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Summerfest III Presented by Wagner Mercedes-Benz

With the sky falling in we gathered at Indian Ranch for Summerfest III Presented by Wagner Mercedes-Benz. It was more like Fallfest!

While the weather was less than spectacular, 35 members from all over the state including Western Mass, Boston and NE Conn did their best to warm it up.

Captain Dylan, again provided tours of the lake and his narrative is always informational and fun.

I would like to thank Wagner Mercedes-Benz for their support of the Minuteman Section. I look forward to an event at their new facility on Rte. 9 in Shrewsbury. This is a new state of the art dealership that should be open by July 1st.

John S Piekarczyk,
Event Chairman



Hardy revelers returning from their cruise around the lake





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Ken Bourque's 2010 Nautical Cruise Presented by AlphaCars

Our 2010 annual nautical cruise will revisit Falmouth and the schooner *Liberté* we so enjoyed last year. We will depart from the pier located behind the Clam Shack at 227 Clinton Ave. Falmouth, MA on **Sunday, August 8th**. Free parking is available in the Clam Shack's parking lot. The *Liberté*, a 74' three-masted



Oysters Too Restaurant

schooner, will sail for 2 hours in the waters off Cape Cod. Light refreshments will be available on board. Please plan to **arrive at 2:30PM** for a **3:00PM departure**. Dress comfortably but appropriately for potential sea spray depending on the weather and remember we will be dining later.

After the cruise we will drive a few miles to the famous **Oysters Too Restaurant** and lounge in Teaticket, one of the favorites in this area, for a half hour cocktail period to stabilize our sea legs.

The schooner can accommodate only 49 people so please respond early. All replies must be received by Saturday, July 31 with a **check made payable to "Minuteman Section, MBCA"** and your choice(s) of entrees.

Dinner menu includes:

Hors D'oeuvres: Stuffed Mushroom Caps and Scallops wrapped in Bacon.

Appetizers: Garden Salad with the House Cranberry Vinaigrette dressing.

Entrees: All diners served with rolls and butter and a baked potato and your choice of:

- A. **Grilled 9 oz. Rump Steak with Medira wine sauce.**
- B. **Baked Stuffed Shrimp with House Crabmeat Stuffing and Lemon Butter.**
- C. **Nantucket Chicken. Lightly battered Chicken Breast sautéed with Shrimp, Julienne Vegetables, Mushrooms and Chardonnay sauce.**

Dessert: Flourless Chocolate Truffle Cake served with Mocha Espresso Sauce and Homemade Whipped Cream and either coffee or tea.

Detach and mail form to: Kenneth Bourque 18 Thompson St., Dedham, MA 02026 before July 31st.

(This usually sells out early—first come, first served.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of members: _____ @ \$50.00 each = _____

Number of non members: _____ @ \$75.00 each = _____

Total enclosed: _____

Your choices of entrees: (indicate number of each selection)

- A) Rump Steak _____
- B) Baked Stuffed Shrimp _____
- C) Nantucket Chicken _____

**Mail to: Mr. Kenneth Bourque
18 Thompson St.
Dedham, MA. 02026**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With summer in full swing it's been great to drive the SL with the top down. I was never a convertible guy, but always loved the 107 SLs. Now I'm hooked!

We just sold our 1991 560 SEC to a collector who will keep it as pristine as we did and continue its undefeated show record.

The new branding for the Club is in full swing and you'll see it in this Newsletter. The emphasis is on making the Club recognized as a National Club and not just local

Sections. The new Website templates will be coming later this summer and are designed to tie all Section Websites into one unified template, so that they all are recognized as the Mercedes Benz Club of America.

I would like to welcome Kevin Caputo as our newest Director. Kevin is from Western Mass and is a longtime member of the Club. He's running the Western Mass cookout on July 18th at Look Park in Northampton. I look for-

ward to his efforts to make the members in Western Mass feel a part of this Section, with more events in that part of the state.

I want to congratulate Ronald Luich for winning 3rd prize in the Raffle. This is the 3rd time in the last 4 years that a Minuteman Section member has won a prize in the Raffle. Remember to buy tickets for the next one!

On a personal note, I won't be running for President in 2011. I want to thank all the members

of the Minuteman Section for making this one of the best experiences of my life. This Section and its members are very special to me, thank you again for allowing me to be President.

In July the Executive Board will meet to nominate a new President. This person will be chosen with the best interest of the Section as the priority.

John S. Peckarezyk

President, Minuteman



Editor's Desk



"Summertime, and the living is easy... fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high..."

Our spring lead-in to summer has been just beautiful. Crisp, clear sun-filled days interspersed with the occasional rains have brought the season's flora to a majestic level.

Those of us driving convertibles have had a great season. It just doesn't get any better than this.

I am, regrettably, unable to attend all our planned events this year due to scheduling conflicts beyond my control. I have undertaken a new project that requires most of my attention and energies so I barely

have time to edit and publish our newsletter. Help!

It appears everyone had a wonderful time at the Summerfest III Webster Lake family outing – great fun!

I am planning on being at Ken Bourque's Nautical day on the Cape for sure and, of course, the Farberallye in October. If at all possible, I will be at Germanfest too.

These are the events to bring your polished and shiny Benz to share with us.

By the way, if anyone is interested in helping out with our quarterly publication they would be welcomed most enthusiastically. It is also a good way to learn how to publish a newsletter (or newspaper).

Call me at 781-337-1717 for information.

Note that additional events are posted on the website, mbca.org/minuteman, which could not be included in our quarterly scheduled newsletter. Be sure to visit the site regularly for the latest news.

The fine folks piloting our

mother ship have some great new cars on the drawing board and others are coming soon to a showroom near you.

Send in your car stories to share with our readers.

What great times in which to live are these.

–Ronald Beaton



One of the greatest cars ever made: The 300SL Gullwing.



GERMANFEST XXIV Presented by InterCity Lines

On Sunday, October 3rd, the Minuteman Section of the Mercedes Benz Club of America and the Larz Anderson Auto Museum are pleased to present the 24th annual Germanfest presented by InterCity Lines. Registration will open at 8:00 a.m. and will cost \$20, which includes entrance into the museum for 2 individuals. All registration will take place on the day of the event. Judging will begin at 11:00 a.m. with "rags down" announced at that time indicating the stop of all cleaning of cars. If you do not wish to have your Mercedes-Benz judged, you may register to enter the field as "display only"; registration fee applies. Arrivals after 11:00 a.m. will be entered as "display only". Rules for judging in the street class and concourse class are according to Mercedes Benz Club of America criteria, which focuses on cleanliness and authenticity of the vehicle. The daily driver class has been replaced with a Survivor Class. The rules for this class are: Any model Mercedes Benz, in original unrestored condition 25 years of age or older. Must be driven to the event and not bear dealer or repair plates. Judged according to street class rules.

First, second and third place awards are given out in 11 classes and 4 trophies are awarded for the finest and most unusual cars entered.

Venue Location: Larz Anderson Auto Museum | 15 Newton St Brookline, MA 02445 | 617-522-6547

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2006 Class Sheet

Class 1 Contemporary Sedans, Wagons, Coupes & Cabriolets 1992-2004

140 Chassis- 300 SE, S 320, S350 Turbodiesel, 350 SDL, 400 SE, 400 SEL, S 420 1992 - 1999

140 Chassis cont.- 500 SEL, 600 SEL, 500 SEC, 600 SEC, S 500, S 600, CL 500, CL 600

208 Chassis-CLK 320, CLK 430, CLK 55 1998-2002

209 Chassis- CLK 320 2003-2004

202 Chassis- C 220, C 280, C 36, C43, C 230 Kompressor 1994-2000

203 Chassis- C 230, C 240, C 320, C 32 2001-2004

210 Chassis- E320, E300 Deisel, E420, E430, E 55 1996-2003

211 Chassis- E320, E500, E55 2003-2004

215 Chassis- CL500, CL55, CL 600 2000-2004

220 Chassis- S 430, S 500, S 600, S 55 2000 - 2004

Class 2 Modern Sedans, Estate Wagons, Coupes and Convertibles 1981-1995

123 Chassis, 230, 240 D, 280 E, 280 CE, 300 CD, 300 D, 300 TD 1977-1985

124 Chassis- 260 E, 300 E, E320, E320 Coupe, 300 CE, 300 D 2.5, 300 TE, E300 Deisel 1986-1995

124 Chassis cont.- E 320 Wagon, 400 E, E420, 500 E, E500, 300 CE Cabriolet, E320 Cabriolet

126 Chassis- 300 SD, 300 SDL, 350 SDL, 380 SE, 380 SEL, 420 SEL, 500 SEL, 560 SEL 1981-1991

126 Chassis cont. 380 SEC, 500 SEC, 560 SEC

201 Chassis- 190 E 2.3, 190 E 2.6, 190 E 2.3-16, 190 D 2.2, 190 D 2.5 1984-1992

Class 3 Modern Sports Cars 1990-2004

129 Chassis- 300 SL, 500 SL, 600 SL, SL 320, SL 500, SL 600 1990-2002

170 Chassis - SLK230 Kompressor, SLK 32, SLK 320 1998-2003

230 Chassis- SL500, SL600, SL55 2003-2004

Class 4 SUV Class, All Years and Models 1979 - 2008

163 Chassis- ML 320, ML 350, ML 430, ML 500, ML 55 1998 - 2005

164 Chassis- ML350, ML500 2006 - 2008

460/463 Chassis- 240GD, 300GD, 230G, 280GE, 500GE, G320, G500, G55 1979- 2006

Class 5 Classic Sedans, Coupes & Cabriolets 1961-1980

100 Chassis- 600 SWB, 600 Pullman 1964-1972

110/111/112 Chassis(Finbacks), 190, 190 D, 200, 200 D, 220, 220 S, 220 SE, 1961-1968

110/111/112 Chassis(Finbacks) cont., 230, 230 S, 300 SE(sedan)

108 Chassis- 250 S, 280 S, 250 SE, 280 SE, 280 SEL, 280 SE 4.5, 280 SEL 4.5 1965-1973

109 Chassis- 300 SEL, 300 SEL 3.5, 300 SEL 4.5, 300 SEL 6.3 1965-1973

111/112 Chassis- 220 SEbc, 250 SEc, 280 SEc, 280 SE 3.5, 300 SE, all coupes and cabriolets 1962-1971

114/115 Chassis- 200, 220, 220 D, 230, 240 D, 250, 250 C, 280 C, 280, 300 D 1968-1976

116 Chassis- 280 S, 280 SE, 300 SD, 450 SE, 450 SEL, 450 SEL 6.9 1973-1980

Class 6 Vintage Sports Cars 1955-1963

121 Chassis- 190 SL 1955-1963

113 Chassis- 230 SL, 250 SL, 280 SL 1963-1971

198 Chassis- 300 SL Gullwing and Roadster 1954-1962

Class 7 Classic Sports Cars 1971-1989

107 chassis- 350 SL, 350 SLC, 380 SL, 380 SLC, 450 SL, 450 SLC, 450 SL 5.0, 500 SL, 560 SL, 1972-1989

Class 8 Vintage Coupes, Cabriolets and Sedans 1949- 1962

136/191 Chassis- 170 V, 170 S Coupes, Cabriolets and sedans 1949-1955

120/121/105 Chassis- 180, 180 D, 190, 190 D, 219 1953-1962

128-Chassis- 220 SE, Coupes, Cabriolets and sedans 1958-1961

180 Chassis- 220a, 220S, Coupe, Cabriolet and Sedan 1954-1959

186/188 Chassis- all 300 Series Coupes, Cabriolets and Sedans 1951-1958

187 Chassis- 220 Coupes, Cabriolets and Sedans 1951-1956

Class 9 All New Models 2005-2008

This class includes all cars built in or after model year 2005

Class 10 Concourse Class 1980 or Older

This class can include any restored car older than 1980

Class 11 Survivor Class 1985 or Older

This class can include any model, 25 years of age or older(1)

NOTE: There may be model year discrepancies for older model cars. Also grey market models are not listed.

In the case of a model not being listed, classification is based on chassis designation, model designation or year of manufacture

(1) Must be driven to the event and not bear repair or dealer plates.

2011 Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG

On one hand, it may seem like an odd time for Mercedes to be jumping back into the ultra-premium end of the car market, particularly in light of its recent less-than-standouts efforts (think: McLaren SLR and the salesproof Maybach). But this isn't the case with the 2011 Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG. In fact, this isn't really a Gottlieb and Karl joint at all -- at least not by any traditional definition.

The SLS is actually an Au-frecht Melcher Großaspach project. Huh? It's AMG's first bumper-to-bumper, start-to-finish project -- and having just torn around the California countryside and hot-lapped around Laguna Seca, we're left wondering only one thing: Why did it take more than 40 years for this to happen? Well, perhaps we should cut Mercedes some slack, as it has only owned the high-

performance arm since 1999, so perhaps the appropriate thing is to look at the SLS' 2009 rollout as something of a tenth anniversary present to itself. In that light, the folks from Stuttgart know how to throw one hell of a party.

More Than Simple Nostalgia

Just look at it -- even without the theater of its avian-inspired doors, the SLS AMG would have major presence. Oh, it borrows heavily from the legendary 300SL of the '50s and '60s -- justifiably the automaker's most celebrated design ever -- but this isn't purely a retro pastiche. It has its own proportions, form vocabulary, and detailing that makes it much more than a Xerox'd yellowed blueprint sourced from somewhere deep within the bowels of the Mercedes-Benz Museum's archives.



Despite its nostalgic cab-backwards design -- the hood is so long you could land a Bell JetRanger on it -- its low, wide stance and modern detailing (complex headlamps, colossal disc brakes, etc.) means that it's also a thoroughly contemporary design. This is just as well, because the SLS is the most advanced production car the company has ever fielded. It's not as classically delicate and des-

perately pretty as the 300SL, but that car was built when accommodating the dark art of good aerodynamics was more of a suggestion than a mandate, when safety regulations bordered on the non-existent. We're told that the face of the SLS will significantly influence volume models to come, so expect to see variations of this mug on everything from future SLKs to the S-Class. *Wow!*—Ed.

SAFETY TIP

Clear vision in a downpour

In heavy rain most of us turn our windshield wipers on HIGH or FASTEST SPEED yet the visibility in front of the windshield is still poor.

In the event you face such a situation put on your SUNGLASSES (any brand will do), and behold! The visibility in front of your windshield is perfectly clear, as if there is no rain.

Amazing, you still see the drops on the windshield, but not the sheet of rain falling.

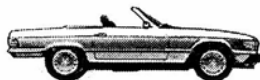
You can see where the rain bounces off the road. It works to eliminate the "blindness" from passing semis spraying you and the "kickup" if you are following a semi or car in the rain.

Be sure to keep a pair of SUNGLASSES in your car as you are not only helping yourself to drive safely with good vision, but you might also save a friend's life by giving him this idea.

This should be taught in driver's training. It works!

I tried this trick one night to see if oncoming car lights' glare could be dimmed by sunglasses and it worked! — Ed

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2010

DATE	EVENT
August 8	Ken Bourque's Nautical Cruise presented by AlphaCars. Reservation form Page 3.
October 3	Germanfest XXIV Presented by InterCity Lines. See page 5 and further details on website. www.mbca.org/minuteman
October 15-17	Farberallye XXXIII. Presented by European Auto Solutions. Still being developed. Home base to be at the Marriot Courtyard in Fitchburg

Minuteman Most Active Member Competition

Starting in January 2010, the Minuteman section will begin a new year-long competition for the Most Active Member. This competition will be judged by which specific member frequently attends events as well as contributes to our section the most.

Rules:

1. All Board Members and Officers ineligible. 2. Points are accumulated over a calendar year. Once the year rolls over, all points are reset to zero.

2. Scoring:

5 points for attending an event. 5 points for arriving at the event in Mercedes. 5 points for bringing a non-member. 10 points for winning a competition event. 10 points for helping out at an event. 25 points for running an event.

Winning

The member with the most points will win a **cash** prize. There is a minimum of 50 points required to win. The winner will be announced at the 2011's Annual Dinner.

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