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Benzes und Biergarten

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One couldn't have asked for a more beautiful evening for our annual gathering of over 50NNJS members and their families at the Deutsche Club of Clark on Friday, July 22. We gathered in the Biergarten and parked our cars along the drive to the admiring eyes of the attendees. Members of the Deutsche Club were very interested in the cars on display, and we even signed up some new members! Some of our members took advantage of the air conditioning and decided to have dinner inside, and others stayed outside listening to the music and enjoying the fresh air while enjoying some delicious food and adult beverages. As in years past, the beer was cold and delicious, and the desserts were decadent and



scrumptious.

A special "Thanks" goes to KarlaSchwedt, a member of both clubs, for arranging this event for us and to HeinzeRicken for once again taking care of registration and parking. If you haven't been able to attend this event in the past, hopefully, you will be able to attend the one in 2017.

ValerieCristiano



From the President Matt Huda

Fall is the perfect time to get on some of New Jersey's backroads and enjoy the crisp air behind the wheel of your prestigious Mercedes!

As we begin to see 2016 come into Q4 we have exiting events planned, and I look forward to seeing you there, especially the extremely popular Covered Bridge Tour in October.

Be sure to attend the Q4 events to enjoy all that our club has to offer. Take a look at the website for more details and to register.



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Benzes und Biergarten







Cars and Croissants

11 June 2016

It was a warm morning, perfect to have the top down and hit the back roads of northern New Jersey to enjoy a perfectly engineered Mercedes vehicle. An intimate gathering of about two dozen of our members, as well as a few new faces, arrived at the dealership to admire each other's cars, talk about our passions of the brand, as well as enjoy a bit of continental breakfast.



The rural location of Intercar was a delight to drive to. Personally, I took Rt 23N all the way up to Hamburg where it becomes little more than the main road. The twists and turns along this section of the highway perfectly showcase the pleasure of driving our Mercedes vehicles. As always, they stay firmly planted, effortlessly absorb every bump with ease and allow us to truly enjoy the scenery over the three-pointed star ahead of us.

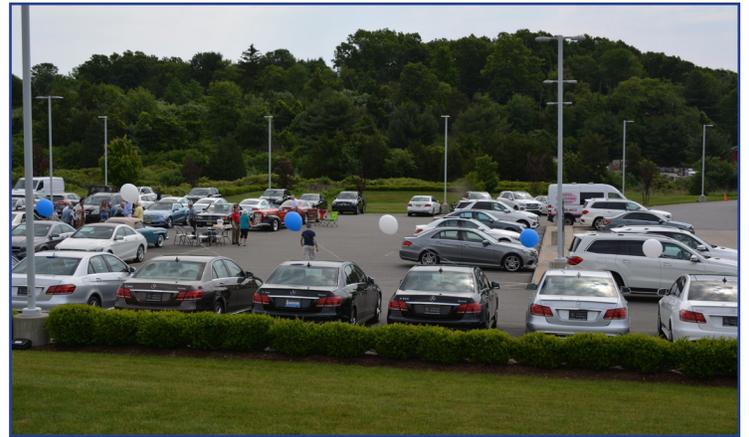
This event was a success and brought in a few new members, these meet and greets are a great way to see old friends and make new ones. I look forward to seeing more friends and fellow enthusiasts at our next C&C!

~Matt Huda











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High Gear
“How I Came to Terms With the Future”

by John Kuhn Bleimaier

Who's afraid of autonomous vehicles? Not me. Sure, I am a car enthusiast to the core. Sure, there is no joy in sitting in a conveyance which drives you to your chosen destination with no input from you. No steering wheel, no accelerator, no brake pedal, no clutch. But there is also no hassle... if you are facing stop and go rush hour traffic or a boring stint down the interstate. There is space for an autonomous vehicle in my driveway. But it will never take the place of my classic Mercedes 190Dc, my Mercedes C230K sports coupe or my Porsche Boxster in my barn.

When the motorcar first came down the track at the end of the 19th Century it did not put equestrian sport out of business. It simply rendered the family horse and buggy redundant. Similarly, the autonomous vehicle will never replace the sports car with direct steering feel, crisp linkages and three pedals on the floor. But today's ho-hum minivan is on the way to the scrap heap. To put it bluntly, a thoroughbred stallion and a pur sang granturismo will always command a high tariff in the marketplace.

Now, if I were a German carmaker with a trunk load of sporting heritage, as well as an army of engineers, craftsmen and a ton of production capacity, I would be scampering to establish a new product strategy right this minute. I would launch new lines of sporting motorcars with road feel, taut suspension, sensitive steering and manual transmission. I would simultaneously develop a fleet of autonomous vehicles with sybaritic perquisites, cushy seating and infotainment. I would come to the brave new world of the automobile industry armed with a new-speak vehicular vernacular.

In the future there will be an enthusiast market of string back driving gloves, heel-and-toe downshifts and swirling autumn leaves on the back roads. There will also be an individualized transportation market with interior design and leisure time distractions. Driving will be driving while commuting will be commuting, and never the twain shall meet. Automotive manufacturers: Divide or be conquered. Recognize the bifurcated future or be hoisted with your own put-put petard.

As for me, while I am whisked to work in my autonomous vehicle, I will be daydreaming about the coming weekend behind the wheel of my sports car in the twisty bits.

October 1, 2016

2016 EVENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Covered Bridge Tour - Oct. 22th, 2016

The Covered Bridge Tour with a Halloween twist.

Costumes and other festive wear are encouraged – there will be prizes!!!!
For a leisurely drive through the beautiful countryside along scenic roadways.
You can even caravan if you so desire. There are places to stop along the way
but not too many gas stations – so don't forget to "fill 'erup" before you set out.
After the rally, we will be going to Al Fresco's at 2:30pm

100 Reaville Road Flemington, NJ

Dinner after the Family style dinner afterward at Al Fresco's in Flemington

will be \$26 for adults, \$13 for those aged
11 – 16, and for the 10 and under crowd
there is no charge.

Menu:

Salad and rolls

Rigatoni Bolognese

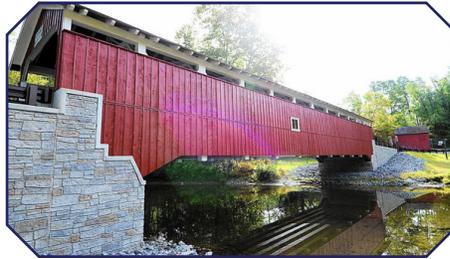
Cavatelli and broccoli

Chicken Yolanda

Veal francaise

fountain drinks, tea, and coffee

Dessert



You may also bring
your favorite adult
beverage if desired

2016 Holiday Party - Dec. 4th, 2016

As always it's a wonderful time to get
together with each other and reflect
on the past year and plan an excit-
ing one to come. This year is will be
especially exciting as we unveil new
and exciting events as well as ways to
interact and be your Mercedes-Benz
source.



This is also our annual Toys for Tots collection. In the past, our members have been
very generous in donating new and unwrapped gifts for children and young adults.
Let us continue with this wonderful, worthwhile tradition in spreading a little Holi-
day Cheer to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Bring your appetites, as many of you know who have attended affairs at Brownstone
House know, the food is plenty and exquisite!

Please email Matt @ mercedesmattnnj@gmail.com with any questions or dietary
restrictions.

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Glenn Baptiste

Angelito Domaoan

Eric Gould

Steven Haggerty

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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.