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The 51st Annual June Jamboree at MBUSA

The 51st June Jamboree, held on 7 June 2014 was an absolutely perfect day, the sun was shining through a perfectly clear blue sky making the majestic paints on our members' cars shimmer as they rolled through the gates of MBUSA for registration and for pictures to be taken before proceeding to its assigned spot. As entrants put the final touches on their vehicles the gleeful chatter of compliments and mild competition between participants could be heard.

We had members from far and near sections in attendance as well as some national board members and officers. National President – Terry Kiwala; Vice-President – Laura Simonds; Treasurer – Bill Denton; DAL – Josie Lesler; RD –Mid-Atlantic– Joe Grattan; RD Eastern – Bill Hopper; RD - Central – Cliff Reyle. Sections represented this year include: Hudson-Mohawk; Northern New England Star; Conn-Westchester; Keystone; NEPA; NYC & LI; DelVal; South Jersey; GWS; San Franscisco Bay; Chicagoland; Memphis; Western Reserve; and of course, NNJS. (Our apologies if we forgot to mention your section)

As participants happily cleaned, our DJ, Lisa, played some classic tunes to set the mood, while Sonax's representative began working to transform a daily driver with 112,000 miles on it into the diamond it truly is. Paul La Penta and his colleagues at MBUSA carefully prepared and set up a stunning display of AMG and future cars for us to enjoy – the June Jamboree had begun!

Thanks to Anka Simon at MBUSA and our supportive dealers; Globe Motors, MB of Freehold, Prestige Motors, MB of Princeton & InterCar in providing a superb offering of door prizes and items for our silent auction.Thanks to all of those members who arrived very early in the morning in order to set up and have things in place when the majority of the participants arrived.

A special Thank you to the following: Linda Smith & Murray Kane for directing traffic/parking; Trudy Frei & Marina Pushkareva for so ably running the silent auction; Akemi Kane and Pat Jansen for helping with the wristbands and the lunch line; Lucille Chabala and Valerie Cristiano for being in charge of registration; Sean & Kristin Connor for taking the photos of the cars; Carl Schwartz, Jay Hirsch and Allen Gold for taking photos of the event (all these pictures can be seen on our Facebook page. John Blemaier for setting up the trophies; Loni Spingarn for once again running the 50/50; and to our score tabulators – Josie Lesler, Laura Simonds, Valerie Cristiano, Pete Lesler, and Terry Kiwala.

Thank you also to Lindasy Munson and her team at MBUSA – the workers in the cafeteria, the maintenance staff, the security team, and the company store workers - for helping to make this another spectacular event!

Also, to everyone who judged, assisted with lunch, the store, parking and every other important no matter how small of a detail that needed to get done. It was truly a team effort and we graciously thank each of you for your help!

We have already begun working on June Jamboree 2015! Mark your calendars for 6 June 2015 for the 52nd Annual NNJS June Jamboree, the longest running event in the history of MBCA!

We also wish to thank our judges who are listed on page two. Winners of both the Popular and Concours votes are listed on pages ten & eleven in this issue.

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Our June Jamboree Concours Judges

Our judges carefully evaluated each of the Concours vehicles. Thanks to the following for helping with the judging:

Group A:	Interior:	Alan Snyder + Larry Taylor
	Glass/Chrome:	Oliver Seligman + Jan vander Baan
	Engine:	Arpi Kertesz + Lou Palumbo
	Paint:	Ray De Meglio + Janice Boop
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	Glass/Chrome:	Claire Wegner + Terry Kimmel
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Score Sheet Runner:	Lauren Kertesz
Head Judge:	Pete Lesler
Chief Judge:	Andreas Molde

Please see pages 10 and 11 for complete Popular and Concours results.

A complete slide show of the 51st June Jamboree by Carl Ian Schwartz may be viewed at http://1drv.ms/1I5Qo3y

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From the President …….. Matt Huda

It was fantastic to see everyone that attended the June Jamboree last month! It's so rewarding to see our section's members, as well as members from other sections coming together for such a wonderful event. Your board members and I have already begun working on JJ2015, and have even more fun things in store for next year. I welcome everyone to attend the event on Friday 18 July at the Robbinsville Distribution Center to learn all about how the parts for your make it to the workshop so expeditiously when you bring it in for service. Check the website for more information. I look forward to our next big event on Saturday 20 September for our annual picnic. Mark your calendars for a great time with friends and our amazing cars.

Silver Star Preservation Class at June Jamboree 2014

The Silver Star Preservation Class of MBCA was initiated by Pete Lesler, National Concours Committee Chair, in 2008. This is the first year we have included this evaluation at June Jamboree. The criteria for applying for this evaluation are few— **>>25 years or older;** this means a car produced in / before 1990 will qualify next year. **>>mostly original; and driven to Preservation Class Event.** This is an evaluation of each individual vehicle. My car is not compared to yours, it is evaluated by itself. This is pass / fail; 12 cars took part in this process at June Jamboree – all passed. But let's face it all were in great shape / mostly original. Why take part in this? You have a great car why not show it off? This is an added credential for your car, adds value and is recognized by others. A few weeks after approval you will get a certificate with an image (provided by you) of your car and you can purchase a Preservation Star grill badge - cost is $35 + postage. At JJ you can enter Preservation Class as well as Popular Vote or Concours if you choose.

We will be sponsoring Preservation Class again next year. Here is how the certificate / badge process works after your car has passed the evaluation.

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(1st, 2nd, 3rd, others are then listed in order of registration)

New

1st	2012	E350cab	Fred Marcus
2nd	2011	E350cab	Jan Boop
3rd	2015	S600	Clifford Robert
	2013	SL550	Gerald Brown
	2010	S550 4matic	Joe Cristiano

Modern Sedan

1st	2004	CL500coupe	Alex Rosner
2nd	2000	S430	Murray Kane
3rd	2004	E320	John Anaischik
	2008	C300 sedan	Eddie Meyer
	2002	C230	Hannah Kertesz
	2002	E320	Ray DiMeglio
	2005	Sprinter	John McAuliffe

Modern Sport

1st	2007	SL550	David Brink
2nd	2005	CLKAMG55	William Washington
3rd	2001	320CLK	Priscilla Sedita
	2002	320SLK	Carl Ian Schwartz
	2006	SL500	Gail Lasser
	2003	SL500	Thomas Buonocore

Old Sedan

1st	1998	CL600	Carmine Buda
2nd	1992	500E	Daniel Foote
3rd	1993	500E	Daniel Foote
	1992	500E	Roger Egolf
	1993	300D	Ken Fleistaker
	1998	C230	Christian Buda

Old Sport

1st	1992	500SL	Gregory Roser
2nd	1998	SL500sport	Rocco LoFaro
3rd	1995	SL320	Peter Jansen
	1999	SLK230	Jerry Campagna
	1995	E320cab	Pat Jansen
	1997	320SL	Kamalika Weeratne

Vintage Sedan

1st	1966	230sedan	Allen Wagner
2nd	1970	250C	Maurice Hoffman
3rd	1967	250SE	Keith Morgan
	1975	240D	John Wilson
	1967	230S fintail	Michael Maddalena
	1959	190 ponton	Tim Cutler
	1980	300CD	John Bleimaier
	1987	190TD	Nelson Mangan
	1967	300SEL	Jamie Kopchinski
	1981	300TD	Alex Rosner
	1974	240D	Matt Gesek
	1987	560SEL	Kushal Mukherjee

Vintage Sport

1st	1970	280SEconv	John Mazella
2nd	1971	280SEconv	Richard Rose
3rd	1989	560SL	George Heinz
	1978	450SLC	Michael Goldberg
	1976	450SL	Ralph Esposito
	1967	250SL	Daniel O'Keefe
	1971	280SL	Chuck Benz
	1989	560SL	Frank Chabala
	1989	560SL	Joe Grattan
	1979	450SL	Gloria Libby
	1987	560SL	Vinny Milo
	1967	230SL	Ed Smith
	1982	380SL	Tom Kressly

51st Annual June Jamboree Concours Results

Classes 2 & 3

1st	1958	220S conv	William Miller	95.675
2nd	1958	220S	David Van Duzer	93.963

Class 4

1st	1956	190	Claire Wegner	95.321
2nd	1959	300SL	Alvin Martz	88.097

Class 6

1st	1972	280SE	Aurelien DeSeze	91.72
2nd	1965	220Seb	David Gubb	88.700
3rd	1963	220Seb	Chris Sciales	87.837

Class 7

1st	1970	280SE 3.5 coupe	Henry Coelho	95.313
2nd	1966	250Se coupe	Larry Ledbetter	92.247

Classes 8 & 9

1st	1981	300D	Andy Gusman	95.407
2nd	1987	300SDL	Jay Hirsch	89.242

Class 10

1st	1985	300CD	Will Waterfield	95.171
2nd	1995	320E coupe	Oliver Seligman	94.940
3rd	1979	450SL	Ann Fagan	92.090
	1980	500SLC	Philip Morgan	91.823

Class 11

1st	1997	SL500	John Votta	94.736
2nd	2001	320SLK	Tom Elder	93.770
3rd	2006	280SLK	Mike Carroll	92.886

Class 12

1st	2002	C32	Bill Denton	94.469
2nd	2005	E320	Joan Donnelly	93.510
3rd	2008	E550	Paul LaPenta	92.629

Class 14

1st	1992	600SEL	Terry Kimmel	95.750
2nd	1998	S500	Dominick Citera	95.416
3rd	2004	CL55	Jonathan Silverman	93.862

Class 15

1st	1970	280SL	June Platz	95.771
2nd	1970	280SL	Terry Spaeth	95.315
3rd	1968	280SL	Joseph Anisko	94.618

Class 16

1st	1982	380SL	Peter Newman	95.240
2nd	1986	560SL	Mitch Tanner	95.187
3rd	1989	560SL	Sylvia Sama	95.157
4th	1984	380SL	Marc Loranger	93.837
	1980	450SL	Loni Spingarn	93.029
	1984	380SL	Lester Ayars	92.929

Presidents' Choice

1971	280SL	Tony LaBella	94.973

Best in Show

1992	600SEL	Winthrop Baum	96.581

Judges Choice

1962	300d	Jeri Barrett	92.737

Preservation Class – Silver Star Awards

(in order of registration)

1980	300CD	John Bleimaier
1989	560SL	Frank Chabala
1972	280SE	Aurelien DeSeze
1989	560SL	Joe Grattan
1981	300D	Andy Gusman
1987	300SDL	Jay Hirsch
1966	250Se coupe	Larry Ledbetter
1987	560SL	Vinny Milo
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At the pinnacle of the automotive bumping order is the concours d' elegance. You know that you are in a rarified atmosphere when you must reach for a French word to express your meaning: couture for tailoring, belles lettres for story telling, femme fatale for b…., well, you get my drift.

During the interwar period the concours d' elegance was an automotive salon where custom coachbuilders would showcase their newest creations in the company of svelte fashion models at upper crusty venues.

After the great conflagration Pebble Beach pioneered the high end car show as we know it today and borrowed the now familiar nom d' guerre. Now, voila, here we are in 2014 with the dizzying proliferation of C. d' E. around the country. It's enough to give one mal de mer.

The two high end events which take place closest to the vortex at New Jersey are the Greenwich Concours d' Elegance in Connecticut and the Elegance at Hershey in Pennsylvania. Both shows are substantially smaller than the extravaganzas at Pebble Beach or at Amelia Island. However, they feature judges in khaki slacks, blue blazers and regimental-stripe ties. There are ladies in umbrella sized sun hats and journalists in pith helmets with classic Voigtlaender film cameras.

At Greenwich the field of glory reaches down to the waters of the Long Island Sound with a view across to Gatsby's boat slip. At Hershey cars are arrayed in a manicured flower garden with fountains and gazebos framed by the crest line of the Allegheny piedmont.

The cars on display in Greenwich and Hershey are unique, many are one-offs. This is not a cruise night at Wal-Mart.

You will look in vain for a '57 Chevy or a '66 Mustang. Of course Mercedes-Benz vehicles will always be represented. Attending either of these nearby concours will provide something of the flavor of the big league events without having to travel a long distance and book reservations in a Red Roof Inn which has jacked up their tariff in anticipation of the carriage trade. I recommend both Greenwich and Hershey as an introduction to the top drawer.

From my perspective the only problem with our two local concours is that they tend to draw the self-same world class automobiles which have already been shown at Pebble and Amelia. Since I travel that big top circuit, Greenwich and Hershey are, alas, deja vu!

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There will also be the "Silent Auction". Please bring a new or gently used item that you would like to donate to the 'Auction' table. The proceeds from the auction will be used for one of our Charity donations.

Even though the majority of the food and drinks will be supplied by NNJS & SJS we still need you to bring an appetizer, side dish, salad or dessert to supplement the buffet. Please let Lucille know what you will be bringing when you register – PLEASE remember to let us know that you are coming – we need a head count for when we go shopping! Everyone is welcome to attend. We do have some table and chairs available, but if you have chairs bring them along.

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Please notify Lucille prior to September 15, 2014

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