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Message from President...

By Rod Thompson



With spring now upon us, our club has arranged three events during the spring months. These events were designed to appeal to a wide variety of tastes covering classic car restoration, the natural sciences, and fine arts.

Our second tech event of 2017 is planned for Saturday, March 25th when we will spend an afternoon with expert classic car restorer, Jim Capaldi, at his facility in Willoughby. In April we will enjoy a private tour of the newly rebuilt Cleveland Museum of Natural History followed by a luncheon of gourmet

food at the Museum's Exploration Restaurant. In May we will travel to Oberlin College to tour the College's Allen Memorial Museum, attend a luncheon at The Oberlin Inn, followed by baroque concert.

Our summer events begin with a Nautica cruise in Cleveland in June, a cruise-in to the Gervasi Winery in Canton in mid-July, our annual Spread Eagle Tavern Brunch and Ice Cream Social in Hanoverton in late July, and August brings the Old Car Fun Day and Huron Yacht Club events.

I hope you can attend several of these events with us and enjoy your Mercedes along the way!

Join us on a cruise...

Please join us for a luncheon cruise on the Nautica Queen on Saturday, June 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person (\$16 for children 11 and under). Parking is available for \$6 on the West Bank of the flats. Boarding takes place 10:00-10:30. Tickets will be distributed as you enter the ship. More information is to follow, but reservations need to be made and paid in advance of June 5. This event can be open to friends, grandkids, etc. No guarantee that more space will be available at the last minute. Checks can be made out to MBCA Western Reserve and sent to **Kieran Mulhausen**, 28925 Fall River Drive, Westlake OH 44145. For GPS directions, the address is 1153 Main Ave. Cleveland OH 44113. This is adjacent to the Powerhouse. Flyers will be sent, and the event will be added to the website next month for Paypal payments.



Membership Update

Welcome New Members

December 2, 2016 – March 22, 2017

Frank Huemmer	Edward Welsh	Cindy Klein
Joseph Vavpetic	Thomas Lussier	Jeffrey Palmer

Welcome Back Renewals

December 2, 2016 – March 22, 2017

Beverly Stewart	Charles Deeds	Jonathan Krull
Noor Fattah	Neil Weimer	Myles Abbott
Ralph Stupka	Annerose Zorn-West	Benjamin Kulper
Frank Omerza	Charles Wilder	Michael Weinhardt
John Krystowski	Bernard Naworski	Don Woodard
William Bartels	Nicholas George	T. Garland
Thomas Hudson	Ian Fess	Paul Houdek
Carl Wennerstrom	Timothy Graziano	Anthony Psota
Jeffrey Hildebrandt	Patrick Kirk	
Klaus Kitler	Clay Mock	
Laurie Tall	James Eichler	
Albert Mazza	J. Holan	
Charles Orange	Anthony Kubichek	
Raymond Vehovec	William Shelton	
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National and Regional News....

by Frank Cozza



The new raffle is now open. Purchase your \$50 raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2017 Mercedes AMG GT S. Go to MBCA.org for more details and entry. The last raffle was won by one of our section members. Let's keep the luck going!

Annual 2017 Auto Show

Twenty-seven members and friends gathered at the Depot Restaurant in Berea on Feb. 25 for a good lunch and catching up with friends where President **Rod Thompson** welcomed the group and passed out the tickets to the auto show. The tickets were compliments of **Mercedes-**



Benz North Olmsted. Participants could attend the show any time during the week. Some went straight to the show from lunch while others chose less busy times. All agreed they enjoyed the lunch and the show!



With Our Deepest Sympathy

We were recently notified by family members of the deaths of three of our members: **Lucy Gesell**, **Rudi Kamper**, and **Bob Arther**. Rudi and his wife Joan had a special interest in the antique M-B cars and were often sharing their prize cars at various Concours d'Elegances. Rudi also presided over the German car show as part of the Berea Oktoberfest. **John Arther**, son of Bob Arther, wrote to let us know of Bob's passing in November and noted that his dad was always proud of his Mercedes-Benz cars and his membership in the club. He attended many events and will be missed. Lucy and her husband **Fred Gesell** were very active in club activities, and Fred served many years on the board. As Lucy's health deteriorated, they became less active, and Fred was a faithful companion and care giver to Lucy until her death in February. Our sympathies to the families. We will miss these members!

Annual holiday party in Sebring OH

The annual holiday party was held January 7 at the Sebring Mansion in Sebring, Ohio. This was the third time we have had the party there, and attendees were still in awe of the elegance and beautiful surroundings. This year five couples also spent the night in the fabulous inn and enjoyed pre-party time together as well as gathering together the next morning for breakfast. Lesa Miller of



Beverly Stewart, Allan & Phyllis Pintner, Jocelyn & Gary Goodman

enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, a complimentary Champaign, and good fellowship throughout the rooms of the first floor. The banquet was served in the third floor ball room which lends itself to great camaraderie in the warm, decorated room. Following dinner, membership pins were awarded to **Gary and Jocelyn Goodman**, 25 years; **Beverly Stewart**, 10 years; and **Allan and Phyllis Pintner**, 5 years. These pins are awarded at the holiday party and at the Spread Eagle event in increments of 5 years. Also recognized were members who were attending their first event. Those three couples were **Debbie and Terry Thomas**, **Howard and Lisa**

Ravenna played Christmas music on the Grand piano in the Music room as guests



Debbie & Terry Thomas, and Howard & Lisa Wilmoth

Wilmoth, and **Joe and Mary Vavpectic**. President **Rod Thompson** presented the Member of the Year Award to **Ted Gottfried**. Ted has been the club mechanic and a regular contributor to the Crier for many years. He also has invited members to attend the monthly meetings and encourages them to become more involved. As a board member, one of the responsibilities is to host one event a year or other such duty. Ted prepared and hosted 1/3 of the events for 2016. Congratulations,



Ted, for all you give to the club! We were honored to have in attendance, National President, **Terry Kiwala**, **Julie Bruggner** from the Fort Wayne Section and national treasurer, and **Ed Yungbluth**, President of the Niagara Section with **Beverly Basinski**. Ed and Bev are second section members of Western Reserve and are frequently at our events. Terry is also a member of our section. All are great friend of the group! Following awards some took a tour of the mansion. Then all enjoyed an array of desserts.

It was a great evening.

A little holiday fun...



Vintage and collector car clinic

By Ted Gottfried

For the second year in a row the Mercedes Benz Club of America Western Reserve Section held a vintage and collector car clinic at Harwood Motors in Macedonia at the end of January. Matt and Melanie Harwood again were our gracious hosts. This year the emphasis was on the proper lubricants for your car, both vintage and newer models. More than four dozen Mercedes club members were joined by more than a dozen Jaguar club members plus walk ins for a total of about 75 people.

Matt Harwood had suggested that I contact Brad Penn Oil for the lubrication presentation. Ken Tyger, a Lubrication Engineer and Vice President / Technical Services of D-A Lubricant Company, Lebanon, Indiana. Brad is based in Bradford Pennsylvania and travels throughout the States making this type of presentation.

The presentation covered the performance applications and lubricant needs of older classic cars, and the right oil for your classic and how different they are from modern lubricants. In 1967, Kendall G-T Racing Oil was introduced as the "Green Oil" which is made from Pennsylvania Crude oil that has a natural green tinge to it. Initially this oil was produced for engine builders and cam builders. Later when American Refining Group purchased the refinery in Bradford, Pa. The green oil was re-introduced as Brad Penn PennGrade 1 Racing Oil.

This refinery processes only Pennsylvania Crude. It is the oldest continuously operating refinery in the world, processing 10,000 barrels a day or about 3 million barrels annually. Best estimates indicate that more than 70 per cent of the crude oil reserves for this refinery are still underground. Pennsylvania "Sweet" Crude Oil based lubricants have been the top choice of equipment manufacturers and consumers for well over 100 years.

The consumer must not add anything to the finished product that has been formulated to the highest standards. Brad Penn oil is made for internal combustion engines that are mobile and come in contact with a wide range of contaminants and also have a wide range of operating temperatures.

The three most important reasons to change your motor oil are Oil Degradation, Contamination, and Additive Depletion from the original formulation. Motor oil functions to Lubricate, Seal, Cool, Protect, and keep internal engine components clean. The days of the only good oil is clean oil that is slippery are long over. Many factors have to be considered in order to choose the correct oil/lubricant. In the airline industry, which tolerates a zero failure rate, preventative, predictive, and proactive maintenance is practiced....never reactive! Oil is the lifeblood of any application, and it is the cheapest component as well as the most critical.

What viscosity of oil should you use? Three important criteria must be considered: Bearing Clearance, anticipated

ambient operating temperatures, and Original Equipment Manufacturer's recommendation. Because more than 70 percent of engine wear occurs at start up, correct viscosity is obvious to minimize engine wear. For Mercedes cars operating above 15 degrees Fahrenheit, a viscosity range of 10W-40 up to 20W-50 is recommended. Annual mileage on your car of less than 500 miles or greater than 3000 has the same criteria. All new Mercedes today use 0W-40 Mobil 1 European Formula Synthetic. For older Mercedes a synthetic is not recommended. Brad Penn oil is a good choice.

Recommended oil change interval is every 3000 miles or annually. If less than that, it is better to discard oil of limited usage than leave it in the vehicle for winter storage. Change the oil and filter prior to winter storage. Bring the engine up to normal operating temperature prior to shutting it down for long term storage with circulated fresh oil in the engine. Do not run your car during winter storage to "circulate the fluids". More harm than good results from this practice. Water is produced during the combustion cycle and this water will be trapped inside the engine if it is only run for a short period during storage. Irreparable damage will occur.

No aftermarket oil additive is recommended. Because Pennsylvania Crude has its own unique metal wetting characteristics which promote tenacious cling ability to interior engine metal surfaces thus providing excellent cold, dry start protection. No additives are necessary. Additives will only foul up the original formulation. A good quality mineral based oil such as Brad Penn oil is better for your classic car.

The unique advantages to synthetic oils are high temperature stability, cold temperature flow ability and better volatility, or longer life than mineral oil. However, the disadvantages include higher cost, light lubricating quality, and poor cling ability to metal. Synthetics have been developed for modern day vehicles produced since the mid 1970's.

PennGrade1 High Performance "Green Oil" is not formulated for vehicles equipped with a catalytic converter. A double "flush run" is recommended if a change over from synthetic to mineral oil is going to be made to insure only fresh clean oil in your engine. The same principle applies in a change over from mineral to synthetic. A double flush insures clean oil after the change over.

Brad Penn Penn Grade High Performance "Green Oil" is distributed in Ohio by Holmes Oil Distributing in Millersburg, Ohio. Web site www.HolmesOilDistributing.com Also recommended is checking out the web site www.penngrade1.com and also www.Pure-gas.org for the nearest ethanol free gasoline fueling stations in your area. Both are recommended for usage in vintage, classic cars.

Again many thanks to Ken Tyger for this extremely educational lubricant presentation.

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Cleveland Museum of Natural History Private Tour and Luncheon

Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 10:30 a.m.

On Saturday, April 22nd, our club will enjoy a private tour of the newly-redesigned Cleveland Museum of Natural History. **The tour will begin at 10:30 sharp followed by lunch at noon.** We will dine at the museum's Exploration Restaurant, where we will be able to purchase gourmet entrees, artisan pizzas, paninis, home-made soups, gourmet burgers, a salad bar, and a braise station all prepared by the staff of Zack Bruell, the famous award-winning chef.

Parking is available for \$10 at the Museum's new enclosed garage located on Wade Oval just south of its northern intersection with East Boulevard. Metered parking is also available along Wade Oval (bring quarters).

We will congregate at the new parking garage lobby in front of the Kirtland Hall of Prehistoric Life. The garage is connected to the northern side of the Museum. The address is 1 Wade Oval Drive, University Circle, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 and the website is (www.cmnh.org).

The cost of the tour is \$12 per person and excludes parking and food.

Mail your registration by April 15th to Rod Thompson 3175 Roundwood Rd. Hunting Valley, 44022.
Or register and pay online at www.benzclub.org

Questions: Contact Rod at renold.thompson@clevelandship.com or (440) 247-2853

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Make your check payable to MBCA Western Reserve or register online at www.benzclub.org

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MBCA Schedule of Events

March 25	Restoration Seminar at Capaldi	Ted Gottfried
April 3	Membership Meeting 7:00	Brewster's Twinsburg
April 22	Natural History Museum	Rod Thompson
May 2	Membership Meeting, 7:00	Brewster's Twinsburg
May 21	Oberlin art show, lunch & music program	Rod Thompson
June 6	Membership Meeting, 7:00	Brewster's Twinsburg
June 10	Nautica Queen Lunch & Cruise	Kieran Mulhausen
June 18	Stan Hywet Father's Day Car Show	Akron OH
June 23, 24	Defensive Driving & Autocross	Cincinnati Section
July 11	Membership Meeting, 7:00	Brewster's Twinsburg
July 19	Gervasi Cruise-In, N. Canton	Richard Self
July 23	Spread Eagle Brunch & Ice Cream Social	Frank & Mary Alice Cozza

Our section's website will be updated as things change. www.benzclub.org Please check it often. As mentioned before, we are hoping to do as much as possible electronically. You will learn upcoming events quicker by checking for updates and watching your inbox.