

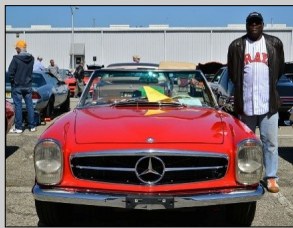
# StarTracks 2013



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## AACA Car Show - Florham Park, NJ



On Sunday, May 5 the 62nd annual Spring Meet Car Show of the Antique Automobile Club of America was held in Florham Park, N.J. and what a beautiful day it was. Through the efforts of members Bob & Claire Wegner, our club has had a presence at Automatic Switch Co., where the event is held, for several years. Some of our members enter their Mercedes as a judged entry which must be at least 25 years old. Others show their cars in a separate area designated for Mercedes-Benz. This has become an early spring tradition and we are grateful to the AACA in allowing us a special place to show our member's cars. With a field of nearly 200 mostly antique American cars, the Mercedes Club was represented with a variety of vintage SL's among others. Ralph Esposito, Nick Starace, and Don Johnson received 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards respectively.



Other makes such as a 1942 Packard Clipper coupe—the only year it was made—with a flow of lines reminiscent of a Spitfire or P-51; a 1941 Cadillac Fleetwood 60 Special sedan with Hydramatic transmission; a 1951 Jaguar four-place convertible with a three-way top and a gorgeously finished engine compartment were notable entries. Others included 60's & 70's Mustangs, Thunderbirds, and Corvettes. We look forward to next year's AACA show, always held on the first Sunday in May.

## Tech Session at Shade Tree Garage

About twenty NNJS members gathered in historic Morristown, NJ on Saturday, April 20 for our first Tech Session of 2013. Owner John O' Connor graciously hosted an interesting and informative presentation for our club which touched on such topics as preventative maintenance, braking systems, tires, suspension systems and cruise control for our Mercedes-Benz cars.



We have had several past tech sessions at Shade Tree Garage and our members look forward to participating in the detailed discussions about our favorite mark from someone as knowledgeable as John O'Connor.



The session began with conversation among the gathering members over coffee and donuts, proceeded to viewing the 1931 Dodge and Porsche Targa in the showroom and then progressed to John's informative Power Point presentation.

We wish to thank Shade Tree Garage for their information, hospitality and support. Please see their ad on page 7.





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Every car in the parking lot at the first June Jamboree which I attended was a historic vehicle. I'm not talking only about the motorcars on display. I mean the club cars. This surprising fact is not due to the prevalence of antique vehicles in the stables of our Mercedes Club members at that time. The trick here is that my first June Jamboree took place more than thirty years ago and every motorcar on the road on that long ago spring day would qualify for historic license plates today.



*Nota bene*, the fact is that, by and large, the Mercedes-Benz automobiles that were new in the early eighties retain a classic appearance today. Whereas the majority of thirty year old products of other marques are merely superannuated in 2013. The inherent style and build quality of Mercedes automobiles of yesteryear has rendered ours a *grand marque*. This justifies the existence of our club and of our car shows. Those members who have meticulously preserved their old starships and have maintained them technically in accordance with factory recommendations have made a worthy investment. They have demonstrated their wisdom, not as canny wheeler-dealers, but as prudent possessors of genuine street smarts for the long term.

At this year's 50<sup>th</sup> June Jamboree we will see a fair number of members who have owned their vehicles for decades. The cars, which they originally purchased, have morphed into collector cars by virtue of nothing more than sensible care. What a unique situation. To own a daily driver and to watch it turn into a collectors' item.



That, colleagues, is a prudent investment strategy.

Now, in order for this noble tradition of sagacious Mercedes ownership to continue into the future it is vital that the engineers in Stuttgart continue to do their part. In an era of planned obsolescence it is critical that they continue to be true to the admonitions of *the founders*. They must build automobiles, which have no predetermined life expectancy, when properly maintained. Constructing such motorcars is not inexpensive. But it is precisely such build quality, rather than transitory gadgetry, which justifies a substantial purchase price.

It may be necessary to build a smart, little, disposable vehicle for the masses. The marketplace may require it. However, let Mercedes-Benz ever construct future classics for the connoisseur. That will insure that there will some day be a one hundredth June Jamboree. And some of our cars, along with our grandchildren, will be there to bask in the glow.



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## **Finding quality Mercedes used parts for your Starship**

**Y**ou have probably been using your Mercedes Benz for years and it has served you well. However, after some years of driving, its performance has probably begun to dwindle. It is no longer the car it used to be. Maybe the handling has begun to falter as a result of rusted parts. If this is the case, you should consider getting used Mercedes Benz parts for your car. Used Mercedes parts will serve to improve your luxury car's street appeal and its overall look. With a few replacements, your Mercedes Benz can go back to its previous glory, roaming the roads with elegance and grace.

A reliable source of Benz parts should provide good-quality used parts for Mercedes, such as W203 Mercedes parts and W202 Mercedes parts among others. Make sure that you get the parts that you need from a well known supplier of used parts for Mercedes. This is because a reputable parts supplier is most likely to have technicians that have the appropriate knowledge, skills and tools to dismantle damaged Mercedes Benz and obtain the good parts from them. A well known parts dealer that works with numerous Mercedes clients should be able to provide parts that will suit your specific requirements.

So where can I find a reputable supplier of Mercedes Benz spare parts that will provide me with high quality parts and professional service? One of the most reliable sources of information when you are researching on suppliers of Mercedes used parts is the Internet. You can simply search for spare parts suppliers on search engines. Thereafter, you can visit the websites of the dealers and take a look at what they have to offer. As a final note, make certain that you go with a company that has been in the business for a long time in order that you can be sure that you will receive genuine parts and excellent service.

## *Welcome New Members*

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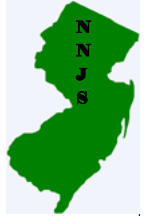
## From the President ..... Valerie Cristiano



The countdown to the 50<sup>th</sup> NNJS June Jamboree is here.

Only a few more days to go – so if you haven't made your reservation for our Friday night dinner at the Courtyard by Marriott (100 Chesnut Ridge Road, Montvale), please do so asap – give Lucille a call and let her know that you will be there.

We will begin at 6:00 pm with a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres provided by NNJS.



The dinner will begin at 7:00 pm and will consist of Appetizer, Salad, Entrée (choice of: Chicken Forestierre, Sea Bass, or Filet Mignon), Coffee and Dessert. More information on the Jamboree and the dinner can be found elsewhere in the Newsletter. One lucky person from each table will go home with a beautiful floral centerpiece and everyone will be given a lovely and useful memento of the June Jamboree. You still have time to make your hotel reservation by calling the hotel and letting them know that you are with the Mercedes Benz group. Don't forget to sign up for the Jamboree as well. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### Did You Know



The *Pagoda* (W113) was introduced at the Geneva Motor Show in 1963. It was produced from 1963 to 1971 [the 230 SL (1963 – 1967), the 250 SL (1966 – 1968), and the 280 SL (1967 -1971)] and that almost 40% of the vehicles manufactured were sold in the US. The *Pagoda*, so named because of the slightly concave shape of the hardtop, replaced the 300 SL (W198) and the 90 SL (W121 BII).

It had an inline six cylinder engine with fuel-injection, radial tires, and a 'safety body'. In order to reduce the weight of the vehicle the trunk lid, hood, and outer doors were made of aluminum. The *Pagoda* coupe/roadster was subsequently replaced by the R107.



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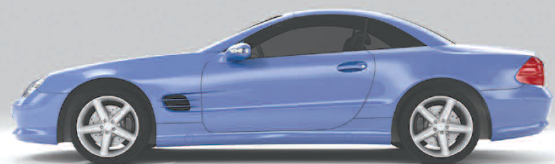


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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \_\_\_ # of people @ \$50./person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please see page 9 for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner info.

**Cash Bar at 6:00 pm. Dinner will begin at 7:00 pm and will consist of Appetizer, Salad, Entrée (choice of: Chicken Forestierre, Sea Bass, or Filet Mignon) Coffee and Dessert**

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**Please check out updates on the Web at [http://sections.mbca.org/northern\\_new\\_jersey/](http://sections.mbca.org/northern_new_jersey/)**

**NNJS will hold its election for new officers at our annual picnic at Falkenhorst on Saturday, September 21, 2013**

**If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact Joe Grattan, [josephGrattan@aol.com](mailto:josephGrattan@aol.com) Mid-Atlantic Regional Director and let him know your intentions.**

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# Get Ready for the 50th Anniversary of the June Jamboree

This year NNJS is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> June Jamboree, the longest running event in the history of the MBCA, beginning with a dinner on Friday evening, June 7, 2013, the Jamboree on June 8, and a variety of activities being offered on Sunday, June 9th. We have arranged for a special rate at the Courtyard by Marriott (100 Chestnut Ridge Road) in Montvale, NJ for both Friday and Saturday nights, just click on the link below and it will redirect you to the hotel in order to make your reservation. Reservations must be made by May 1, 2013 in order to get this special rate. The hotel will supply an area for us to wash our cars in preparation for the Jamboree, NNJS will supply the hose, but you must supply your own bucket and towels. Breakfast will be available at the hotel at 7:00 am on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The Friday evening dinner will be held at the hotel in our own private room. There will be a cash bar beginning at 6:00 pm with hors d'oeuvres provided courtesy of NNJS. The dinner will begin at 7:00 pm and will consist of Appetizer, Salad, Entrée (choice of: Chicken Forestier, Sea Bass, or Filet Mignon), Coffee and Dessert – the cost per person will be \$50.00. NNJS will be subsidizing this event as it does the majority of our events in order to continue to make our events affordable to our members. This promises to be a Stellar event so why not join us for the evening. Registration form for Friday dinner is on page 7.

Saturday will be the 50th June Jamboree with registration beginning at 8:00 am. Wristbands will be issued upon registration and must be worn at all times during the event. Of course there will be the Concours and Popular Vote categories, but since the Pagoda style was introduced in 1963 we will be featuring a special section just for Pagodas complete with their own trophies. There will be a sign up sheet for those who are staying overnight and would like to join other members for dinner at a local restaurant.

On Sunday there will be a variety of activities to choose from: a tour of Edison's Laboratory and Home, Historic Morristown, and local museums to name a few.

This is the special link to the hotel's website for reservations: <http://cwp.marriott.com/ewrmv/mercedesbenzjamboree>

## 50th Annual June Jamboree Registration Form

Form and payment must be received by June 3<sup>rd</sup>

I (we) will be attending the June Jamboree on Saturday, June 8, 2013

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \_\_\_ # of cars @ \$45.00 Pre-registration or \$55.00 on day of event = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Car registration includes showing your car, (Concours or Popular) meals and facilities for the driver and front seat passenger in the vehicle.

Registration for meals and facilities only: No. of persons over the age of 12: \_\_\_ x \$10. = Total \_\_\_\_\_

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**50<sup>th</sup> June Jamboree Dinner -**  
Montvale, NJ — Courtyard by Marriott —  
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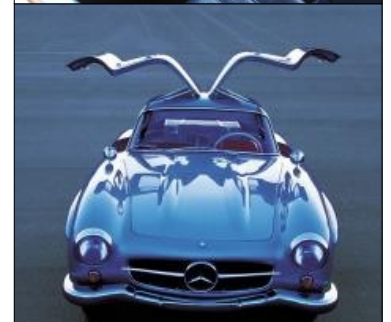
**Saturday, June 8, 2013**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Annual June Jamboree –**  
**Mercedes-Benz USA Headquarters**  
Montvale, NJ — See page 9

**Friday, July 12, 2013 — German-**  
**American Club Meet —** Clark, NJ —  
Details to be announced

**Saturday, July 27, 2013 — Drive-**  
**Wine & Dine —** Details to be an-  
nounced

**Sunday, August 11, 2013 - New**  
**Hope Car Show —** [newhopeauto-  
show.com](http://newhopeauto-show.com) — Details to be announced

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**ual Regional Picnic & NNJS Elec-**  
**tion —** Falkenhorst — Hopewell, NJ —  
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