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Farberallye XLI

October 19-21, 2018 Hancock, MA

Farberallye XLI was held on the weekend of October 19 at Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort in Hancock, Mass. This year's rallye was a tri-section event with Hudson Mohawk, Northern New England Stars, and hosted by the Minuteman section. Even as a tri-section event, Farberallye was dominated by members of the Minuteman and NE Stars Sections. Once again, members came together for a Friday night reception, breakfasts on Saturday & Sunday, with a rallye and reception on Saturday. During the day on Saturday, members either participated in a time and distance rallye, a quiz rallye, or combined. Prizes were awarded during the reception on Saturday night. Several previous year's 1st and 2nd place winners were unseated in both T/D and Quiz rallyes. Sunday we had a guided tour of Hancock Shaker Village and headed back out on the roads home.

Rallye winners on the following page.



Farberallye XLI

Winners:

Time/Distance:

- 1st Gregory 'Bo' Debbie Bohar
- 2nd Al & Dottie Larson
- 3rd Court & Pear Brannen - 2017 1st Place Winners

Quiz:

- 1st Matt Straus
- 2nd Geoffrey & Nancy Scimone - 2017 1st Place Winners
- 3rd Dave & Ann Chalk

Quiz/TD Combined:

- 1st Henry Magno & Marcia Herrera
- 2nd Doug & Donna Simpson
- 3rd Jim & Lauren Foote

Turtle award Ed & Emily Hilbert



Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix November 23rd – 25th

Since 2014, my wife and I have been attending Formula 1 Races in person as well as watching all the action on television. For the first 3 years, we attended the Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal until my wife told me that we had to go somewhere different in 2017. "Yes dear."

In July of 2017, we jumped over the pond and attended the British Grand Prix at Silverstone, which was a brilliant experience. Then, another opportunity came up for the US Grand Prix in the fall of 2017, so we flew to Austin as well. Another wonderful experience and the exchange rate.....well, there wasn't one. For 2018, we decided on the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix in November.

Abu Dhabi was an easy choice to make since we were already planning a trip to Thailand to visit my wife's family and friends in Bangkok. It was ideal to combine going to Thailand and then a stop in Abu Dhabi on our return back to Boston. Going over to Bangkok, it was a 12 hour flight to Dubai and after connecting, another 6.5 to Thailand. That's a long time to travel, but not as long as the return since we will be fighting against the jet stream going home. From Bangkok to Dubai, it was at least 7.5 hours, and then a 2-hour bus ride to Abu Dhabi. Emirates Airlines has complimentary bus service from Dubai to Abu Dhabi, so it was an easy transfer. After the race, a bus ride back to Dubai Airport and then 14 hours in coach. Yuck, but it was worth it.

Before going to the United Arab Emirates, you should do your research on customs and what you are allowed to bring in to the country, including everyday things you wouldn't give a 2nd thought to. Some prescription and over-the-counter medicines are prohibited in the UAE, including Tylenol.... That probably wouldn't be an issue since you need a license to drink alcohol unless you are in a designated area, so you probably won't need the Tylenol anyway. 😊

Every race weekend includes 3 Free Practice Sessions that last an average of 1.5 hours where the teams set up their cars and tires for the track. Then there is a Qualifying session to determine each drivers starting grid placement. On Sunday is the race. This was the case for Abu Dhabi as well. So what do you do when they aren't practicing, qualifying, or racing? Continued on the next page.....



Abu Dhabi F1 continued:

Included with our weekend tickets were passes to Ferrari World, Warner Brothers World, and an Abu Dhabi waterpark on Yas Island, which is where the Yas Marina Circuit is located. We skipped the waterpark due to logistics and having to cart wet clothes around after, but we did take part in the experience of Ferrari World and Warner Brothers World.

Even though Ferrari is considered the enemy to Mercedes-Benz AMG Petronas, there is still respect and admiration for the manufacturer. Ferrari World had old cars, new cars, and racecars on display. You can test your ability to change an F1 tire in seconds, or for some we saw, in minutes. But, the biggest draw were two crazy looking roller-coasters, and I like roller-coasters...or at least I used to. One had a series of huge loops and twists, and the other, was dubbed the “World’s Fastest Roller-coaster” going over 200 MPH! Oh boy, let’s try that one.

Before getting on the roller coaster, everything had to be removed from your pockets and you were required to wear goggles. Once you get into the coaster, you are strapped in just like an F1 driver and you can’t move. “Oh \$&!#, is it too late to get out?” We start creeping forward and bam, I felt like I was in a jet fighter taking off from an aircraft carrier. At first my screaming was out of pure exhilaration but soon realized it was from pure fear! We were shooting across the tracks, banks, up, down, up down, all at over 200 mph. It wasn’t until the end when we were really shooting up and down that I thought the people behind me were going to learn what I had for breakfast 2 hours ago and then we slammed to a slow 15 mph. Oh man, what was I thinking. I am NOT 15 years old anymore.

If I had looked into a mirror, I can only imagine what kind of ghost I must have looked like. Immediately we got out, and I had to sit for at least 20 minutes before I felt good enough to walk again. I’m not really sure that I like roller-coasters anymore.....

The rest of the race weekend was phenomenal with Lewis Hamilton of the Mercedes-Benz AMG Petronas Factory Team winning the race. Included are some pictures of highlights from the race weekend.

- Courtland Brannen

For some videos I took, click here: [Court Brannen’s F1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Weekend](#).



MINUTEMAN SECTION'S 2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MARCH 2019

Preliminary Announcement

Minuteman Section 2019 Annual Theatre Event, Dinner & Meeting

Save the date:

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA

This year's event will be unique and extraordinary. **Featuring Virtuoso Harpist Bridget Kibbey with a French Chamber Music Ensemble performing in The Weekend Concert Series at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum**

Event includes:

General Admission to the Museum

Outstanding Concert Series Chamber Music Performance

Dinner & Meeting to Follow Performance

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Additional details and registration form will be available in January - Very Limited Seating

APRIL 2019

11th Annual Minuteman Section Open House - European Auto Solutions Tech Session

Hosted by [European Auto Solutions](#)

Come celebrate the arrival of Spring at European Auto Solutions' 11th Annual MBCA Minuteman Section Open House, 9:00am to 1:00pm tentatively on April 20th, 2019.

Each attendee will be given 15 minutes of lift time for personal inspection of their Mercedes-Benz with one of our technicians to both learn more about the vehicle and to have it checked for the upcoming open road season.

- Come check out some of E.A.S.'s current projects
- Quality door prizes
- Refreshments will be provided

So, whether you want to check out the undercarriage of your Mercedes-Benz, check out the eclectic mix of vehicles that show up, or share in the fun with other Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts, make sure you come out to E.A.S.'s MBCA Minuteman's Section Open house on April 20th.

Please RSVP to: Ed Owen

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Art of the Automobile IV

TBD - Tentative: Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 12:00pm

1 City Hall Square

Boston, Massachusetts

<http://www.artweekma.org/>

Founded in 2016 by John Bailey, Ed Owen, and Peter Ladas and brought to you by Tinsfe Consulting, European Auto Solutions, and Yuppieracing, Art of the Automobile returns to City Hall Plaza Saturday April 27th from 12PM to 5 PM.

MAY 2019

Mercedes-Benz and Coffee + Pretzel Baking Class

Tentative Date: May 2019
Allston, MA

JUNE 2019

Wine Tasting Event in Boston

TBD– June 2019

4th Annual Barrett-Jackson Northeast Auction

Mohegan Sun
6/26/2019 – 6/29/2019

The World's Greatest Collector Car Auctions® returns to Mohegan Sun June 26-29th, 2019, as Barrett-Jackson presents its 4th Annual Northeast Auction. The auction has evolved over the years into a world-class automotive lifestyle event where hundreds of the world's most sought-after, unique and valuable automobiles cross the block in front of a global audience — in person and on live national and international television. Witness collector car passion at its best, capture the car of your dreams on the auction block, learn more about collector cars through Behind the Hobby symposiums, mingle with celebrities, experience heart-stopping thrill rides in the latest vehicles from America's top automakers, or shop in the vast Exhibitor Marketplace. For tickets and more information, visit Barrett-Jackson.com.

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JULY 2019

Minuteman Section Attends Newport International Polo

Saturday, July 27, 2019 - 2:00pm to 9:00pm

250 Linden Lane

Portsmouth

Rhode Island

The Minuteman Section will be attending a match on July 27th at the Newport International Polo Grounds. The gates open at 1 PM and the match starts at 5 PM. We'll be setting up our spaces 17 & 18 around 2 PM with catered food. Members are encouraged to bring their own refreshments.

We have space 17 and 18 for the match along with 20 tickets. Each space can accommodate 20 or so people. Please make sure to sign up early!

Season 28 of the NBC10 Newport International Polo Series, Presented by BMW kicks off on Saturday, June 1 and runs every Saturday through Sept. 28, with the home team - USA/Newport against challengers from around the world and major U.S. cities. Matches begin at 5 PM/4 PM in September.

Bring a picnic & blanket to spread on the lawn or reserve centerfield Pavilion seats. Audiences of several thousand attend the weekly contests, one of Newport's most popular summer attractions.

<https://nptpolo.com/>

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AUGUST 2019

- Track Event - TBD

SEPTEMBER 2019

- Minuteman Section Dinner Reception Event - Date and Place: TBD
- Germanfest/Mercedes Day – Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA

OCTOBER 2019

- Farberallye – Hosted by the Northern New England Stars Section

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The Editor's Desk

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year 2019!

Planning for 2019 has already started and we're excited for what's in store for the Minuteman Section in 2019. We've figured out some of our issues with the functionality of the Minuteman Section's web page.

Our "Upcoming Events" page is now being updated and we've worked out getting updated email addresses for the Sections' communications. If you are not receiving the newsletter starting with this one, please make sure to update your email address by logging into the MBCA.org site.

Sincerely,
Court Brannen



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