



HUDSON-MOHAWK SECTION Mercedes-Benz Club of America “SEASONS GREETINGS



A message from Terry Kiwala National President of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America
Jim --It was a pleasure to meet you at the National Board Meeting a few weeks ago. As I said, while we met for the first time in Boston, it felt like we have known each other for some time, as I constantly see your communications and pictures over email.
Congratulations on a successful year of events in the Hudson Mohawk Section. I hope you and your section enjoy the celebration and have a wonderful time together. Thank you also for supporting Dress for Success Albany and sharing your good fortune with others.
Jim, thank you again for all you and your section have done over the course of the past year, and you have set a tall bar with expectations to come. I look forward to seeing you in Albany in 2016. Until then, I wish you and all the members of the Hudson Mohawk Section a happy holiday season and all good things in 2016. My Best Terry

The National Board Meeting was held in Burlington Massachusetts on November 14, 2015, at the Marriott Hotel. All of the national board members were present for elections. Sandra Griffin, Brenda Motley and me (Jim Wright HUDSON-MOHAWK SECTION President) attended. We met the national officers and shared some of our club activities with them. We got very positive feedback, especially from Cindy Tumbleson and the national president.



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We have had a very innovative and productive 2015. The board and I need your ideas and participation to ensure that HUDMO continues to grow and prosper.

Please share with us any thoughts or ideas that will contribute to the recruitment of new members and the retention of current members.

Membership has many benefits. Discounts on purchases of vehicles as well as service visits are two very important ones. But, most importantly sharing time with your friends and making new friends is the greatest benefit. Let's have some fun, learn about our cars and enjoy making new friends through the love of our cars.

HAVE A SAFE, HEALTHY AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

The board of the HUDSON-MOHAWK SECTION has and continues to do an exemplary job on all of our projects and deserve kudos of the highest order. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK! JIM WRIGHT PRESIDENT

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HUDMO MEETINGS ARE ON THE 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30 AT THE MARIOTT HOTEL, 189 WOLF ROAD ALBANY, NY 12205 MEMBERSHIP IS \$55.00 PER YEAR.

Please have a great and prosperous new year. I look forward to participating in some of your 2016 events. I hope to see you all at Starfest this summer. It is in our region and we need to show our pride by participating in large numbers. It will be a great time.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Ernie Fancy, Northeast Regional
Director





Getting ready for the rally



Bob Mc Shane rally master



Dinner at Swiss Hutte five star restaurant

Our rally and tour took us to the Copake Iron Works which is part of the **Copake Iron Works Historic District**. It is a national historic district located at Copake Falls in Columbia County, New York. The district includes 11 contributing buildings, three contributing sites, eight contributing structures, and three contributing objects. They are associated with the remaining vestiges of the Copake Iron Works, an iron extraction and production operation established in the mid-19th century. It includes the remains of a charcoal blast furnace (ca. 1872), frame office and attached brick powder storage building, brick engine house and pattern shop, four frame workers houses, and a substantial Greek Revival dwelling. Also included in the district are a series of retaining walls, remnants of a cast iron penstock, and a bridge abutment. Also located in the district is the previously listed Church of St John in the Wilderness..^[2](from Wikipedia)

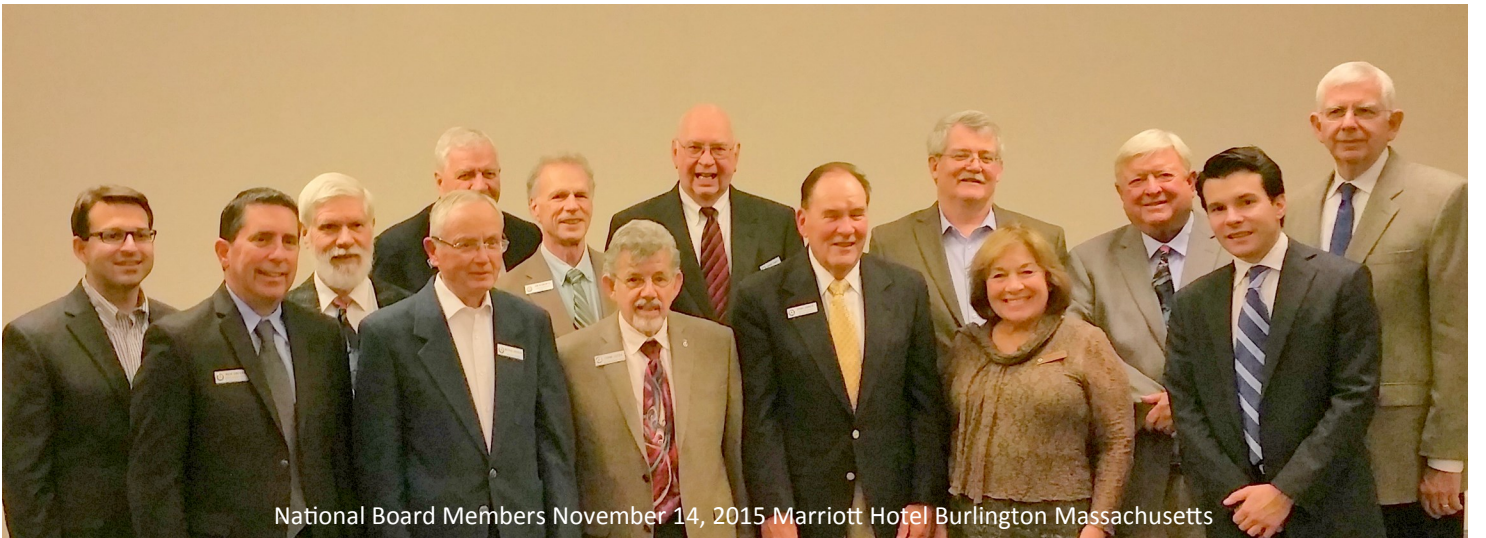


The **Hudson Mohawk Section** of the **Mercedes Benz Club of America** held a Fall Foliage Rally, Sunday, October 4th. The Rally took participants through both northern and southern portions of Columbia County ending at the Copake Ironworks and then on to one of the finest restaurants in Columbia County, Swiss Hutte, at the Catamount Ski Area. The sunny, mild day was perfect for viewing the picturesque vistas and colorful foliage. Each car received a commemorative medal for participating, and prizes were given to successful trivia teams who completed the rally.



At the end of a fun day of touring a cold beer and a gourmet dinner hits the spot. Everyone had a great time. Next year's will be great too.





National Board Members November 14, 2015 Marriott Hotel Burlington Massachusetts



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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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