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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2nd QUARTER 2015

To borrow a song phrase....*"Spring will be a little late this year"*. I think we're nearing the end of this record setting winter, thank goodness. Time to review any neglected winter maintenance of the Mercedes and prepare it for the upcoming driving season. The garage tech session at Bill Wayman's on April 26th is the place to be for answers to your questions or problems. Bill's knowledge and ideas will help establish your priorities and set you on the right track for a summer of enjoyable driving. And we hope that driving will include attendance at the events and gatherings planned for the coming months. The Sonneberg Car Show on June 21st is always a pleaser. Meeting up with the Niagara MBCA members gives Mercedes a large array of various models for us and the hundreds of spectators to enjoy. Plus, we always have an informal picnic to share and the opportunity to visit the mansion, gardens, green houses and try a wine tasting. It's a great day for the whole family. Our most popular event is the summer picnic and new member welcome on July 12th at Red Kozinski's in Scottsville. Red has offered his home to us for a number of years and it is the perfect place to gather. Everyone brings a dish to pass (too many desserts last year – the chocolate cake was a killer) and the club supplies everything else. Make plans to join the fun.

As always we need your ideas and help to keep the increasing club membership interested and entertained. We appreciate your input – give me a call, 585-367-2815 or e-mail me at handzo912@frontiernet.net , I'd like to talk with you.

Bob

FINGER LAKES SECTION - MBCA
UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE 2015



APRIL 26TH – Tech session at Bill Wayman’s in Ontario, 1:00PM. Additional information and directions elsewhere in this issue. E-mail notice will be sent.

MAY 16th – A visit to the Glenn Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport. (Route 54, ½ mile south of the village.) Check out the museum at glennhcurtiss.org to see what treasures are in store from this aviation pioneer. After our museum visit we’ll take a short drive to the nearby Pleasant Valley Wine Company (Great Western champagnes), the oldest winery in the Finger Lakes for tastings (\$2.pp) and end the day at Bully Hill Vineyards for lunch, all in Hammondsport. Meet at the Museum parking lot at 10:AM. If we have 10 or more attendees our entry fee will be \$7.00 each. E-mail notice will be sent.

JUNE 21ST- Father’s Day car show and picnic with the Niagara Section at Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua. Low key concours with lots to see and do for the entire family at this site. Check out the website, sonnenberg.org for more information and registration. Entry fee for a car is cheaper on line and includes all the passengers. E-mail notice will be sent.

JULY 1ST - Mercedes-Benz / Lotus Driver Education Day at Watkins Glen. See full information elsewhere in this issue. Your opportunity to learn to be a better driver and enjoy your M-B at speed.

JULY 12TH – Annual picnic and New Member Welcome at Red Kozinski’s, Scottsville, 1:PM. People’s choice car show, lawn games, swimming, hiking in the woods – you could win a prize for any of these activities. Bring a dish to share, the club supplies all the rest and Red always has a surprise! E-mail notice will be sent.

AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER – A visit to Letchworth State Park (New York’s Grand [?] Canyon) is in the planning stage. Details to follow.

OCTOBER – Looking for new ideas.

NOVEMBER – Annual meeting and election of officers for 2016.

DECEMBER – No meeting – Make cruise plans for January.



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Do you have something to sell or something you want?
E-Mail Vickie at ypatridge@netzero.com.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Gregory Leska, Jr., Owego, NY - 1987 560SL, transfer from Hud-Mo Section

Karl Gauss, Tully, NY

William Greener, Ithaca, NY

Jim Frenck, Pittsford, NY

Denise Merrill, Minetto, NY – 2015 Interstate Sprinter

Warren Riter, Penfield, NY – 1938 170V



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MID-WINTER GET-TOGETHER ON FEBRUARY 22, 2015

Nine hearty members were ready to brave whatever winter would throw at us on Sunday, February 22nd to attend the annual winter lunch. The temperature remained in the low 20s and other than what was already on the ground – no additional snow!



We met in Geneva at the BEER AND BREW, a pub located in a charming historical brick building opposite the Armory on Main St. The menu offers traditional English and Irish fare along with American favorites and a beer list of brews from all over the world, in bottle and tap along with a wine list featuring Finger Lakes favorites along with other selections.

Seated at a long table in front of the fireplace we quickly warmed up and ordered food and drink. Conversation flowed. Doug and Bea Archer have been invited to show their red 2009 SL550 at the Cars and Coffee exhibit at the Amelia Island Concours in March. They're looking forward to some warmer weather here but if they can't get the car trailer out of their hilly driveway due to snow and ice, it's a no-go for a few days of sun in Florida and the chance to be at one of the premier car shows. Mel and Alice Dillon usually join us every year for this lunch. Last year Mel took several turns on the go cart track at Destiny before joining the group at Toby Keith's restaurant. No such entertainment in Geneva but Mel has agreed to be one of the instructors for our July 1st advanced driver's school, a joint event with the Lotus Club of western New York at the Watkin's Glen track. Be sure you sign up for this exciting day if you want to learn how to drive your car safely at speed.

Larry and Jan Driscoll were presented with a 2015 calendar of exceptional classic Mercedes photos for being newer members and Don Klug, Bob and I rounded out the hearty nine. All raved about our food and drink choices. The Irish and English specialties all looked yummy and I was slightly sorry I ordered pulled pork instead of Bubble and Squeak or Shepard's Pie. However, the pulled pork was delicious. We hope you don't miss out on all this entertainment next year – always a date in February and we try to move the location and venue around to tempt members from the huge area we cover to join us. Do you have a suggestion for a 2016 location? Judy Handzo



StarTech 2015... is proud to announce it is being held in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 13-15.



Like Mercedes, Cincinnati Has a rich German heritage, and we hope to showcase that for the attendees at MBCA's biggest event of the year. We will present great technical lectures, and many learning experiences you will only receive at this event!

We will kick things off by hosting a Welcome Party sponsored by MBUSA at the Great American Ball Park's Mercedes Benz Diamond Club on Friday night. The Cincinnati Reds were the first professional Major league Baseball team, so it is only fitting we paired this venue with fans of the first automobile. We will have a great time in one of the newest ballparks to celebrate the kickoff of StarTech 2015.

We have partnered with the DoubleTree by Hilton Cincinnati Airport as our host hotel, and also the locations of the Saturday Technical Sessions and lectures. We have been given a special rate so book your hotel rooms by going to their website ([Click Here](#)) Rooms are \$110 a night.

We have speakers such as Pete Lesler, Tom Hansen, Joe Bernardi, Ted Gottfried, Pierre Hedary, Mary Nohr, Rick Drewrey, and many more. Topics will include the history of German automotive industry, silver star preservation, the classic center, insurance, what to look for in a concourse level vehicle. and many more. To see a full list of speakers and topics please visit the StarTech website at <http://startech2015.mbca.org/>

Registration is open and can be found on the startech website, or by going here (<https://squareup.com/market/StarTech2015>). The full technical weekend costs \$225, and the social Registration is \$130.

For those of you not interested in the full weekend, we also have 4 offsite events that showcase Cincinnati and its many gems. These can be found on the startech website by going here ([Click Here](#)). Our off-site events are highlighted by the Queen City Underground tour. This tour has been rated a top 5 walking tour in the country, and doesn't disappoint. This is a must see if you come to Cincinnati!

Saturday night we are planning a wonderful reception with great food, wonderful company, and possibly a keynote speaker from MBUSA.

As you can see StarTech 2015 has something for everyone, the only thing we will be missing is you. **[REGISTER TODAY!](#)**

Any questions, please email Peter Emslander at MBCAStarTech2015@gmail.com. For a Paper registration or to pay by check please call David or Kimberly Hagood at [513.404.8183](tel:513.404.8183).

We look forward to seeing you in June!





**Sign up Now for Gemütlichkeit 2015 hosted
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Pittsburgh, PA
August 19-22, 2015**

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1. warm cordiality; comfortable friendliness; congeniality.

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August 19-22, 2015 - For information and registration click [here](#).



**Circle Lake Ontario This Fall
September 26 – October 2, 2015**

Tourmeister Ron Harshman promises this will be the “tour of all tours.” Connect with other MBCA members and enjoy the picturesque autumn beauty of upstate New York and southern Ontario. Along the way enjoy fun, feasting, museums, fine wines, and cars. For More Information, Registration and Contact Information [click here](#).



TECH SESSION AT BILL WAYMAN'S GARAGES

SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2015 AT 1:00 PM

Bill recently retired from Xerox after more than 37 years as an electrical engineer. He has over 85 patents. He has offered to open his garages, machine and electronic shops to FLMBCA members for an informative afternoon of answering your car questions including engine, upholstery, paint and bodywork concerns. Bill might fire-up his welder, milling machine or lathe and solve your problem on the spot. If you have a part that needs an explanation, bring that along too. And Bill may have extra 300SD parts he will send home with you.

The Wayman garages house 3 Mercedes diesels, a 1929 REO Flying Cloud (ACA winner), a replica of an 1899 Locomobile steam car and a 1935 Olds in the process of restoration.

Your tech session presence will enable you to enjoy the wide array of benefits, social activity and fellowship that our common passion for Mercedes-Benz automobiles offer. Light refreshments will be available. Come rain or shine.

1945 Lake Road, Ontario, NY 14519. Goggle maps have the correct location. From Route 104 take Knickerbocker north to Lake Road, turn left on Lake and turn right on the first driveway. This shared driveway is located next to a large blue water tank.





MERCEDES-BENZ / LOTUS DRIVER EDUCATION DAY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST, 2015 AT WATKINS GLEN

An opportunity to learn the handling and performance capabilities of your Mercedes-Benz in a controlled environment with personal on-track instruction. Learning to drive your car at higher speed will make you a more capable driver and more familiar with the advanced performance and features of your car. Run groups of the same experience level, novice, intermediate and advanced, will allow you to drive at comparable speeds. You will be a better driver at the end of the day!

Cost for the track is \$285 per driver and full information and registration is at www.clubregistration.net. Qualified instructors will have their registration fee waived by agreeing to take two students for instruction. Register as soon as possible as this opportunity for advanced driving skills will fill quickly. Check-in at the track will be Tuesday, June 30th from 6-9:PM. Tech inspection will be scheduled at this time for either that evening or Wednesday morning. Trailers can be left at the track overnight. A complimentary reception will be held at the Corning Radisson Hotel that evening. The hotel is offering a special room rate of \$129, reserved with the key word, LOTUS.

2005, and newer, Snell approved helmets are required. Motorcycle helmets are not allowed. Garage space is available, on a first come basis, for \$25 for the day. Lunch will be offered at the Glen Club for all attendees and guests at \$25 pp.

We have one of the few days available at the Glen this year. The track will shut down after the NASCAR race in August for repaving.

For any questions or more information contact Tony Vaccaro, Lotus Ltd, at tony@amicroinc.com or Bob Handzo, President, Finger Lakes MBCA, at handzo912@frontiernet.net

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