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- **Philadelphia International Car Show**
February 6
- **A. J. Meerwald Schooner Adventure**
April 24



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

December
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“Have you recruited a new member for our club? Please call 1.800.637.2360 or visit www.mbc.org to join now !”



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Mercedes-Benz Club of America

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Philadelphia International Car Show

This very popular MBCA event is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2010. The club will meet at the Woodcrest PATCO station (the high-speed line) at 7:15 AM and take the 7:30 train into Philadelphia. Train tickets are sold from vending machines only, no ticket windows, so please bring paper and coin currency that is accepted my a machine (not the dirty old bill). Other arrangements are available for those that find the train challenging, several members have mobility issues. For the alternative access to the show, please call Bill Fisher for more details.

Please tell Bill Fisher at billfisher_560sl@yahoo.com or 609-221-2633 that you will be coming, by January 28, 2010. The count is necessary for the show (the guards need to know) and Mercedes Benz USA customarily provides gifts, we don't want to be short counted.

The car show itself runs from January 30 to February 7, 2010. We are set to enter the show at 8 AM, an hour before the rest of the show opens, for our exclusive access to the Mercedes-Benz exhibit.

The club will be collecting \$5.00 per person for a donation to the "The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia". This enables us to match the contribution the Car Show is making to the hospital. For more car show info, see www.phillyautoshow.com.

Specific highlights of the 2010 Philadelphia Auto Show include: Green Technology, Concept Vehicles, Pre-Production Vehicles, Tuner Car Salon, Exotic Vehicle Display, Vintage Display, Body2Body Competition Returns, Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation Day, and Sponsors of the event.

**Sign-up for the Philadelphia Auto Show Event
February 6th, 2010**

Respond to Bill Fisher by January 28, 2010
(Meet @ 07:15 AM, Woodcrest Station - exit 31, I295; for the 7:30 train)

Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone #: (_____) _____

Number of adults (over age 12): _____ x \$5 = \$ _____

Number of children: _____ (free)

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please enclose check (payable to SJS-MBCA)
(Bill Fisher, 53 Winfield Circle, Sewell, NJ 08080; Cell 609-221-2633; email BillFisher_560sl@yahoo.com)

HOLIDAY PARTY 2009

The 2009 Holiday Party, held at the Scotland Run Golf Club, was a very successful event and a very enjoyable time was had by the 40 attendees. Our President, Jerome Johnson, presented a plaque for 'Member of the Year' award which went to Debbie Goldberg.

As is our custom, we had goody bags for our members and many door prizes so that almost everyone left with a prize. The highlight of the day was a silent auction for a Michelin certificate, good for 4 tires with a value of up to \$1,000.00! It came down to two individuals and the final bid was \$775.00, a very nice addition to the section treasury.

It is likely that we will use the Scotland Run Gold Club for our 2010 Holiday Party since they have proven to be the best "price-performer" that meets our requirements.

Wishing you all the best in the new year and urging you to try to attend a least one event during 2010. Your officers and committee heads go through a lot of effort in order to arrange interesting events for your enjoyment.

Lou Granato
SJS Treasurer



HOLIDAY PARTY 2009 (CONTINUED)



ML450 HYBRID 4MATIC

The Mercedes-Benz ML450 HYBRID is the first European full hybrid vehicle to be offered in the U.S. Featuring V8-like power with four-cylinder fuel economy, the ML450 HYBRID features two electric motors and a 275-hp V6 gasoline engine that work together to provide impressive hybrid power, and fuel economy of 21 miles per gallon around town and 24 mpg on the highway. The ML450 HYBRID joins the S400 HYBRID and our BlueTEC diesel models in our portfolio of fuel-efficient and environmentally compatible vehicles and will be offered as part of a special lease only option (no purchase) for a monthly lease price of \$659 per month for 36 months and \$549 per month for 60 months. The ML450 HYBRID offers outstanding active safety with stability control systems such as ESP®, ABS and BAS, as well as 4MATIC all-wheel drive. The integration of the hybrid technology has been engineered to require no additional packaging space that would compromise comfort or functionality. The space available in the passenger cabin is as generous as before and the trunk capacity remains fully intact. From the outside, the ML450 HYBRID is recognizable by its modified hood, the BlueEFFICIENCY logo on the fender and by the HYBRID badge on its tailgate.

The New ML450 HYBRID Boasts 46 Percent Better Fuel Economy The new Mercedes-Benz ML450 HYBRID uses a 3.5-liter V6 gasoline engine, optimized via the Atkinson cycle, two magneto-electric motors and sophisticated hybrid electronics to produce 46 percent better fuel economy than a comparable V8-powered ML550 model. Integrated within the modified automatic transmission, each electric motor serves a specific purpose. Dedicated to pulling away under electric power, the motor on the transmission output shaft generates 80 hp and 192 lb.-ft of torque. Located closer to the gasoline engine, the second electric motor is set up specifically for acceleration and is rated at 83 hp and 173 lb.-ft of torque. Working with both electric motors when full power is needed, the ML450 HYBRID has a total system performance of 335 hp and 381 lb.-ft. of torque. The electric motors are powered by a liquid-cooled, 288-volt nickel-metal-hydride battery that's enclosed under the rear cargo floor. A powerful computer controls the hybrid system, recalculating the best operating mode 160 times a second. Capable of up to 50 million calculations per second, the system works to maintain an ideal balance between fuel economy and performance. During parking and low-speed operation, the ML450 HYBRID runs on the electric drive only. The ML450 HYBRID can drive solely on electric power up to a maximum speed of 34 mph. On hard acceleration, the gasoline engine is started automatically, and it works seamlessly with the two electric motors for excellent performance. The hybrid system includes a convenient start-stop function that turns off the gasoline engine - for example, when coasting up to a red light - and re-starts it during acceleration. During braking and coasting, the electric motor acts as a generator, slowing the SUV and recovering kinetic energy. Under heavy braking, the vehicle's conventional brakes also come into play. Recovered energy is stored in the battery and re-used whenever the SUV runs only on the electric motors.



S 4 0 0 H Y B R I D S E D A N

Mercedes-Benz goes GREEN!

For the recent NNJS/SJS Regional Picnic, Precision Cars of Atlantic City, one of our great supporting dealerships provided a “show and tell” loan of a new S400 Hybrid sedan. The S400 is a new direction from what we have seen in recent years from our favorite car manufacturer, and a reflection of where the car industry is headed as we all try to be ecologically friendly. To say that this is the top of the line in technology does not begin to describe the features and engineering that has gone into this luxury sedan. A companion vehicle now available is the new ML Class Hybrid, and these join the fleet of Blue-Efficiency cars such as the CDI Bluetec versions of the E, CLK, ML, GL, and R-Class presently available in the USA. In the near future, we should be seeing Blue-Efficiency CGI gasoline powered cars, too.

Of course the 400 is what we would expect from an S-Class – luxury, comfort, and all the sensors and information displays that anyone would want. But add to that a new, higher level that comes with the Hybrid components – seamless transitions from gasoline to electric operation and vice-versa; no space consuming batteries in view; and an unusually open engine compartment since there is only the 3.5 Liter V-6 where one would normally see a tight fit for the bigger V-8 or even V-12 engines. The Lithium-Ion batteries are small enough so as to not take away any space from the trunk area. The electric drive motor is built into the transmission, and provides a nice boost in torque so that the car accelerates nicely when needed, without the fuel-consuming need for a big V-8 engine.

Anyone interested in learning more about these new hybrids should visit one of our local dealers and take a test drive. The technology and performance will surprise you!

By Werner Fehlauer



H E L P W A N T E D

Our South Jersey Section is in urgent need of finding a replacement newsletter editor.

This is a **VERY IMPORTANT** job in our club, as we need to continue to communicate on a regular basis with our members in order to function as a club. The main effort is to collect articles, pictures, edit and format a 12-page newsletter. Unlike in the past where the editor is responsible for printing, folding and mailing, the final version of the newsletter is sent via e-mail to a third party, non-profit organization for printing and mailing every 2 months. Being very comfortable with computers is a must, and preferably with some experience using a desktop publishing software such as MS Publisher. We are flexible in the details of this effort.

To ease the transition, all MS Publisher files of previous newsletters from the August/September 2006 to this newsletter will be made available to the next newsletter editor should he or she decide to continue with current format and layout.

We are asking a section member, or family member to volunteer for this important work. Candidates should contact any section officers with their offer of help and qualifications.

J O E W O Z N E Y

To Joe:

A wise old war veteran once intoned, "All gave some, but some gave all." We who have soldiered on the sweltering track, who have smoked rubber at the screaming contact patch and who have struggled mightily against the wrenching g forces at the tiller; we know that Joe Wozney gave his all to the motor sports programs of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. Every volunteer and every contender has helped burnish the luster of the silver star in the arena of wheel to wheel competition. But it was Joe Wozney who put it all together. Joe drew up the autocross grid. Joe painstakingly sorted the time trial classes for fairness and for sport. He was on the tower flag waving; at the computer keyboard performing a stocatto sonata of calculation. Into the night he labored and was ever cheerily present by track side at dawn's early light.



The first time I drove in a Cosworth Mercedes was as a passenger on the track at Summit Point and Joe Wozney was behind the wheel. Joe was a master of everything which he did and he had no equal in the twisty bits. He worked the close ratio ZF manual tranny so deftly as to have just the right torque available for every part of the track. Using technique which I understand he had learned in the Porsche Club he exploited every inch of tarmac so as to achieve absolutely blistering lap times. Joe never did anything by half.

Despite his unequalled talents as a competitor in the Mercedes-Benz Club of America we will always remember Joe for the invaluable help which he provided to other members and to our gallant company of starpeople as a whole. Joe Wozney, with the indefatigable assistance of Bobbie and a tiny cadre of stalwarts, nurtured and maintained our Club's driving events. For more than two decades every time that a Mercedes driver enhanced the reputation of the silver star in competition on this side of the Atlantic Joe's critical input was there, front and center. So great was Joe Wozney's dedication to our motor sports programs that he ultimately had little time to compete himself, finding his satisfaction in mentoring others and organizing flawlessly conceived events. Autocross, time trials, acceleration runs and drivers education programs in the Mercedes community will ever bear his imprimatur.

Joe served with distinction on the MBCA national board of directors. Here also I had the pleasure of observing his unmatched skills first hand. He was our national vice president during a critical time in our Club's existence, when our president was frail and ill. Joe chaired the board with the éclat of a seasoned parliamentarian and spoke on critical issues with verve and eloquence. During a pivotal time in the history of the Mercedes Club Joe and a dedicated group of colleagues preserved the heart and soul of our organization. We who enjoy the perquisites of membership in our great and historic club today owe a debt of gratitude to Joe and his trusty associates.

By training Joe was a mathematician and a manager. By character he was a leader and a teacher. His dedication to helping others no doubt had its genesis in his education by the Vincentian Fathers at Saint John's University. His qualities as a leader were surely shaped by his experience as a naval officer.

Every time I get behind the wheel of one of my starships I am mindful of the glorious heritage of the marque. And personally I have a lifetime of memories associated with the silver star. When I am driving alone down a country road at twilight I sometimes have a sense of unseen passengers aboard. I feel the warm presence of relatives and dear friends who have long journeyed across Jordan. Now I know that I will have a new friendly spirit on board who will help me to get my shifting points right and to mind the apexes in the tight curves.

John Kuhn Bleimaier

S H A N G R I - L O T

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*Joe Wozney (continued)*Joe Wozney Public Service Award (GWS)

Greater Washington Section (GWS) has renamed their Fellow Member Service Award that comes from their driving committee. This award has been given off and on through the years. This is now the Joe Wozney Public Service Award - given to the member who has gone out of their way to help other MBCA members in the year at GWS Driving Events.

The GWS Driving Committee wanted to award it to Joe Wozney, who passed away suddenly on December 4th, 2009. Realizing that as much as Joe did, his wife Bobbie did equal amounts of giving of herself to driving programs over the years, the first Joe Wozney Public Service Award was presented to Bobbie Wozney at the GWS Holiday Party awards session on January 23rd, 2010 with a standing acclamation of approval by all in attendance.

Do you have a car or car related items that you would like to sell? Contact the editor at juneandres@hotmail.com to have an ad placed here in the "Shangri-Lot." This is FREE for members only!

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January/February

Philadelphia International Car Show
Meet @ 7:15 AM, Woodcrest Station – exit 31, I295; for the 7:30 train
February 6

March/April

A. J. Meerwald Schooner Adventure
N.J.'s Official Tall Ship
April 24

May/June

North/South Jersey MBCA
Regional Picnic
Montvale, NJ
June 19

July/August

South Jersey Wine Tour
Date/Details: T B A

September/October

Regional Picnic & Car Show
(Co-sponsored by SJS)
Hopewell, NJ
September 19


N. J. Pinelands National Reserve
Motor Tour in the Pinelands
Date/Details: T B A

November/December

2010 Holiday Party
Date/Details: T B A

These are the tentative events planned for 2010. Please forward your ideas and suggestions to our Events Coordinator, Joe Franken, by e-mail at jkfranken@aol.com.

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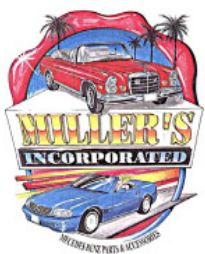
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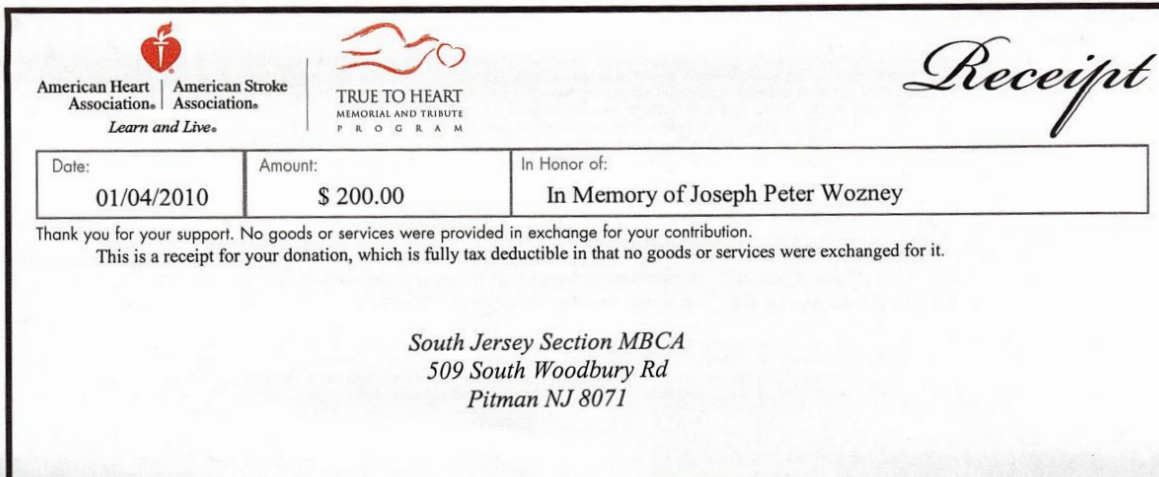
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