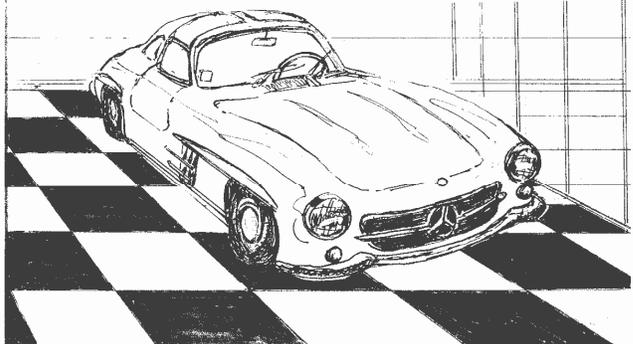
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NNJS Upcoming Events



Saturday, Dec 16—2006 Holiday Party—Fairmont Country Club Chatham, NJ—See page 4



Saturday, Jan 21—2007 Kick-Off Meeting/Brunch—J W Ginty 's — Gillette, NJ—See page 8



Sunday, March 11 — Annual NNJS Antiques Road Show—Bella Italia Restaurant—Orange, NJ



Thurs-Sun, May 17-20—Star Tech
Sun, May 20—Princeton Car Show

