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2016 THE YEAR IN REVIEW



HUDMO had an active 2016 with friends, fun, food, festivities, rallies, and relaxation.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JIM WRIGHT, PRESIDENT HUDSON MOHAWK SECTION



I hope that all who participated in the 2016 club events found them enjoyable. I found each opportunity to spend time with the membership rewarding and enlightening as we learn more about each other. Let me start the year by wishing all members a prosperous and healthy new year.

One of our missions this year is to increase our membership with an emphasis on younger

members, first time owners and leases. As mentioned in last issue, a Market Place has been created. Although there has been a delay in making it available, the purpose is to facilitate club members with the ability sell, trade and swap items within the group. Those interested in joining email me at HUDSONMOHAWKMBCA@gmail.com.

GIVING BACK: HOLIDAY PARTY



"Ladies of Mercedes" (pictured above)

Through the generosity and cooperation, especially from the "Ladies of Mercedes," new and gently used purses were donated to the Albany Community Action Program's Dress for Success, a charitable organization which provides support to low income women entering or returning to the work force with interviewing workshops, vocational skills, and professional attire. The club also matched monetary donations up to \$250.

Pictured below (right to left) are Board members Kirk Daniels, Chuck Trimarchi, Vickie Parker, Niskayuna Hannaford Store Manager Carl Tambasco, and Board member Sandra Griffin with a shopping cart of items in the store's \$10 Giving Box, filled with food staples given to local charities and food banks that feed the hungry during the holiday season. The club purchased 25 boxes which were donated to the Schenectady Inner City Ministry (SICM) food pantry.



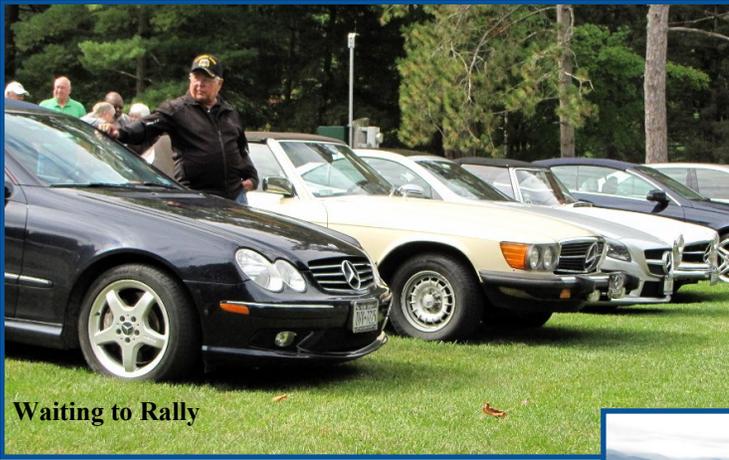
HOLIDAY PARTY

The Albany Wolf Road Marriott was the setting for our Saturday, December 3rd holiday gala. The room was festively decorated, and the company was sparkling. Sandra Griffin was the Chairperson and organized raffles, door prizes and the agenda for the evening. A slide show of club activities, produced by Kirk Daniels, was playing in the background. Tim van der Wouden brought and set up our new speaker system, and our President, Jim Wright introduced the Board members and announced the Board Member of the Year, Chuck Frigon,

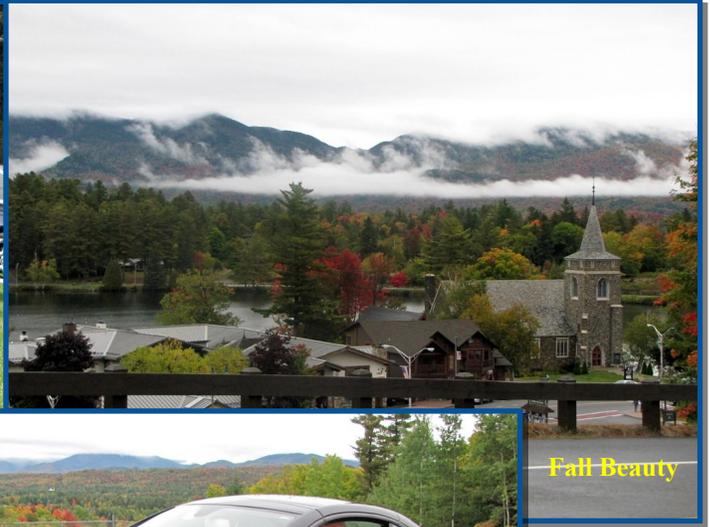


PRESIDENT JIM WRIGHT PRESENTS CHUCK FRIGON WITH BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR





Waiting to Rally



Fall Beauty

Fall Rally, Lake Placid NY



Ernie Faney., MBCA
Regional Director.

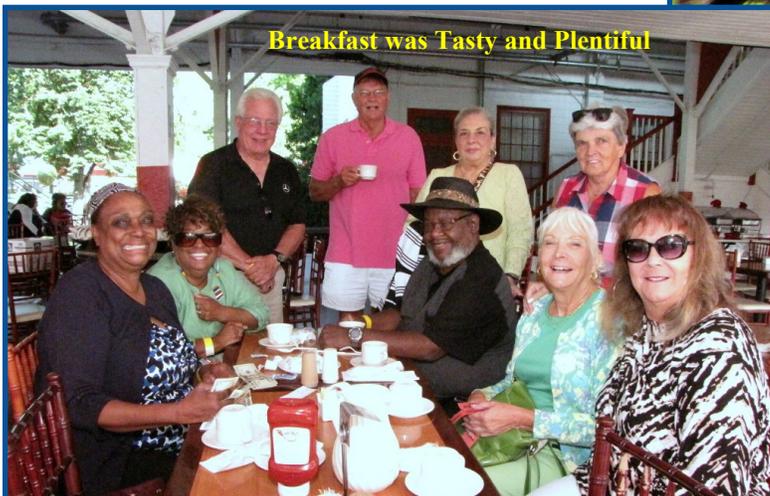


Gathering at the Saratoga Auto Museum

Breakfast at Saratoga Race Track



A Sure Winner at Morning Exercise

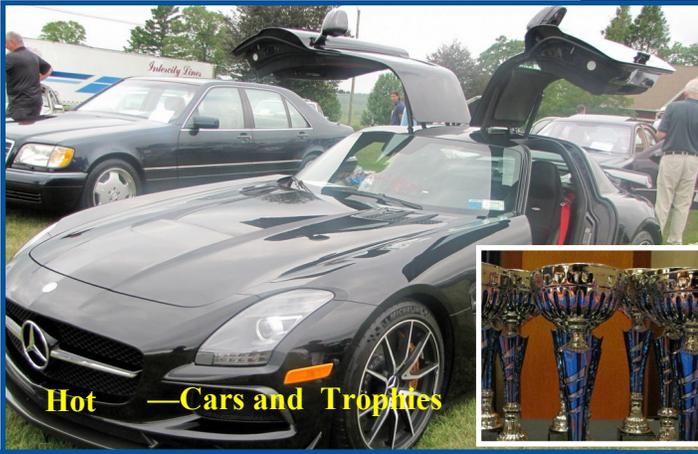


Breakfast was Tasty and Plentiful

Sandra Griffin, Brenda Motley, Chuck Frigon, Bruce Gambala, Kathy Catalfamo, President Jim Wright, Mary Lou McWhorter, Vickie Parker, and Maryanne Gambala (left to right) enjoyed a hearty breakfast, good conversation and inside tips on the race results. Did anyone win? Who knows. We all had a good time.



The Grandstand Awaiting Fans



Hot —Cars and Trophies



Attendees at Starfest Banquet



Dinner at Mexican Radio in Schenectady before Lion King



Starfest, Mystic CT August 3-6, 2016

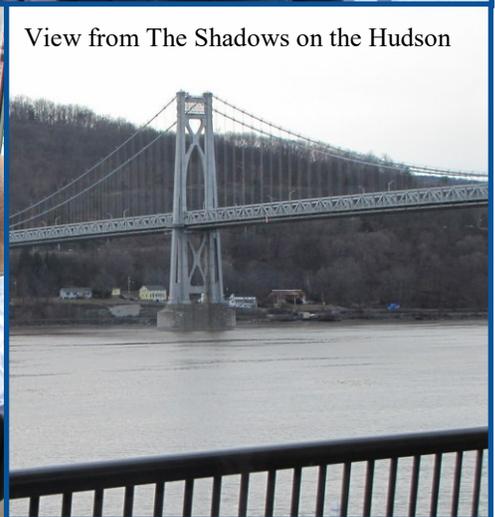
HUDMO is more than cars. There are opportunities to enjoy all interests such as theater, dining, sight-seeing, dining, horse racing, dining, meeting new friends, dining, visiting with old friends, and dining. Come join us to meet new people and experience new places, and talk Mercedes-Benz's too.



Lion King at Proctor's Theater, March



Cabin Fever Luncheon at The Shadows on the Hudson to meet members from the Mid-Hudson Valley March 4, 2016



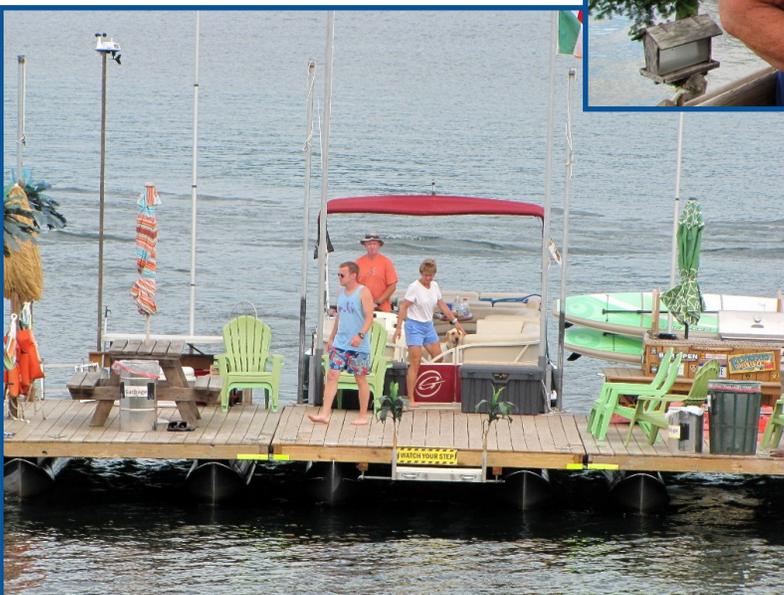
View from The Shadows on the Hudson



On April 23rd, Keeler Motor Car Company hosted an information filled Tech Show taught by Rick Walker, Shop Steward, and Jay Hale, Master Technologist. HUDMO had a large turnout that included members of George van der Wouden's automotive technology class.

Past President Sally Suffolk and Present President Jim Wright

Members took a field trip on Saturday, July 16th to Lake Canadarago to meet a past President of HUDMO, Sally Suffolk. We learned of our club's history, had a picnic, a fun boat ride and a tour of Sally's beautiful house and lake. We also met another past President, Ann Fisher. What a fun day!





Jodi and Tom Larison

Spring Rally in the Northern Catskills
June 25th.



HUDMO COMING EVENTS FOR 2017

Your Board has been working very hard to incorporate many new activities into the club's calendar, activities that our members suggested and that we urge you to attend. Mark your calendars now to avoid conflicts so you can spend time with us . We'd love to meet you.

Cabin Fever Luncheons: **March 12**– Albany Area. Hana's Japanese Steakhouse, 1620 Western Avenue, Albany. **RSVP by March 10** **March 18**– Mid-Hudson Area. The Shadows on the Hudson, 176 Rinaldi Blvd., Poughkeepsie NY 12601. Specific details will follow. **RSVP by March 13**

Car Show Booth: **March 26**—Capital Dust-Off, Burnt Hills

Carol King's play Beautiful: **April 14**– Proctor's Theater, Schenectady

New Members' Luncheon: **May 20**- Marriott, Wolf Road, Albany. Details will follow.

Holiday Party: **December 2**- Marriott, Wolf Road, Albany. Details to follow.

Other activities are being planned, but dates still need to be verified. You will be notified of the details as soon as we know them. These activities include:

Breakfast at Saratoga Race Track

Fall Car Rally

Mercedes Benz Car Show

Lead Foot Lucy Car Show

Family Picnic

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