



TRI-ANGLES

The official MBCA Minuteman Section News-Letter
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President' Message

Dear Minuteman Section Members,

After two years of planning, the Minuteman Section hosted StarFest 2016 during the first week of August. Three Hundred and Seventeen Members from as far away as WA, AZ, NM, CA, and Canada enjoyed a number of events, which included Track Events, Concours, Ken Bourque's Nautical Cruises and Court Brannen's Rallye.

It was an action packed 4 days that had everyone tired but happy at the end.

I want to thank all the Members of the Minuteman Section who worked hard to make StarFest 2016 an outstanding event. Without everyone's help, StarFest would never have been as successful as it was.

Up next is Farberallye in Lebanon, NH hosted by the Norther NE Star Section the weekend of 10/14 – 10/16.

John S Piekarczyk
President MMS



The Editor's Desk

WHAT IS YOUR MERCEDES-BENZ STORY?

I am not a writer by trade, and most certainly am not a creative writer by any means. I work in the travel industry for an organization named Road Scholar. By working in the travel industry, I have been able to take advantage of traveling to 30 or more countries around the world on 5 continents, with two more to go. With the fact that the travel industry pays more in travel benefits than in dollars, the fame and riches I could possibly make in another industry elude me. With that in mind, I still have Champaign tastes and love Mercedes-Benz autos.

I was fortunate to grow up reaping the benefits of my parent's hard work and my father's interest in German cars. Since I can remember, there has always been a German car in their garage, whether it was a Mercedes, Porsche, VW, Audi, or even one of those BMWs.... This trend carried over to me. I have had VWs, Audi's and then finally a Mercedes-Benz. After a number of unfortunately experiences with repairing my VWs and Audi's, I went for a used Mercedes. Ummm, maybe I should have talked a little bit more with my Dad about the repair costs for Mercedes.... No regrets though.



At a time when I had lost all interest in having a nice car, I bought my first Benz when I never expected it to happen. Other than marrying my wife, it was probably one of the best decisions I've made. To many, it's just a car. Nevertheless, to you and me, it is a passion. An opportunity to get out on the road, escape from the daily grind, join a club, and meet like-minded people you may never have encountered without having bought the car. In a way, it is as if traveling to a new country where you get to meet new people you never would have met in your normal life. By traveling to a new country, you escape to relax, or visit a new place you never thought was so beautiful. That is just like owning a Mercedes.

What is your first Mercedes-Benz story? Please share it with the members of the MBCA Minuteman Section in our next Newsletter and let us get to know your Mercedes-Benz. Email it to me at courtlandbrannen@gmail.com and we'll publish it.

Sincerely,
Court Brannen

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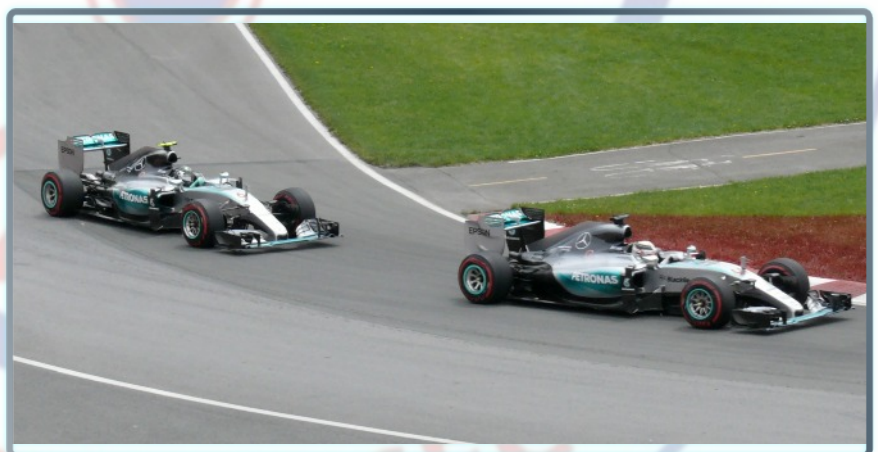
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StarFest 2016 Track, Rallye, and Concours d'Elegance Event Results

During the 4 days of StarFest, the Minuteman Section held a number of track events at Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park in Thompson, CT.

<http://www.thompsons Speedway.com/>

Day 1 included a tech inspection, Defensive Driving Course, and then an Autocross.

Day 2 included Acceleration Runs, and then Time Trials Practice

Day 3 included more Time Trials Practice and then the real thing.

Videos of MBCA Members on track: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGOYxJR-q80pYGGqLdz_x1AFQKNNstoSy

Autocross Winners:

Class 1: 4-6 Cylinder Sedans and Coupes

3rd Place – John Fair – 2001 SLK320

2nd Place – Gary Goodman – 2003 C320K

1st Place – John Ball – 1985 260E

Class 2 R230 SLs 2003 – 2012 SL500s and SL550s

3rd Place – William Battle – 2005 SL500

2nd Place – Ernie Fancy – 2007 SL550

1st Place – John Piekarczyk – 2003 SL500

Class 3 Late Model AMG

3rd Place – Arno Pitzen – 2006 CL65

2nd Place – Larry Taylor – 2006 C55

1st Place – Ed Owen – 2010 SLK55

Class 4: 6.3 AMG

3rd Place – Burt Eisman – 2014 E63

2nd Place – Robert McDonald – 2013 C63

1st Place – Geoff Scimone 2001 SLS

Class 5: 8-Cyl SL (73 – 02), S-Class Sedan, Older AMG

3rd Place – Dr James Roberts – 2000 S430

2nd Place – John Morrison – 2001 SL500

1st Place – Walt Anderson – 1997 SL500

Ladies:

3rd Place – Susan Gruenwald – 1987 300D

2nd Place – Cynthia Battle – 2005 SL500

1st Place – Julie Bruggner – 2007 SL550

Modified:

3rd Place – John Olson – 1963 300 SE

2nd Place – Michael Milano – 2008 CLK55 Black

1st Place – Harris Lee – 2012 C63 Black

Acceleration Run Winners:

Class 1: 4-6 Cylinder Sedans and Coupes

3rd Place – John Ball – 1985 260E

2nd Place – Gary Goodman – 2003 C320K

1st Place – John Fair – 2001 SLK320

Class 2 R230 SLs 2003 – 2012 SL500s and SL550s

3rd Place – William Battle – 2005 SL500

2nd Place – John Piekarczyk – 2003 SL500

1st Place – Ernie Fancy – 2007 SL550

Class 3 Late Model AMG

3rd Place – Larry Taylor – 2006 C55

2nd Place – Jim Glenn – 2003 E55

1st Place – Arno Pitzen – 2006 CL65

Class 4: 6.3 AMG

3rd Place – Robert McDonald – 2013 C63

2nd Place –

1st Place – Geoff Scimone – 2011 SLS/ Burt Eisman – 2014 E63

Class 5: 8-Cyl SL (73 – 02), S-Class Sedan, Older AMG

3rd Place – Dr James Roberts – 2000 S430

2nd Place – Larry Meyer 1999 C43

1st Place – Walt Anderson – 1997 SL500

Ladies:

3rd Place – Beverly Basinski – 2016 C300

2nd Place – Cynthia Battle – 2005 SL500

1st Place – Julie Bruggner – 2007 SL550

Modified:

3rd Place – John Olson – 1963 300 SE

2nd Place – Michael Milano – 2008 CLK55 Black

1st Place – Harris Lee – 2012 C63 Black

Time Trial Winners - StarFest

Class 1: 4-6 Cylinder Sedans and Coupes

3rd Place – John Ball – 1985 260E

2nd Place – Gary Goodman – 2003 C320K

1st Place – John Fair – 2001 SLK320

Class 2 R230 SLs 2003 – 2012 SL500s and SL550s

3rd Place – Fred Gwinn – 2008 SL550

2nd Place – Ernie Fancy – 2007 SL550

1st Place – John Piekarczyk – 2003 SL500

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2nd Place – Robert McDonald – 2013 C63

1st Place – Geoff Scimone – 2011 SLS

Class 5: 8-Cyl SL (73 – 04), S-Class Sedan, Older AMG

3rd Place – Courtland Brannen – 2004 E500

2nd Place – Dr James Roberts – 2000 S430

1st Place – Walt Anderson – 1997 SL500

Ladies:

3rd Place – Cynthia Battle – 2005 SL500

2nd Place – Nancy Scimone – 2011 SLS AMG

1st Place – Julie Bruggner – 2007 SL550

Modified:

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Minuteman Style Rallye - StarFest

In addition to the track events, members alternatively were able to participate in a Rallye through the Eastern and Central part of Connecticut that was 94.35 miles long and took 3 hours driving time to complete. A typical Minuteman style rallye including a distance portion combined with a Question Style Treasure Hunt.

Rallye Winners

3rd Place

- Dean and Antonia Coclin

2nd Place

- Mike and Kay Roth

1st Place

- Stephen and Jeanne Brooks



Concours d'Elegance at StarFest 2016

On Saturday, a Concours d'Elegance was hosted at the Golden Lamb Buttery with a turnout of cars from all decades dating back to the 1930s.

For more information on the Golden Lamb Buttery, please visit their website at:

<http://thegoldenlamb.com/>

Concours Winners

Car # First Name Last Name Year Model

Class 3

2nd Place Car #52 David Van Duzer 1959 220S Coupe

1st Place Car #20 James Jones 1954 300b

Class 4

1st Place Car #23 Thomas Larsen 1955 300 SL

Class 6

2nd Place Car #31 Keith Morgan 1967 300 SEL

1st Place Car #55 Henry Coelho 1972 280 Se 4.5

Class 8

3rd Place Car #11 Ann Fagan 1992 500E

2nd Place Car #32 Philip Morgan 1993 500E

1st Place Car #19 Carlos Heiligmann 1978 230 Sedan

Class 9

2nd Place Car #33 Aaron Newman 1984 300SD

1st Place Car #59 Chris Lipscomb 1979 450 SEL, 6.9

Class 10

1st Place Car #38 Kenneth Papa 1993 E 320

Class 11

3rd Place Car #60 Kris Roglieri 2014 SLS AMG Black Series

2nd Place Car #27 Arthur MacDonald 2005 SL 500

1st Place Car #12 John Fair 2001 SLK320

Class 12

3rd Place Car #50 Lawrence Taylor 2006 C55 AMG

2nd Place Car #16 Joe Grattan 2011 E 550

1st Place Car #17 Robert Haber 2014 C63

Concours Winners Continued

Class 13

3rd Place Car #24 Jack Larson 2014 E350 Cabriolet
2nd Place Car #48 Michael Sweeney 2005 CLK55
1st Place Car #51 William Telford, Jr. 2004 CLK500

Class 14

3rd Place Car #26 Marco Macaluso 2008 CL550
2nd Place Car #42 James Roberts 2000 S430
1st Place Car #7 Dominick Citera 1998 S500

Class 15

3rd Place Car #37 Denton Owen 1966 230SL
2nd Place Car #46 Terry Spaeth 1971 280SL Roadster
1st Place Car #43 Jerry Robinson 1964 230SL

Class 16

3rd Place Car 63 Tony LaBella 1987 560SL
2nd Place Car #22 Lisa Beth Koufman 1979 450 SL
1st Place Car #34 Peter Newman 1982 380 SL

Class 19

3rd Place Car #62 Bernie Moreno 1969 280 SL
2nd Place Car #41 Robert Platz 1957 190SL
1st Place Car #35 Richard Nowak 1958 300SL Roadster

Class 20

3rd Place Car #36 John R Olson 1963 300SE Coupé
2nd Place Car #8 G B Connick 1986 560 SL
1st Place Car #62 Bob Hatch 1969 280 SL 3.5

Best of Show

Car #9 Jim Cosgrove 1937 540K Cab A

Best of Street

Car #47 Phyllis Spagnolo 1973 450 SL

Judges Award

Car #4 Jeanne Brooks 1984 300TD

Photos from the StarFest 2016 Concours d' Elegance



NEW CLUB EVENTS NEEDED

Each year, our section puts on some great events, but the same people typically organize them year after year. I hope that we will 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.

NEWSLETTER CONTENT WANTED!

These Newsletters need to be informative, interesting to read, humorous, and educational for you. Your help is needed. Have you written a Mercedes-Benz related article? Have you taken a road trip that you would love to share with other members? Have you encountered any articles on the web that you think is important to other members? Have you attended well-known Concours d'Elegances that you'd like to share? Write an article and send it to Courtlandbrannen@gmail.com and we'll publish it the quarterly newsletter.



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