



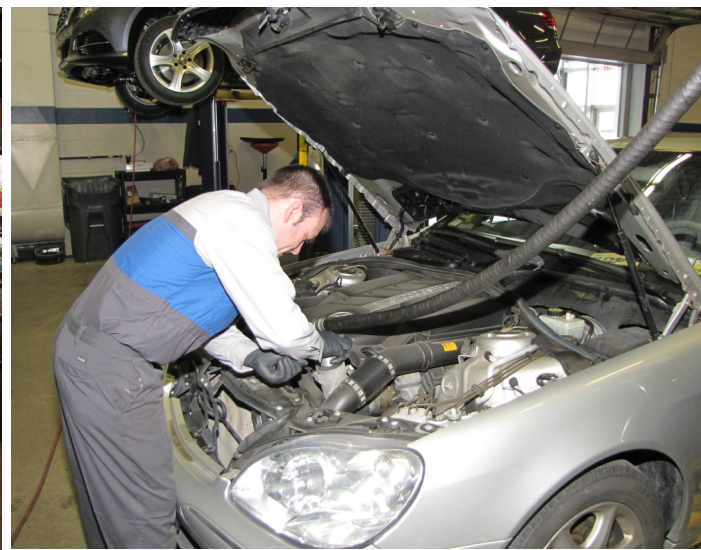
# HUDSON-MOHAWK SECTION

## Mercedes-Benz Club of America

### SPRING EDITION



Your Hudson Mohawk Mercedes Benz Club would like to welcome all new and veteran members to read our SPRING edition newsletter. We have a full calendar of spring and summer Mercedes Benz events planned for your enjoyment. If you are new, please come to meet new friends, share car talk and have some fun. If you're already a member, please come to meet new and old friends, share car talk and have some fun. As you can see, we have even had a pretty busy winter with many activities scheduled. Some involved cars; some didn't. Take a look at our new schedule of spring and summer events to post on your calendar. Participation is for your pleasure; come and be social.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JIM WRIGHT, PRESIDENT HUDSON MOHAWK SECTION



**Recruitment and more Participation Happy Spring everyone. It seems that we dodged a snowy winter and soon we'll be in the midst of the driving season. We have had many successful events in 2015, and we look forward to many more in 2016. Please check our calendar. Member participation is steadily increasing. Our roster remains about the same. We can almost double our membership by adding associates. If you don't have one, add one. It doesn't cost you anything and it's great for the club.**

Family-like ties have been created among the regulars, who look forward to spending time trading stories about the last gathering. If you are not part of that group, become a regular; you'll have lots of fun and learn volumes about the care and feeding of the Benz in your life. You'll be pleasantly surprised at how much you have in common with your fellow members. A few have found out that they have "not so distant relatives" who are members. In-fact we are all family,

### THE BENZ FAMILY

Our family needs to grow, and I want all members to start recruitment conversations with all of the Benz drivers that cross your paths. **ALWAYS HAVE MEMBERSHIP FORMS WITH YOU. FILL THEM OUT FOR THEM. BE ABLE TO DISCUSS CLUB BENEFITS AND HAVE A STAR THAT YOU CAN GIVE THEM. CONTACT ME IF YOU NEED AN EXTRA MAGAZINE.**

Invite them to join, even if they are driving a lease car. They are just waiting to be asked. **MOST IMPORTANTLY WE NEED YOUNG PEOPLE.** The average age of our membership is about 60 years old. I want to insure that we hear all suggestions and try to incorporate the best ones that will help the club grow and prosper into our programs.

### StarFest 2016 at the Mohegan Sun, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

August is growing closer as spring months fly by. Hudson Mohawk MB Club Members, come join your fellow members at this year's **StarFest 2016**. I know we have all wanted to attend **StarFest** events in the past but could not afford the time or expense to travel to the distant locations. Well, this year it is happening in our back yard in the beautiful northeast corner of Connecticut. From the Connecticut seashore to the beautiful picturesque hilltop farm lands, you can enjoy a weekend of all the events that make up **StarFest 2016**. These events include a Welcome Reception held at the Mohegan Sun on Wednesday, August 3, the *Concours d'Elegance* on August 6<sup>th</sup> and daily track events at the local Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. There will also be daily rallies through the Connecticut country side. Your local HudMo club will be scheduling events in conjunction with those of **StarFest**. Details of these events will be forth coming.

We are suggesting that those who would like to stay locally for more than a day make hotel reservations at the Hampton Inn, 300 Long Hill Road, Groton, CT 06340 (tel # 860.4051585). It is just a short and direct 12 mile drive to the Mohegan Sun and located close to other entertainment venues. Feel free to check out all the **StarFest** info on [www.starfest2016.mbca.org](http://www.starfest2016.mbca.org).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JIM WRIGHT on MAY 1ST**

## AWAKENING SLEEPING BEAUTY

Now that spring has finally arrived, and it's been a long time coming, I look forward with excitement to awakening Sleeping Beauty, my 2014 SLK 250 turbo, from her six month hibernation in her translucent "winter bubble," often referred to by many car enthusiasts as her car capsule. A car capsule is a protective vinyl storage unit that keeps your car protected and snuggly for the long winter's nap. Usually your "Beauty" is cleaned, polished, given a last goodbye caress/kiss and driven into the bubble. Wishing to have Beauty responsive to my command at the end of her slumber, it is wise at this time to really touch Beauty's innermost heart, the battery, and connect a battery tender to her. This loving gesture assures that whenever she loses her charge during her dreams, she is stimulated to her full power without having to be unceremoniously prodded with a powerful charger when she wakes up. There is controversy over whether she should be stored with the gas tank full or half filled, but most prefer full tank storage with an additive and a recent oil change. The bubble has a vinyl floor that you drive your car on so your tires are not touching the cold cement floor of the garage, no cold tootsies for this Beauty. Once driven squarely in the middle of the flooring, that in itself the most difficult of the wintering task besides saying goodbye, you cover the car with the clear vinyl covering and zip the top cover to the bottom flooring, which takes no time at all.

Is your winter goodbye over? Not at all. Now you attach the fan that comes with the bubble in the designated opening in the front, plug both the fan and battery tender into an electrical outlet and watch in wonderment as the previously flaccid vinyl comes alive before your eyes. Your bubble blows up so no vinyl is touching your Beauty. She sleeps restfully without accidental dings or scrapes because the air between her metal and the vinyl forms a magical barrier against all evil happenstances in your garage like a fallen rake or a tipping bicycle. Even better, all creatures small and smaller such as chipmunks, squirrels, field mice, and bugs can't gnaw wires or make nests within the heart center of the Beauty. The fan completely circulates totally clean air into the bubble twice each hour assuring that Beauty does not get a musty smell from being motionless and protecting her from any dampness and condensation within the storage area.

Beauty is now preserved perfectly until you are ready to drive her out of her bubble and kiss her and spring hello! -*Vickie Parker*

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## CABIN FEVER LUNCHEON MARCH 4, 2016



**Cabin Fever** Breaking away for the winter blues, club members and friends gathered at The Shadows in Poughkeepsie to enjoy a delicious lunch and decadent desserts.

Organized by club member Weiner Stegler 18 persons enjoyed an afternoon by the river's edge. Members from the Mid-Hudson Valley and the Capital District traveled to break the hibernation created during the cold weather months.



Sue and Derrick from Garrison attended with son, Gil. Sabrina and Amir Daniels joined family members for lunch. Susan and Jim Winn, who announced their retirement plan to move to Florida, traveled from Clifton Park to enjoy the group activities while still in the area. Brett and Deborah from Catskill updated members on the progress of their cabin in the woods. Glenn and Barbara celebrated their anniversary and prepare for another family wedding.



# NIGHT OUT AT THE LION KING



**Lion King – we completed the circle** Members and friends gathered at the Mexican Radio restaurant to enjoy dinner and drinks before attending Proctor’s Theatre to see the Lion King. The relaxed atmosphere was a prelude to the “no worries” as the group made tasty menu selections and celebrated Vice President Chuck Trimarchi and wife Barbara ‘s 48 th wedding anniversary. The 16 participates in the mini fundraiser were not disappointed in the parade of characters that came down the aisle and greeted the audience after the performance.



## HUDMO COMING EVENTS

Your Board has planned many varied activities for spring and summer for your enjoyment. Pencil in some of your favorite activities so you can save the dates to join us. Summer is short in the great Northeast so make a point to spend some time with us.

**JUNE 25, 2016 (Sat) - CATSKILLS SUMMER RALLY** Organized by Jodi and Tom Larison. We will be meeting in Tannersville NY -"The Painted Village in the Sky" Mid point, we will be stopping at the Zaddock Pratt Museum. The day will end with a dinner. For those wishing to stay the night, there will be optional activities June 26th. Specifics will be sent *via* email. [jodi\\_1@hotmail.com](mailto:jodi_1@hotmail.com)

**JULY 9, 2016 (Sat) -ANN LEE SHAKER MUSEUM CAR SHOW** We have been invited to show our Benzes at the Shaker craft fair from 10-4:00. We will have a special section on the grounds for our show. More information will follow. Rain date is Sunday, July 10th.

**AUGUST 3-6 -STARFEST** Information on page 2 of the newsletter

**SEPTEMBER30-OCTOBER 2- -FALL CAR RALLY IN LAKE PLACID** Run by Ron Tanner, the Fall Rally is a wonderful weekend of driving and fun. More details will follow.

We will also be attending **Leadfoot Lucy's** car shows at Kohl's Plaza in Colonie on specified Wednesday evenings. Look for the dates on email notices.

**GETTING READY FOR SUMMER DRIVING** This means it's time to perform some well needed and necessary maintenance on your vehicles. Time to clean it up and get it running for peak performance. Here are some tips to summarize your car: 1. Replace your winter snow tires/ studs to get better speed, handling, and fuel efficiency. 2. Change your oil if it has been 3 months or 5,000 miles since your last change. 3. Flush and refill your engine coolant every 24 months. 4. Let's get under the hood and check fluid levels. (oil, transmission, brake fluid, cooling and window washing fluids). Top off without overfilling and check for cracked hoses and belts and replace, if necessary. 5. Check filters (air, fuel PVC, cabin filters) and replace as recommended in your owners' manual. 6. Have your air conditioning checked by a qualified technician. 7. Inspect your lights, wiper blades, brakes and battery to insure they are in proper working order. 8. Last, but not least, treat your vehicle to a wash and wax job to make it look as good as it runs.

Now get out there and drive. Your car will reward you with a great driving experience and keep you moving for years and many miles down the road. *Chuck Frigon*

## Dining Out at the Mexican Radio



# 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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