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www.mbca.org

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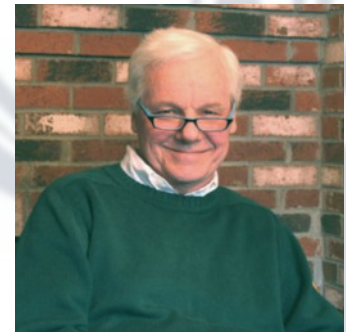
Winter is coming to a slow and drawn out end with about 3 Nor 'Easters just in the last month. Most of us can't wait to get the winter wheels and tires off the cars, or drop the soft tops in 50 degree weather, but we all know that there is probably just one more snow storm in the queue. Man I hope not. I'm not sure I can handle anymore jarring pot holes that rattle my teeth to no end. You know, those invisible holes you only see after you hit them and feel like you left your entire suspension back in.

Fortunately, Spring is just around the corner with warmer temperatures, greener trees, and open roads. A number of events are already scheduled for 2018, with more already in the planning stages.

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 June 1st 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



THE 2018 FORMULA-ONE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FAVORITE: MERCEDES-BENZ

By Peter Vanderveer - Technical Editor

The pre-season testing is over, the first track in Melbourne, Australia is making final preparations for the season opener. The twenty-one races this year are held all over the globe; Russia, China, Dubai, some in Europe, North America and everywhere in between!

The Mercedes-Benz racing team is the New England Patriots of the sport of auto racing. They are the team everyone wants to beat. They've owned the championship for the last four years in a row, so now like the Pats are the racing team everybody loves to hate.

The main point of supporting auto racing for Mercedes-Benz is learning and aggressively pitting new ideas against other like-minded auto manufacturers where the rubber meets the road. Also, of course, the global exposure has marketing and commercial benefits and regular Mercedes-Benz owners enjoy a piece of this world championship DNA anytime they put their foot on the gas in every Benz model.

An F-1 Power Unit starts with a 1.6 Liter V-6 engine with Turbo. At 14,000 rpm, output is north of 650 horsepower. Being a hybrid power plant, an additional 200+ horsepower is available on demand from a Lithium-Ion battery which can get recharged by converting heat from the turbo and rear brakes throughout the race.

No one is betting against Mercedes winning the championship this year as well. The five hundred plus employed at the Mercedes AMG Petronas Motorsport factory are all striving to make 2018 another Championship year, we wish them well.

Minuteman Section Initial Event Schedule for 2018

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

Hosted by [European Auto Solutions](#)

Come celebrate the arrival of Spring at European Auto Solutions' 10th Annual MBCA Minuteman Section Open House, 9:00am to 1:00pm on April 21st, 2018.

Each attendee will be 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.

- Come check out some of E.A.S.'s current projects
- Quality door prizes
- Refreshments will be provided

So, whether you want to check out the undercarriage of your Mercedes-Benz, check out the eclectic mix of vehicles that show up, or share in the fun with other Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts, make sure you come out to E.A.S.'s MBCA Minuteman's Section Open house on April 21st.

Please RSVP to: Ed Owen

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Art of the Automobile III

Saturday, April 28, 2018 - 12:00pm

1 City Hall Square

Boston, Massachusetts

<http://www.artweekma.org/>

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 returns to City Hall Plaza Saturday April 28th from 12PM to 5 PM.

Art of the Automobile is proud to be an Artweek Massachusetts event. We are a unique educational motor sport event, showcased in the City of Boston that allows participants from automotive collectors and enthusiasts of all levels to join in putting on a display for the general public. This spring's event benefactor, the Martin Richard Foundation (TeamMR8.org), allows our automotive community to "foster greater togetherness, compassion, peace and kindness in our communities through activities that build bridges and bring people together." In particular, the funds raised by this event, will go to organizing programming at Martin's Park at the Smith Family Waterfront next to the Boston Children's Museum. New to our event this year, partnered with the city of Boston is a 26.2 mile police escorted drive down the iconic Boston Marathon Route. Done for the first time with the blessing of the City of Boston, and the Commonwealth, a limited number of participants, sponsors and vendors will be asked to donate a minimum of \$10 per mile to participate. Spectators are free, but if you want to display a vehicle on the plaza, you will need to make a donation to the Martin Richard Foundation. The field is open to cars of any particular interest and is limited to the first 100 (includes lunch and cocktails for participants).

[Register Here](#)

[Visit the Official Website](#)

Starfest 2018

May 14-21, 2018

StarFest® is the flagship for Mercedes-Benz Club of America's greatest national event and will be hosted by the MBCA Alabama Section in 2018. Various track events and the StarFest®2018 Concours will be at the heart of Alabama's Racing heritage settled in the beautiful Alabama countryside. Including the 17 turn Barber road course, Barber Proving Ground, Barber off-road, and Talladega Superspeedway. Every participant will be able to enjoy an enhanced tour of the Mercedes-Benz US International factory on the C-class production factory.

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.

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Starfest 2018

May 14-21, 2018

Continued...

StarFest®2018 has events for everyone:

- Safe Drivers - Safe Families
- Autocross (Acceleration Runs)
- High-speed track driving experience
- Off-road track driving experience
- Concours
- Road Rallyes
- Off-road Rallyes
- MBUSI plant tours
- Reception and dinner at the famous Barber Museum
- Acceleration Runs
- Talladega Superspeedway / Autobahn Experience

[Click here](#) to register for an unforgettable week at StarFest®2018

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.

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July

- Myopia Polo Match – Hamilton, MA

August

- Boat Cruise or Clam Bake Event - TBD

September

- Germanfest/Mercedes Day – Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA

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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ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A 2018 Mercedes-Benz S560 Cabriolet

Details & Dates

- Prize: 2018 Mercedes-Benz S560 Cabriolet
- MSRP: \$133,300
- Tickets are \$50 (US) each
- Last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, June 13, 2018
- Drawing is Thursday, June 21, 2018
- For more information and to purchase tickets, visit raffle.mbca.org, call the NBO at **800-637-2360** or check your mailbox for an official mail-in order form.



TICKET PURCHASES (including your Official Order Form and payment) **MUST BE RECEIVED BY** June 13, 2018. International (non-U.S.) purchases must be made by credit or debit card only. If purchasing by credit or debit card you may call 800.637.2360 (Mon-Thurs 8am - 4:30pm; Fri 8am - 4pm Mountain Time) or visit raffle.mbca.org.

Make your check/money order payable to: MBCA, International Stars Section
Mail to: Raffle, 1907 Lelaray Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

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Member Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

**No limit to the number of tickets you can buy.
At least one phone number is required.**

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*(MUST complete credit/debit card information on reverse side)



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Go to **raffle.mbca.org**

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1. You must be 18 years of age or older and a current Member of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) to purchase tickets. You must be a current Member at the time of the drawing to be eligible to win.
2. Credit and debit cards accepted. U.S. Members only may pay by check/money order in U.S. funds. Checks must be exclusively for the payment of the ticket(s) and not include other purchases or renewal payments. **International (non-U.S.) purchases must be paid by credit or debit card only.**
3. **This offer is void where prohibited by law.**
4. An Official Order Form, or a copy thereof, must be used to purchase tickets when ordering by mail. Order Forms are on the reverse side of this flyer and are also available upon request from the National Business Office (NBO) or at www.raffle.mbca.org
5. **Ticket orders must be received no later than June 13, 2018.** Ticket orders arriving after June 13, 2018 will be returned to sender.
6. All ticket sales are final at the time of purchase. **There are no refunds.**
7. Tickets will only be issued in the name of the Primary Member listed in the MBCA membership files and does not include Associate Members. Prizes will be awarded on the same basis. Winning tickets cannot be assigned, transferred or sold. Membership must be current at the time of the drawing.
8. Grand Prize winner's ticket stub will be drawn from one drum which includes all ticket stubs. Each stub has an equal chance of being drawn.
9. Paid staff, contractors of MBCA and The Star® magazine, their immediate families and household members may not participate in the Raffle.
10. Odds of winning will be based on the number of tickets sold.
11. Grand Prize winner must complete a form from the NBO and return it within 45 days of the mailing of written notification of winning, or the prize is forfeited.
12. The drawing will be held and certified at 444 Church Street, Flint, MI 48502 at 11:00 a.m. EST on June 21, 2018. Any MBCA Member may attend the drawing; attendance is not required to win. Results will be posted at www.mbca.org.
13. The Raffle is sponsored by MBCA International Stars Section and ticket requests are subject to its acceptance. **This Raffle is licensed under the laws of the State of Michigan.** License number R36432.
14. A minimum of 5,250 tickets MUST BE SOLD to award the Grand Prize. The Grand Prize of \$133,300 US will be awarded in the form of a check in the amount of \$99,975. Winner must select and submit name of Dealership to National Business Office within 45 days of prize notification. Grand Prize winner will be notified by phone. **If fewer than 5,250 tickets are sold, the Grand Prize will be one-half (50%) of the gross Raffle ticket sales less Federal withholdings of 25%, or at least \$5,000 (less withholding)-whichever is greater. If the winner is a Michigan resident there will be an additional withholding of 4.25%.**
15. Grand Prize winner will select the vehicle of their choice at the Dealership designated (see rule #14). Any expense incurred to take possession of the vehicle, which exceeds the Grand Prize payment check awarded to the Dealer, will be the sole responsibility of the Grand



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