



# HUDSON-MOHAWK SECTION

## Mercedes-Benz Club of America

# 2017 LATE SPRING-SUMMER

HUDMO has had an active summer with lots of varied activities for all interests. From picnics to car shows to a luncheon for new members, and breakfast at the Saratoga track, members enjoyed the fellowship of other Mercedes drivers and friends, and had lots of good food and car talk. We have members of all ages, personalities, and careers who drive varied Mercedes autos from antiques to the newest models. New members and associates are always welcome whether you own, lease, or dream of owning a Mercedes. Come join us!!



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JIM WRIGHT, PRESIDENT HUDSON MOHAWK SECTION



The driving season has ended for many of us and it's time to prepare our vehicles for the long winter nap. This year there have been predictions of an extended period of good weather before the real late fall and winter begin. This offers an opportunity to enjoy some of the magnificent vistas and long winding roads that our region is famous for, so don't put your baby to bed yet. Having some unexpected driving days is like getting an extra serving of your favorite dessert with no additional calories. Your old faithful daily driver will still be waiting to

serve you when you finish enjoying Indian summer .

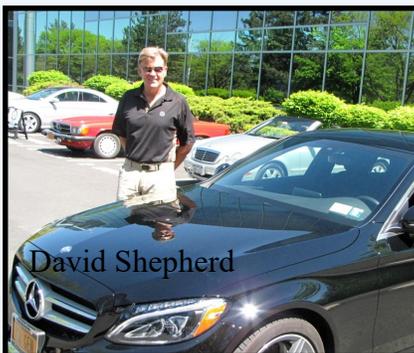
HUDMO is growing and our membership is becoming more and more congenial. Our events are getting more participation and are attracting many new members. Please help us continue. Tell your friends and associates about the club and encourage them to join. If you are near someone in a Mercedes strike up a conversation and tell them about the club. Write me and I will send you membership applications.

We want to provide activities that you like and the best way to do that is to hear from you. Please send me your ideas and comments.

**“The Best or Nothing”** Mercedes' slogan is not just advertising hype . I have a personal example to support this brand's integrity. Last winter I was driving my brother's 1998 SLK exploring the highlights of Florida when I was surprised by a high squealing noise followed by loud thumping signaling a flat tire. I was in the middle lane on RT 75 whose speed limit was 70. Luckily, I was able to sneak over to the side of the road without mishap. Thank goodness for cell phones as I called AAA and waited only a few minutes for the mechanic to tell me my tire had caught a nail, probably in the construction 50 miles back, and my tire was completely destroyed. He put on the “donut” and told me I could only drive 40 MPH and only for 100 miles. I called my brother to tell him the bad news and he told me to drive the car to Mercedes of Sarasota to get a new tire. He called ahead to see if they had that size tire in stock. I limped along at 40 gritting my teeth amid horn-blowing and dirty looks even though I had my safety blinkers on. Upon arrival at the garage, I was met in the driveway by the service manager who said they wouldn't have a new tire for me until the following day, but he had already arranged to lend me a loaner overnight, a brand new 2016 E Class. While the paperwork was being done, he ushered me into the service area which smelled of freshly baked cookies. He offered me refreshments and freshly baked, still warm cookies, told me to relax while he got paperwork for me to sign, and had my loaner car delivered to the door within ten minutes. I was on my way, thankful of the “best” treatment I was given and a chance to relax after a stressful incident. Would I have been treated the same in another brand's dealership? I think not. Mercedes owners, no matter the year or model are treated to The Best. — *Vickie Parker, Newsletter Editor*

# NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

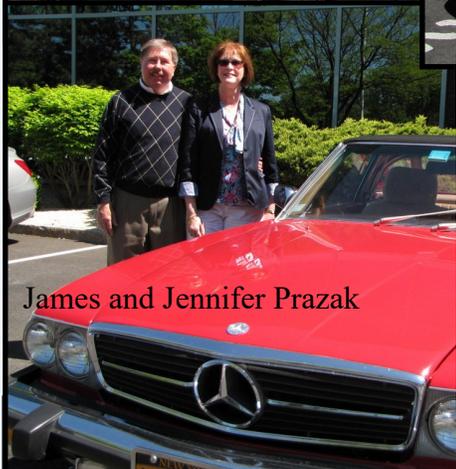
Held May 20th at the Marriott, Wolf Road, Albany, HUDMO had a fine turnout and welcomed several new members and guests. George van der Wouden presented slides and gave a very interesting talk about his trip to Germany where he toured the Mercedes factory and Stuttgart Museum. Chuck Trimarchi and Saundra Griffin hosted and had arranged the festivities. We were treated to a carving station buffet which we all enjoyed. Plus, the spring weather cooperated and we were able to check out the new members' cars!



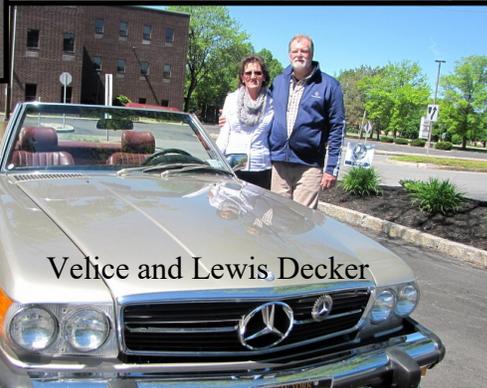
David Shepherd



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James and Jennifer Prazak



Velice and Lewis Decker



Sharon de Silva



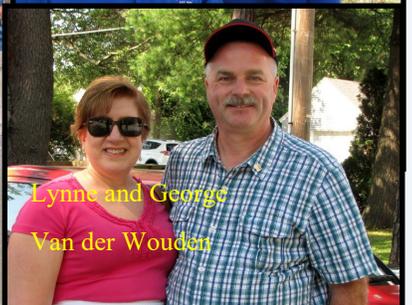
New members at the luncheon



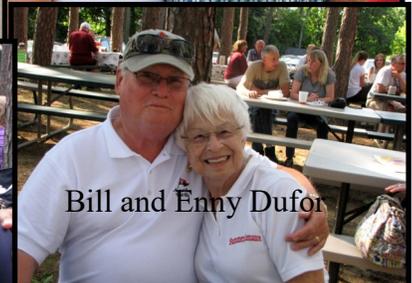
Arthur Vigotti and Son Tridon  
With Chuck

# GERMAN CARS AT THE GERMAN-AMERICAN CLUB

Vice-President Chuck Trimarchi arranged a HUDMO gathering at the German American Club in Albany. There was German food and beverages, a 50's band (not German ooommp pa- pa music) and our German made cars. A wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon in August.



Chuck and Bobby Trimarchi enjoying the band.



A nice display of German cars!



Kathy, Vickie and Mary Lou



Jodi and Tom Larison

# BREAKFAST AT THE SARATOGA TRACK

August 9th 8:00 a.m.: Another beautiful summer morning, hats, horses, hot and cold breakfast buffet, and happy HUDMO members. What could be better?



Gathering trackside



Jim Pazak won a \$2 door prize for his first bet



Board Member Noel Sodher won a door prize

# LEADFOOT LUCY CAR MEET

Every Wednesday night from 5:30 till dark car lovers gather at Kohl's Plaza, Central Avenue in Albany to display their cars of all makes and models, talk cars, visit, and see all the sweet rides that show up. Sometimes there are over 100 cars there. It's free and fun with some raffles to win. Vickie Parker checks the week's weather and picks a nice evening, puts out an email notice a few days ahead, Chuck Frigon brings our banner and we stake out a HUDMO area for members and others to show off their Benz's. Nice, relaxing, interesting to see cars of all types, and enjoyable to meet club members there. Look for the notice next year.



# FAMILY PICNIC AND CAR MEET AT THACHER PARK

Congratulations Mr. Vice-President and Sandra Griffin for another successful event. You chose a perfect day in September! The scenery was beautiful! You brought games and food and beverages and music, and HUDMO members brought their cars to be judged for some fun awards. Chuck Frigon and Bob McShane organized the car awards and the judging was done by three women from the club: Vickie Parker, Deborah Close Kropt and Velice Decker. They knew what they were doing (not!). All very professional, of course. We even had a Mercedes driver who was driving in the park who saw the signs for the event, joined us and became a member that day! They also won a prize for their car. We must mention that Chuck Trimarchi's wife, Bobby, was unable to help Chuck as she usually does, because she has a broken elbow, is in a cast and has had quite a bit of pain. We missed you Bobby and hope you are able to recover soon.



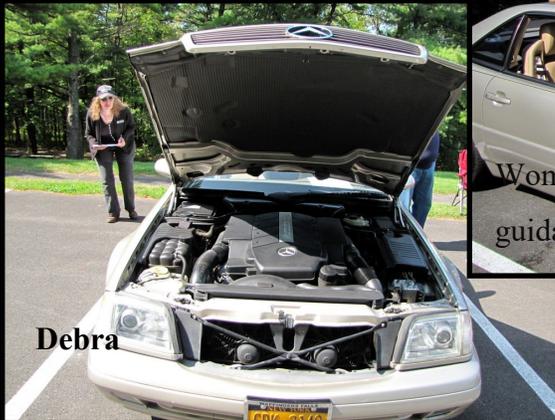
Rick and Pamela Olivo of Kinderhook winners of Car Show and new members



Velice



Women judges hard at work! Under the guidance of Chuck Frigon



Debra



Lined up for judging



Family picnic continued.....



The beauty (and beauties) of Thatcher Park



Bonnie Fancy with the right technique for the bean bag toss



Barbara and Bill



Bob McShane receiving his award by the two Chucks



The President's Award presented to Chuck and Barbara Frigon by President Jim and Chuck



Watching the awards. From the pavillion



**HUDSON MOHAWK SECTION, MERCEDES BENZ CLUB USA**

**2017 HOLIDAY PARTY! SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

**EAST ROOM AT THE CENTURY HOUSE, 997 NEW LOUDEN ROAD, LATHAM, NY**

**COCKTAIL HOUR COMMENCING AT 5:30, DINNER AT 6:30**

**Choice of Truffle Chicken or Mango Salmon**

**Dessert, coffee, tea and beverage included.**

**Cash Bar**

**Cost \$45 per person**



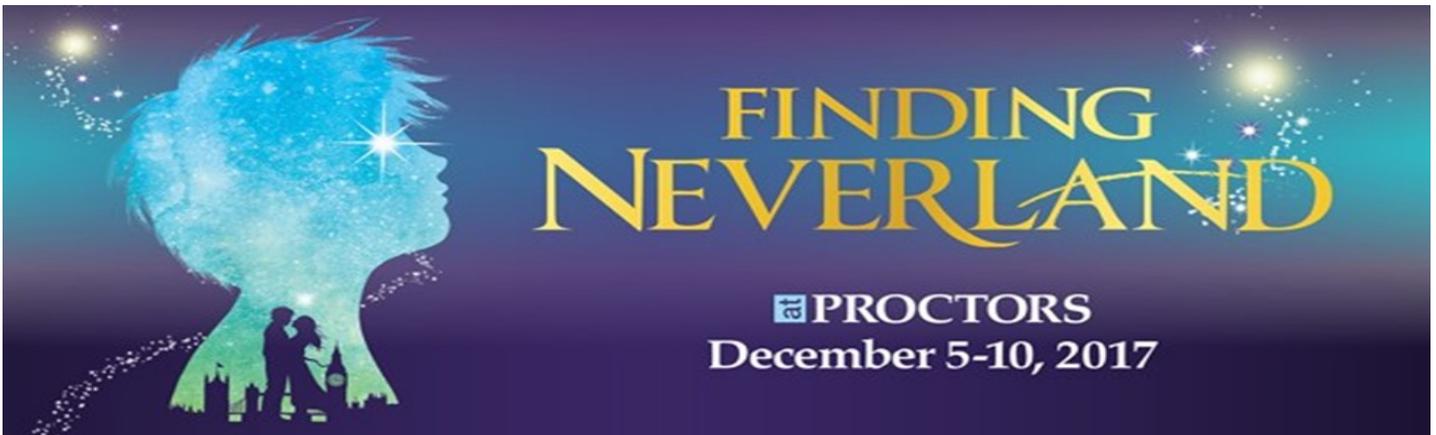
**Rooms available at \$109. Must be reserved by November 2, 2017**

Contact hotel directly 518-785-1857 [www.thecenturyhouse.com](http://www.thecenturyhouse.com),

**RSVP for Dinner November 20, 2017 Mail check payable to HUDMO MBCA**

To: Sandra Griffin, 1045 Palmer Avenue, Niskayuna, N.Y. 12309

**QUESTIONS? CALL CHUCK TRIMARCHI AT 518-694-2629 , or [chucktrimarchi@yahoo.com](mailto:chucktrimarchi@yahoo.com)**



**December 6, 2017 7:30 p.m. Performance**

Ticket price \$60 pp. Orchestra Seating\* Reservation deadline received by October 30, 2017

Send reservation request and check to: **Sandra Griffin**, P.O. Box 13862, Albany, New York, 12212

\* Tickets will be distributed at 6:45 night of performance in Proctors' Lobby.

Contact Sandra at 518-210-1556 or [griffin\\_16810@msn.com](mailto:griffin_16810@msn.com)

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