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Belated Fall/Winter Activity Report

Preliminary Plans for 2020

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June Special Racing Opportunity

Two New York state sections are combining to create a very special event for club members at Watkins Glen International, in Watkins Glen, New York, at the foot of Seneca Lake. Planned for mid-June, midweek, we and other participants from Hudson/Mohawk and Finger Lakes sections (as well as some members of the Lotus Club) can drive the Glen and visit the on-site museum. Further details will be provided when we know them. Because of the distance, this may turn into a three (or more) day trip for our section's members. Lodging and other arrangements will be forthcoming.

Shelburne Museum Classic Car Show Discontinued

The car show at Vermont's Shelburne Museum has been discontinued. We'd enjoyed this opportunity to spend time within the Museum's grounds and to get to know many of our members who reside in the area.

Wright Houses

As you may know, Manchester NH's Currier Museum recently acquired a Frank Lloyd Wright house, the second in its collection. The first belonged to the Zimmerman family, and the second was built by the Zimmermans' neighbors, the Kalils. These are the sole Wright structures open to the public in New England. They are only open to Currier Museum visitors, on a closely scheduled basis. The house tours originate at the Museum; groups of visitors travel aboard a museum minibus to the very pleasant neighborhood where the houses are located. This year, most likely on Veterans' day, we'll have the pleasure of touring both of these very interesting structures, and enjoying their lovely grounds. Details will be provided later.

Farberallye '20

This year, we plan to hold Farberallye in New Hampshire's Lakes Region, at Lake Winnepesaukee. This will take place the first weekend in October, October 2-4. Final arrangements are not complete yet; please stay tuned for updates.

-Dotti

Editor's Note:

This issue is considerably later than we intended; too many things going on and difficulty in setting up some of the events for this upcoming season. Note that as I write this we expect Covid 19 will affect our plans so our plans will definitely change and we can't guess when we'll be able schedule events.

So... look for details about coming events in the first issue for 2020 hopefully due to come out in about a month. Dotti will send out notices for any early events that you'll need to know about before the next issue.

-Al

Farberallye XLII Oct.4-6, 2019

The Farberallye was sponsored by our neighboring section, Hudson Mohawk in the beautiful Lake George area and was based at the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference center. As in previous rallies there was a choice of Quiz or Time/Distance rally. There were 27 cars from 7 states and Ontario taking part in the event.

This was Hudson Mohawks' first event of this scope and type, and they rose to the challenge. The hotel and its setting were magnificent, based at the southernmost part of the Lake. The hosts were generous, giving each navigator a very handy clipboard and pen for use during the drive, and insulated lunch-style bags with bottled water for the trip. The day dawned cool, but bright and clear. The drivers' meeting took place while we ate breakfast, saving quite a bit of time. So the rallyists set off at two-minute intervals to parts unknown (to a large proportion of us). We travelled up the western shore of the 30-mile Lake past lovely lake views all the way to Ticonderoga. After a suggested lunch break, we then turned west and made our way in a general south-westerly direction back. The terrain in this area is very hilly. Some of the hills appeared to have come from similar rounded conical molds. We passed several lakes that had cottages along them, but most of the terrain seemed uninhabited.

Many of the teams got lost; some didn't try to complete the route, but all seemed to enjoy the drive, regardless of "success" as far as competition. Some came back with stories of marvelous spots they'd found. There was one major bottleneck: an annual town-wide garage sale festival in Warrensburg tied up traffic for longer than the allowed 30-minute allowance that was included within the instructions.

Saturday night's buffet dinner was delicious. Awards went to several members of our section. Kudos to Lew Decker and George Moses and the rest of their section for doing a fine job!

-Dotti & Al



Getting instructions at drivers' meeting



Starting off on the rally



View of the lake from the hotel



Buffet dinner and awards presentations

Annual meeting Nov. 3, 2019

Annual meeting was held in Concord, in the Granite Room of the Centennial Hotel on Sunday, November 3. After a sumptuous buffet lunch, the business of the day took place. Jordan Brammer called the meeting to order; one particular need of our section was addressed: we've had no club Secretary for several years, and Bill Raymond kindly accepted nomination to the post. He was elected by acclamation. A few of the 2020 season's possible activities were presented: possible tech session(s) involving noted YouTube celebrity Pierre Hedary, as well as one or more club notable tech sessions, car show attendance at Shelburne and Waterbury.

Carol Walczyk was proclaimed Member of the Year for all of her cheerful outreach and helpfulness. The feature of the day was an illustrated talk by our members Jim and Linda Lambrides of Cumberland Maine, describing their adventures on a driving tour of Tuscany, utilizing a variety of vintage Mercedes SLs. This tour and tour organizer has been adopted as an official source for MBCA members; the National website now promotes them. The accommodations were luxurious, the tour members had their choices of well-maintained clean, prepared cars for their driving pleasure, and the tour company personnel were attentive. And the scenery! George did find his "clutch" leg was pretty tired by the last day as a result of driving on all the hilly roads. George brought many copies of the descriptive materials for the tour, and they are available from Dotti for anyone who wants one.

By the way, none of us involved in the newsletter took any pictures...If you took any please send them to me and I'll run them in the Spring 2020 issue.

-Dotti & Al

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For Sale: Some items we're selling for Mary Rohr who has moved to smaller quarters.

1. Mercedes Benz car cover & bag that will fit a wagon. Probably not waterproof but in nice shape. \$50 OBO.
2. Mercedes Benz silver & blue aluminum, 10" d. sign. Could be mounted on a wood plaque for an attractive den or garage item. \$10

Contact Drew Webb **603-890-8711**, rdsw@mac.com

For Sale: 4 2007 E class Sport Rims. 3 in Good condition, 4th has a crack.
4 Tires - Michelin Sport Pilot A/S3 245/40zR18 Very Good condition. Less than 1500 miles.
First reasonable offer. Hugh Hawkins <drhugh@me.com> 802 274-0663

For Sale: 1972 Mercedes Benz 300SEL 6.3, Blue with Tan leather interior, interior in excellent condition, Always garaged and only driven in fair weather. Only 67,000 miles on new engine. Exceptionally good condition. \$49,000. Please call Jesse @802-362-2924 for particulars.

For Sale: Mercedes Parts collection For Sale - SELLING AS A LOT ONLY We are downsizing and I need to find a new custodian for my 40 year collection of Mercedes parts. I have some sheet metal for Pontons - fenders, doors, hoods etc , along with Ponton transmissions, and many small misc parts. There are also Heckfloss parts, 114/115 parts, 123 parts, and 126 parts. Approximately 14 boxes are full of cleaned/ tested/ sorted and inventoried parts. Several engine assemblies - 190b, 240D, 250CE. There is a truck load of other parts removed from various models, all in boxes identified with VIN numbers and model numbers. Too many parts to list. Call or e-mail me if you have any interest, could be a great E-Bay business! Open to reasonable offers. I also have original dealer parts books that help in checking interchangeability between models. Contact Bill Coon at coonvt@gmail.com, phone 802 453-2684 Vermont.

For Sale: Almost new snow tires.
Michelin X-ICE XI3 245/40-18 mounted on four 18x8 after market MB rims. Tires recently installed and barely worn at better than 9/32" tread (10/32 new) on my wife's previous 07 E-Class. Setup does not fit her new 2018 E-Class. \$375. Pickup in NH Lakes Region. Steven Caney 603 279 6604

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-Ed.

New Members

Please welcome the following members who have joined our section.

Philip Beaupre Exeter NH	Charles & Diane Lothrop Nashua NH
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