



HUDSON-MOHAWK SECTION Mercedes-Benz Club of America “HOLIDAY PARTY”



FOOD FUN FRIENDSHIP AND FESTIVITY

What more can you ask? The HUDMO Holiday Party, held on December 5, 2015, at the Marriott on Wolf Road in Albany, was all that and more. The State Room was beautifully decorated as were all participants. A slide show, artfully produced and arranged by Board Member and Chief Photographer Kirk Daniels, highlighted the club's 2015 activities. for this year.



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Our Hudson Mohawk Mercedes Benz Club was honored to have Ernie Fancy, Northeast Regional Director of the MBCA attend our gathering. We look to Ernie to get the new information from our national sponsor. He talked about the upcoming national Premier Event of the MBCA, *Starfest 2016*, which will take place in Connecticut and is hosted by Mohegan Sun August 3-6, 2016.



. Our club plans to have a large presence at the event, and an entire page of this newsletter is dedicated to information about the events at *Starfest 2016*. Consider attending this event which is held annually all over the country and will be practically in our backyard this year. Ernie also surprised our Vice President, Chuck Tremarchi, with the Member of the Year Award given by MBCA to the outstanding member of our HUDMO Section. Congratulations Chuck. You work hard to make our club outstanding!





Sandra Griffin, Membership Chair, hosted the party and was happy to introduce representatives from Dress for Success Jennifer Stoner and Jessica De Jesus. Both explained that their non-profit helps “to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools including interview skills, career training, job retention services, and career advancement to help women thrive in work and in life.” They are located at 333 Sheridan Avenue, Albany 12206 and may be contacted at 518-463-3175 or by emailing Jennifer at www.dressforsuccess.org . They are in need of volunteers to work in the boutique and donations of business attire. Their next Donation Days are Saturday, January 12 and 26, 2016, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. All are invited to go to their website for more information or to talk to Jennifer directly.



Jim Wright, our HUDMO President, was an important speaker at the party and talked about future activities planned for us in 2016. He introduced the Board members, gave them each a personal gift, and urged all members to attend the Board meetings.



Jim gave The President's Awards to Bob McShane and Vickie Parker for outstanding contributions to our club.



The festivities included several raffle drawings for some nice Mercedes merchandise. There were also two drawings for the Ladies of Mercedes who contributed purses and/or money to Dress for Success.



So Santa was good to quite a few of our members.

And a good time was had by alland to all..... a

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!**





STARFEST® 2016

MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA

August 3-6, 2016



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MBCA's Premier 2016 Event

StarFest® 2016 will take place in Connecticut's "Quiet Corner" with lush green valleys and picturesque hilltop farms, it's also known as the Antique Capital of Connecticut. From the seashore near the host hotel, to the lush greenery near the host track, the two linked by a short trip on I-395. Spectacular scenery and iconic New England towns await your discovery.

Mohegan Sun, the host hotel, is known for World Class shows, Spas, Restaurants, Shopping, and of course the Casino. Located 2 hours from New York City, 1.5 hours from Boston, and 30 minutes from Hartford and Providence, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Mystic Seaport and the seashore are close by.

Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, the nation's oldest Closed Road Course, is the site of all Track Events. Newly renovated in 2014, it incorporates sections of the original track and new turn complexes over its smooth 1.7 mile layout. Fun for the novice, yet challenging for the expert. With onsite restaurants and championship golf course, it's the premier motorsports destination in New England.

The Concours d' Elegance Presented by Intercity Lines, will be held at The Golden Lamb Buttery, a picturesque 1,000 acre New England Hilltop Farm. It's the perfect backdrop for the Stars to Shine.

Other Events Include ...

Nautical Cruises from Mystic Seaport, The Ladies of Mercedes-Benz event, and of course the Rallye.



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