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Regional Director, Leader  
and Friend*

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**Saturday, October 20**

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### Welcome, New Members!

**We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!**



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MONTHLY events!**

**Send your email address to  
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## Club Calendar

### South Jersey Section & New Jersey Region Events

Check out our website @ [sjs.mbca.org](http://sjs.mbca.org) for the latest event information!

For email updates send your email to [mbcasjs@yahoo.com](mailto:mbcasjs@yahoo.com)

**September 22—Annual Regional Picnic** in conjunction with the North Jersey Section at Falkenhorst, Hopewell, NJ.

**October 20—Dine, Drive & Wine** *Taste the amazing wines of New Jersey's Outer Coastal Plain as we dine, ride and wine our way through South Jersey.*

**December 9—SJS Holiday Party** *Always a favorite, we will return to the brunch and omelet station at Scotland Run Golf Club.*

For more information on events in your region or around the country, check out the MBCA Events Calendar @ <http://www.mbca.org/upcoming-events>

**Find Complete Event Information Online at:  
<http://sjs.mbca.org>**



### A Word from our new Regional Director, Joe Grattan

A couple of weeks ago the National Board asked me to continue the work that Werner was doing here in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Last Spring I had submitted (with Werner's approval) my request to be included in the election to take place later this year for the position of Regional Director.

Since there are no other candidates the Board felt it was a proper appointment.

The regional picnic at Bleimaier's home is Saturday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – always a good time (as long as it is not raining). Contact Lucille at [LuLuChab@aol.com](mailto:LuLuChab@aol.com) to let us know you are coming. There is no cost to you but we need to plan.

The National office is always looking for ways to increase membership value. The most recent is an iPhone app that can be downloaded at no cost and will provide information about Club activities. The iPhone recognizes where you are and tells you about events within a few miles of where you are. Enough for now.

See you down the road.

Joe Grattan  
Regional Director

## Remembering Our Star: Werner Felhauer

Mid-Atlantic Regional Director Werner Felhauer passed away on June 27, 2012. MBCA-SJS owes its continued existence to the hard work and dedication of Werner, who was more than a leader—to many of us, he was a dear friend as much as a club mentor. His happy and helpful presence will be greatly missed at our events. Below, SJS Secretary Danny Goldberg memorializes Werner on behalf of us all.

I will say that, to me, MBCA (and its sections) are as much about people as they are about cars. My wife, Debbie and I feel Werner and Nancy are central to that description of MBCA. Werner, who I met through the club, became a personal friend who like me was a diesel head and advanced stage shade tree mechanic. He was someone who understood cars and enjoyed working on and taking about Mercedes Diesels.



Werner Felhauer the 2012 Philadelphia Auto Show

A devotee of MBCA and a die-hard section leader, Werner enjoyed what most club members don't - being a leader, devoting time and effort to events and encouraging others to volunteer. As our section's "elder statesman" he sometimes felt we were not doing enough and was not shy about letting us know. At times his "by the book" approach to running a section, -- an event every month, six news letters a year and attending national events seemed unrealistic. But in his own good natured way even when he was clearly "outvoted" by the rest of us, he never relented and in his affable way keep talking about National's procedures manual.

What's more, Werner practiced what he preached: He was always generous in allowing the South Jersey section to hold an annual blueberry picnic and car show at his farm. It is one of our section's most popular events and Werner was always there at the grill making knockwurst, talking Mercedes and Club and encouraging members to pick blueberries.

As a Regional Director, Werner took his responsibilities for "his" sections personally. They were almost like his children or grandkids. As a hands-on leader he visited the sections and



## Regional Director, SJS Leader and Friend

participated in local events, telling me once he had three holiday parties to get to that December day and he planned to be at all of them. Werner fretted when he felt that one of "his" sections was floundering and tried his best to encourage members to step up to the plate and keep sections alive and thriving.

On top of all that, Werner also enjoyed interacting with the Mercedes professionals in Montvale, where he was always lobbying for more diesel models to be sold in the American market.

They don't make cars or MBCA leaders like Werner anymore!



### *Good Times*

(Clockwise, from top) Werner, Nancy and family enjoy the SJS annual holiday party at Scotland Run; Werner awards former SJS board member Jim Zinsky a membership anniversary pin at the annual Blueberry Picnic; Werner pulls former President Jerome Johnson out of the field and into the garage for some good old fashioned elbow greased-diagnostics!





## Annual Blueberry Picnic & Car Show Winners!

Food, cars, great weather, boats and real trophies – nearly 40 SJS members had a great time at the annual Blueberry picnic! In lieu of the pick, Lee Anderson made a special trip to a local blueberry farm and got a quart of the freshest and sweetest berries available for each attendee.

Scotland Run County Park was new to the club. In the face of tragedy, we elected to forge ahead in honor of Werner, who was always so generous in hosting this event, and took time to remember him in the midst of enjoying our day.



We had a pavilion with a view of the lake. The club rented boats for members and fortunately no one sank, though a few got splashed with the paddles. Then there was the car show aspect. Although the park is open to the public, we were able to show the cars in a 'private' parking lot, where we didn't have to share and the show was uninterrupted.

This was a people's choice car show, so while we were enjoying lunch, there was some



campaigning going on, mostly from other members greatly impressed with the cars and asking others to vote for their favorite.

The winners (pictured on these pages) include:

New Car - Best: Donald and Shirleen Wilson (SLK)

New Car - 2nd Best: Don Stelhorn (500SL)

Old Car - Best: Jim Mc Nicholl (420SEL)

Old Car - 2nd Best: Jerome Johnson (560SL)

Most Miles: Danny Goldberg

Furthest Drive to Picnic: Joe & Lorraine Busa

We enjoyed the food, and company. There seemed to be agreement that we should hold the Blueberry Picnic at the park again next year.





M E M B E R V O I C E S



***For a Cab ...What a Catch!***

**This E350 Bluetec was spotted keeping the streets of NYC clean in style.**

**We're proud to credit this photo find to "the well-trained son of a MBCA-SJS member," Aaron Goldberg.**



## 25th Annual Regional Picnic & Car Show

NNJS & SJS are once again proud to co-sponsor the picnic to be held at the home and on the grounds of Falkenhorst, John Bleimaier's country estate. This year the picnic and car show will be held on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 11 AM with lunch being served at noon. There is no cost to attend the picnic, BUT we do need to know whether or not you will be attending in order to make sure that we will have enough food.

NNJS will once again supply hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, sauerkraut, paper products, and condiments and SJS will supply the water and soft drinks. There will also be the "Silent Auction". Please bring a new or gently used item that you would like to donate to the 'Auction' table. The proceeds from the auction will be used for one of our Charity donations.

Even though the majority of the food and drinks will be supplied by NNJS & SJS we still need you to bring an appetizer, side dish, salad or dessert to supplement the buffet.

Please let Lucille know what you will be bringing when you register – PLEASE remember to let us know that you are coming – we need a head count for when we go shopping! Everyone is welcome to attend. We do have some table and chairs available, but if you have chairs bring them along.

You may register by one of the following ways: Return the coupon; email; or phone. Just please remember to let us know by September 19<sup>th</sup> – How many? What car? What you will be bringing?

**Falkenhorst is at: 41 Moores Mill Mount Rose Road, Hopewell, NJ 08525 609-466-1718**

**I/We will be attending the 25th NNJS –SJS Regional Picnic & Car Show  
Saturday, September 22nd beginning 11:00 AM.**

Lunch to be served at Noon. Please bring along an appetizer, salad or side dish, dessert as well as an item for the silent auction. You may also want to bring along folding chairs, umbrellas and other comfort items.

**There is no charge for this event.**

As always, the Northern New Jersey and the South Jersey Section are co-sponsoring this event.

**Please notify Lucille prior to September 19, 2012**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of cars to be displayed: \_\_\_\_\_

I am bringing to the picnic (circle one): Appetizer    Salad    Side dish    Entrée    Dessert

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## October Dine, Drive & Wine

Join MBCA-SJS on Saturday, October 20, as we explore the wineries in the eastern half of Southern New Jersey!

We will meet at 11 am at the Red Lion Diner (206 Route 70, Southampton, NJ 08055—Red Lion Circle, intersection of 206 & 70) for a dutch-treat hearty brunch before heading south down Route 206 to visit some award-winning South Jersey wineries including Valenzano, Sharrott, and more! This will be a different route from the one last taken in October, 2010.

The Dine, Drive & Wine is a great event for Benz-heads and their families alike.



*SJS Members enjoy the October 2010 Ride*

The drive will afford the chance to enjoy your Benz with fellow enthusiasts while providing a great social outlet for spouses, older children, and friends. There's no better way to enjoy good company than to take a relaxing drive while reaping the benefits of South Jersey's Autumn harvest bounty.

Please RSVP to Newsletter Editor Susan Goldberg no later than Wednesday, October 10, using the form below. We look forward to seeing old faces and welcoming new friends as we enjoy a smooth ride and some juice from the vine in South Jersey!



Questions? Call Susan at 609-744-6025 or email: [jerseysouthernstareditor@yahoo.com](mailto:jerseysouthernstareditor@yahoo.com)

To learn more about South Jersey wineries, visit: <http://www.newjerseywines.com>

We look forward to dining, driving and wine-ing with you in October!

### Dine, Drive & Wine with MBCA-SJS—Saturday, October 20, 2012

Number Attending in your Party: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due

Please enclose payment in the form of a check made out to "MBCA-SJS"

Number of Cars in your Party: \_\_\_\_\_

Please cut out and remit this RSVP and payment no later than October 10 to:

Susan Goldberg (Newsletter Editor)

40 Wesleyan Drive

Hamilton, NJ 08690

## Interim President's Message

It is with a saddened heart that I start this message with the remembrance of our long standing member of our section, Werner Fehlauer. Werner passed away on June 27, 2012 at the age 79, and will be laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery, September 4, 2012.

Werner is survived by his wife Nancy and four daughters. I have known Werner for over ten years. He always had a firm handshake, a welcoming smile and a comment relating to his strong beliefs in the club and the operation of the club. Werner was a no-nonsense kind of a guy that believed in the club, it's mission and it's members. He made decisions and encouraged others to follow along. Werner gave his all in everything he did with his family, friends, travel and of course the MBCA. The on-going work and development of the South Jersey Section was imperative to Werner. We remember Werner and his good works as an active participant in the South Jersey Section and as our Regional Director in the Mid-Atlantic section as we remember him in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you Werner for all that you have done for us, and keep smiling on the club.

Our section has been active over the summer. We had a successful Blueberry Picnic at Scotland Run county park in June. The 40 people that attended enjoyed fine weather, food, a car show with trophies and discourse.

The club also enjoyed a day long scavenger hunt in Hammonton. Participation included a variety of vehicles and age groups. We concluded with a Mexican dinner at Fiesta Mexicana in Hammonton. The day was a bit more festive than planned, as the rain date of the event, which we used, was Cinco de Mayo. Trophies were awarded for participants.

In September the club invites all to John Bleimaier house in central Jersey (Hopewell) for the North Jersey Section's annual annual regional picnic and car show. Information about the picnic is available on-line ([http://sections.mbca.org/northern\\_new\\_jersey/](http://sections.mbca.org/northern_new_jersey/)). October's event will be a Dine, Ride & Wine through the Outer Costal Plain region of South Jersey.

I hope you will join us with the upcoming events. A calendar is included in the newsletter. This is your club and it is only as good as you want it to be. Comer out and join an event. I bet you will enjoy and return for another.

A huge thank you to all those that plan and execute the activities to make our club all that it is.

*Karen*

**Have a question, comment, or interesting idea to share?**  
***E-Board Contact information is on Page 2!***

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