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Farberallye XXXIV

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By Ronald Beaton

The weekend of rally activities for the Mercedes-Benz Club of America went off without a hitch. Our Minuteman Section joined with Northern New England Star Section for this year's Farberallye XXXIV in Bar Harbor, Maine on October 14.

Members came from Massachusetts, Canada, Connecticut, New York, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine.

Some 48 cars were registered for the rally—they brought over 100 people. A very nice turnout.

Northern New England Star actually planned and organized this event with Chuck and Char Swanson and Drew Webb. Mike Hallet and Jill Hill of the Maine Maritime Section completed the team.

To make the weekend more exciting, a Friday morning mini-rally was held. This was a tour of the Bar Harbor area with a box lunch at the end of the trip.

On Friday evening the members and guests attended a reception at the motel in fine style. The fireplace warmed with a gentle glow. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed amidst collegial conviviality and conversations.

Plans and instructions were given for the following Saturday morning's rally. There were going to be two types of rally this year: A Time and Distance Rally and a Quiz Rally. One could elect the rally s/he wished to



The Winners!



Time & Distance Rally

- 1st: Erik & Angela Esslinger
- 2nd: Don & Carol Walczyk
- 3rd: Klaus Bremer, & Doug Dees

enter. This proved to be a most interesting turn of events. No one was particularly more successful than in other years' rallies. This did not dampen the spirits of the rallyers. Everyone was out to have a good time in a wonderfully scenic area. Mother Nature did her job and provided a clear, day with warm sunshine.

The time and distance rally had drivers keeping track of time and speed. To win, you had to arrive at a mid-check point at certain time with a certain distance on your odometer; then again at the end of the rally. The quiz rally had drivers solving clues along the route.



Quiz Rally

- 1st: Ed Owen & El Mahoney

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I-800-FOR-MERCEDES Customer Car Care

By Peter Vanderveer

The other day a customer called and asked if I knew how to load the roof rack on his 2004 E320 wagon. His family was going kayaking up north for the Columbus Day weekend. A friend had cautioned him about the crossbars for the Mercedes-Benz roof rack not being designed to have much weight put on top of them. I really didn't want to say anything about the roof rack capacity that I wasn't sure of and asked the owner to call the I-800 number for Mercedes and ask them directly.

After awhile the wagon owner called me back and said the 800 number didn't provide a menu option for non emergency help. Roadside Assistance was the only close option, but he hesitated using this for fear that it was only an emergency line for people stranded on the side of the road. He found some answers to his roof rack concerns by Googling the question; however, I was sure Mercedes Benz provided a general non emergency hot line service. Where was it?

Well there is a direct phone line into Customer Car Care by Mercedes Benz of North America. First you dial up I-800-FOR-MERCEDES and then choose the Roadside Assistance option which then gives you three additional options - one of which is Customer Car Care. These people are dedicated to getting answers to your questions from roof racks to snow tires.

Putting Customer Car Care under the Roadside Assistance option might be a little hedge against the inevitable volume of calls received - if the service were more easily found. The service which has office hours Monday thru Friday 8A.M.until 10P.M. E.S.T. will ask for the year, model and vehicle identification number of your car.

Peter Vanderveer is our Technical Editor. He owns and operates Vanderveer Motors in Norwood, Mass. and can be reached at 781-255-0797

Minuteman Membership Contest

Every Club depends on a solid membership base to be successful. While the Minuteman Section has about 600 members we could do much better. Starting January 1, 2011 and continuing until December 31, 2011, **The Minuteman Membership Contest** will award a **Free "A" Service** at the dealer of your choice to the member who signs the most new members during 2011! You'll also receive one free additional months' membership for every new member signed. You win either way!

Each new member that you recruit must use your *member number* when joining.

When using The Club membership application (available from the National Office) or online, make

sure they put your *member number* in the "Sponsor" space.

When applying by phone (1-800-637-2360 after 10 AM Eastern) be sure they give your *member number* to the office staff. You cannot have your number assigned after the new member has joined.

Good luck and let's make 2011 our best recruiting year ever!

John S. Piekarczyk

President,
Minuteman Section, MBCA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Minuteman Section had a number of great events this summer and I want to thank all the Event Chairmen/Chairwomen for all their hard work.

These members deserve a lot of credit for organizing these events. It's not as easy as seems. Events like Germanfest Presented by Intercity Lines are very complicated events to put on and I want to thank John Slamin and the Judges and Registration Staff for all their hard work.

Year in and year out the core

group of members run events. I get suggestions for new events often and we want new and different events every year.

When I get these suggestions I often say "That's a great idea and we'll be happy to help you organize and run the event." that's where it ends. It's great to suggest an event, but why not run it? The same people who run these events year after year may decide not to do it. We need fresh faces with new ideas for events. Remember that this is

your Club and the events that we have can be new and different.

I want to thank Bonnie Fancy, Nancy Piekarczyk and Kevin Murphy for chairing new events this year. They were great fun!

I hope I hear from you and, as always, I can be reached at 560sec@charter.net

*John S. Piekarczyk
President, Minuteman Section*



The Editor's Desk



We are coming to the end of another year of fun events and wonderful get togethers with the Minuteman Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America.

We have many splendid, active and dedicated members who have stepped forward to run the events enjoyed by so many. President John will, no doubt, thank them in his message.

There is another we should be thanking as well. Not only thanking, but applauding.

This particular member works all year around to assist event chairs and facilitate

our overall enjoyment and ongoing interest in the club and its activities.

This person may be the most giving and caring among us.

He solicits ads, he finds sponsors for our events, he chases down the money when necessary, and he is always on the other end of the phone when needed for assistance.

He in turn is ably assisted by his lovely wife, an equally devoted member of the club. She maintains our website and makes sure all notices get out to the members on time.

She is present at all the meetings—making sure everyone is accommodated and keeping an eye on things to ensure smooth operations.

I am speaking of course about our section president, John Piekarczyk, and his wife, Nancy. They both work tirelessly on our behalf and have done so for several years now.

We thank you from the bottom of our collective hearts. We applaud you and appreciate all you do!

— Ronald Beaton

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2nd: Geoff & Nancy Scimone
3rd: David A. Bryant

FARBERALLYE CONTINUED
The Farberallye route took us through Arcadia National Park which has several mountains for climbing or driving along meandering roads. Cadillac

Mountain was among the highest. The wind at the top took one's breath away. It also pushed you a bit so caution was in order.
Midway through the rally, we met at



Grand Prize winners of the Mercedes-Benz fine china set for which absolutely no skill set was required were John and Nancy Piekarczyk.



Final instructions before starting out



Time & Distance winners Erik & Angela Esslinger



Ed Owen looks over V-12 engine Sampson installed in this engine red cop magnet SL.



Spencer & Bonnie Fancy



SLs galore



a convenience store parking lot to record times, impressions, get hot coffee, buns, and eat very tasty boxed lunches. Then back to the Wonder View Inn to record our rally efforts and prepare for the banquet awards dinner. (Best lobster your humble scrivener ever ate).

Sunday morning's leisurely breakfast ended our time in Bar Harbor. A fine and fun time for all! -30-



Mountain waters



Non winners Ed and Tony



A windswept Catherine Kelly holds hat at peak of Cadillac Mountain



Photos by Ronald Beaton

Nautical Cruise 2011

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Portsmouth Harbor in Portsmouth, New Hampshire was the setting for this year's annual cruise. The *Heritage*, a beautiful motor yacht was our vessel. Twenty-Six members and guests of the Minuteman Section, Mercedes-Benz Club of America arrived in well-polished examples of automotive engineering excellence crafted by the fine folks at Mercedes-Benz.

The cruise began at mid-afternoon and took about 2 hours to view the Piscataqua River and Portsmouth Harbor.

The day was just beautiful and the boat ride was wonderfully relaxing.

Dinner followed at the Oar House Restaurant. The food and companionship was most enjoyable! See you next year!

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(Photos by David Bryant and Tomas) Class 1



Class 2



Class 3



Class 4



Class 5



Class 6



Class 7



Class 8



Class 9



Class 10



Class 11



Class 12



Best of Show, Tom Larsen



Best Classic Street Car, Frank Soracco



Best Modern Street Car, Classic Motorsports



Best of Show	Tom Larsen	1955 300 SL Gullwing
Best Modern Street Car	Classic Motorsports	2008 CL 63
Best Classic Street Car	Frank Soracco	1989 560 SL
Best Vintage Street Car	Bob Hatch & Sons	1971 280 SL
Class 1		
First Place	Sandy Hatch	1999 C 43
Second Place	Jack & MaryLou Champgney	2002 Smart CDI
Third Place	Dan Drop	2005 S 55
Class 2		
First Place	Kevin Dinsmore	1991 560 SEC
Second Place	Carlos Heiligmann	1978 230
Third Place	Camilla de Rochambeau	1995 E 320 Wagon
Class 3		
First Place	James Sherwin	1998 SL 600
Second Place	Deborah Weakley	2004 SL 500
Third Place	Bayhas Kana	1993 SL 500
Class 4		
First Place	Eric de Rochambeau	2008 G 500
Class 5		
First Place	Keith Morgan	1964 300 SE
Second Place	Selden Loring	1972 280 SE 4.5
Third Place	Robert J. Kosty	1966 250 Se Cab
Class 6		
First Place	Charlie Grant, EAS	1969 280 SL
Second Place	Jim DiGiorgio	1969 280 SL
Third Place	Harley Freedman	1969 280 SL
Class 7		
First Place	John Gates	1986 560 SL
Second Place	Bruce Thompson	1986 560 SL
Third Place	Steve Maiocco	1984 380 SL
Class 8		
First Place	EAS	1955 300 SL Gullwing
Second Place	Alex T Shumakow	1962 190 SL
Class 9		
First Place	Jason Agress	2008 C 300
Second Place	Classic Motorsports	2009 SLK 350
Class 10		
First Place	Leon & Nancy Schlemminger	1952 220 Sedan
Second Place	Christopher Hatch	1969 280 SL 3.5
Class 11		
First Place	Moosa E. Moosa	1955 220 a Sedan
Second Place	Moosa Family	1959 220 S cabriolet
Third Place	Moosa E Moosa	1960 220 Se Coupe
Class 12		
First Place	Pete Newman	1982 380 SL
Second Place	Phil Morgan	1991 560 SEC
Third Place	Will Telford	2004 CLK 500



MBCA Minuteman Section Events Planned for 2012

March: Spring Caravan

April: Annual Meeting, Theatre, Dinner

April: European Tech Session

August: Nautical Sail

September: Germanfest XXVI

October: Farberallye XXXV

Several other new events in planning stages, stay tuned!

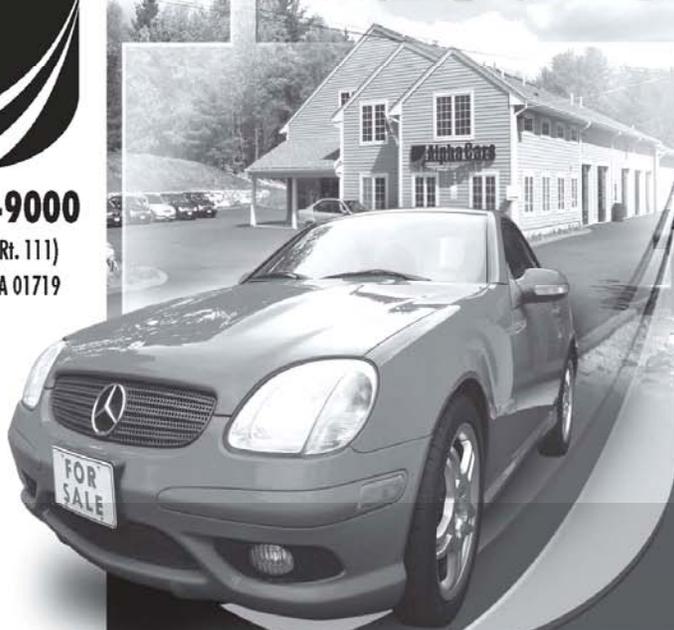
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