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REGISTER NOW FOR EXCLUSIVE STARFEST SAVINGS!!

Help us, help you! From now until May 31st the Registration Fees are being waived. That's a \$50 saving per person and \$100 per couple! Registering early assists our small staff in completing your registration packets early to insure that they're complete. Please also make sure to sign up for all the events you plan on participating in when registering before May 31st.

Need a Helmet for the Track Events, but don't want to buy one? Helmets are available for rent through Race Suit Rentals, who will deliver it right to the track for the track events! <http://racesuitrental.com/>

Book your Mohegan Sun Reservations now! Space is limited and rooms are already booking up fast. Please call and reserve today so that you aren't forced to stay at an outlying hotel away from the action! <https://starfest2016.mbca.org/hotel-reservations>

Vendors at Starfest®

Vendor displays will be at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park on August 3, 4 and 5th from 8am to 5pm.

Vendors will not only display their products but will answer questions about how the products benefit Club Members.

Vendors include: Airstream, Intercity Lines, eEuroparts.com, Hagerty Insurance, Liqui-Moly, Becker Autosound, E.A.S. and more to follow.

The Editor's Desk:



Going forward, the role of the Newsletter Editor has been passed on to Court Brannen after many years of dedicated service by Ronald Beaton. Once again, thank you Ron!

This is my second newsletter for the Minuteman Section and I'm trying mostly to get into the swing of things. I'm working on the challenge of producing newsletters with the same amount of humor, and professionalism that Ronald has brought to the Minuteman Section, but please provide me with any recommendations that you may have.

Our main focus on the Board of Directors right now is to support John, Ed, and many others who have been working hard over the last 2 years to plan STARFEST under the Minuteman Section's banner. We're now less than 3 months away from this fantastic event and there is still a ton of work to complete. Everyone's help is needed! Please reach out to John Piekarczyk to let him know what you can do to step up and make this the most successful national event the MBCA has ever put on. Please make sure to register before the end of May to take advantage of a waived Registration Fee.

For any comments or questions, you can reach me at: courtlandbrannen@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Court Brannen

STARFEST 2016

MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA

August 3-6, 2016



Mohegan Sun
a world at play



Mercedes-Benz Club of America

MBCA's Premier 2016 Event

StarFest 2016 will take place in Connecticut's "Quiet Corner" with lush green valleys and picturesque hilltop farms, it's also known as the Antique Capital of Connecticut. From the seashore near the host hotel, to the lush greenery near the host track, the two linked by a short trip on I-395. Spectacular scenery and iconic New England towns await your discovery.

Mohegan Sun, the host hotel, is known for World Class shows, Spas, Restaurants, Shopping, and of course the Casino. Located 2 hours from New York City, 1.5 hours from Boston, and 30 minutes from Hartford and Providence, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Mystic Seaport and the seashore are close by.

Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park, the nation's oldest Closed Road Course, is the site of all Track Events. Newly renovated in 2014, it incorporates sections of the original track and new turn complexes over its smooth 1.7 mile layout. Fun for the novice, yet challenging for the expert. With onsite restaurants and championship golf course, it's the premier motorsports destination in New England.

The Concours d' Elegance Presented by Intercity Lines, will be held at The Golden Lamb Buttery, a picturesque 1,000 acre New England Hilltop Farm. It's the perfect backdrop for the Stars to Shine.

Other Events Include ...

Nautical Cruises from Mystic Seaport, The Ladies of Mercedes-Benz event, and of course the Rallye.



Get updates online at:
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STARFEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

StarFest 2016 will take place in Northeast Connecticut, in the "Quiet Corner", with lush Green Valley's and picturesque hilltop farms, also known as the Antique Capital of Connecticut. From the seashore near the host hotel to the lush greenery near the host track, the two are linked by a short trip on I-395, spectacular scenery and iconic New England towns await your discovery.

Schedule at-a-glance

Wednesday, August 3

StarFest® 2016

Hospitality Area Open **6:00 a.m.** **4:00 p.m.** Mohegan Sun Resort
1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard
Uncasville, CT 06382

Track Events **7:00 a.m.** **5:00 p.m.** Thompson Speedway
Motorsports Park
205 East Thompson Road
Thompson, CT 06277
Presented by eEuroparts.com

- Safety Inspection • 7:00 • 8:30
- Drivers Meeting • 8:30 • 9:00
- Defensive Driving • 9:00 • Noon
- Lunch • Noon • 1:00
- Autocross • 1:00 • 5:00

(Preregistration for Track Events was required at time of StarFest® 2016 registration.)

Important Notice:

- Defensive Driving Course is from 9:00 a.m. to Noon on August 3rd and 4th ONLY.
- Safety Inspections are on August 3rd and 4th ONLY.
- You must have completed a defensive driving course within 12 months of the event in order to participate in Time Trials and/or Acceleration Runs.

Additional Requirements:

- You must wear a long sleeve T-Shirt and a Snell 2005 approved or newer Helmet and closed Toe Shoes.
- Helmet not required for Autocross.
- Your car must be inspected within 6 months of the event, using The MBCA Club's Tech Inspection Sheet.
- Bring your inspection sheet with you on the day of the event. Sorry - absolutely no exceptions.

Rallye **8:00 a.m.** **4:00 p.m.** Enjoy a scenic drive at your leisure.

Pick up the rallye route at the Hospitality Desk. Rallye sheets must be turned in at the Hospitality Desk no later than 4:00 p.m.

Vendor Displays **9:00 a.m.** **5:00 p.m.** Vendors will be on display at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park.

Welcome Reception **7:00 p.m.** **10:00 p.m.** *Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres on the Roof Top Pool Deck accompanied by a talented local soloist performing favorite hits from the '60's, '70's. Cocktail service.*
Presented by Mercedes-Benz of New London by Carriage House

Schedule at-a-glance

Thursday, August 4

StarFest® 2016

Time Trials / Acceleration Runs	7:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park 205 East Thompson Road Thompson, CT 06277
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Inspection • Drivers Meeting • Acceleration Runs • Times Trials Practice • Lunch • Time Trials Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 • 8:00 • 9:00 • 10:30 • Noon • 1:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 • 9:00 • 10:30 • Noon • 1:00 • 5:00 	
Hospitality Area Open	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	Mohegan Sun Resort 1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard Uncasville, CT 06382
Rallye	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	<p>Enjoy a scenic drive on your own.</p> <p>Pick up the rallye route at the Hospitality Desk. Rallye sheets must be turned in at the Hospitality Desk no later than 4:00 p.m.</p>
Ken Bourque's Nautical Cruise	9:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	<p><i>Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot near Winter Garage to caravan to Mystic Seaport for a 2½ hour sale on the schooner Argia.</i></p> <p><i>Carpooling is encouraged because there is limited parking at the pier.</i></p> <p><i>Afterwards remain and visit the quaint seafaring village of Mystic Connecticut.</i></p>
Vendor Displays	9:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Vendors will be on display at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park.
Ladies of Mercedes-Benz Luncheon and Winery Visit	10:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	<p><i>The Ladies of Mercedes will depart from the Mohegan Sun by bus at 10:30 a.m. to arrive at the Inn at Woodstock Hill, in Woodstock, Conn. for a luncheon followed by a visit to Taylor Brooke Winery. We will leave Woodstock at 4:00 p.m. to return at the Mohegan Sun by 5:00.</i></p>
(Preregistration for the Ladies of Mercedes event was required at time of StarFest® 2016 registration.)			

Schedule at-a-glance

Friday, August 5

StarFest® 2016

Time Trials	7:30 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park 205 East Thompson Road Thompson, CT 06277 (Preregistration for Time Trails was required at time of StarFest® 2016 registration.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety Inspection • Driver's Meeting • Time Trials Practice • Times Trials • Lunch • Time Trials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 • 8:00 • 9:00 • 10:30 • Noon • 1:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 • 9:00 • 10:30 • Noon • 1:00 • 5:00 	
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Ken Bourque's Nautical Cruise	9:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	<p><i>The schooner Argia will sail for 2½ hours in the calm and protected waters of the Mystic River and Fisher's Island Sound leaving the pier at 10:20 AM.</i></p> <p><i>Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot near the Winter Garage to caravan to the Mystic Seaport. Carpooling is encouraged because there is limited parking at the pier.</i></p> <p><i>After the sail, you may wish to remain and visit the quaint seafaring village of Mystic Connecticut on your own.</i></p>
Vendor Displays	9:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Vendors will be on display at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park.
Free Night on Your Own	6:00 p.m.	Open	Enjoy a free night on your own to enjoy the Mohegan Sun Casino and Resort.

Schedule at-a-glance

Saturday, August 6

StarFest® 2016

Concours d' Elegance

Presented by Intercity Lines sponsored by European Auto Solutions

7:30 a.m.

2:00 p.m.

The Golden Lamb Buttery
499 Wolf Den Rd
Brooklyn, CT 06234

(Preregistration to enter your vehicle for judging was required at time of StarFest® 2016 registration.)

Spectators are welcome.

Hillandale Farm, home of the Golden Lamb Buttery, is the perfect backdrop for the Stars to Shine. A scenic drive on Rt.169, 30 minutes north of the host hotel. Rags down at 10:00 a.m.

Cocktail Reception and Grand Awards Banquet

(Preregistration for the Cocktail Reception and Grand Awards Banquet was required at time of StarFest® 2016 registration.)

9:00 a.m.

2:00 p.m.

Mohegan Sun Resort
1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard
Uncasville, CT 06382

Awards Presentation for the Rallyes and Concours d' Elegance.

Dinner and Entertainment.

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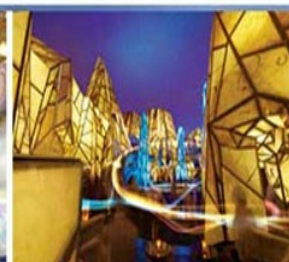


Registration is now open for ...

StarFest 2016
August 3rd - 6th



Join us in New England
Mohegan Sun Resort Hotel & Casino
Uncasville, CT



Past Events this Winter and Spring

Annual Meeting, Theater and Dinner Event



Saturday, February 27, 2016 - 3:00pm
Boston, Massachusetts

This year's **Annual Meeting, Dinner and Theater event** began at the magnificent Wang Theater in Boston with "Rain", a live musical trip back in time with the world's most celebrated band - the Beatles. With over 8,000 Beatles Tribute bands worldwide, Rain, by far delivers one of the most authentic note-by-note, dynamic live multi-media Beatles experiences.

Immediately following the concert, 60 members walked a short distance down the blustery streets of Boston's theater district to FLEMING'S PRIME STEAKHOUSE & WINE BAR. Minuteman Section President, John Piekarczyk kicked off the night with the election of officers, an update on StarFest 2016, and warm thanks and presentation of a gift to Rich Garick for once again organizing a spectacular dining and entertainment experience for Minuteman Section members. Ken Bourque received the award for Minuteman Section Member of the Year for 40 years of service to the Club by President, John Piekarczyk and Vice President Ed Owen. Following the brief meeting, members enjoyed a grand meal, warming cocktails, dessert and most importantly great conversation and laughs with fellow members and friends.

Annual Tech Session

European Auto Solutions (EAS) held its Annual Technical Session on Saturday April 30th, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Members celebrated the arrival of Spring at European Auto Solutions ' 10th Annual MBCA Minuteman Section Open House, by having 15 minutes of lift time for a 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. Members had the opportunity to check out some of E.A.S.'s current projects, and to win quality door prizes.

Concours Judging Class

A Concours Judging Training Class was held on Saturday May 7th, at MBOB and EAS. Peter Lesler, our National Concours Chairman facilitated the class on Judging. This was necessary for anyone who wants to know how to properly judge at Starfest. We learned what Judges look for, in addition to how and why points are deducted. The class started at 9AM at Mercedes-Benz of Burlington and approximately 30 MBCA members from various sections migrated over to European Auto Solutions in Waltham for additional hands on training.

Pictures from the Concours Judging Class



NEW CLUB EVENTS

Each year, our section puts on some great events, and they are typically organized by the same people year after year. Hopefully we'll continue to be able to take advantage of all their wonderful planning, but we need some newer members to bring their expertise into the mix.

Types of events that have been successful:

- Rally's that end with a lunch or dinner social
- Auto-cross /Track Events
- Back country road driving events that end in a wine tasting
- Group excursions to attend the Canadian Grand Prix during the summer
- After work or weekend socials to meet new members
- Tech Sessions
- "How to" sessions

The Minuteman Section is open to new and out-of-the box ideas, so please plan an event today! Contact a Member of the Board if you would like help with organizing.

FOR SALE:

MERCEDES, 1963 300SE; PARTS: Salvaged from low mileage car (odometer=12,444 miles)
Interior: wood window molding for windshield and doors; complete dashboard-foam pad, wood veneer, fittings, glove compartment, instrument assy; door panels and hardware, rear view mirror etc.

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Pictures available via email. jbakewell@comcast.net,
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The Legend Continues

Legends of the Autobahn® is a celebration of the world's pre-eminent German vehicle brands – Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Audi. Participants are invited to revel in the beauty, prowess and grace of German automotive engineering, catch sneak-peeks of new vehicle releases and savor the rare models each marque will have on display.

Celebrating Performance and Motorsports

For 2016, Mercedes-Benz at Legends of the Autobahn will feature a special performance class for cars that have been modified or tuned. This includes cars that have been modified for performance and/or appearance, such as pre-merger models from AMG, or modified Mercedes-Benz from Lorinser or Brabus. Mercedes-Benz automobiles used in racing are also invited to participate.

*Don't miss
this year's Legends:*

Friday, August 19th

9 AM to 3 PM

Nicklaus Club

Monterey, California



For more information on how to register your Mercedes-Benz for the judged Concours, the display-only corral, or the Silver Star Preservation Class, visit www.legendsoftheautobahn.org or contact **Allen Stephens** at 503-708-0397 or allen.c.stephens@gmail.com