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**ON OCTOBER 4TH - 6TH, THE HUDSON-MOHAWK SECTION OF MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA HOSTED THE 41ST FARBERALLYE AT THE FORT WILLIAM HENRY IN LAKE GEORGE, NEW YORK**

The Farberallye was founded in 1978 by the Granite State Section of the Mercedes Benz Club of North America, now known as the Northern New England Star Section. Chuck Swanson, then the section president, named the rallye for the colorful time of year the autumn rallye was held, 'farbe' being the German word for 'color'. Shortly thereafter Granite State began sharing the hosting of the rallye with the Massachusetts based Minuteman section in alternate years, and it has continued that way until this year, 2019.

Two popular events are the time and distance trials, and identifying hidden clues along the rallye route. **Here are some photos from that first rallye.**



Lew Decker was responsible for planning, managing and hosting the 41st North East Region FARBERALLYE. He and George Moses another board member worked as a team to ensure the success of HUD-MO's first opportunity to run the rallye. Their efforts made it an outstanding event enjoyed by all.

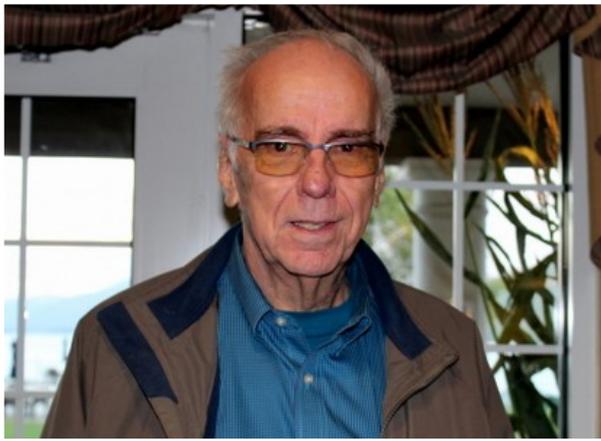
Lew did not know there was a Mercedes club. He saw an add on line and started attending the meetings of the Hudson, Mohawk section. Eventually he became a board member and started getting involved.

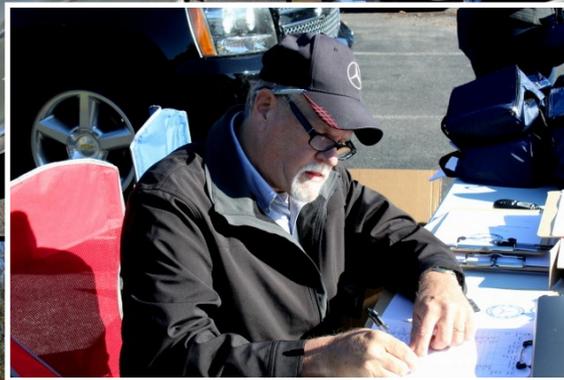
George Moses grew up in Williamsport, Pennsylvania and was always interested in technology. This interest in science led me to Stevens Tech and an engineering career.

"My career was mainly with GE's power division of which 1/2 of the 35 years was spent overseas. Interest in engineering also led me to Mercedes. I bought my 1st MB in 1978, a 1971 220 sedan (W-115). It had all the attributes I needed in a car (MPG, handling, build quality, roominess, comfort and renowned safety features). There's been a Benz in my garage ever since."

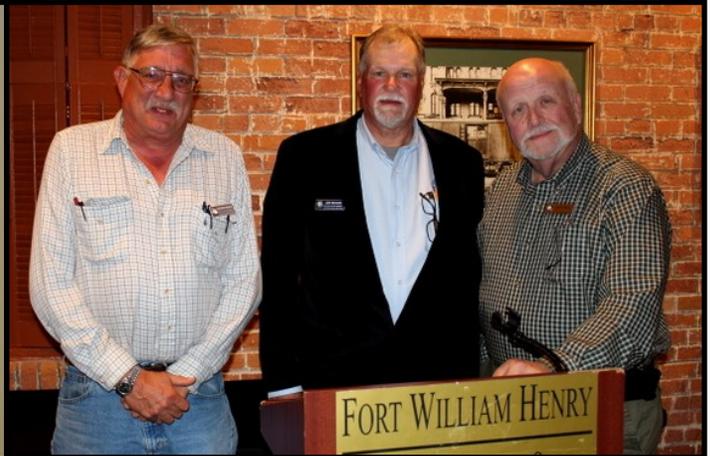
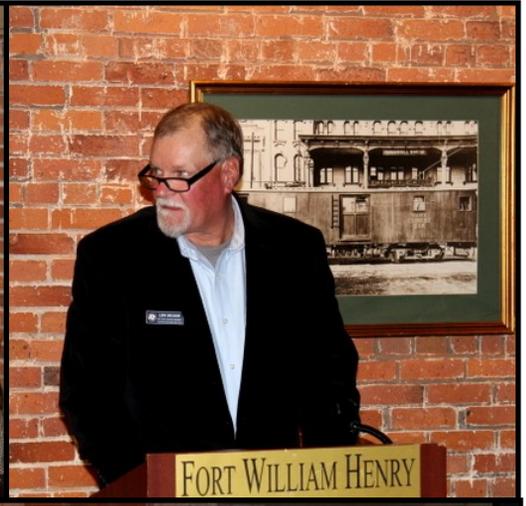
As the president of the Hudson-Mohawk Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, I am extremely proud of Lew and George.

They managed and accomplished a very difficult and complex task, with no prior experience. With the guidance of Drew Web, North East Regional Director, it was a tremendous success.



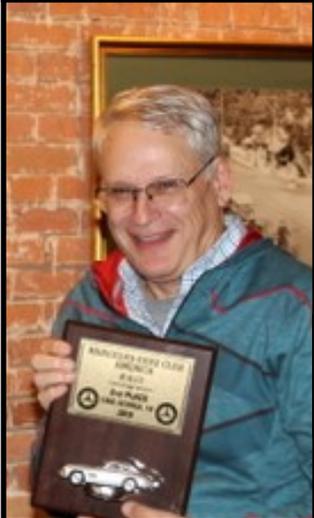








Daniels, who is very mild mannered and liked by everyone became a member of the Hudson-Mohawk Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America in 2014. Kirk's dedication is an enhancement to the club as he quietly performs his picture taking craft, preparing items for the newsletter, getting event pictures uploaded to Facebook and the HUDMO's webpage and creating the year in review video for the annual holiday party



Kirk, retired after 45 years as a team member of the local ABC affiliate Channel 10. His job duties included commercial editing, lighting, working as a camera man, a videographer and photographer.



Kirk is the father of Kirk Jr. a West Point graduate and a Lt. Colonel. His daughter, Sabrina is an Auditor for New York State. He also has a grandson Amir who is pursuing a culinary degree at Johnson's and Wales.



Kirk is active in the community and is on the board of a local community radio station in Albany ( WCAA), a board member and video director of his church, Israel AME. Kirk. is the Studio Coordinator for Channel Albany, a public access station of the city of Albany and the videographer, producer and editor for Albany Tempo Spectrum a public access television program for highlighting local events.

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