



HUDSON-MOHAWK SECTION Mercedes-Benz Club of America

2020 SUMMMER EDITION

I'm sure you are sick and tired of hearing about COVID19 so we won't be discussing the damper it has placed on all **HUDMO** activities this year. The Executive Board is still meeting *via* conference calls and planning activities for the club members while keeping within the new parameters of our socializing.

Rick Walker from Keeler Motors has been organizing and teaching the Keeler Tech session for **HUDMO** for at least 10 to 12 years, and we wanted to thank him for all his creativity, knowledge, enthusiasm, and interest he shared with the club. Our Tech shows have been successful and well attended, and members have gotten a chance to get specific questions about their Mercedes, old or new, answered. Rick is not leaving Keeler; he is just assuming another role there, so members of the Board surprised him with a plaque and a book entitled *The Ultimate History of Mercedes-Benz* as a Thank You. And yes, the plan is to have another Keeler Tech session in 2021.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JIM WRIGHT, PRESIDENT HUDSON MOHAWK SECTION



Half of summer is over. We must be more creative and adventurous than we have ever been to make the most of what is left. The board has lots of plans and ideas, but I would like to hear yours. We have been meeting virtually, planning events that respect the current conditions and decided that we can be together as long as we don't touch, not very satisfying but it can work. We can meet and drive and let our cars and smiles do the touching.

Seeing friends is not as good as a hug but it's better than a video on ZOOM. We will send you notices of what we have planned shortly.

What have you been doing? How have you used all the time you did not expect to have? What would you like the club to do to stay in touch with you? I have decided to give some serious thought to detailing my cars and reading some Mercedes-Benz history and sending out quizzes that have interesting and not widely known facts. Do you have any that you can share?

So, the task is how to spend more time together but not CLOSE together. There must be a safe way. We can go to outdoor eateries, ice cream stands, drive-in movies or just shine up our vehicles and meet in a parking lot and admire them while following the safety guidelines.

Let me know what you are thinking.

Jim

A LITTLE "STAR" IS BORN

Members Chuck and Barbara Frigon have become grandparents for the first time! Congratulations and Enjoy! We hope you have a car seat to put in your Mercedes.



Elias Wilder Frigon, born May 28, 2020, 7 lbs. 13 oz. 21 in. to proud parents Jen & Mike Frigon.

DINNER AT ALBANY YACHT CLUB

First (Social Distance) Event of the year:

On Friday, June 19th not only did various communities celebrate Juneteenth, but the HUDMO Board had their first event at the Albany Yacht Club coordinated by Board Member Bill Dufur and wife Evelyn. The couple, members of AYC, arranged for the group to be part of the inaugural Capital Region Phase 3* dining-in opportunity. The number attending was limited. But everyone enjoyed spending time together, six feet apart and masked. After dinner we were given a tour of the club grounds and Bill and Evelyn's yacht, "Summer Romance". Thank you Bill and Evelyn for the opportunity to break the COVID blues!

*Indoor dining at restaurants with up to 50 percent capacity and tables spaced at least six feet away from each other;
-Saundra Griffin, VP and Secretary



LADIES OF MERCEDES: *QUALITY, GRACE, LUXURY, BEAUTY, SMART, SLEEK, POWERFUL*

This newsletter features the *LADIES OF MERCEDES* of the HUDSON-MOHAWK SECTION (**HUDMO**), of the MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB of AMERICA, The *LADIES OF MERCEDES* is a special group. They often choose vehicles that are avatars of who they are and how they feel about themselves. Although they may not express it verbally, you can get more than a hint of what is driving what they are driving and how they drive.

Many of them love the speed, and acceleration of the AMG models , while others may like the style and compactness of the sporty SLs. Some of them buy them as a reward for their professional achievements and great successes in life.

Some of the other reasons include:

The power!

The engineering and technology!

A safe reliable Utility vehicle for home, family or country house.

It's the only automobile that fits their luxurious lifestyle.

How they look in it or how bystanders look at them.

OR, Finally it's a gift from someone who cares a great deal about them.

So rather than name all the reasons and models that exist, here is a sampling of our **HUDMO** ladies showing off their cars. You may recognize them when they zoom or cruise by. Who is most like you or someone you know?

Our centerfold is National President Julie Bruggner!

Thanks, Julie, for your Support.

-Jim Wright, President of HUDMO



JULIE BRUGGNER, President of the National Board of the Mercedes—Benz Club of America is from Ft Wayne , Indiana. She enjoys her Mercedes and club activities.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WE DO HAVE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL!

HUDMO Board is planning activities for this Summer and Fall. We are still very active and have cars, will travel....

LEAD FOOT LUCY CAR SHOW meets every Wednesday at Kohl's Plaza, Central Avenue in Colonie at 6:00 until dark. They just started meeting two weeks ago and have had a rain out and a meet with 150 cars last week. You will receive a notice on a Monday for a Wednesday that looks like we will have good weather. Bring chairs, masks, and look for the MB Banner to find us. All cars, all ages are welcome. It's a good evening in the outdoors.

Visit LIMEROCK LABOR DAY CONCOURS AND MARQUES SHOW ON LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2020 Its historic setting in Litchfield County, CT is intertwined with that of sports car racing. They are giving us a group discount of 15% off the ticket price of \$40 per car. Our cars will line up on the track along with hundreds of others. Tickets need to be purchased at least two weeks ahead of time from Limerock. Their number is 860-435-5000 or purchase them on line at limerockpark.com. Mention the group rate for our club. They are giving Lew a password to use to identify yourself as a **HUDMO** club member. There will be food vendors or you can bring your own food and drink (no glass bottles). If interested, call Lew Decker (518-725-2965) for questions and when and where we will meet up together for that day. This is a good day to explore historic Limerock, one of the most famous tracks in car racing. Directions to the track are on their website or meet up with Lew for a cavalcade of **HUDMO** cars entering together.

OCTOBER 17TH, 2020 FUN RUN Take a beautiful fall ride through the Schoharie area and view historic forts and buildings in the Mohawk and Schoharie Valleys while cruising through autumn colors and answering questions for prizes. The entry fee is \$10 per car to cover the cost of the prizes. This is not a timed rally; it is just a scenic, fun morning ride to discover new scenery and then all meeting at the Old Tater Barn in Central Bridge for a fabulous lunch off their menu while we display our cars lined up upon their manicured lawn. Meet new friends and relax. We will have directions and phone numbers if you get lost. Of course, no one will.

MEMBERS ATTENTION: The first two members to SEND IN A SUGGESTION FOR AN ACTIVITY YOU WOULD LIKE PARTICIPATE IN AND SEE THE CLUB PLAN WILL GET A PRIZE. CONTACT NEWSLETTERLADY5@GMAIL.COM TO ENTER.

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