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## Farberallye XXXIII

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### Article and photos by Bonnie Fancy

Fitchburg, October 15

Friday's heavy rains had given way to brisk winds on Saturday when the small group lined up in the parking lot of the Marriott Courtyard in Fitchburg for Farberallye XXXIII sponsored by European Auto Solutions. Rally master Ric Fair had done a wonderful job selecting a route that led through northern Worcester County west of Mount Wachusett. Fortunately, the questions were in order because some of them were tricky. One, regarding the burial date, had everyone pulled over at a cemetery, only to find out the information wasn't there, but farther along the route. Finding out when Mr. Craig liked to read involved stopping at the Rutland Public Library and finding the date at the very top of the building. Lunch was at the Mount Wachusett Reservation where Ric found what he thought was an out of the way place to park and eat our sandwiches. However, the gate was locked so we parked beside it. The DCR police took exception to that saying that the gate led to a fire road and had to be kept clear. He gave us ten minutes to clear out.

The afternoon route was east of the mountain and contained questions such as the \_\_\_\_\_ of Sterling.



**The Piekarczyk SL**

Those of us who live in the area immediately thought of "Village Pizza of Sterling", only that was not the answer Ric was looking for. He was looking for the florist-- "Lilacs of Sterling". Living in the area of a rally is not necessarily an advantage. Part way through the afternoon we were instructed to zero our trip odometers and follow the rest of the instructions using mileage. This

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**Mark & Becky Fancy**



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was quite a challenge, but somehow all participants ended up back at the hotel.

At the banquet, Ric announced the winners and with the help of Ed Owns of EAS gave out the trophies, which were made by Mark Fancy. The first place winner got an additional gift of a pair of

shoes from Allen Edmonds on Newbury Street, representing Allen Edmonds was Kevin Murphy. The Pumpkin Award for "Going our own way" went to the Strahlers who were presented with a pumpkin by Ric and Ed. Fourth Prize went to Drew Webb and Claudia Burns, Third--Kevin and Kristen Murphy, Second to Ed Owens

and John Conte, and first to Mark and Becky Fancy. After that announcements were made: Next year's Farberallye XXXIV will be in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Northern New England Stars will be hosting and are rounding up a rally master. In 2012, Kristen and Kevin Murphy of the Minute Man Section will be rally masters of Farber-

allye XXXV at a location yet to be determined.

The rest of the evening was spent swapping war stories and going over questions and answers. On Sunday, there were more war stories, a very brief car show, then people started to head out for home.

## 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



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## Mercedes Tools for Sale

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My wife, Nancy, and I want to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Even though it's cold outside, the Minuteman Section is in full swing with plans for 2011. It may be hard to top 2010 but we are giving it our best effort.

New: **Starting with the Spring issue of Triangles**, the News-letter will no longer be printed and mailed. Email is the only way you can receive the N/L so please go to the website [www.mbca.org/minuteman](http://www.mbca.org/minuteman) and sign up for Email Updates. This is being done to save money

for the Section, it costs over \$5000.00 to print and mail the News-letter each year. We have 137 out of 600 members who are not on our email list; those members have received a snail mail letter with instructions on how to sign up.

New: **Minuteman Membership Contest**. This year the member who signs up the most new members will receive a Free "A" Service at a dealer of their choice for their efforts. Rules and information are in the N/L and on the Website. Remember you get a free

month's membership for every new member you sign up so you win either way. I have not paid membership dues since 2008! You can do the same by signing 12 members a year.

New: **2011 Loyalty Rewards Program**. This program will give members in good standing [12 months consecutive membership] \$1000.00 off the price of a New Mercedes-Benz! Print your Certificate from the National Website [good for 60 days] make your best deal on a new car and then present your Certificate and

the dealer will take an additional \$1000.00 off the price! See the National Website and The Star for complete details. This is a great tool to recruit new members!

2011 Schedule of events is on the Website with a mixture of old and new, something for everyone.

I hope to see all of you at an event this year.

*John S. Piekarczyk*  
President,  
Minuteman Section,  
MBCA



## The Editor's Desk



The new year is off to a fine start. New events are being added to annual favorites to provide something for everyone. President John continues his outstanding effort to provide MinuteMan MBCA members with an intrinsic local value to enhance their national membership.

Go to the website for advance information on events planned this year. [www.mbca.org/minuteman](http://www.mbca.org/minuteman).

The new models have been announced and are on sale at your local dealer. We've noted one of exceptional beauty: the CLS, a 4-door coupe—sure to be a

big hit. See our write-up on page 6.

Sadly, we report this will be the last printed issue of our news-letter. We are going to an all electronic medium to be emailed to members beginning with the next issue to save money as well as ink, paper, trees, the environment, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera.

This is our sixth year editing and publishing the Minuteman news-letter. I began the work shortly after joining the club in 2005. It has been my great pleasure and honor producing this quarterly publication. The time has flown by quickly and quietly. I did

not realize until this moment how long it has been since I picked up the editor's quill from the previous editor, Jim Meyers.

The rewards have been most gratifying even beyond the awards and recognition our humble effort has engendered.

I have met many wonderful people who share my enthusiasm for all things Benz. Many have become good friends who join us in numerous events making them both even more enjoyable.

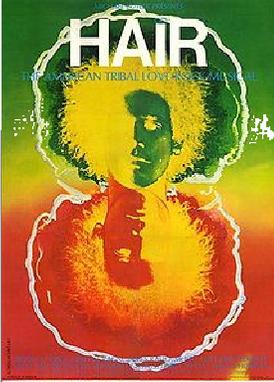
This is what I think I would most like to share with you: Attend the events, meet the other

members and officers who work so hard to make this club so worthwhile. Do have your little beauty spiffed up (along with your car) on your way to an event. You might be in an impromptu concours.

The Annual Meeting, Theatre Event and Dinner is all set for March 27. See the details and registration form on Page 5. Early registration is encouraged because this is usually sold out well in advance.

All the very best wishes to everyone in 2011. See you in full living color on the 'puter come spring.

— *Ronald Beaton*



**MINUTEMAN SECTION-MBCA  
ANNUAL MEETING, THEATRE EVENT & DINNER**



**DATE:** Sunday, March 27, 2011  
**PLACE:** Theatre Event: **"HAIR"**  
 The Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116  
**Cocktails & Dinner:** **Da Vinci Ristorante** – 162 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA  
**TIME:** Theatre: **2:00PM.** Cocktails & Dinner: Immediately following the show.

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Immediately following the show we will enjoy cocktails and a superb dinner at **Da Vinci Ristorante**, just a few blocks away from The Colonial Theatre. Serving a blend of Modern & Classic Italian Cuisine in a luxurious & charming environment, **Da Vinci's Ristorante** offers a unique & memorable dining experience.

**COST:** A super value at only **\$85.00** per person (thanks to a large contribution from the MBCA-MINUTEMAN SECTION). There is limited seating for only 60 people and reservations will be on a first-come first-served basis. Hurry, this event annually sells out quickly, so send in your reservations now! (Preference will be given to Club Member and one guest only). Theatre tickets and directions will be mailed out in early March, but please include an **E-MAIL** address in your reply for confirmation and a **Self Addressed Stamped Envelope** for mailing the tickets.

**(This will be the only notice of the event; do not delay your reservation)**

**Cut and mail RESERVATION FORM with a CHECK by February 18, 2011 to:**

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# New Mercedes-Benz CLS

Mercedes uncovers its stunning new evolution of the four-door coupé.

The success of the uniquely designed first CLS has seen a host of copycat machines from rival manufacturers. These include Porsche's Panamera and the upcoming Audi A7 Sportback, plus fast-back versions of regular saloons such as the Volkswagen Passat CC.

They have all adopted the curving, sweeping shape of the old CLS – but the new model is upping the stakes. Its striking design has evolved to include styling cues from Mercedes' latest concepts – such as the Shooting Break estate – with a more sculpted, athletic look to replace the cleaner shape of the original car.

The pronounced panel creases plus flared arches and sills, combined with the angular new front end, make the CLS seem lower and wider than the previous model – and hint at the



shape of the SLS AMG supercar.

Triple-layered LED headlights house 71 separate diodes and provide everything from the indicators to full-beam illumination – which Mercedes is claiming is a production car first. An additional row of daytime running lamps completes the dazzling effect.

The tail is heavily inspired by the Shooting Break concept that wowed crowds at this year's Beijing Motor Show. Its large, leaf-shaped rear lights and

polished metal strip give an extra touch of class to the high-shouldered, muscle car-style back end.

There will be a wide engine line-up to choose from when the car hits showrooms in January next year, including a 261bhp 3.5-litre V6 diesel, and V6 and V8 petrols with 302bhp and 435bhp respectively.

But the big news is the introduction in March of a four-cylinder oil-burner – a first for the CLS. Producing 204bhp, it will help lower the overall carbon

emissions of the entire range.

Although pictures of the cabin haven't yet been released, it will remain a strict four-seater by keeping the spacious 2+2 layout from before, with a wide centre storage console separating the leather back seats.

The dash will feature the usual wood and hide, but details such as the air vents and steering wheel will be picked out with gloss metal inserts. All these changes are designed to move the CLS further away from its less prestigious impersonators, and re-establish Mercedes' reputation for unrivalled build quality and luxurious performance cars.

Prices for the CLS have yet to be announced: expect more details to arrive closer to the Paris Motor Show in October. However, the initial range should start at around \$72,000 for the V6 diesel model. What a beauty!

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## MBCA NATIONAL EVENT

MBCA is going to Germany again in 2011. Our trips are scheduled to start on Monday, July 18 and Monday, September 26. These are great opportunities to join other members to see many Mercedes-Benz facilities and venues that are not available to the public.

We'll visit AMG, the Classic Center, the Sindelfingen visitor center and assembly plant, the Unterturkheim engine plant, the test track and development center, the "new" Mercedes-Benz Museum, and the Stuttgart Brand Center. We'll also visit the Auto Museum Carl Benz and the technical museum Sinsheim. Several other auto related facilities as well as some surprises are also included in the Trip.

Six nights at the luxurious Millennium Hotel, six breakfasts, six dinners and four lunches are included. All transportation, admissions and taxes are also included. We'll be accompanied at all times by an English speaking Daimler representative and hosted by English speaking guides at all Mercedes-Benz locations.

The fee is the same as last year, \$2500. per person with no single supplement. Airfare and personal expenses are not included.

See you in Stuttgart!



### Event Information

Date: Mon, 07/18/2011 - 12:00pm

Location: Germany

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Mercedes-Benz

## HIGHEST SALES MONTH FOR THE YEAR AT 21,469 BRINGS MERCEDES-BENZ TO AN 18 PERCENT INCREASE FOR 2010

MONTVALE, N.J. – Mercedes-Benz USA (MBUSA) reported December sales of 21,469 vehicles, its highest monthly volume of the year, bringing the company’s 2010 total to 225,007, an increase of 18% over 2009.

Ernst Lieb, president and CEO of MBUSA said: “Despite the challenges of a slow recovery, we see good indicators in terms of our sales volume throughout the model range. This is certainly due in large part to the customer-directed efforts we’ve undertaken here at MBUSA over the past few years and the extraordinary commitment of our retail network to provide an unmatched ownership experience. As virtually all third-party indicators show, customers are confident about the Mercedes-Benz brand and we think that will translate to even stronger momentum going forward.”

The 9th generation E-Class was the volume leader for both the month and year, with December sales of 5,638, bringing its annual volume to 60,922 – a 41.4 % increase over its volume in 2009. The C-Class – the gateway to the Mercedes-Benz brand for younger and first-time Mercedes-Benz buyers – followed with monthly sales of 4,924 and a yearly total of 58,785, a 12.1 % increase over last. Rounding out the top three volume lines was the popular M-Class SUV which posted monthly sales of 3,783 bringing its annual volume to 29,698, a 15.1 % increase over last year.

Sales at the high end continued strong for 2010 with the commanding G-Class up 38.8 % for the year and the flagship S-Class sedan up 21.5 %. The company sold 48 of its top-of-the-line supercar - the SLS AMG – in December, bringing its annual total to 499.

Separately, through the Mercedes-Benz Certified Pre-Owned (MBCPO) program, MBUSA sold 6,338 vehicles in December, up 24.3 % for the month, bringing the annual total to 80,698, up 12.3 % over 2009.

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