



HUDSON-MOHAWK SECTION

Mercedes-Benz Club of America

2021 SUMMMER EDITION

Well, in spite of everything this summer, **HUDMO** has been on the move....Doing, Driving, Discovering, and just plain Determined to get together and enjoy each other's company, learn and experience new adventures, and relax and ride in those beautiful Benzes. The Board has been meeting the fourth Thursday of every month virtually by phone and continues to plan activities that are virus-safe, fun and entertaining. By the way, if there are any members out there who have new ideas, wants or needs and would like to share them with the Board feel free to join us at our meetings or perhaps even become one of our members of the Board. Due to life changes we have two Board members who have moved leaving openings for interested members to become more invested in our activity planning. Just give Jim Wright a call and conference in on our meetings, which are open to all Mercedes Benz Club Members always.

During this early spring and summer **HUDMO** enjoyed two Fun Runs: a Spring Run to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and an Adirondack Fun Run to the Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain Lake. We also attended the Leadfoot Lucy Car Show. Ttwo of our activities will be showcased in this newsletter, and two in our upcoming newsletter.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JIM WRIGHT, PRESIDENT HUDSON MOHAWK SECTION



Under the circumstances created by covid, we still had a very productive spring and summer. While it was very difficult to hold social events, we did so using the proper guidelines.

We masked up and kept our safe distances while we went on some interesting and fun drives.

The most important aspect of it all was that we got to collect a lot of smiles and reconnect after a long period of virtual house arrest.

Our cars were happy too, to get an opportunity to get shined up and stretched out. HUDMO is not finished yet. We are planning more driving events before the snow falls and our trusty steeds have to be put back into the corral.

In this issue and the next we will show you what we've done and plan to do very soon. If you have any suggestions for fun and beautiful driving destinations, please let me know. Maybe there's something very interesting to see near you.

This issue has the beginning of a new feature, "A BLAST FROM THE PAST". Maybe you'll see yourself or someone you know. If you have any vintage photos, please send them. They may appear in upcoming newsletters.



STAR HEAVEN

It is with great sorrow we learned that former newsletter editor Carlene Thusgaard passed away suddenly. Prior to retiring and moving to Arizona near her son and granddaughter, Carlene was a supportive and extraordinary club member. She always assisted in making sure that events were done with quality. As newsletter editor, she created stellar issues for all to enjoy.

"Somewhere down the road our roads are going to cross again" —Barry Manilow
REST IN PEACE CARLENE

HUDMO FUN RUN

What was conceived as a Spring Fun Run" did not occur until June 23rd due to the daily changes in Covid "do's and don'ts". But heck, 3 days into summer made for the possibility of tops down motor-ing. Six cars met at a plaza in Albany NY, and after grabbing breakfast sandwiches and coffee and having lots of conversations such as, "Wow! We haven't met for a good while," we headed off for the drive. Drop tops were all down.

Lew with Velice took the lead of the MB CARavan down NY 9W towards the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor while Sandra and Kirk did the sweep. (Lew, we won't talk more about the Whiskey Tango Foxtrot turn towards 9W north.)

At the museum, 3 additional cars were awaiting our tardy arrival. After more hello's, handshakes or elbow bumps, our group of 15 persons proceeded to the Hall's auditorium where we were given a presentation on the history of the Purple Heart and why the museum is located in New Windsor/ Temple Hill. (Answer: Temple Hill was the site of the New Windsor Cantonment, which was the final encampment of the Continental Army in the winter of 1782-1783.)

After the presentation and touring of the Hall and the Cantonment's grounds our group proceeded to the Temple Hill Tavern for a nice lunch where we welcomed 2 new members - John Turner and Steven Swietzer. Welcome gents! Enjoy many more of our events.

-George Moses





TEMPLE HILL DAY RECIPIENTS
The decision to hold a Purple Heart award ceremony initiated the task of identifying potential recipients. Local newspapers called for World War I veterans to contact the event organizers to send in their information. The...

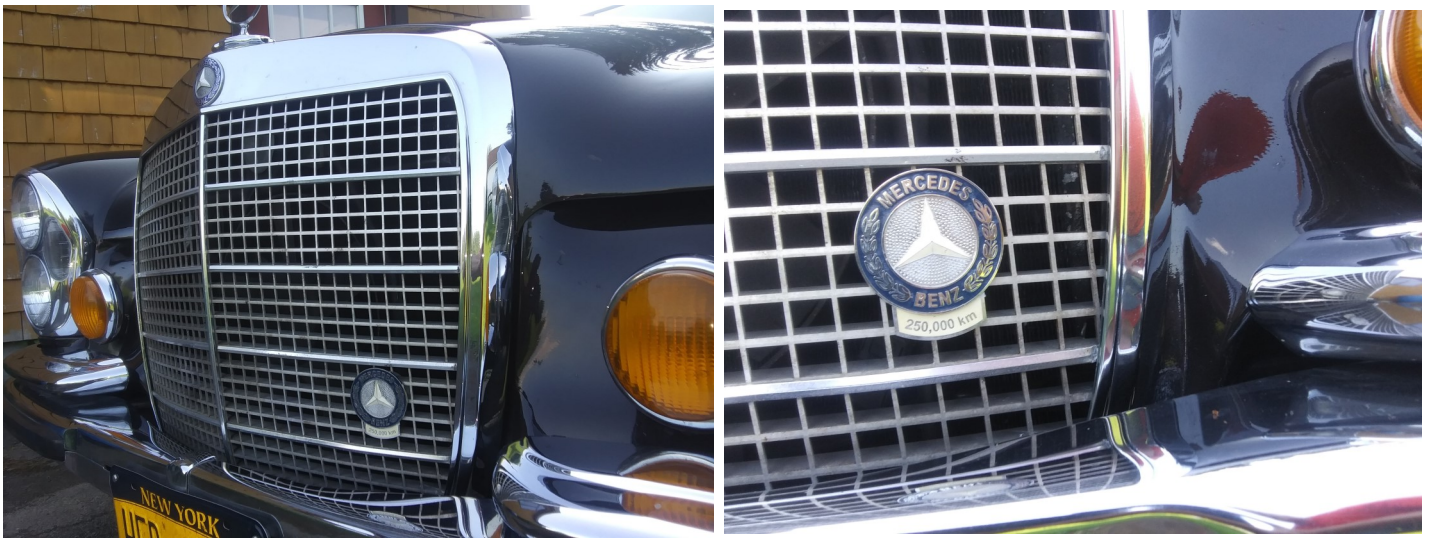


Mercedes Benz High Mileage Award

Did you know that if your vehicle has more than 155,000 mi/ 200,000 km MB USA will send you a nice certificate and smart badge you can attach to your grille? There is no cost for this outside of a postage stamp. To get the application form just search in your browser for "Mercedes Benz High Mileage Award" and go to the Website that comes up from MB USA. (Alternatively, you can go to MB USA's homepage and search from there.)

You print the form, fill it out, take it with the vehicle to a MB dealer for verification of the mileage and send it in. Send it in to the Classic Center (the address is on the form.) In 4 to 6 weeks you'll receive the certificate and badge.

-George Moses



Overview of George's car, a 1971 280 SE, and his badge.

Close up of George's badge on his car. Congrat's on your beautiful Benz and achievement!

According to George, "The car came with an engine that was rebuilt 5 years prior to my acquiring it. How many miles on the rebuild? Who knows because the odometer was broken. The car had an older repaint which is holding up well, but some rust is starting to bubble up where it'd been repaired before.

When I got the car there were numerous functional and cosmetic issues like a non-functioning rear door latch and power window, a sagging headliner, the finish on the wood completely gone, a bad heater blower, etc. Replacing the heater blower was the biggest job because it necessitates removal of the entire dash and everything behind it. So I spent a couple of winter months repairing the blower. This, plus refinishing the wood, fixing the odometer and upgrading to a power antenna while everything was apart.

Last year the transmission went out, but I found a good used one from an ex-MBCA member's shop near Philadelphia. With that installed, I'm confident to drive the car to California, but will hold off on that until I fix the AC.

Even with all these woes I am very happy with the car as the initial purchase price was very reasonable, and I can sell the car for what I've got in it."

A NOVEMBER TO REMEMBER

To all Mercedes Benz Club members:

As the host section of our upcoming event, the Connecticut/Westchester Section would like to invite you to our November to Remember, the weekend of November 19, 20, and 21 at the Hyatt Regency Greenwich. This regal weekend, celebrating all things Mercedes Benz, will include a Mercedes-only auction after our formal dinner. Cars will be available during the day for inspection.

Please join us for what is sure to be a remarkable, and truly memorable, evening on the 20th. Dinner reservation forms may be completed at our website [MBCATrystate](#). Participation in the auction is included with your dinner ticket. We expect to have 30 Mercedes Benz automobiles available for auction purchase. And much more!

Please choose to attend this stellar event! Dress in your finery, enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Mercedes enthusiasts and celebrate the natural end of the current car season. Perhaps you may indulge in an addition to your garage? This all occurs the weekend before Thanksgiving. It's up to you. Let's all make this a truly memorable event.

If you have a car you'd like to auction at this event, that application is also available from our website.

Thank you for your consideration.

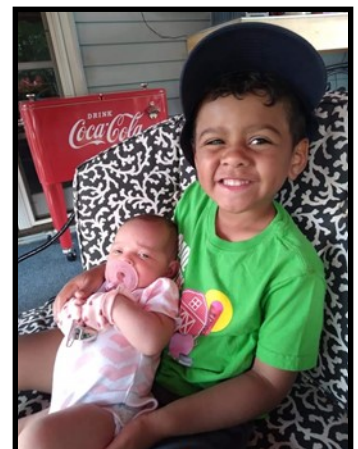
Very truly yours,
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A Star is Born

Glenn and Barbara Lawson welcomed a new granddaughter,
Correta Lynn Clancy 7 lbs. 11 ozs. She joins her big brother Cal who just turned 4!



Congratulations Glenn and Barbara!



BLASTS FROM THE PAST

Here are some pictures and members from past HUDMO events. See if you can identify the event, place and people in the picture. Be the first to respond and win a prize by emailing your editor, Vickie Parker at newsletterlady5@gmail.com. Guess just one picture to win a prize and give the picture number.



Picture # 1



Picture # 2



Picture # 3



Picture #4

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