

# The Jersey Southern Star

"The Best or Nothing" of the South Jersey Section

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# 2014 has started with some fantastic outings

# Read and learn more

# **Recent Events**

## South Jersey Section at the Philly Car Show

33 club members came to the Philadelphia Car Show to have a private tour of the Mercedes Benz Pavilion. The club arranged to enter the car show an hour before the general admission. For that hour, club members were permitted to review the 25 Mercedes cars, with no crowds to fight. Dan Fahey, from Mercedes Benz USA, was on hand to provide personal assistance with all cars. After the first hour, and the general public came to review the Mercedes cars, the club members moved on to review the "other cards of the show". After several hours on the floor, members met to go to lunch. This is an outing the South Jersey Section has sponsored for 15 years. We plan to return again next year.









## **Whiskey Tour**

March 15<sup>th</sup> twenty members and their friends of the South Jersey section enjoyed lunch at the Historic King George II Inn, then took a tour of Dad's Hat® Rye distillery in Bristol, PA. Dad's distillery shared with us their process in making rye whiskey, the history of rye whiskey in Pennsylvania and how rye differs from the whiskies commonly found in Kentucky. We tasted the rye, learned about the malt. They did tell us that the source of the malt was a secret, and was the best part of their special flavor. The tour ended with samples of their products. It was a very good day, we thank Ernie Schirmer for planning and executing the





#### Lunch before the tour



The tour

#### Dad's Entrance



The tasting

#### **President Message**

# President's Message Happy 2014

2014 started off strong with 2 outings before the end of March. April has the day at the New Jersey Motorsports Park happening on the 19th. Jerome Johnson is the guide for access to the Park and use of the race track.

MBCA South Jersey Section will continue 2014 with more events, and read below about events at local sections. All members are welcome to attend outing from all sections. Many ideas have been submitted for new events that will be offered to the members. Dates have been assigned and instructions for participation can be found on our club's website. Please check it often. I personally am excited about a spring driving event to the Hudson Valley. Bill and I have our room booked, and our dinner reservation at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA). It will take place May 31-June 1 and includes dinner at the Culinary Institute of America. I have enjoyed dining there on several occasions and always enjoy the experiences. Hope you will be available to join this adventure with the club.

Our calendar is very full, but if there are any suggestions for other activities you would be interested in overseeing, please contact me at <a href="mailto:kfisher500sel@yahoo.com">kfisher500sel@yahoo.com</a>. We still have dates open and if you want to do things as a club, lets do it!

Stay cool as the summer starts, read the STAR and your email and drive carefully during the spring season.

Warmest wishes, Karen

2014 South Jersey Section Planned Events	
Month	Event
April 19, 2014 The day starts about 7:00 AM at the park	A day's driving at the New Jersey Motorsport track Saturday - Lightning Circuit Confirmation of the outing was not received before the newsletter went out. A email blast will keep all informed of the changes If you have an interest in attending the outing, please contact Jerome Johnson (johnsonjerome20@gmail.com).
	There will be a fee of approximately \$200 payable to the New Jersey Motorsport track. The car will also be inspected by the track representatives before driving.
	Beginners are not limited to any particular speeds during Member Day outings; all Novice group sessions are run behind the pace car, with passing not permitted at any time, and the first run session is indeed done at highway speeds, but the speeds build progressively throughout the day as your skills improve, and by the end of the day you will be driving at extra-legal (100+ MPH) speeds. However, there is no reason for concern, as these speeds are only reached on the straight sections and then only if the driver is comfortable doing so.
	Changing your brake fluid will make you car safer for stopping after the high speeds
Greater Washington Section	Location: 4932 Bethesda Ave   Bethesda - Virginia   20814 Contact: Warren Bain   703.906.9658
Sat, April 19, 2014 - 10:00am	Have a Mercedes-Benz with over 155K miles on the clock? Then come get it certified so you get a grill badge and certificate for that accomplishment.
– 3:00pm	Euro MotorCars Bethesda hosts MBCA members each spring so that we can get our member's cars certified for their Mercedes-Benz High Mileage award. This award is free from Mercedes-Benz and a great way to celebrate your car.  Euro hosts us with coffee and pastries in the morning and lunch in the
	afternoon. You say your car does not have that kind of mileage on it, well bring it in anyway, so that the Mercedes-Benz certified technicians can go over your car and show you the mechanical and technological aspects of your Mercedes-Benz. Looking under the hood with a trained M-B tech is an educational experience, getting the car up on the lift and seeing the underpinnings of your car will give you a complete new appreciation for

how your car was designed and built. This is a great way for even the most non-technical person to have a better understanding of their Mercedes-Benz.

The event is \$15 paid to the Greater Washington Section, this covers the cost of sending in and handling the paperwork and is a fund raiser for the section.

http://www.mbca.org/event-notice/2014-04-19/mercedes-benz-highmileage-certification-and-service-clinic

#### May 31 to June 1, 2014

This is not so much a tour of the whole valley, as much as it is a planned trip to the Hudson Valley to enjoy some excellent food at a local restaurant; at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) (The trip is worth this meal); lodging and breakfast the next day with optional activities planned. The South Jersey Section will meet in Bordentown (Mastoris Diner) then caravan up to Poughkeepsie, NY. A price will be set for members with single or doubles rates. The price will include meals and lodging. Cash bar, tolls and gas will be the members responsibility.

Ernie Schirmer is managing this outing also. He will have a web site available that provides greater information. (We are inviting other sections to join in this outing, it will be fun and the dinner at the CIA will be excellent)

The finalized prices are not complete yet, but the dinner at the CIA is planned to be \$80.00 per person (appetizer to desert), with a cash bar. We are also planning lodging and breakfast, which have not been priced yet http://www.paft-

nj.org/WEB PAGE HUDSON VALLEY MAY MBCA TRIP PAGE.htm

Check the web site to see who is going, and which town they are staying in. Ernie is doing an excellent job keeping all informed of the outing, and the slight changes that have taken place.

# Sat, June 7, 4:00pm

51st Annual June Jamboree

2014 - 8:00am - Location: One Mercedes Drive | Montvale - New Jersey | 07645 Contact: Lucille Chabala | 973 731 9133

> The 51st Annual June Jamboree at MBUSA HQ in Montvale will be held on SATURDAY JUNE 7. Registration opens at 8 AM until 10 AM. Preregistration is \$50 (we really like pre-registrations) day of event \$60. We will have concours, popular vote and – new this year – Silver Star Preservation Class administered by Pete Lesler, National Concours Judge. Registration fee is the same for any class. Preservation Class is limited to the first 10 paid pre-registrations. Please send registration details to Lucille Chabala, 6 Brook Way, West Orange, NJ 07052. Be sure to include your contact info with the form.

The registration form for all classes and details about Preservation Class

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	can both be found on our web site <a href="http://sections.mbca.org/northern_new_jersey">http://sections.mbca.org/northern_new_jersey</a>
June 28, 2014	Blue Berry Picnic Scotland Run County Park Fee: \$10.00 per car; A people's choice car show <a href="http://www.co.gloucester.nj.us/depts/p/parks/parkgolf/scotland/">http://www.co.gloucester.nj.us/depts/p/parks/parkgolf/scotland/</a>
September 2014	Regional Picnic, Hopewell, NJ
December 7, 2014	Holiday Party; Brunch, juice offered at 11:30 with the buffet available at Noon. \$25.00 per person Scotland Run Gold Course >>>> Date Change <<<< (Read the star to prepare for the trivia quiz)

#### For Sale

#### Two (2) for one price \$5,500 - 1976 240D and 1984 300D

- 1976 240D 115 body MB color white with blue MB tex interior Automatic transmission, factory air good condition 143,000 miles
- 1984 300D turbo diesel, 123 body MB color lapis blue with palomino leather interior new Michelin tires 180,000 miles

#### 1992 Mercedes Benz 500SL (type 129), Asking \$15,800

Extremely clean condition with less than 51,000 miles. Dealer maintained, all service records available for review. Color: 568 Signal Red Exterior, with Black leather interior bucket seats

5 Liter V8 4 speed automatic KE 5 Electronic / Mechanical Fuel injection Located in Cherry Hill

email: <a href="mailto:dobbin2211@mypacks.net">dobbin2211@mypacks.net</a> Phone: 856-278-1706

Car Fax report available







#### **Sponsors of the 2013 Holiday Party**

The New jersey Manufacture Insurance company was kind enough to provide the club car safety kits for all that attended the Holiday Party.

We want to thank New Jersey Manufacture for their focus on safety

#### **National and Regional Events 2014**

- May10-15: Special Trip to Graz, Austria for G Wagen Owners/Drivers
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- June 13-15: Heimatfest 2014: Alabama Regional Event in Vance, Alabama. Two-day driving event at Barber Motorsports Park. Contact Jim Roberts, 205-933-9333 or jertoothsaver@bellsouth.net.
- July 28 August 2 & September 22-27: Club trips to Germany (dates tentative). Contact Jim O'Sullivan, 843-671-2079 or osullivanj55@gmail.com.
- August 16-26, 2015: Chicago to Key West. Chicagoland Section road trip adventure. \$400 deposit must be received by April 14, 2014. Contact Renee Welsch, 847-344-1153 or rrwelsch@yahoo.com.

## Do we have your Email Address?

Have you shared your email address with the national office? If you did not give the national office your email on your membership application, or it has changed since you joined, please consider sending it to me at BillFisher\_560@Yahoo.com. It will be used for only South Jersey Section communications! We are trying to compile as complete a list as possible of member email info.

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