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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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### Annual meeting

The 2011 Annual meeting of Northern New England Star Section was held Saturday, November 5, at Jesse's Steak, Seafood & Tavern in Hanover, NH. The 37 of us had the entire restaurant to ourselves, since they opened for our event. The very pleasant dining room assigned us was very comfortable, and picturesquely decorated with a huge fireplace, seasonal items, and various outdoorsy effects (canoe, taxidermy, fishing, etc.) We began with luncheon, followed by a brief business meeting. The current officers whose terms had expired were all reelected by acclamation. Brief reports were delivered regarding the state of the club (treasury, events, etc.)

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An outstanding member of our section, John Metzler of Dorset Vermont, regaled us with a talk based on his latest book, **"Trans-Atlantic Divide: The USA/ Euroland Rift?"**.

John is a longtime U.N. correspondent who has reported from fifty-five countries and regularly visits Europe and the Far East to observe national elections, conflicts, and economic development. He is the author of "Divided Dynamism; The Diplomacy of Separated Nations Germany, Korea and China" (University Press of America, 1996). He also is an instructor of Asian studies, government, and politics at St. John's University.

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You may have seen John's syndicated column in various publications, including the Weirs Times from Laconia, NH.

-Dotti Larsson

### Pictures from Annual Meeting





### Holiday Lunch in Concord NH

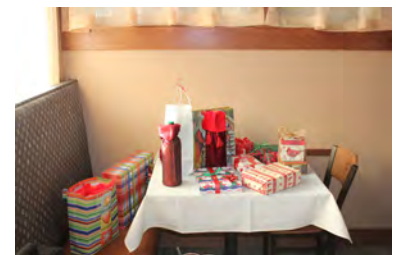
A festive luncheon in Concord NH at O Steaks and Seafood's new-ish location brought out Nineteen members on a bright shiny chilly snowless Sunday. We enjoyed seeing this establishment's high-tech bar, which must help the bartenders assuage the thirst of all the lawmakers in a hurry. Why else would they need so many wine taps and fountain-style dispensers for liquor? (See the rightmost picture in the middle row.)

In addition to the pleasure of each other's company, we had the privilege of seeing our own president Drew Webb receive regional recognition for all his hard work. See the article on Page 4.

A Yankee Swap of items Mercedes/automotive/miscellaneous was well-received. It seems that car appearance is very important if you can judge by all the car care products exchanged. A big hit, though, was a copy of Klaus Bremer's children's book. Klaus came down from Quebec, as he has for most of our meets this year, and had told us he'd written a book. It turns out that we have a new celebrity member – Klaus has a weekly radio show. Google Klaus's name and you'll get this: <http://rcmmmedia.org/blog/cidi/hosts/kbremer/klaus-bremer/> The book was published with all proceeds going to the Shriners in Canada; several members were enchanted with the book, and bought copies for their various descendents. Before the Swap, Drew had recognized Klaus's enthusiasm as a new section member with a certificate.

-Dotti Larsson

### Pictures from Holiday Lunch

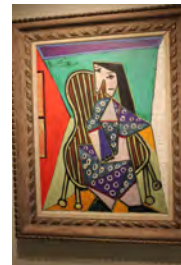


Some Pictures from Earlier Events

**Pictures from Automaster & Shelbourne Museum**



**Pictures from Holloway, Ignite & Currier Museum**



**Pictures from Wright Museum & Trains'**



## **President's Message**

Dear Section Members,

This newsletter issue marks the end of the 2011 activities season for the Northern New England Star and Maine Maritime sections, and what a year it has been! Dealer tours, picnics, tech sessions, museum tours, gourmet luncheons, a driving skills workshop and gymkhana, and a spectacular fall driving rally & tour event, and a great Christmas party have made this one of the best years ever. Since part of the fun of doing things in the warm and sunny days of summer is looking at the photos and enjoying the memories when the days get shorter and colder, this issue is primarily an album of pictures taken at our 2011 events.

Over the next three or four months, your club officers will be working together to plan out some of the activities events for 2012. We'd appreciate any suggestions of things you'd like to do, places you'd be interested in going and, of course, any activity you'd like to help organize. Some things are already on the calendar, like the Manchester VT Car Show, and we're hoping to organize a tech session to start off the season at one of the dealerships or maintenance shops that specialize in Mercedes vehicles.

With this issue we are also beginning the transition to electronic distribution of the newsletter. This will save the section considerable money; even though the national club dues are going up, the rebates shared with the local clubs will not, so we need to be even more careful with our funds, and also seek more where we can. If you have a dealer, service shop, or other supplier who might be a candidate for advertising in our newsletter and on our website, please suggest them to one of the club officers; they will be contacted courteously and without sales pressure to make sure they understand what they have to gain by supporting our section and advertising to our members.

So, enjoy this issue's fun reminiscences of things club members did together. If you didn't come to an event this year, look at what you missed- and plan to join us at least once next year. You'll find it well worth the time, and members always like to see both new and old faces having fun in their cars!



## **Drew Webb Wins Regional Officer of the Year Award!**

On Sunday, December 11 the Regional "Officer of the Year" award was presented to Drew Webb, president of our Northern New England Star Section. Each year nominations for this award can be referred to the Northeast Regional Director for his consideration and choice. It was with great pleasure that the NNESS officers (unknown to Drew) sent his name for recommendation as our section president deserving of this award. Reasons cited were several: Drew's acceptance of responsibility for helping to make Farberallye 2011 a huge success, for his efforts to encourage members of the declining Maine Maritime Section to participate in any and all of our section events, and for his personal attendance at each of our NNESS activities, no matter the distance, during the past year. His leadership and enthusiasm for MBCA is greatly appreciated.

It was with great pride that we were able to acknowledge Drew with this award at our holiday "Yankee Swap" luncheon in Concord, NH. We hope the next time you see Drew at an MBCA event you will also congratulate him on this outstanding honor.

Notes from the Editor

As Drew mentioned in his letter, we're working to get our newsletter distribution primarily online from the section web page or through email. Check out our website where you'll see the newsletters in PDF format in color and also lots of other information and pictures from section activities. We can save money if a number of us switch from paper newsletters to emailed version or simply look online.

There are two ways to get the newsletter in the modern way: (1) When the Rundschreiben is ready, I email it to everyone on the email list who requests receipt of the newsletter by email. (2) Shortly after that, the newsletter will be up on our section website and I can send out an email to everyone whose email addresses we have with the notice and a link to go to.

Because of timing, some events may be announced by postcard and email, or by email only after the newsletter is printed. If you've been missing out you should supply an up-to-date email address to the National Business Office (online at [WWW.MBCA.ORG](http://WWW.MBCA.ORG) or by phone, or notify Dotti).

As we refine the schedule of events, you can find changes and added events posted on our website: [http://www.mbca.org/northern\\_new\\_england\\_stars/MBCA\\_Northern\\_New\\_England\\_Stars/Home.html](http://www.mbca.org/northern_new_england_stars/MBCA_Northern_New_England_Stars/Home.html)  
Also: If you have ideas for events for the club please contact Dotti at: [dottil61@alumni.bates.edu](mailto:dottil61@alumni.bates.edu)

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Articles for Submission

We welcome (solicit!) any articles of interest to the membership. Send articles to the newsletter editor by email or snail mail (email is easier - I don't have to retype). We reserve the right to edit any submissions but will do so judiciously.

Email articles to me at: [allarsson@alum.wpi.edu](mailto:allarsson@alum.wpi.edu)

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## For sale by members

**Parts For Sale:** 124 chassis headlights including wipers with motors, orange parking/signal lights, and wiper panels (Signal red). \$300 for pair plus shipping. Dick Diefenbach, Danville, VT 802-684-3378, [diefenbach@kingcon.com](mailto:diefenbach@kingcon.com).

**Parts for 123 body style 300TD wagon:** - Rear hatch, \$650. Rear bumper, \$350. Both items are rust free. 1981 300TD parts car \$600 or B/O.

Alan or Frances DeFreitas (D006371) 603-772-0651 [westiesrule@comcast.net](mailto:westiesrule@comcast.net)

**300E, 1993: very rare Sportline model,** blue, gray leather, 49K mi, always garaged/covered and maintained in mint original condition, Mobil 1, perfect for StarFest concours and driving events, \$15,000. Martin Frith, 7676 Newport Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93117; 805/968-3065; [maf968@aol.com](mailto:maf968@aol.com).

**AC Condenser for a 1971 280 SE 3.5 sedan:** \$ 325.00 Contact: Charley Train 603-569-4265 or [charleytra@yahoo.com](mailto:charleytra@yahoo.com).

**Parts for sale:** Head from 230 SL. No warp and no springs or valves. \$500 + freight.. Rear-end from 230SL. In good shape when removed. \$200 (no shipping). Can deliver within 150 mi. or meet you with your pick-up but this baby is heavy & you will need some help transferring from one truck to another. Dick Diefenbach, Danville, VT 802-684-3378, [diefenbach@kingcon.com](mailto:diefenbach@kingcon.com).

**1985 280 SL (Euro model):** 6 cylinder, double over-head cam, 27 mpg on trip. 5 speed manual transmission. Smoke silver/black leather. Chrome wheels, added matching wood door panels and shift knob. 64,000 mi., like new condition. New German soft top, hard top cart, wind screen to eliminate back drafts with top down, K & N air filter. D.O.T.& E.P.A. paperwork and previous service records. Just changed oil & filter for winter storage but accessible to drive home on clear day. \$17,500 (price reduced). Selling because I don't need two roadsters in VT. Dick Diefenbach, Danville, VT. 802-684-3378, [diefenbach@kingcon.com](mailto:diefenbach@kingcon.com) for photos.

**Tires for sale:** (2) Michelin Primacy HP - 225/45R17 (91W) (2) Michelin Primacy HP - 245/40R17 (91W) They are MB Original Equipment tires and have been driven 10007 miles. They were on my 2010 SLK350. Never burned or drifted. Best offer. Call Ron (603) 778-1368 or email - [docron38@comcast.net](mailto:docron38@comcast.net)

**Parts for 190SL W121:** Left and right door shells, 2 door glass, 2 door pull rods, 2 inside door handles, 2 chrome door tops (one pitted), 2 window lifting rails, rear fender eyebrow patch panels. \$2700. Call Fred Arnold (603) 456-3257 or email – [socref23@tds.net](mailto:socref23@tds.net)

**1958 220S Convertible:** I seriously wish to sell this car. Price reduced to \$90,000. All offers will be considered. [Brucehewitt@gmail.com](mailto:Brucehewitt@gmail.com).

**1995 Mercedes-Benz 500SL Roadster (red):** 2-door convertible/hardtop, 2-seat. 5.0L V8/350 EFI engine. Leather seats. Mileage 121,215. Anti-theft system. JVC sound system with Bose speakers. XM radio and Bluetooth installed. Paint in very good condition. Power seats. No rust. Never driven in winter. New rear tires. Air conditioner doesn't work-mechanic said it may need a new hose. Asking \$11,000. or BO. Have thoroughly enjoyed owning this car! Eric Thum & Debra Timberlake 603-540-6557 EricThum [ericthum@comcast.net](mailto:ericthum@comcast.net)

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-Ed.

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*Please welcome the following members who have joined our section.*

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