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Nautical Sail Presented by AlphaCars

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Sunday, August 12 – Salem, Mass.
By Ronald Beaton
Ominous weather forecasts could not dampen the spirits or enthusiasm of the full complement of sailors in Salem for Ken Bourque's Annual Nautical Outing.

Rain threatened until noon, then full sunshine fell upon land and sea. We met on Pickering Wharf at 3:30 in the afternoon with stragglers straining to find suitable parking. The forty or so Minuteman members and guests filled the boat for a pleasant, leisurely two hour plus sail through Salem and Marblehead harbors.

Our vessel, *Fame*, is a 1983 replica of an 1832 privateer, some 70 feet long. Captain Jeremiah skillfully handled the tiller while giving us a vivid account of the history of



the ship and the privateering business in the 19th century, particularly during and after the war of 1812. He answered questions cheerfully while continuing to keep an eye out for the safety of the vessel and her passengers.

As we passed another privateer from Canada also loaded with local tourists, we fired

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President John presents award to Ken Bourque



President John presents a special award to Ken Bourque for chairing the annual nautical cruise event. This was Ken's 14th year arranging this special outing and dinner. One of the club's premier events, it is always filled with excited members and guests enjoying a fun-filled day of sailing and camaraderie.

The award is a clock set into a Mercedes-Benz hubcap which President John personally crafted. Thanks Ken and use the beautiful clock to help you plan next year's event.



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President's Message

October 14, 2012

Farberallye XXXV Presented by European Auto Solutions concluded today in Sturbridge, MA. Event Chairman and Minuteman Treasurer, Mark Fancy, along with his wife, Becky, put on a fantastic event. The Raylle went through some of the most beautiful scenery in Central Mass., the dinner at the Publick House was one of the best in recent memory. Nancy and I live in the area and you would think local knowledge would give us an advantage, Not!

I would like to congratulate North East Regional Director and Minuteman members Ernie and Bonnie Fancy on their winning Farberallye, and thank them for hosting the Welcome Reception in their beautiful new home. Thank you to Section VP Ed Owen of European Auto Solutions who has been sponsoring the event since 2006. EAS has become a true friend and one of the biggest supporters of the Minuteman Section. Thank

you also goes out to Mercedes-Benz of Westwood and Minuteman member Jim Parker for supplying the raffle items. Most of all thank you Mark and Becky for all your hard work.

Germanfest XXVI Presented by Intercity Lines drew sixty two cars from all over the Northeast making the competition tough. This event chaired by John Slamin takes the largest amount of volunteers of any event we run and John's staff does a great job. The event could not take place without the generous support of all our sponsors who are listed in the event report on the website, thank you.

I want to thank Ken Bourque for another great Nautical Cruise Presented by AlphaCars, Ken – they just keep getting better!

With all our events done for the year the work of the Officers and the Board along with all the Event Chairmen continues through out the winter. Next year will have some that are old

and some that are new and we hope to have a General Membership Dinner sometime early next year. I'd like to have it somewhere in Metro West

making it convenient to most of the members, if anyone has an idea for the facility please let me know. As always we need volunteers for existing and new events so please consider helping out.

Nancy and I would like to wish everyone a great Holiday Season and we'll see you next year.

John S. Piekarczyk
President Minuteman Section,
MBCA



The Editor's Desk



Another year of fun automobile events shared with new and old friends has come to a beautiful close.

Our most recent event was the Farberallye XXXV in Sturbridge, Mass. (and surrounding towns) sponsored by EAS, organized by Mark and Becky Fancy and won by Ernie and Bonnie Fancy to whom our warm congratulations are sent.

The other notable events of the year include Germanfest, again organized by our past president, John Slamin, and sponsored by InterCity Lines was a huge suc-

cess with 62 entries this year. Well done John!

Ken Bourque's annual nautical event, sponsored by AlphaCars was again sold out and enjoyed by all as we sailed through Salem and Marblehead harbors with a splendid dinner at a local restaurant.

We have Rich Garick to thank for this year's (his 25th) annual Theatre, Dinner and Annual Meeting event which was also sold out. A wonderful day with a play, dinner and awards at the annual meeting. By the way, reserve early for next spring's event at

which we will enjoy *Jersey Boys!*

We all look forward to next year's events. We hope the new members will attend and enjoy the shared enthusiasm of our wonderful cars and fun outings.

My friend, Catherine, and I attended most of the events this year and had a splendid time participating and sharing the experiences with you.

We look forward to seeing all of you next year.

God Bless and Happy Holidays!

– *Ronald Beaton*

Winter Driving Ahead

By Peter Vanderveer

Here comes winter! Last year we had virtually NO SNOW in New England. I love snow. For me LOTS OF SNOW is better than a couple of inches. I relish the opportunity to go out on my 4X4 Kubota tractor and plow! However, by the time we get to February blizzards - Florida starts looking pretty good. Regarding winter car tips, I've been asked a number of times about foggy windows on the *inside* of the car.

Normally this fog is a morning thing and right after the heat's on - it goes away. Sometimes water just gets into the carpeting from a soda or water bottle or rain gets in through a window and any water soaked into the carpet will get on the windows as the cooler nights cause condensation. Of course, if the car interior is perfectly dry this problem does not happen. If the fogging is bad - leave the windows open in direct sunlight even if it is cold out. This will evaporate the moisture in the carpets and pass it out the windows. Also, give the carpets a strong vacuum with your Shop Vac or a commercial car wash vacuum cleaner. In the course of our business clogged drains and water getting into the car are causing problems which are being seen more frequently. Leaves, pine needles, and the like find their way into the water drains located

just under the hood, below the windshield. In some (like 1996 thru 2002 E-class models) drains are a tricky job to locate and clean. The leaves have naturally turned to dirt. The problem now is that water can overflow into the interior, causing more than just moisture issues. An R-class owner who had to replace an expensive computer found the cause was simply water getting in from a drain that needed unclogging which damaged the electrical computer box. Drain cleaning should be a mandatory task on your service checklist. If your Mercedes lives part of its life under trees - check the drains at least once a

year. Snow and ice are the worst conditions for your house gutters and drains which can back up into the house. The same concern can apply to your Mercedes. Snow and ice are especially bad if the drains are clogged - it backs up the water even higher. Again making sure that your drains are clear is the best solution!

Peter Vanderveer is our Technical Editor and owner of Vanderveer Motors in Norwood, Mass. where he repairs all classes of Mercedes-Benz fine automobiles.

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The more powerful, six-cylinder CLS 350 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY produces 261bhp and 620NM of torque from its 3.0-litre V6. It returns 47.1mpg and 161g/km of CO2.

The only petrol option is the flagship [CLS 63 AMG](#), which is available from \$124,000. It's powered by the company's 5.5-litre V8, which produces 549bhp and 720Nm of torque.

All versions come well-equipped, with standard kit including 18-inch alloys, Xenon headlights, park assist, front and rear parking sensors, sat-nav, DAB and leather upholstery.

For an extra \$4,500, AMG Sport spec adds an AMG bodykit, sports suspension and brakes, adaptive LED headlights and 19-inch alloys.

The options list includes privacy glass, aluminium roof-rails and the boot floor can be finished in cherry-wood decking, inlaid with aluminium rails for an extra \$6,000.

Model	CO2	MPG	Price
CLS 250 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY	139	53.3	\$75,000
CLS 350 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY	161	47.1	\$78,000
CLS 250 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY AMG Sport	143	52.3	\$77,000
CLS 350 CDI BlueEFFICIENCY AMG Sport	162	46.3	\$78,000
CLS 63 AMG Shooting Brake	235	28.0	\$124,000

Now that's a wagon!

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Nautical Cruise

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a small rail-mounted cannon in acknowledgement. This 24" long cannon had a very loud report. **A very loud report. What?**

The Captain's commentary included local lore about the various islands in the harbors and some of the mansions dotting the coast. America's first millionaire, a man named Derby, hailed from these parts and was engaged in commodities speculation - importing and exporting the most desired commodities of the times: spices, fabrics, lumber, tea and spirits.

Ed Owen's son, Denton, 13, (an official junior member of the club) was given the tiller for an unexpected thrill by Captain Jeremiah to steer us through Salem harbor. He did a good job and got us through safely and smoothly.

The cruise was pleasant, relaxing and just long enough to enjoy without tiring out the sailors. So the event was just perfect. In the good ol' summertime.

Dinner followed at Capt's Restaurant on Pickering Wharf. Everyone enjoyed their choice of clam and shrimp plate, salmon, or tenderloin steak. Appetizers, dessert and coffee completed the meal.

President John presented a beautiful hand-made clock to Bourque as thanks for the 14th nautical cruise. -30-



Minuteman members and guests queue up at Pickering Wharf to begin the adventure.



All aboard, settled nicely



Captain with commentary to sailors



Denton Owen mans the tiller

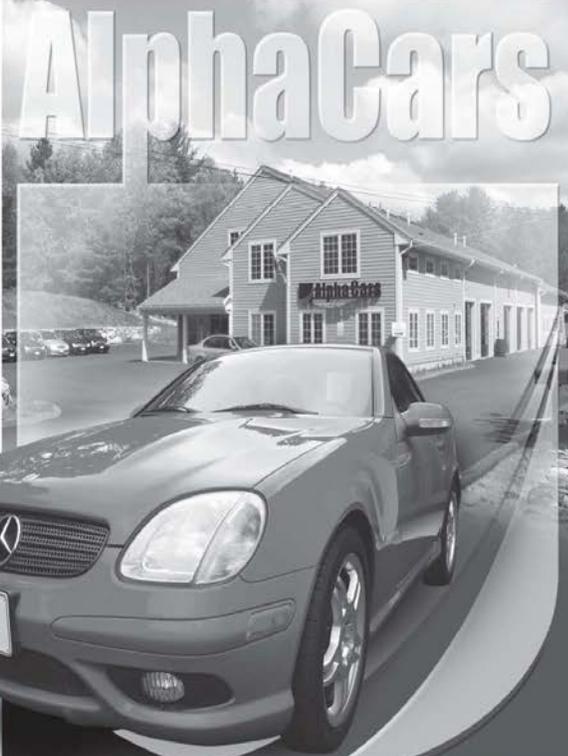


Nautical Cruise dinner at Capt's on Pickering Wharf





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Nautical Cruise (cont.)



Germanfest XXVI

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Class 1 - Contemporary Sedans, Coupes, Wagons and Cabriolets

First Place	Ed Estrella	CLK 63
2nd Place	Glenn & Jane Davis	CL 500
Third Place	Jim Gallo	CL500



Class 2 - Modern Sedans, Estate Wagons, Coupes and Convertibles

First Place	Steven Moeser	300 CD
Second Place	Kevin Dinsmore	560 SEC
Third Place	Kevin Gaudette	190 E, 2.6



Class 3 - Modern Sports Cars

First Place	Joe Cassone	500 SL
Second Place	Patrick Sarsgard	SL 500
Third Place	Ronn Malzone	SL 600



Class 4 - SUV

First Place	Bill Telford	Sprinter
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Class 5 - Classic Sedans,

First Place	Mark Fisher	300 SEL, 6.3
2nd. Place	Keith Porges	280 SEL, 4.5
Third Place	Seldon Loring	280 SEL, 4.5



Class 6 - 113 Sports Cars

First Place	John Mackinnon	280 SL
2nd. Place	Scott Polivy	250 SL



Class 7 - 107 Sports Cars

First Place	Pete Newman	380 SL
2nd. Place	David Pastor	450 SL
Third Place	Frank Soracco	560 SL



Congratulations to all!

Class 8 - Vintage Coupes, Cabriolets, Roadsters & Sedans

First Place	Keith Morgan	250 SE Coupe
2nd. Place	Janet Michael	190 SL
Third Place	Steve Kent	220 S



Class 9 - All New Models

First Place	Richard Wolfson	E550
2nd. Place	Ashok Nayak	E350
Third Place	Brian Dinsmore	S550



Class 10 - Show Class

First Place	Joe Jacob, Old Timer Restoration	300 SL Roadster
2nd. Place	Gerda Echer, Old Timer Restoration	170
Third Place	James Jones	300B



Germanfest XXVI (Continued)

Class 11 - Survivor Class (25+ Years)

First Place Lisa Kaufman 450 SL
 2nd. Place John Perenji 300 SEL, 6.3



Best Modern Street Car Jack & Mary Lou Champney G320



John Slamin with Special Award



Class 12 - Modified Class

First Place Gernold Nisius, SL Tech 280 SL



Best Vintage Street Caleb Steward 280 SL



Best of Show George Grassler Award Bob Hatch & Sons 280 SE Cabriolet, 3.5



Judges' Trophy

Best Classic Street Car Phil Morgan 560 SEC



Judges' Trophy Gordon Bennett 220 Cabriolet



(Photos contributed by Bonnie Fancy, David Bryant, and Nancy Piekarczyk)

2013 Annual Meeting, Theatre and Dinner Event

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ANNUAL DINNER, THEATRE EVENT & MEETING

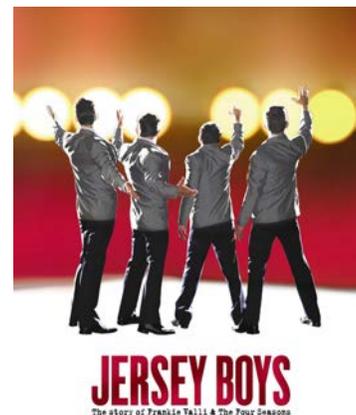
DATE: Sunday, March 3, 2013

PLACE: Theatre Event: "JERSEY BOYS"

The Citi Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, MA

Cocktails & Dinner: Avila Restaurant – One Charles Street South, Boston, MA

TIME: Theatre: 1:00PM. Cocktails & Dinner: Immediately following the show.



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COST: A ridiculously super value at only \$62.50 per person (thanks to a huge 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 February, but please include an E-MAIL address in your reply for confirmation and a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope for mailing the tickets.

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Farberallye XXXV



By Ronald Beaton
October 12-14, Sturbridge, Mass.

The last event of the season was as much fun as the first. This year's much anticipated Farberallye, the 35th, was organized by Mark and Becky Fancy.

The event got kick-started Friday evening with a reception at Ernie and Bonnie Fancy's beautiful new home in Holland (Mass.), with plentiful amounts of adult beverages and fine food. Our hosts made everyone feel welcome and set a fine tone for camaraderie. Ernie took us on a tour of his garage which is already filled and showed us his newer, larger garage which is still in the beginning stages of construction.

Saturday morning began with a breakfast at the Publick House where many of us were housed. Spirits were high and optimism pervasive as the drivers and navigators met at the starting line behind the Publick House and prepared to enter the competitive fray.

Three minute intervals separated the cars beginning the rallye.

The route took us through the rolling countryside of nearby towns and villages searching for clues to answer the rallye master's questions while watching our speed/time/distance to keep within the margins of safety and trying to

maintain the averages to win.

Many found the route challenging with various degrees of difficulty, but most had great fun! We had fine cooperation from Mother Nature as sunshine filled most of the day.

Most of the cars met for a box lunch at the Quabbin Reservoir, took a few minutes to regather their wits, strength and determination – then off to finish the route and again meet at the Publick House to rejoin their friends who went astray along the route.

The awards were presented after everyone enjoyed a fine dinner.

There were different levels of achievement this year: A quiz winner, a Time/Distance winner and Overall/Highest winners.

The Grand Prize First Place Overall/Highest Winners were Ernie and Bonnie Fancy.

Second place prize winner for this category was Henry Magnum.

First place prize for Time/Distance was won by the Gates brothers.

Second place was won by Drew Webb.

First place prize for the Quiz competition was won by Ken and Mary Winicki.

Second place was won by Scott and Ann Warner (this was their first event attendance with the club).

In addition to the awards to the more skilled members, a raffle with numerous prizes was held. The recipients won Mercedes-Benz logoed caps, overnight bags, and miscellaneous items which were well received.

All in all, a grand time!



Arriving on Friday night



Reception at the Fancys

Farberallye XXXV (Continued)



Farberallye XXXV (Continued)



Ed Owen of European Auto Solutions presents prizes to the winners!

Upcoming Events 2013

Spring: European Auto Solutions Tech Session

Spring: Last of the Winery Caravans

Summer: Ken Bourque's Annual Nautical Sail, presented by AlphaCars

Fall: Germanfest XXVII



Fall: Farberallye XXXVI

Plus new events. See website for up to date details.

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