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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, 1ST QUARTER 2017

One of my goals for 2017 is to have events to please all of our members and to attract a larger number of participants. Here is where I need your help. We need these people to plan and direct their suggestions. Sally McFarland is the "queen" of ideas and locations. Give us a hand and you'll be surprised at the number of friends you'll meet with similar interests to yours.

This is my last year as President. It's time the club develops new ideas and goals to help continue and expand our membership growth. If you have the slightest interest to become more involved, please give a call. It is not a difficult or time consuming job and the rewards are very gratifying.

We welcome Oscar and Peggy Raffo as newsletter editors. They would love to have your photos and stories of your Mercedes-Benz experiences.

Bob

Welcome New Members

Stephen Austin, Macedon, NY

Michael Gambuzza, Syracuse, NY

Cynthia and Randall Johnson, Fairport, NY

2016 Annual meeting of the Finger Lakes Section of MBCA



Minutes of the Annual Meeting, November 13th, 2016

Once again, we met at Belhurst Castle in Geneva for the 2016 Annual Meeting. Nine members, 5 associate members and 5 guests from the Finger Lakes Section attended. We were pleased to welcome two members of the Niagara Section, Art Bourget and Hans Mobius who joined us. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Handzo at 2:PM. The yearly Board Member election was the first order of Business. Menzer Doud introduced the current Board: President-Bob Handzo; Vice-President-Don Klug; Secretary/Treasurer-Judy Handzo. Prior nominations received before the Meeting and nominations from the floor were requested, none were received. Voting was conducted, the current Board slate was passed unanimously and will serve for another year. Oscar and Peggy Raffo were introduced as our new Newsletter Editors. Dave Kliment will continue as our Website Coordinator. Bob introduced our "Member of the Year", Bill Wayman. Unfortunately Bill received his award plaque from National prior to the Meeting so we were unable to surprise him. A well-deserved award for a member always willing to help with automotive and other questions and problems. Bob thanked Bill for his April tech session; Simon Pontin for hosting the May tech session at his facility; Red Kosinski for being the yearly picnic "host with the most"; Don Klug for his search for new Board members; Vickie Patridge for breathing life back into a defunct newsletter and the following 4 years of her Editorship; Sally McFarland for her well attended Taughannock gathering and all her ideas for past and future club events; Dave Kliment for his emailing our colorful newsletter and other notices and for FLMBCA members who support the club by attending our gatherings. Hans Mobius was introduced to the group. He is an advocate for ridding NY front license plates from our cars as a cost saver for both owners and the state. His presentation was well researched and elicited much comment from the members. He requests that we write to our area legislators and let them know of our interest and support of such a change. (See more information elsewhere in this newsletter.)

2016 Annual meeting of the Finger Lakes Section of MBCA

Lunch was served followed by Judy's Treasurer report: current bank balance is \$3,005.60. Expenditures are returned to the members in the form of event related costs followed by postage and office costs. This year we also funded a STARFEST hand book ad costing \$150.00. Our income is derived from membership rebates from National and our newsletter advertisers. Half page ads cost \$200./year, quarter page ads \$100./year. We can always use another advertiser or two. A full financial report will be available at the end of January 2017 when we file with the National office. The names of members receiving membership pins were read. Menzer received a 25 year pin and Don Klug a 10 year pin (see list elsewhere in this newsletter). Lots of talk about possible 2017 events followed. Since the February lunch gathering doesn't appeal to the number of members it once did and the weather is undependable we will not continue with this event. Bill Wayman will host an "Open Shop" gathering in late April. The Sonnenberg Car Show on Father's Day in June is a big crowd pleaser and we'll join with Niagara Section again for this event. July is definite for our annual picnic at Red's home. Among other suggestions the following seemed to generate interest: A jazz cruise on the Erie Canal from Pittsford; a brunch cruise on Seneca Lake; 3 laps in your car at Watkins Glen on Opening Weekend, April 8 and 9 for \$25.00 to benefit The Watkins Glen International Race Foundation; Letchworth tour with lunch at the Glen Iris in September (because we enjoyed it so much previously); a reenactment of the original Gran Prix at Watkins Glen, September 8, 9 10 and more Syracuse area events with lunch (is the ride on the Skaneateles Mail Boat still available?). All ideas and event carry throughs from members are welcomed and greatly appreciated. All attendees received a new style Mercedes-Benz key fob courtesy of Mercedes-Benz of Rochester. FLMBCA appreciates the support the Club receives from West Herr. Meeting concluded at 3:35PM. Respectfully submitted,

Judy Handzo, Secretary/Treasurer





Member of the Year

Bill Wayman was presented with a National award plaque as member of the year for his contribution to the Finger Lakes Section of the Mercedes Benz Club of America at the annual meeting on November 13th 2016 in Geneva, NY. Bill is well known for his automotive expertise. His annual tech sessions provide all members with a great way to receive knowledgeable answers to their automotive questions. Bill is always willing to share his wisdom! Thanks Bill!

Visitors from MBCA Niagara Section

At the annual meeting we had a visit From Hans Mobius and Art Bourget of the MBCA Niagara Section.

Hans explained a project that their Section was considering taking up and was asking for our input. They would like to consider an online petition suggesting that the front license plate be eliminated in New York State. For more information, please contact Niagara.MBCA.org



Upcoming Events Schedule

January and February - No meetings or events are scheduled.

March 5th Rochester International Car Show, Riverside Convention Center, March 2nd to 5th. FLMBCA will meet on Sunday March 5, 11:AM at the Center to tour the show. Entry is \$9.00 adult, seniors \$6.00. About 1:PM we'll drive over to the nearby Genesee Brewhouse on Cataract St. for lunch.

April 8th9th Opening day at Watkins Glen Track, April 8th and 9th. Three Pace Car laps in your car for \$25.00 with proceeds benefiting WGI Race Foundation. The International Motor Racing Research Center on Decator St. is well worth a visit also.

April (TBD) Bill Wayman will host another tech session at his garages in late April.

May (TBD) Start of car show season. Open for ideas!

June 12th Erie Canal Jazz Cruise on the Colonial Bell, Fairport, Monday evening June 12th featuring the Smugtown Stompers. Tickets are \$30.pp and include a light dinner and cash bar. No reservations, we will email you when tickets go on sale at www.jazz901.org/. Don't delay when you get the notice, tickets sell out fast.

June 18th Sunday, June 18th Annual Father's Day Car Show at Sonnenberg Gardens, Canandaigua. We'll be sharing a picnic with the Niagara Section MBCA again and enjoying all the amenities of Sonnenberg, Mercedes, food, and friends!

July 9th Sunday, July 9th, our annual picnic at Red Kosinski's. More information in the 2nd Quarter Newsletter.

BLING FOR YOUR MERCEDES!

Let the world know you are a member of the Finger Lakes Section MBCA with a new powder coated heavy metal license plate frame to spark up the back, and or front, of your Star Car. We've had these sturdy frames made by Preferred Powder Coatings in Minnesota. They feature "MBCA" and the Mercedes logo on top and Finger Lakes Section and the club logo on the bottom in blue and white. The coated frame is matte silver. They are available at \$22.00 each at every gathering and event and can be mailed to you for a small additional charge. Call or e-mail Bob or Judy to order one today!
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