

STAR TRACKS

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2016 June Jamboree

The June Jamboree is the longest running MBCA Concours event. We hope you will join us for this fun filled day of classic MBs. We will allow a limited number of non-MB vehicles from 1979 or earlier for a Special Class Popular vote. Please email us if you would like to enter your vehicle, the costs will be the same as for MB entrance (see below).

Concours Class/Popular Vote Concours class cars will be judged by teams of judges according to MBCA National rules. Concours cars will need to be cleaned and detailed inside and out.

They will be judged in four categories:

1. Interior, upholstery, trunk, hard top, soft top
2. Chrome, plastic, rubber, glass, lights, trim
3. Engine compartment
4. Exterior paint, finish, bodywork.



The chassis, underbody, and exhaust systems will NOT be judged in this event as we will not have a Show class, only a Street class. Popular Vote cars need only to be clean and presentable. Our suggestion for Popular Vote cars is to give the baby a bath and come out and enjoy the day.

In order to facilitate a seamless event at this new venue, pre-registration is greatly appreciated and even more important than before as it allows the judges to have the field set up more accurately. Pre-registration for Concours and Popular Vote is \$60 prior to June 23, 2014 - registrations after June 23rd and on the day of the event will be \$80 per car. Each car entered into the event will receive two lunch wristbands for the driver and registered passenger.

For spectators not entering a car, lunch and facilities will be \$30 per person, (children under 10 are free). Wristbands will be issued for admittance to the lunchroom, remember to wear your wristband, it's your ticket into the dining area. The venue will provide a cash bar for us.

We will also be including the Preservation Class this year. Details and registration may be obtained on our website. Concours cars will be placed in the classes by body style and not year according to MBCA guidelines and rules. Popular Vote cars will be divided into 7 categories: New - 2010-present; Modern Sedan - 2000 - 2009; Modern Sport - 2000 - 2009; Old Sedan - 1990 - 1999; Old Sport - 1990 - 1999; Vintage Sedan - pre 1990; and Vintage Sport - pre 1990.

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June Jamboree Lunch

Buffet Lunch

Mixed Green Salad
with Assorted Toppings and Dressings

Fresh Fruit Salad

Coleslaw & Potato Salad

In Chafing Dishes:

Hamburgers

Grilled Chicken Tenders
Served with Assorted Condiments & Toppings

Dry Snacks
including Pretzels & Chips

*Assorted Cookies and Brownies
Self-Serve Coffee, Decaf and Tea Station*

June Jamboree Dinner

Butler Passed Hors d'Oeuvres

Passed for 1 hour

Roasted Sliced Beef Tenderloin on Baguette
with Horseradish Cream

Coconut Chicken with Sweet Chili Sauce

Mini Crab Cakes with Chipotle Mayo

Shrimp Cocktail with Traditional Cocktail Sauce

Roasted Baby Lamb Chops
with Horseradish Cream Raspberry and Almond Brie Stars

Plated Dinner

First Course

Classic Caesar Salad

with Herbed Croutons and Garnished with Shaved Parmesan Cheese

Choice Entrée

Grilled Braised Short Ribs
with Pearl Onions and Wild Mushroom Compote

~ OR ~

Herb Stuffed Sole

with Lumb Crab Saffron Sauce

All Entrees Served with Chef's Choice Vegetable & Starch

Dessert

Traditional Cheese Cake with Black and Blueberry Compote

60th Anniversary Gala

June 24 2016

Join us at the Park Avenue Club for a celebration to commemorate 60 years of MBCA. We will be hosting a gala event with cocktail hour and sit down dinner. A presentation will be given on the history of the club. Space is limited and pre registration is an absolute must.

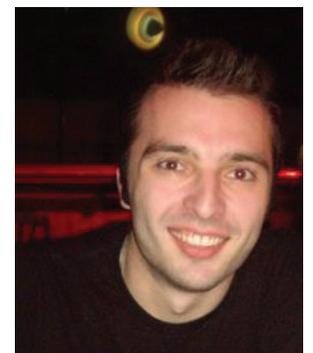
Our cocktail hour will include two drinks per guest with butler passed hors d'oeuvres of roasted slice beef tenderloin on a baguette with horse radish sauce, coconut chicken with sweet chili sauce, mini crab cakes with chipotle mayo, classic shrimp cocktail, roasted baby lamb chops, raspberry and almond brie stars.

A formal sit down dinner will include a classic Caesar salad, and your choice of braised short ribs with pearl onions and wild mushroom compote or herb stuffed sole stuffed with lump crab saffron sauce. Both entrée choices will be served with vegetables and a starch. For dessert we can look forward to a cheesecake with black and blueberry compote.

A charge of \$85 per head is due in advance, please look on our site for more information.

From the President Matt Huda

I look forward to seeing everyone at this year's June Jamboree. This year is a very special one for us as we celebrate 60 years of MBCA. In addition to our ever successful June Jamboree we will be having an intimate Gala event the night before at the Park Avenue Club.



At the Gala expect to see the rich history of the club, socialize with our local and visiting members as well as enjoy all the Park Avenue Club has to offer in ambiance and spectacular food.

Matt Huda
mercedesmattnj@gmail.com

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National Elections.

Mercedes-Benz Club of America's National Election this year will be held to select four Directors at Large and six Regional Directors. Active members interested in running for office can obtain more information about the election process and request a candidate petition form by calling 800.637.2360 or visiting the resource page at mbca.org. Just a friendly reminder: Time is running out and completed petitions are due by the close of the business day Friday, May 13, 2016.

We will conduct the election process using an online voting system, which will better serve you as you cast your vote. We are requesting that you provide us with your most current, updated email address to enable your access to the online ballot. You can call 800.637.2360 or log onto your online member profile page at mbca.org to update your email address.

Look for more information about online voting in future issues of The Star or visit mbca.org.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.
Steve Ross
Election Chairman

News - 16th Annual Road Show

Our Antique Road Show was held Sunday March 13, 2016 at the Bella Italia Ristorante

Alan Snyder

our resident antique licensed appraiser gave us a preview on what's hot on the market of antiques and the

cost of them. Then he proceeded to critique our many articles that the members brought.

We then enjoyed a flawless full course gourmet Italian meal.

Two gift certificates were given to 2 of our guests

A great time was had by all. I hope many more of you will join us next April, 2017 for the 17th Antique Road Show

The Sweetheart Brunch at the Bethwood

The Sweetheart Brunch at the Bethwood on 14 February was held in conjunction with the Thunderbird Club on New Jersey. It was great to be welcomed by everyone from the Thunderbird Club. Food was excellent as always, and everyone left with a special gift – roses for the ladies and lotto tickets for the gents.

Our social events are a great way to meet and greet old and new members alike. Being able to socialize with other car clubs is another excellent way to meet other like-minded car enthusiasts.



Pictured: Lucille Chabala, Matt Huda & Frank Musillo



60th 1956 / 2016 ANNIVERSARY



CELEBRATE MBCA's DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

Join Us As We Embrace Rich Heritage, Beautiful Cars, and Great Friendships.

This year marks Mercedes-Benz Club of America's (MBCA) 60th Anniversary as the largest and best Mercedes-Benz Club in the world. We will be gathering to celebrate the Club's rich heritage, beautiful cars, and great friends at this year's 53rd June Jamboree, June 24th-25th.

Established by the Northern New Jersey Section in 1963, June Jamboree is the Club's longest-running event. This event offers the perfect venue for celebrating heritage and embracing the future of the Club, and all things Mercedes-Benz.

Visit www.mbcannj.com for additional information and to RSVP.



2016 New York International Auto Show

By Matt Huda



Above: L to R. Paul La Penta, MBUSA; Aaron Streeter, Greater Washington Section; Frank Musillo & Matt Huda NNJS.

This year the Benz Boys were enjoying all that NYAS had to offer, with new unveilings from Mercedes-Benz such as the C-63 AMG Cabriolet, GLC coupé, and the all new E-Klasse.

Pictured, the G65 shows just how far the G-Klasse has come since the 1970's ultimate military big-boy. The 2016 G65 has a price tag on it of \$218,825 (no that's not a typo). It features a silky smooth and behemoth twin-turbocharged V-12 engine, that exudes 621 of mind numbing horsepower and an even greater throw you in the back of your seat 738 lb-ft-torque. The G-65 will be at your local dealer in November, perhaps start a GoFundMe to help offset this purchase?

The C63 AMG Cabriolet was another unveiling at the auto show and it's certainly a head turner. The soft top convertible offers old-school refinement with a whollop of power under the hood. A great feature is the standard Airscarf system, that will keep your neck warm even when we



Photo Courtesy of Bill Hopper, GWS

get into the crisp autumn months, as well as the somewhat odd but well working Aircap that deflects air up instead of into the cabin. I'm thinking October nights, with the top down heated seats on high with my Airscarf keeping me warm while driving in style...

To me the ultimate car at the show was the new w213 E-Klasse. I was so excited to see the E220d on display! The design language perfectly articulates where Mercedes is headed while maintaining absolute elegance. The new E boasts Diabler's new nine-speed automatic which will provide smooth operation to get the most out of each of its available engines. In the U.S. the most popular model will likely be the E300 which features a turbocharged 2.0 liter 4-cyl engine. A 6-cyl turbo, an AMG version with about 600 horsepower and a full-sipping diesel are also in the plan.





Mercedes-AMG to Introduce 10 More Models and Open Dedicated AMG Showrooms

By Sam Bendall - March 31, 2016

Mercedes-AMG's product line expansion will not be slowing anytime soon, as there are plans for at least 10 more AMG variants by year-end, as well as the opening of dedicated AMG showrooms worldwide.

"We're going to expand our portfolio to 48 different models by the end of the year," Mercedes-AMG boss Tobias Moers told Automotive News at the 2016 New York Auto Show.

Mercedes-AMG currently offers 38 individual models with varied body styles including the arrival of the new "43" series. Mercedes-AMG recently announced the GLC43, GLC43 Coupe and C63 Cabriolet at the New York International Auto Show.

The need for more models, according to Moers, is based on strong demand for AMG vehicles worldwide. Last year AMG sold 68,875 cars, which is a 40-percent increase over the previous year.

Increasing production is not the only goal for Mercedes-AMG; they also hope to expand the brand by opening standalone AMG stores in major markets, while encouraging current dealerships to include dedicated AMG showrooms with their stores.

Dietmar Exler, CEO of Mercedes-Benz USA, said Mercedes sees AMG as a key profit center and wants to maximize its potential. Assessing AMG a few years ago, Exler said, "The cars are awesome. The performance is awesome. We didn't do much to market them."

That's apparently changing. Exler said "about a dozen" U.S. dealers already have dedicated AMG showroom areas with a distinct look. Mercedes hopes that dealers with strong AMG sales will follow suit.

"I don't think it makes sense to go over 100," Exler said. "It's voluntary. If dealers want to participate, we're working with them. We don't want to force dealers to do that. For plenty of them, it just makes sense."

GO-KART EVENT - May 14th

Saturday, May 14th, 2016 at Arnold's Go-Karts, located at 2200 West Drive, Oaks, PA 19460 (if coming by GPS, try typing in Phoenixville, PA). The event will start at 10:30am, and will include 3 Pro-Circuit Go-Kart rides (outdoor track), approximately 15 minutes per ride, helmet & goggles, 2 games of Laser Tag, and lunch including soft drink, tax and tips for \$50.00 per person.

ProTrack riders must be at least 12 years old, and 60" tall. Double-seater karts (for adult and child) or Junior Karts (ages 6 - 12) are also available. Darina Pinaire is running this event, so please let us know if interested.

For more information, contact: dpinaire29@gmail.com or via phone at 609-273-9313.

Please RSVP by Saturday, April 23rd so we can reserve our space! Checks can be mailed in advance to Michael Parlato, MBCA President Delaware Valley Section, 2278 Spruce Street, Ewing, NJ 08638 (or paid on date of event).

Biergarten at German-American Club - July 22nd

Join us for an evening Biergarten in our outdoor picnic grove and covered Festhalle! Show off your Mercedes-Benz vehicle, dance to some polka and enjoy an evening with friends.

RAIN OR SHINE! OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

\$2.00 per person admission.

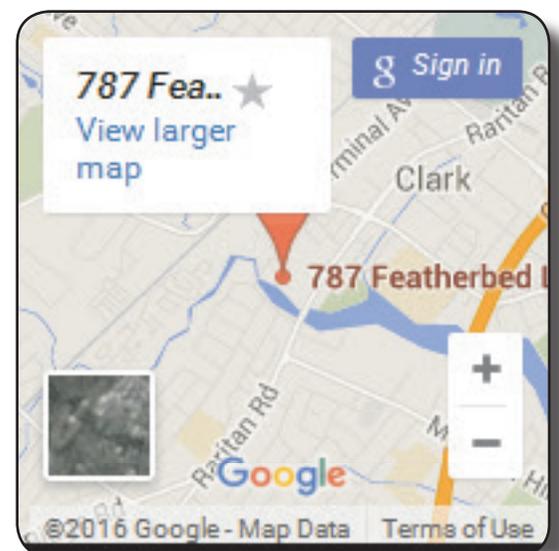
A variety of German specialties and American food will be available for sale as well as Imported and Domestic Beer.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGE ALLOWED

NO PETS

NO SKATES/BIKES/SCOOTERS/SKATEBOARDS

NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED



Deutscher Club of Clark Inc
787 Featherbed Ln,
Clark, New Jersey 07066

50's Dance - Saturday, April 23, 2016

Get out the poodle skirt, black leather jacket, jeans, and T-shirt and come to the 50's dance. Join with fellow NNJS and NJORTC members for a jumping good time.

American Legion Post 147

1 Legion Place
Elmwood Park, NJ

7:30 - 11:30 - Doors open at 7 pm

Tickets \$45

65th Annual Antique Car Show - May 1st

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2016 June Jamboree = June 25th

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NEW LOCATION

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65th ANNUAL ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

&

FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016 (Rain or Shine)



Sponsored by
The New Jersey Region of the
Antique Automobile Club of America
at



The Mennen Arena
161 East Hanover Avenue
Morristown, N.J. 07960
Gates open at 9:00 A.M.
Spectator Donation \$3.00

Pre-Registration \$10.00 - Day of show \$20.00
(No charge for pre-1928 vehicles if pre-registered)

All vehicles must be 1991 or earlier

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place trophies in
16 AACA recognized classes including
- Display class for AACA certified HPOF vehicles
(Historic Preservation of Original Features)
 - Class For Brass Era Vehicles Through 1915
 - Modified vehicles - Through 1991



Special awards for the best 1916 & 1966 vehicles
Judging starts promptly at Noon

*A UL approved fire extinguisher is required for
entrance to show field and judging.*

Registration Info - Vince DeLisi, 219 N Martine Avenue,
Fanwood, NJ 07023 Tel: 908-755-4266; email – vincentdelisi@comcast.net
Show Info: Pete Cullen - 973-239-6670
Flea Market Info: Joe DeFreitas - 908-812-7485

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65th Annual Spring Show

New Jersey Region AACA - Chartered 1951

Website: www.njaaca.org Email: njaaca@outlook.com

Sunday, May 1, 2016 (rain or shine)

Mennen Arena

161 East Hanover Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960

Field opens at 9:00 AM

Chairman Pete Cullen 973-239-6670

Chief Judge Ed Geller 908-362-6378

Registration Vince DeLisi 908-755-4266

email: vincentdelisi@comcast.net

Flea Market Joe DeFreitas Cell Phone 908-812-7485

Dash Plaques for the First 250 Cars Registered

Special Awards for the nicest, authentic

100 year old - 1916 Vehicle on the Show Field

50 year old - 1966 Vehicle on the Show Field

To contact the field in an emergency, please call

Joe DeFreitas 908-812-7485

Spectator Admission - \$3.00 Donation

REFRESHMENTS & INDOOR REST ROOMS ON SITE

Vehicle Registration Application

Name _____ Region # _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make _____ Model _____

Body Style _____ Year _____ Class # _____

email: _____

Are you a Judge? YES or NO Do you want your car judged? YES or NO

<i>All vehicles pre-1928 no fee if pre-registered</i>	
Classes	AACA Recognized
1. Brass era 1915 - all vehicles	Autos
2. 1916 - 1933	Autos
3. 1934 - 1942	Autos
4. 1945 - 1953	Autos
5. 1954 - 1959	Autos
6. 1960 - 1964	Autos
7. 1965 - 1969	Autos
8. 1970 - 1974	Autos
9. 1975 - 1991	Autos
10. Classics: AACA Recognized	
11. Senior Spring Show winners	2010 - 2015
<i>Must display 1st place plaque</i>	
12. Trucks, fire engines, military, professional vehicles to 1991	
13. Two seater sports cars	
14. Mustang, Cougar & Shelby 1964 thru 1991	
15. HPOF AACA Certified	Display only!
16. Modified vehicles to 1991	
<i>We reserve the right to combine or add classes</i>	

Requirements for Judging

- 1) Vehicle must be on the field by 12:00 Noon.
- 2) Must have safety glass in the windshield and wind wings.
- 3) No "For Sale" signs on the judging field!!!!
- 4) On questions of authenticity, the burden of proof is on the owner.
- 5) Vehicles must be driven through the fire extinguisher check and onto the show field!

First place winners at the 2010 thru 2015 Spring Show Meets must register in Class 11 and display 1st place plaque.

Please check your class assignment as well as the information in your registration packet's judging check list for accuracy!

NJ AACARegion Members Only

After registering your vehicle for the show, you may pre-register a second antique vehicle registered to you or your spouse without charge. Vehicle must be displayed in the appropriate class and the registration form needs to note: "do not judge".

Vehicle for display only!

A UL approved Fire Extinguisher must be in the vehicle for entrance to the show field and visible in the vehicle for judging.

Award winners or their representatives must be present to pick up trophies awarded at this show!

Fee Schedule

Pre-registered vehicles - pre 1928 - no fee

No. _____ Fee _____

Pre-registered \$10.00/each \$ _____

Day of the Show \$20.00/each \$ _____

Car Corral 8X20 \$20.00/each \$ _____

Flea Market 10 X 20 _____

Pre-registered \$20.00/each \$ _____

Day of the Show \$25.00/each \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Pre-registrations must be received by April 12

Checks Payable to NJ Region AACA

Mail to:

Vince DeLisi, Registrar

219 N. Martine Avenue

Fanwood, NJ 07023

vincentdelisi@comcast.net

Members' application to be judged for a

Region Annual Spring Show Trophy

Please circle the appropriate category:

Best restored vehicle (first showing)

Directors' Trophy - best unrestored to 29

Executives' Trophy - best unrestored 30 - 45

Membership Trophy 1 - best unrestored 46 - 59

Membership Trophy 2 - best unrestored 60 - 75

Membership Trophy 3 - best unrestored 76 - 91

Make _____ Model _____

Body Style _____ Year _____

FOR SALE



FOR SALE: Lovingly owned, used, and maintained single-family example. Rust free, straight body. Virtually perfect supple interior (Lexoled annually). Runs strong. Good rubber. All records, manuals, stickers. Four original keys. Photos available. Must sell. \$12,000 OBO. (201) 736-9388 Vic



FOR SALE: 1985 380SL 13,671 original miles, Signal Red w/ M-B Tex Palomino interior, Black Top plus red hardtop w/ carrier & cover, Chrome MB Wheels. One of a kind Mile-age, the right year & the perfect color combo. Spectacular. All original except new tires (11 miles), newer battery & some recent fuel system repairs. Family owned since Aug 1986. Always garaged. Best offer over \$27,000. (908) 790-1480 or mrwind-ward@verizon.net



FOR SALE: 1979 280 SL, Brown with tan interior. 107k miles. Garage kept. Includes service receipts and documents 1984 till present and service manuals. \$7,000. Contact John for detailed description at jpsirx@aol.com or call 718-702-9168



FOR SALE: 1995 E320 Cabriolet. Get ready for family outings next spring and consider acquiring this eye catching, classic 1995 E320 four seat convertible. Near showroom condition inside and outside. Very desirable Imperial Red. It has 67k miles with a very tight and smooth running engine- Always garaged. No oil leakage. No transmission slippage. Fully functioning air conditioner, everything in full working order. Service documentation is available. Asking \$18,800 Peter Jansen 732-416-0023 or at peter-jansen@comcast.net

FOR SALE: 1988 560SEC for parts or restoration. Has rear suspension damage and some surface rust. 230,000 miles. Engine and drive train excellent, uses no oil. Good restoration candidate for some-one who knows bodywork. Asking \$1750. Mike Tortorella 732 615 0355

FOR SALE: 1985 Mercedes 380SL, light blue with matching hardtop, dark blue leather interior. Excellent condition, mileage: 52,086, One owner garage-kept. Auto transmission, A/C, Power windows, steering, locks, Key entry, AM/FM/Cassette, Cruise control, Regular gas 8-cylinder engine. Hard top + soft top. Asking \$15,000 - Bill Deegan - Tele: (201) 934-9145 Email: wpd_98@yahoo.com



FOR SALE: 1981 300TDT MB Station Wagon, garage-kept, maroon with tan interior in good condition. Engine has been rebuilt needs to be assembled and installed. Best offer. Warren Burgher Sr. Please email xaipovtwb@gmail.com or call 973-584-7895



FOR SALE 1985 300D Turbo Diesel. Teal Green w/black interior. Automatic; automatic windows and sunroof. 250,000 miles. Original owner, always garaged and serviced, never smoked in, all original, no accidents. In-credible condition and runs great. A classic. \$10,000. NJ/NY. Linda Gates 201-306-1576 setag@earthlink.net.



FOR SALE: MERCEDES WHEEL RIM, OEM. This came off a 1987 560SL 107 body and is not remanufactured. With 2025 miles on it, is like new except for some scuffing on the outer rim edge. No cracks or scratches. Structurally perfect; tested on balancing machine, not warped or bent. Color silver. Part #126-400-30-02. Wheel Diameter 15", Width 6.5". \$75. Call 973 376 9026 or Nstaraceii@aol.com Nick

