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President's Message:

By Ed Owen

Dear Minuteman Section Members,

Happy summer, everyone! Finally the open road driving season is upon us. We've had some fun events this past spring that were very well attended, including the EAS Tech Session and Art of the Automobile. Very happy to see the Minuteman Section well represented in Alabama at Starfest 2018. Looking forward to seeing more of you participate in the upcoming events: The Newport Polo Tailgate in July, the Nautical Cruise in August, Germanfest in September, and Faberallye in October. If anyone has an additional idea and or would like to host an event, please reach out to me.

Would also like to congratulate Mercedes-Benz of Springfield on their opening out in Chicopee, MA. It has been a while since there was a dealer servicing The Pioneer Valley, and after talking with one of the Principals, I know our members will be in good hands.

Ed Owen - President

Mercedes Benz Club America, Minuteman Section



The Editor's Desk

REQUESTING ARTICLES:

Coming up with topics to write about in the newsletter and hoping they draw an interest for reading is a challenge. Obviously, I am not a creative writer, so I'm asking for fellow members to submit articles for publication in our quarterly newsletters. Share an experience with your Mercedes-Benz, an experience at a race, or even something you found interesting that you feel should be shared with other Mercedes-Benz owners. For the next newsletter, please send them to me by August 15th at courtlandbrannen@gmail.com. If you'd like to advertise your business, please reach out to me as well. Shoot me a scanned copy of your business card or a piece of your marketing materials. We'll get it into the newsletter and online on www.facebook.com/MBCA.Minuteman/ Looking forward to seeing you at an event this year!

**Sincerely,
Court Brannen**



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Past Events this Spring

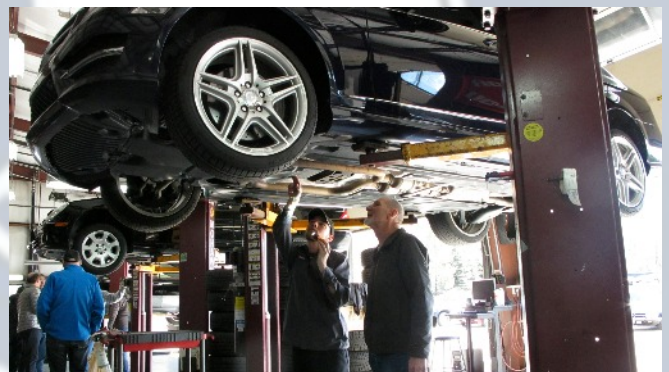
10th Annual MBCA Minuteman Section Open House European Auto Solutions Tech Session

The Minuteman Section held it's annual Open House on April 21st and was hosted by [European Auto Solutions](#)

Members celebrated the arrival of Spring and the upcoming Summer driving season at European Auto Solutions' where each attendee was given 15 minutes of lift time for personal inspection of their Mercedes-Benz with one of EAS's technicians to both learn more about their vehicle and to have it checked for the upcoming open road season.

Once again, the Open House was well attended by at least 40+ cars. At the end, prizes were raffled off and members were excited to discuss the coming season. Check out some pictures of the event below.

Photo credits go to John C Gates, a longtime member of the club. Thank you John!



Starfest 2018

Presented by Ed Owen – Minuteman Section President

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Mercedes-Benz plant in Tuscaloosa, the Alabama section was chosen to host Starfest 2108. Our hats off to them for putting on a very enjoyable event, as we know firsthand from 2016 how much effort it takes to be successful.



Since 1998, StarFest® has a rich history of bringing members together to appreciate the Club's heritage and appreciation of Mercedes-Benz classic and modern cars. The event brings together drivers and friends for casual and competitive events, and offer special access to internationally recognized track venues, automotive museums, behind the scenes production of Mercedes-Benz, technical sessions, safe-driving courses, and much more.

The Concours D'Elegance was held at the North American production facility, Mercedes-Benz International (MBUSI). A great selection of our favorite marque turned out including a 1913 Benz speedster from Canada, a 1986 190E 16V EVO 1 from Florida, and beautiful 1969 280SL with 24k original miles from Gloucester, MA. The Minuteman Section was represented well by Ernie and Bonnie Fancy, Tom Zarella, and myself and we were all pleasantly surprised to come home with Concours D'Elegance awards. (Cont. On the next page)



Starfest Continued....

The following day we were treated to hot laps at Talladega Speedway in our own cars. Quite an experience and what an adjustment to get use to the 55 degree banked turns!



The final day was a day on the track at Barber Motorsports Park. The facility, the instructors, and the racing was second to none as it was a full day of unbridled fun.



The weather cooperated; despite threatening heavy rain a few times, it never gave us a Southern down pour during an event. The food, the hospitality, and the entertainment in Birmingham really lived up to "Sweet Home Alabama."



The location of Starfest 2020 will be announced soon and I definitely recommend putting it on your calendars.

Minuteman Section Event Schedule for 2018

June

3rd Annual Barrett-Jackson Northeast Auction

Mohegan Sun
Jun 20 - Jun 23

The World's Greatest Collector Car Auctions® returns to Mohegan Sun June 20-23, 2018, as Barrett-Jackson presents its 3rd Annual Northeast Auction. The auction has evolved over the years into a world-class automotive lifestyle event where hundreds of the world's most sought-after, unique and valuable automobiles cross the block in front of a global audience — in person and on live national and international television. Witness collector car passion at its best, capture the car of your dreams on the auction block, learn more about collector cars through Behind the Hobby symposiums, mingle with celebrities, experience heart-stopping thrill rides in the latest vehicles from America's top automakers, or shop in the vast Exhibitor Marketplace. For tickets and more information, visit Barrett-Jackson.com.

Please contact Ed Owen for potential caravan details at:

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July

Newport Polo 2018

Join us Saturday July 28th for our Newport Polo tailgate party.

We have space for 20 members to come share in the fun of the Newport Polo Match vs. Palm Beach at the Newport International Polo Ground in Portsmouth Rhode Island. Tickets to get into the match are \$15 per person, to be paid on arrival, tailgating food will be provided by the club. Alcohol is BYOB.

Space is limited, reserve your spot by RSVP to Vice-President Barry O'Neill: barryo56@gmail.com

Location: Newport International Polo Grounds 250 Linden Lane, Portsmouth, RI 02871

Time: July 28, 2018 5:00 PM, gates open at 1 PM

Event Page: <http://www.nptpolo.com/?e=event&eventId=29270>



Minuteman Section Event Schedule for 2018

August

Nautical Cruise – August 19



**Board at 315 Market Street
Portsmouth, NH.**

This year the annual nautical cruise will feature a clam/lobster bake and a sunset cruise presented by the Isle of Shoals Steamship Company. We have reserved a mid-ship covered deck for this event from which we can dine while enjoying a gorgeous sunset aboard the M/V Thomas Laighton.

The Menu:

**NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER
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HOT DRAWN BUTTER
BLUEBERRY CRUMB CAKE**

Boarding: 5:55pm

Departing: 6:25pm

Returning: 8:30pm

On site reserved and secured parking for Mercedes available for \$5 per vehicle.

Detach, enclose check payment and mail form below to: Ken Bourque, 18 Thompson Street, Dedham, MA. 02026

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Number of non members: _____ **@ \$75.00 each =** _____

Total enclosed: _____

Minuteman Section Event Schedule for 2018

September:

Germanfest/Mercedes Day

Sunday, September 16th, 2018
10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Larz Anderson Auto Museum
15 Newton St.
Brookline, MA 02445

October:

Farberallye XCI

October 19 - 21
Jiminy Peak Resort
Hancock, MA

Farberallye XCI will be based out of Jiminy Peak Resort in Hancock, MA, the weekend of October 19-21. We're planning a stop at Hemmings Motor News as one of the weekend highlights. Extra special this year, is that the rallye will be a tri-section event including the Northern New England Stars, Hudson Mohawk, and Minuteman Sections!

Mark your calendar now, start practicing your rallye faces and we'll be communicating more details later!

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