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President's Message

Happy Summer Everyone!

Big thank you to Dean Coclin for stepping up and taking on the newly created position of Membership Chair, we really appreciate your efforts. Best of luck to Ernie Fancy who has moved on from our Section Treasurer to National Director at Large, thank you Ernie for all your hard work and commitment to the Minuteman section.

So the driving season is upon is, keep up to date with our club happenings at our "Upcoming Events" page: <https://minuteman.mbca.org/section-upcoming-events>. We held our 11th Annual European Auto Solutions Tech Session on April 20th, followed by Art of the Automobile IV in May, and then we have our Newport Polo Tailgate party in July among others. I hope to see as many of you out there enjoying your Mercedes-Benz ownership and being involved in our club activities!

All the best,

Ed Owen



Newsletter Editor's Message

Members,

Looks like we have a number of great events coming up this summer and into the fall. Hopefully we'll see a lot of you attending with your favorite Mercedes-Benz!

I'd like to apologize for the delay in getting a newsletter out this spring and waiting until late June for this one. It was a tough spring dealing with my mother's sudden decline in health and eventual death on April 15th. She wanted us to make sure to remember tax day. My mother, Margaret Brannen, along with my father, has been a long time MBCA member in the Northern New England Stars Section. Many of you likely would have met my mother at any number of Farberallyes over the last decade or two. My father is still an active member and we look forward to seeing him at other events in the future.

As we get into the busy days of summer, keep an eye out for more event announcements. We are also asking for more of our members to get involved in planning events as our calendar is looking to be filled up. So start planning and make sure to post your event on our "Upcoming Events" webpage. Any member is able to post their event, so start planning now!

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Minuteman Sections Tech Article

Prepping an R107 for the 2019 Season

The R107 450SL hit the American scene in the early seventies. Around that time domestic two seater machines like the Corvette, Camaro and Mustangs came equipped with powerful V-8 engines.

Mercedes-Benz joined this sporty trend, equipping U.S. delivered SL's with SOHC 4.5 Liter V-8 engines. Now 40 years later and looking back at the elegant lines that produced this classic beauty, the V-8 hidden under the hood still invokes a bit of magic.

As with previous SL models R107's are evolving from daily drivers to weekend cruisers. They are content sitting pretty in the garage for the winter, in the summer logging a thousand miles going to car shows and wine tastings, and some fair weather commuting to work. Cars that sit around so much have a few additional maintenance items to address - mostly to do with gas, brake fluid, engine coolant/corrosion protection and tire pressures.

Gas issues. Like a wine without a cork, gas will go bad in the tank while in storage. Car gas tanks are not airtight. Oxygenation is the culprit and causes gas to convert to varnish and goeey solids! Remember to pour a fuel stabilizer in your gas tank for the winter.

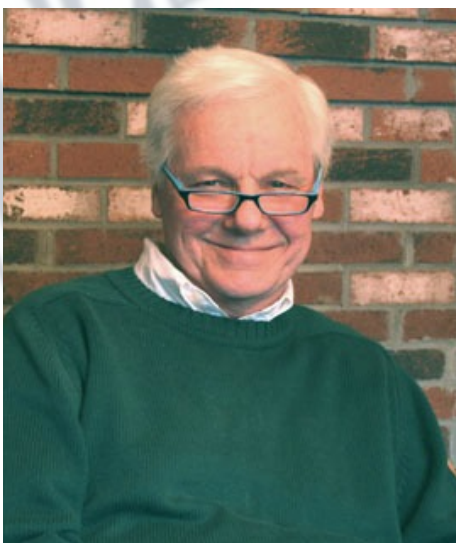
The tank should be close to full in storage mode leaving little room for water to condense on any exposed tank wall. Biggest headaches with a car stored for long periods are fuel related. Wine turns to vinegar, gas turns to varnish! A new ingredient in gas is Ethanol which is very hydroscopic, attracting water from the atmosphere into the gas. Simply adding a product like STA-BIL brand gas treatment as directed fights oxygenation and condensation.

Brake fluid is also naturally hydroscopic, every a couple of years have the old contaminated brake fluid flushed out, especially with cars that are stored.

Any green colored anti-freeze must go! Protect inner engine parts with approved anticorrosion fluid only. If you can't remember when the coolant/antifreeze has been changed in your engine consider this a cheap insurance for the future.

With an extra pound or two of air pressure, tires in storage mode should be all right. Better yet get them off the ground to prevent flat spotting. Rumbling from the flat spot on the tires may be apparent when first driving in the spring. This flat area should disappear within a hundred miles of driving. It is always something with your pampered weekend cruiser!

Peter Vanderveer
Technical Editor



MINUTEMAN SECTION'S 2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - PAST & UPCOMING

MARCH 2019

Minuteman Section 2019 Annual Theatre Event, Dinner & Meeting

Held: Sunday, March 31, 2019

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA

This year's event was unique and extraordinary. Featuring Virtuoso Harpist Bridget Kibbey with a French Chamber Music Ensemble performing in The Weekend Concert Series at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum



APRIL 2019

11th Annual Minuteman Section Open House - European Auto Solutions Tech Session

Hosted by [European Auto Solutions](#)

Come celebrate the arrival of Spring at European Auto Solutions' 11th Annual MBCA Minuteman Section Open House, 9:00am to 1:00pm Held on April 20th, 2019.

Each attendee was given 15 minutes of lift time for personal inspection of their Mercedes-Benz with one of our technicians to both learn more about the vehicle and to have it checked for the upcoming open road season.



MAY 2019

Art of the Automobile IV

Founded in 2016 by John Bailey, Ed Owen, and Peter Ladas and brought to you by Tinsfe Consulting, European Auto Solutions, and Yuppieracing, Art of the Automobile returned to City Hall Plaza Saturday May 17th from 12PM to 5 PM.

JUNE 2019

Mercedes, Coffee, Croissants, and Pretzels

Sunday June 30th 2019

9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Come join members of the Minuteman Section at **swissbäkers**, 168 Western Ave., Allston, MA on Sunday June 30th at 9:00AM for a Mercedes, Coffee, Croissants, and Pretzel event.

Members will start arriving any time after 9:00 A.M. to park in the **swissbäkers'** bakery parking lot to enjoy an abundance of world-class coffee, pastries, and croissants while admiring each other's Mercedes-Benz automobiles. The parking lot holds at least 40 – 50 cars, so there is plenty of space for our event, which is a rarity for the greater Boston area.

Then, at 10:30, we've arranged for a tour of **swissbäkers'** state-of-the-art facility and then a Pretzel Baking Class that'll last until approximately 12:30 P.M. The event will be held rain or shine and we look forward to seeing you there!

To attend this event, please email Court Brannen to let him know how many attendees will be attending and then snail mail a check payable to the **MBCA Minuteman Section for \$10 per person by Wednesday June 26th**.

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JULY 2019

Minuteman Section Attends Newport International Polo

Saturday, July 27, 2019 - 2:00pm to 9:00pm

250 Linden Lane

Portsmouth, Rhode Island

The Minuteman Section will be attending a match on July 27th at the Newport International Polo Grounds. The gates open at 1 PM and the match starts at 5 PM. We'll be setting up our spaces 17 & 18 around 2 PM with catered food. Members are encouraged to bring their own refreshments.

We have space 17 and 18 for the match along with 20 tickets. Each space can accommodate 20 or so people. Please make sure to sign up early!

Season 28 of the NBC10 Newport International Polo Series, Presented by BMW kicks off on Saturday, June 1 and runs every Saturday through Sept. 28, with the home team - USA/Newport against challengers from around the world and major U.S. cities. Matches begin at 5 PM/4 PM in September.

Bring a picnic & blanket to spread on the lawn or reserve centerfield Pavilion seats. Audiences of several thousand attend the weekly contests, one of Newport's most popular summer attractions.

<https://nptpolo.com/>

For more information:

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AUGUST 2019

Mercedes & Friends at Thompson Motor Speedway

August 24 - 26

Would you like to have your family be safer drivers, and learn how to avoid accidents when trouble arises? Do they know how to handle their cars under stress and hard maneuvers, and how their cars will react?

Have you ever driven your car on a real racing track and course, or would you like to? And if you already are race ready, would you like to learn how to handle your car better through curves and straightaways?

What if you could take your family and/or friends along for a weekend in the Connecticut countryside, and do all of that?

You can!

On August 24-26, 2019, the Mercedes Benz Club of America in concert with the Lotus Club Inc. is holding a driving weekend event at Thompson Motor Speedway Park in Thompson CT that offers all that and more. There are a number of non-driving local touring opportunities, and even a visit to a unique automobile restoration shop working on all marques including classic and brass era automobiles, as well as Bugattis, Mercedes, Bentleys, and other exotic cars. But there is also the renowned MBCA Safe Drivers/Safe Families driver training and workshop, and track time on the Speedway and the race course as well. There's something for everyone in this weekend!

But don't forget: this is also an opportunity to give your family's drivers a gift that has incredible value-training that could save their lives.

Visit our website to see what the weekend is all about, and sign up to join us. It could be the weekend of a lifetime.....!

<http://www.neregion-mbca.com>

If you'd like to volunteer to help manage and run the event, and even learn to be an instructor, let us know your interest in the "Contact" form on the website.

Download an event brochure: [HERE](#)

Download registration form: [HERE](#)

OFFICIAL ROAD COURSE
Of the Minuteman Section



SEPTEMBER 2019

Wine Dinner at the Wayside Inn

Sunday, September 8, 2019 - 4:00pm to 8:00pm
72 Wayside Inn Road
Sudbury, Massachusetts

Join us for a fun evening of dining with wine pairing in the Ford Room of the Wayside Inn. Cost per member: \$35.00

Here is the Schedule:

- 4:00 - Self Guided Tour of the Gristmill
- 4:15 - History Narration at the Gristmill
- 5:00 - Dinner in the Ford Room of the INN

Here is the Menu:

New England Clam Chowder

Robert Mondavi Chardonnay

Second Course: **Traditional Ceaser Salad**

Robert Mondavi Pinot Noir

Entree:

Slow Roasted Prime Rib, Au Jus Served with Delmonico Potatoes & Fresh Vegetable Medley

Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon

or

Roast Chicken Breast stuffed with Roasted Peppers, Broccoli, and Boursin Cheese

Served with Delmonico Potatoes & Fresh Vegetable Medley

Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon

Dessert: Chocolate Cake

Coffee, Tea

There are parking lots at both the Grist Mill and the Inn. The walking distance between the two is about a 1/4 mile. Space is limited to 40 and an RSVP is required.

Please detach and mail to:

Ken Bourque
18 Thompson Street
Dedham, MA 02026

Names: _____ Phone: _____

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Number of reservations: _____ @ \$35.00 each = _____

Please indicate your choice of Entrée for each person

- A) Prime Rib
B) Roasted Chicken Breast

Germanfest/Mercedes Day

Sunday September 15th, 2019

10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA

<https://larzanderson.org/2019lawnevents/mercedes19/>

OCTOBER 2019

- **Farberallye** – Hosted by the Northern New England Stars Section

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