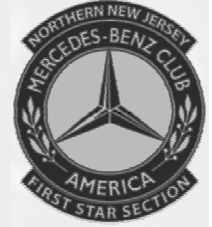


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The June Jamboree is planned to be an extended weekend. Friday evening, June 9th, is the kick off with a dress up or business casual attire dinner at the Holiday Inn in Saddlebrook, NJ. On Saturday, June 10th, a "50's" theme will prevail throughout the day.

That's right- poodle skirts, saddle or ballerina shoes, cat-eye glasses, neck scarves, etc. for the gals and black or chino slacks with white tee shirts, slicked back hair and anything else that was in style for our guys. You get the idea. A local radio station DJ will be spinning songs from the "50's" all day. A prize will be awarded to the guy or gal with the most authentic outfit.

So, let's have some fun. For those who lived through the "50's" era it will be a kick to travel back in time and for the rest who missed all that fun it's a chance to get in on the action. Rent, buy, or make a "50's" outfit and join us.

Plan to stay at the Holiday Inn, Saddlebrook, NJ with us and be a part of this great celebration weekend. Our Friday night reception & dinner begins at 7pm. Reserve your hotel room at a special rate ASAP. See page 4 & 7 for details.



June Jamboree Concours Saturday, June 10,

Come join us for a fun filled day of cars, music, and more as we celebrate 50 years of the Mercedes Benz Club.

NNJS was the first original star section – it was founded by Dr. Milton Allen of Summit, NJ.

In addition to our regular show we will be having a special section of cars this year designated "*On the Road in the Fifties*". These cars will also be competing in either Popular Vote or Concours and will be grouped together for your viewing pleasure.

All those who enter a car in the Jamboree will receive a framed picture of their car taken the day of the event. It will be available for pick up by the end of the day. For those of you who have entered in the past two years, you know what a wonderful keepsake it is. For those of you who have not entered a vehicle, it is a three pose picture of your car (generally – side, front, and rear). It is also dated with the June Jamboree on it as well.

Pre-registration is greatly appreciated as it allows the organizers to have a better feel for the day and it also

speeds up the registration process on the day of the event.

There will be an Early Registration table set up in the hotel on Friday night for anyone attending the Dinner that evening. Registration on Friday will take place from 5:30 to 6:45 pm in the NNJS Hospitality Room.

On Saturday we will begin onsite registration at 9am in the lobby of Mercedes-Benz Headquarters.

Cost of pre-registration for both Concours d'Elegance and Popular Vote Cars will be \$40 per car (add \$10 for day-of-event registration) and \$5 per person for those who are not registering a car but want to have meals, an opportunity to vote for the Popular Vote Cars, and for a chance to win a door prize.

This year we will be awarding more trophies than ever before ... and good looking trophies they are. A total of 51 special 50th Anniversary trophies will be awarded.



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Route 6 Information and Registration

When: September 12, 2006 through September 15, 2006

Where: Hackettstown, New Jersey to Chicago, Illinois via Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, Cleveland, OH, Auburn, IN; mostly on US RT 6.

Why: Part of the MBCA 50th Anniversary. To take part in any of the RT 6 trip and/or celebration in Chicago and/or joining RT 66 Chicago to LA.

How: Join in for a day, a few days or the entire cross-country celebration.

- Cost:** - \$50.00 up to July 30th
 - \$75.00 after July 30th through August 30th
- Registration is closed after August 30th

Details: You are responsible for your own hotel reservations. A detailed list of motels will be furnished upon paid registration. Hotel rooms have been blocked with special rates available through July 30th on a first come first served basis with an alternative hotel close by in PA, Ohio and Indiana. Rooms are limited in all cases. There are also rooms blocked in New Jersey for September 11th for those needing to arrive the evening prior to the departure on September 12th.

The total distance from New Jersey to Chicago is less than 900 miles. The approximate daily drives in order are 200, 285, 220 and 165 mile respectively. It is your responsibility to register for the Chicago event separately. You will also need to make your hotel reservations in Chicago, and they are also limited.

There will be an optional group dinner each evening tying in with the local sections, in Cleveland (Western Re-

serve Section) and Auburn (Three Rivers Section).

It will be your option to “convoy” with others or “drive it alone” each day. Breakfasts and lunches will be on your own.

DOT maps of all five states will be provided along with a suggested route. You will receive a handout with the maps, some brochures and a couple of surprise items when you join the trip.

On the third night in Auburn, Indiana a drawing is planned to give away some very, nice prizes for all “cars” registered.

The entire trip has been “scouted out” including the roads and hotels by Joe Grattan and Doug Ochwat of the Northern New Jersey Section “The First Star Section”, your hosts for this exciting adventure.

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For Sale: 2000 C230 Kompressor Sedan 65,000 miles Sport Package, Special Edition, Brilliant Silver. Two tone leather seats and interior (black and gray), 6 air bags, full power seats, Bose stereo, 6 pack CD changer. Two sets of wheels and tires including Sport Package wheels and AMG wheels, both 17". All original books, manuals and keys. Excellent condition, always garaged. A very special car. \$15,900. Doug Ochwat (908) 850-9643 daocatswamp@yahoo.com.

Parts For Sale: Four slightly used KUMHO ECSTA SUPRA tires 205 50 ZR 16. These tires are like new! They were used by a little old man from NJ to go to drive-n-dine section events. I bought the tires for the wheels they were on. \$100.00, firm, plus the cost of shipping. Contact Greg Calabro at gcal842938@aol.com (347)-723-6951

For Sale: 1972 250C, 6 cyl, gas, duel carbs, dark green, light beige interior, good rubber, has been sitting unused, moved twice a year to let boat out. Seats and interior in great shape, motor in great shape. The body is still in very good shape, needs power assist for brakes, a little rust. An excellent project car. \$1,500. takes it. 609-242-9444 (Exit 74 off of the Parkway) J. Miller

For Sale: 1987 190E 2.3 Pearl Gray/ Blue tex, 126k, major service recently done. everything works. Same family owned since new. Meticulously maintained by German Car Shop in Edison. All receipts available. Wish it was worth more, yours for \$3,000. You might have gotten more from the IRS as a refund. Dennis Yuro, 732 494 8001 or dzye911@aol.com



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All submissions for the next
Star Tracks 2006 Newsletter
must be received by the
editor at khs@openix.com
by July 19, 2006.

Thank you

Welcome New Members 2006

Here are the names of our new members listed by the month joined. We look forward to meeting you! Welcome!

January

Jennifer Ryan
Richard Mayo
Bahram Salahi
Victor Calabrese
Pamela Thomas
Debra Yurinich
Steven Schleifer
Dennis Robbins
Steve Feinberg
Michael Halick
Eill DawliMaylin Huang

February

Charles Lennon
Barry Lieberman
Ralph August

March

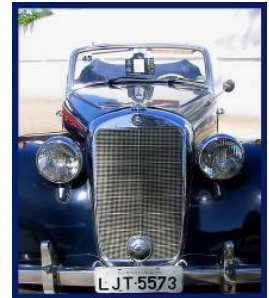
George Shaw, Jr.
Raymond Cobos
Steve Mattiace
Donald Ellis, Jr.
Harry Mosher
Nick Pascal
Matthew Fine
Michael Tears
Eric DeTorres
Vicki Canfield
George Gonzalez

Alf Fjordbotten
Peter Lee
Patrick Hutchison
Gaeton Napoli

April

Kwangsue Lee
John Wolfangel
William Brooks
David Chin
Ralph Brown
Ken Harrison
Timothy Leslie
Segundo Chang, Jr.
Gustavo Fraga Erreca
Richard Weinssen
Robert Broking

Joe Chnapko
John Miller
Maggaret Bisher
Robert Singer
Robert Horn



MBCA-Northern New Jersey Section 43rd Annual June Jamboree

Friday and Saturday June 9 and 10, 2006

The Mercedes-Benz Club of America was formed on June 6, 1956 by Dr. Milton Allen of Summit New Jersey. This June 9 we will begin our annual June Jamboree with a reception and dinner at the Holiday Inn in Saddlebrook, NJ.

Our guest of honor will be Jody Allen, wife of Dr. Milton Allen and the first secretary of MBCA 50 years ago. In addition Jim O' Sullivan, MBCA National President and David Cummings, MBCA Executive Director will be attending both days. MBCA Regional Director, Greg Magnus and MBCA Director at Large, Robby Ackerman will also be attending.

We have reserved rooms at the special rate of \$99. +tax. Reception will begin at 7pm, dinner an hour later, three hour open bar. Cost of reception, three hour open bar, one hour of passed hors d'oeuvres and dinner will be \$50 per person (including gratuity).

Call the Holiday Inn at 201-843-0600 for reservations and mention Mercedes Benz to get the special rate.

Pre-registration for the car show on Friday will take place prior to 7pm at the hotel.

It is only 12 miles up the Garden State Parkway to the United States Headquarters of Mercedes-Benz in Montvale, NJ. On Saturday, we will begin onsite registration at 9 am in the lobby of the building. Each person who registers a car for the Jamboree will receive a framed photo of their car as a souvenir of the day.

Cost of pre-registration for both Concours d'Elegance and Popular Vote Cars will be \$40 per car (add \$10 for day-of-event registration) and \$5 per person for those who are not registering a car but want to have meals, an opportunity to vote for the Popular Vote Cars, and for a chance to win a door prize.

This year we will have a special cate-

gory for "ANY MERCEDES THAT WAS ON THE ROAD IN 1956" Cars in this category can also enter any other appropriate category. One plaque will be awarded for 'BEST IN SHOW - ON THE ROAD IN THE FIFTIES'

Judging will begin at 10:30. No detailing will be allowed after that time. Luncheon, graciously provided by MaryAlice Ritzman and MBUSA, will be served once the judging of the Concours de Elegance cars is complete. Popular Vote ballots should be turned in at the reception table before lunch. Awards will be announced after lunch when the judges have completed judging the Concours cars. **Please complete our June Jamboree registration form & review Concours info, found on page 7.**

Current Information will always be posted on our website. Please visit www.mbca.org/northern_new_jersey/njmbca.html for registration forms and updated information.

Technical Corner

by Andreas Molde

Hello MB Friends,

It is Air Conditioning Season! Now is the perfect time to make sure the A/C is working on your MB and get it repaired before it gets to hot.

If your MB still has the old type Freon (R12) and needs A/C work, consider having it converted to the new R134a Freon. You need at least the two service valves replaced and also a new rec.-drier bottle, different oil and of course the Freon. Also make sure the Aux. Cooling Fan (if you have one) is running. Depending on model, the fan could start to run right away, or later as the pressure/temp. rises in the A/C system. Stay cool and hope to see you at the June Jamboree.

Email: amh86@optonline.net
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Ev Ken Terrace, Dover, NJ 07801

Q: I have a 1987 190D with 173,000 miles. After driving the car for a while (30 - 40 min), the turn signals don't flash. The lights light, front and back and on the cluster, but they do not blink. This happens

with both the left and right turn signals. All bulbs have been checked and are ok. MG, Tenafly, NJ

A: Thank you for your inquiry. First I would suggest that you make sure your hazard switch is completely off, either now or next time it happens. Just flip it on/off.

I have seen that to be a very common problem, especially on cars that have the switch on the bottom of the center console. The lady's like to put the purse there, the dog steps on the switch or while cleaning/detailing the inside (all true story's), the switch gets "activated" half way and the turn signals don't work. But I believe the problem on your car is the turn signal relay.



It is actually a combination relay, which operates the wiper (interval, wipe/wash) and the rear window defroster, too. It is located in your fuse/relay box. It is easily identified, because it is the largest (longest) relay.

If you pull it out and check the numbers by the pins, you should see among them a 49 or 49a and letters A+E,

that way you know you got the right one. They are not cheap to replace. I hope this helps. Good luck and I hope to see you at some of our events.

Q: Oily question:

On some of the "older MB's," 1990 560 SEC to be exact, the owners manual lists several grades of oil that can be used.

15W 40 is one of those listed.

On my 1987 300SDL (showed you the one-piece rear bumper at Globe) 15W / 40 is what I use.

Should I use 15W/ 40 or 10W/ 40 on the 560? The last two times I changed oil I used 15W 40. The 560 does mainly highway driving.

Keep cruising,
Jay, NY

A: Hi Jay

Regarding your oily question: it is fine to use the 15W/40 in you 560 and 300. It was used in those years at a lot of dealers and of course at specialized independent shops. On newer cars I would recommend the 10W40 or even the 0W40 (Synthetic) which we use at the dealer.

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Concours d' Elegance Information and Registration

Information sheets will be provided to Judges and Concours Entrants before the show. The following are highlights of the information:

Concours Entrants are not to write on their sheets. Entrant's name, model, year, and car number will be filled in by the Registrar. Mileage will be filled in by the Mileage Recorder. All notations will be made by the Judges or their designees.

- Mileage/20,000 = (1 point for each 20,000 miles carried out to 3 decimal places, max. 15 points, kilometer conversion km x 0.62137).
- Age (model year) ½ point per year, max. 15 points.
- There will be a 10 point deduction for Street Class cars trailered to the event.
- A Release Form will be provided to Concours entrants that states they allow the Judges or a specific person of their choosing to open the doors, trunk, etc. of their car if they will not be staying with the car.
- Entrants must not talk to the Judges while their car is being judged.
- An explanation of how points will be deducted will be provided. 50% of total score for Authenticity, 25% for Condition, and 25% for Cleanliness.
- NO printed materials are to be displayed in the car - ****Exception**** an entrant may provide material if the Judges question whether an "OPTION" was available at the time of delivery.

Displays are not to be set up by Concours cars until AFTER the judging has been completed. This is to make sure that the Judges have easy access to the cars and do not have to worry about disturbing or moving any materials.

We use sanctioned MBCA judging forms which are available for viewing at www.mbca.org in their "forms" menu on the MBCA website.

We urge you to view the judging forms prior to the car show in order to familiarize yourself with the scoring system and all rules and regulations.

2006 June Jamboree Registration Form

I/We plan to attend:

___ **Friday, June 9th** Cocktail/Dinner Reception Cost:\$50 per person

___ Prime Rib # ___ Salmon

___ **Saturday, June 10th** I plan to enter my car(s) in ___ Concours d'Elegance ___ Popular Vote \$40 per car

___ **Sunday, June 11th** Defensive driving/Auto Cross (tentative) Cost \$10 per person

___ Year ___ Model Cost:\$40 per car (\$10 additional Day of Event)

(50's Dress optional on Saturday-Prizes awarded for best outfit)

___ I/We will be staying at the Holiday Inn-Saddlebrook, NJ

___ I/We will be staying at _____ Phone # _____

Name(s) _____

___ # dinners @ \$50 = _____

Address _____

___ # cars @ \$40 = _____

Email _____

___ # persons @\$10= _____

Phone _____

TOTAL COST = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: MBCA-NNJS

Please send this form along with your check BEFORE June 3rd to :

Lucille Chabala-6 Brook Way-West Orange, NJ 07052 luluchab@aol.com

Pre-registration is strongly recommended for the Concours d' Elegance & Popular Vote on Saturday and is **required** for our reception & dinner at the Saddlebrook Holiday Inn on Friday evening -6/9.

Anything and Everything Mercedes-Benz

by *Andreas Molde*

The theory of relativity...the relative cost of a Mercedes-Benz, than and now, that is! It's

tough to talk about a bargain when something costs \$50,000 or more, but thanks to Albert Einstein we can see that it's all relative.

In 1988, a 300 E W124 had a list price of \$43 700, add leather seats to that and it came in at \$45,100. Today, 18 years later the 2006 E350 has a list of \$53,000.

I also recall the 1990 SL 500 came in at an even \$100,000 (the going rate was more like \$125,000) and when the new 2003 SL 500 was introduced in March of 2002, the list price was about \$ 86, 000 and today's 2006 SL 500 list's for a little over \$93,000! For good measure, I'll throw one more fine Automobile in, the 1992 500 SEL, W140 Chassis which had a list of about \$97,000 whereas the NEW 2007 S550 comes in at a bargain price of only\$86,175! No, I am not a salesman for Mercedes (although, I think they should pay me for this!),but considering an annual inflation rate of 3%,the increase in labor cost in the last 20 years and not to mention the cost of real estate, a MERCEDES BENZ IS AN ABSOLUTE BARGAIN! I hope your investment portfolio stayed ahead of the Mercedes price increase or actually decrease, that is. Albert Einstein would be so proud and probably be driving a Mercedes.

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Joe Grattan



Our club's USERNAME & PASSWORD are both NNJMBCA.

List of CONCOURS CLASSES & POPULAR CLASSES for June Jamboree

A class needs to have a minimum of three cars. The Concours Chairman has the responsibility to group the entrees for competition and will inform all competitors prior to 10:30am

Group One – Vintage

Class 1 Pre 1945

Group Two – Classic

Class 2 Sedans W120, 121, 128, 136, 186, 187,188, 189, 191.

Class 3 Coupes and convertibles w120, 128, 186, 187, 188, 189.

Class 4 SLs W121, 198

Group Three – Grand Mercedes 600

Class 5 600 Limousine W100

Group Four – Early modern

Class 6 sedans W108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 114, 115

Class 7 Coupes/ sedans W107, 111, 111, 112, 114

Group Five – Modern

Class 8 Sedans / Station Wagons W123, 124, 201

Class 9 Sedans W116, 126

Class 10 coupes W123, 124, 126

Group Six – Contemporary

Class 11 Coupes / Roadsters R129, 170, 230

Class 12 Sedans / Station Wagons W202, 203, 210

Class 13 Coupes / Convertibles W208

Class 14 Sedans / Coupes W140, 215, 230

Group Seven – Sports cars

Class 15 Vintage W113

Class 16 Modern R107

Group Eight – Off road

Class 17 M Class W163

Class 18 G Class W463

Class 19 Unimogs

Popular vote classes will be

NEW 2001 to present sports cars and sedans

Modern Sedan 1991 – 2000

Modern Sport 1991 – 2000

Old Sedan 1981-1990

Old Sport 1981 - 1990

Vintage all cars 1960 - 1981

ON THE ROAD IN THE FIFTIES any pre 1959 MB

High Gear by John Kuhn Bleimaier

Variations on a Theme at Amelia Island

For 2006, Stanley and Doble steam cars were featured at the Amelia Island concours d' Elegance. The melodious whistle of gaseous vapor from these unique vehicles gave a musical quality to this year's event. However, from my perspective the two most interesting cars on the field were gasoline powered and had their roots in Stuttgart.

They were respectively, a 1960 Beutler Porsche 356 and a 1955 Pininfarina Mercedes 300. These two German cars sporting non-German coachwork represent unusual variations on two familiar themes.



I actually spotted the Beutler Porsche during the classic car rallye which takes place on the Friday before the concours d' elegance. When you first see a Beutler Porsche you do a double take. It's obviously a 356 but some of the dimensions are off. The wheel base is slightly longer; the slope angles of both the bonnet and the boot are more acute; the greenhouse stands a little proud. When I spotted Jim Watson's Beutler Porsche in the car park for the vintage rallye, I first readjusted the glasses on my nose. Then I came to the pleasant realization that my pilgrimage to Amelia Island was going to have been worth the trip to Florida. The Beutler Porsche constitutes a wonderfully harmonious composition.

Jim Watson is the original owner of this classic Porsche. He drove it all the way down from his home in Tennessee for the Amelia Island weekend. Both Jim and the Beutler are originals, unrestored and hold-

ing up well. This Porsche is a 2+2 gran turismo coupe; presented in two shades of gray with a red leather interior. The stretched wheel base insures that there actually is room for four adults in this unique 356.

Beutler was a Swiss custom coachbuilder. During the '50s they built some cabriolets for Porsche. The 2+2 was a short lived project which resulted in five exemplars being constructed. Further development of the concept of a four seater Porsche would have to wait for several more decades. The Beutler Porsche was the leitmotif of my Amelia Island weekend. Quite literally. After the classic rallye I discovered that Jim Watson was staying at my hotel. As luck would have it he parked his Porsche right in front of my window. Like the melody of a Strauss waltz, I couldn't get this special coupe out of my head. I got up a couple of times during the night to admire this truly unique Porsche through the window..



On Sunday the Beutler Porsche looked splendid on the green behind the Ritz Carlton during the concours d' elegance. It was there that I spied the '55 Pininfarina Mercedes. It is a one off coupe built on the chassis of the 300 "Adenauer" saloon (not the 300S Sindelfingen coupe). This elegant vehicle manages to combine the stateliness of the period Mercedes with the dash of a Ferrari

barchetta. It's finished in two shades of green. I had admired this vehicle previously at Pebble Beach.



Prior to restoration the Pininfarina Mercedes had been found neglected in a barn in California's San Joaquin Valley. That's like finding the manuscript of a lost symphony by Schubert at a flea market.

Looking at the Swiss Porsche and the Italian Mercedes I reached the conclusion that it is a shame that custom coachbuilders have all but disappeared from the automotive scene. There is something very special about a new interpretation of a familiar theme. Both the Beutler Porsche and the Pininfarina Mercedes were immediately recognizable as to their marque. Yet they are completely unique, like a Fritz Kreisler variation on a theme by Paganini.

Let the music continue.

John Kuhn Bleimaier

Note as to photograph: Original 35mm transparency was taken with a Voigtlander Bessa L using a 1952 50mm Cannon Serenar lens with a 1968 Zenit view finder. Digital re-configuration by Marina Pushkareva.

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Everyone has their own reason for attending an auto show. Some are interested in purchasing a new vehicle and the auto show is a great opportunity to view competing vehicles in the same market niche under one roof, while others go to see the concept vehicles or model debuts.

For me, it is a combination of all of them. My haphazard meanderings through the Javits Convention Center started with a search for "new" cars - the ones I would like to own like the V8 Aston Martin Vantage, the Maserati Spyder, and Porsche 911 Carrera. As I found each mark the lust in heart began to grow, and grow, and grow.

From there I looked for the new concept vehicles I was interested in seeing; this year only the Dodge Challenger, Chevy Camero. The Camero was nice, but looked better in photos. The Challenger on the other hand was drop-dead gorgeous from every angle. I told you I wanted one in my article in the prior edition of Star Tracks, now I really, really, really want one!

A visit to the NY auto show would not be complete without stopping at the Mercedes Benz display. This year in addition to showing one example of every model, there was an SLR and an SL65! Talk about lust for a car; the SRL put me over the edge! Can anyone give...er...lend me about \$500,000.00? Fortunately, the MB VIP lounge was there for me to recuperate. Benzel Busch graciously provided 40 tickets for 80 MBCA NNJS members to the VIP lounge. Having regained my composure I headed toward the 3rd floor where the vendors sell products like model cars, shammys that absorb gallons of water (until it leaves the Javits Center), and car wax that will protect your cars finish from fire.

From the sublime to the ridiculous in less than one half city block!

Until next year...Greg Calabro

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REGISTRATION for MBCA RT 6 TOUR

Name _____

Passenger name(s) _____

MBCA Member-ship# _____

Address _____

City _____

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Vehicle Year and Model

Joining RT 6 (check one)

Hackettstown, NJ _____

Wellsboro, PA _____

Cleveland, OH _____

Auburn, IN _____

Driving to (check one)

Wellsboro, PA _____

Cleveland, OH _____

Auburn, IN _____

Chicago, IL _____

Payment (check one)

Already paid _____

\$50 check enclosed before 8/1/06 _____

\$75 check enclosed 8/1 to 8/30/06 _____

MAY 14 IS MOTHER'S DAY OOPS

When we planned the detail clinic last November we didn't realize May 14 was Mother's Day. Out of respect to all we have moved the date to the first Sunday in June.

DETAIL CLINIC ON SUNDAY JUNE 4 9AM UNTIL NOON

The June Jamboree Car Show is June 10! Come to **Beverly Hills Auto Resort** in Basking Ridge for great ideas regarding **cleaning** and **caring** for your beautiful Mercedes. Questions such as, "How can I tell when I need to wax my car?" or "How good can my car **really** look?" will be answered as owner, Michael Perrino, personally conducts this morning session. Since the shop is closed on Sundays, this meeting will be dedicated to members and their guests only. This meeting will review all sorts of exciting ideas and products for your Mercedes. Since Beverly Hills also specializes in electronics, they can answer any questions about today's advanced automotive technology such as Bluetooth and built in Laser Jammers. After the session Mike will meet with anyone who has a special problem they would like to discuss - this is a great opportunity! This is a **free** session for our members and their guests. We ask you notify Lucille Chabala via email or note to 6 Brook Way, West Orange, NJ 07052 so we know how to prepare.

Detail Clinic Registration Form

I/We plan to attend the detail clinic on June 4 starting at 9 A.M.

Name(s) _____ NO COST

Technical Corner

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BTW, regarding the rear bumper on your 87 300SDL (nice car), I did some checking. This is what I came up with. The rear bumper was a "running" change for the 126 chassis, starting in 1986. Up to 380540 (last 6 digits of running serial #) they used the one piece bumper like on your SDL and early gas models. Later they started the 3 piece chrome trim. So there is a good chance of seeing some early 420 and 560 with the same rear bumper as yours, (this is according to the electronic parts catalog). I will keep my eyes peeled.



Nice cars you have there.

Andreas Molde

**15th Annual Rotary Car Show—Carnegie Center
Princeton, NJ—Sunday, May 21, 2006—9am to
4pm—Rain or Shine—Mercedes-Benz Grouping**

Bob Wegner will once again coordinate this event to be held again this year at the Carnegie Center at Highway #1 and Alexander Road in Princeton, NJ.

This is a really exciting event since we will participate with other car marques in a show which includes foreign, custom, muscle & exotic vehicles. We will have our own NNJS area for showing & judging our Mercedes-Benz autos. We had great fun last year at this show. Don't miss it.

- Dash plaques to all pre-registered vehicles
- Car classes determined by pre-registration deadline of May 14, 2006
- All show cars arriving before 10am are eligible to be judged
- NNJS members please pay \$10 in advance so that we can park together in our own area

- Please indicate your club affiliation NNJS-MBCA on the Pre-Registration form
- If you are interested in judging please so indicate on the Pre-Registration form
- Autos for sale \$15 (\$20 day of show)
- Call or write Bob Wegner at 973-515-0052—my280sl@verizon.net for more information
- Please pay attention to the May 14th Pre-Registration deadline
- Proceeds of the show & fair will benefit charities

Pre-Registration Form 15th Annual Auto Show & Fair

Please make checks payable to: The Foundation of The Princeton Corridor Rotary Club, P.O. Box 7161, Princeton NJ 08543

NAME: _____ AUTO MAKE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ MODEL: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ YEAR: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Please Reserve:
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 _____ Auto(s) for sale \$15 (\$20 day of show) Amount _____

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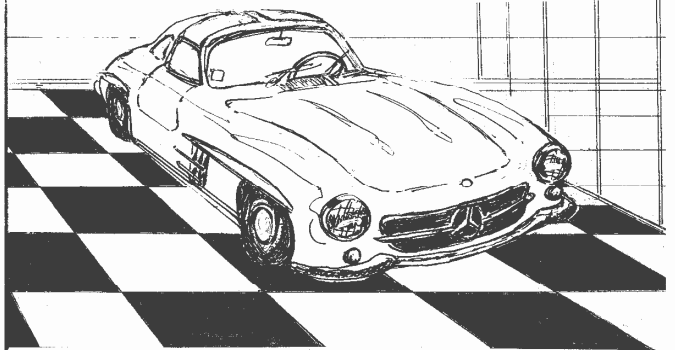
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NNJS Upcoming Events



- **Sunday, May 21**—Car Show & Fair at Carnegie Center—Princeton, NJ—See page 11
- **Sunday, June 4**—Car Care Clinic—Beverly Hills Auto—Basking Ridge, NJ—See page 10



- **Fri., Sat, June 9 & 10** — 43rd Annual June Jamboree—Mercedes-Benz HQ—Montvale, NJ—Details on page 1,4,7 & 8
- **Saturday, July 22** — Tech Session—Globe Motors, Fairfield, NJ —Details to follow — Check our Website
- **Sunday, August 20**—August Road Rallye — Details to follow—Check our Website



The annual NNJS June Jamboree at Mercedes-Benz North American Headquarters will be a really special event this year as we will be celebrating the Mercedes-Benz Club of America's 50th Anniversary.

NNJS, as host section will enhance this year's June Jamboree with additional activities marking the milestone. We have expanded to a 2 day event including a reception & dinner at a nearby Holiday Inn on Friday, & the June Jamboree on Saturday at Mercedes-Benz Headquarters.

Watch your email for additional updates. Also, the NNJS Website and on pages 1, 4, 7 & 8 of this issue of STAR TRACKS 2006.