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## Annual Nautical Cruise

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By Nancy Piekarczyk

Sunday August 10th, 32 seafarers stood in wait outside the Maritime Heritage Museum in Gloucester MA to board the Pinky Schooner *Ardelle* for a 2 hour afternoon sail along the historic shores of Gloucester's outer harbor, the mansions along Eastern Point and famed Dog Bar breakwater, *Norman's Woe*. Some of the faces were welcoming and familiar, others bright and new. The day's temperature could not have been better, with the sun shining brightly and the clouds far and few in between. (Cont. P-4.)



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## President's Message

With Fall upon us and Farberallye having been run by the time you read this our events for the year are over. I'd like to thank all the members who ran and volunteered for events, all of you did an outstanding job.

We need more and new events. Have an idea? Send me an email and we'll do it. New events would bring out more members which makes events more fun for everyone. The Club is about meeting new members and making new friends.

We have been working on Starfest 2016 since January and have signed the contracts with

Mohegan Sun and Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park along with two major sponsors.

The website should be up by March with full page ads in The Star starting in June. There is a lot of work to do and if you feel you have a skill to add please contact me. We'll need help with hospitality, track events and registration to name just a few.

I can be reached at 860-315-5575 or [560sec@charter.net](mailto:560sec@charter.net).

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## The Editor's Desk



As we near the end of the year, we pause to reflect on the past year's events. A summary will be featured in the winter issue

along with the Farberallye and Germanfest articles.

Many of us store our special cars in garages for the winter and use our 'rainy day' cars to get about.

We don't want salt from the roads, snow and rain to collect under the car which might cause rust or other unpleasantness.

So into the garage she goes with a trickle charger to keep the battery fully charged until late spring beckons us with tantalizing sunshine and thoughts of driving along back country roads with the top down and the wind soaring through our scalps (the hair buffer having long since retreated).

The next event should be the annual meeting to elect officers, following a theatrical event and dinner at a nearby restaurant. This is always a sellout event so be sure to make your reservation early. Details will appear in the winter edition.

We have been delighted to meet more new members and fellow Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts at the various

events during the year. Be sure to tell your friends about the club and invite them to join us for great times.

Also remember that your spouse and/or significant other can join the club for free and enjoy the same benefits as the principal member.

See the winter edition for the Farberallye and Germanfest articles.

Congratulations to the officers and event chairmen who made this such a successful year!

As always, we welcome your comments, participation and article submissions. Until next year...

– Ronald Beaton

# Nautical Sail

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Once we got underway, our captain, National Heritage fellow, Harold Burham, asked for volunteers to warp the sails. Two members quickly jumped to their feet to assist the captain's daughter and deck hand to achieve the task. Once we were well underway, our captain shared the story of our vessel. The *Ardelle* was authentically and traditionally built by the captain and volunteers of friends and students in just over a year entirely from recycled and repurposed materials.

Albums were proudly passed around with photographs of how the build progressed over the short time frame and changing seasons. While the *Ardelle* is designed to be fast and sleek, the winds did not cooperate and our trip progressed at a more leisurely pace allowing passengers to take photographs of the lighthouses and surrounding scenery with ease.

As our cruise concluded, passengers began anticipating the meal awaiting us. The walk to the Gloucester House Restaurant at 63 Rogers Street went quickly as conversation ensued. A private room was reserved for the Minuteman Section members and the bar was visited by some upon entry to fetch a cocktail to stabilize their legs.

John Piekarczyk, President of the Minuteman section, moved to the front of the room and called Ken Bourque to join him, along with Ernie Fancy, Northeast Regional Director and Ed Owen, Vice President of the Minuteman section. We were given the opportunity to show Ken our gratitude for organizing another wonderful

Nautical Cruise for the enjoyment of club members and friends alike. Ken was presented a gift to the applause of onlookers. Ken has been graciously organizing the Nautical Cruise for more than 25 years, and without fail the event continues to be an amazing day in the sun and salt air

Before sitting down to enjoy our meal; John shared the exciting news that the Minuteman Section has been awarded StarFest 2016. This is the first time this multi-day national club event has been held in the Northeast. More information will be forthcoming and volunteers will be needed to make this the best event the MBCA has seen.

Upcoming events for the remainder of 2014 include our annual car show, Germanfest XXVIII on September 28th and Farberraylle XXXVII on October 17-19. Ernie announced the event will be returning to Williamstown MA after 30 years. He promised the route is different so those in attendance 30 years ago would not have an undue advantage over newcomers!

Ed Owen invited members to come out to the Boston Common on Sunday September 21st for the 3rd annual Boston Cup grand car show. We hope to see all of you at these fine automotive events.

With news and events concluded, we

started off the evening's fare with appetizers from land and sea followed by a grand buffet of baked stuffed shrimp, stuffed pork medallions, roast beef, and lobster ravioli. While the room got a bit quieter while we dined, people had the opportunity for good conversation and building of memories from yet another successful grand event.

Pictured at right:  
Eager sailors await boarding

Underway at last

The Fancys with others enjoying the sail

Ladies conversing in soft breeze

Ken Bourque receives recognition and award from president John with Ed Owen and Ernie Fancy assisting.



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# OWNERS ASK INTERESTING QUESTIONS...

By Peter Vanderveer

Over the years, customers have asked questions about their cars. I am going to share some with you because I think some of you have the same issues and these may help.

**Question One:** My car sits in the garage sometimes for two weeks or more. Is there anything I can do to prevent storage woes? One thing I've heard is keep the gas tank on the full side to minimize moisture inside the gas tank from condensation.

Full tank - good advice! Also consider how much driving gets done between lay ups. If the car is driven a good deal between layups then a couple of weeks in the garage shouldn't be a problem. If the car is only used for a couple of short errands, for instance and then put away again- sooner or later the car will be in a low battery

state and not start.

All that has happened is that the car has not been driven enough to keep a fully charged battery. The best solution involves a battery charger used overnight (on trickle load). Another device called a Battery Tender Charger can be left on for indefinite periods, turning off the charge (floating) whenever the battery is at 100%.

A more straight forward approach would be to start the car up, if possible, and let it run up to operating temperature for ten or fifteen minutes. This approach exercises the motor, as well as charging up the battery. Try to do this weekly or at least bi-monthly. For more information than you will ever need google: [batterytender.com](http://batterytender.com) and keep that battery fresh!

**Question Two:** What decides the end of life for the SBC brake unit first installed in model year 2002

Mercedes- Benz cars? The Sensotronic Brake Control is, after all, just another electric motor to fine tune the brake system thus enhancing the car's ability to slow down and stop safely. The engineers who designed this brake motor predicted that the brushes in the motor could be worn out around 300,000 cycles. At that point the instrument cluster display lights up in the car for brake service on a big red screen and can't be ignored. Mercedes- Benz has had a program available on a limited basis to replace the units and absorb the costs as it is such an unusual and expensive update. But again with Mercedes-Benz products, it's about saving life and limb on the road not just saving money on maintenance.

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# New names, new Maybach



Mercedes has revealed a new naming structure for its growing range and the return of the Maybach name as part of a luxury sub brand.

A new flagship model based on the [S-Class](#) and badged Mercedes-Maybach S600 will be unveiled at next week's [LA Motor Show](#). It'll be 200mm longer than a long wheelbase S-Class offering more space than the old [Maybach 57](#) model

Inside will be what [Mercedes](#) describes as "The highest level of customisation and personalisation of Mercedes-Benz" with luxury leathers, metals and woods. Under the bonnet will be a 6.0-litre V12 with 530hp and 830nm of torque. There will also be an S500 V8 Maybach and an S400 4Matic

The car is due on sale in spring 2015 with 600 models expected to make their way to the UK and US. The price is said to be £10k to £15k over an above what Mercedes Charge for a long-wheelbase S-Class which would put the S600 version in the £130,000 ballpark.

The Mercedes-Maybach is extensively redesigned with a higher roofline than the S-Class LWB contributing to a 150kg weight gain and Maybach badging both inside and out. The interior is as luxurious as you might expect with not a single visible piece of plastic anywhere in the cabin. Every exposed plastic surface in the S-Class is coated with leather in the Maybach from the window frames to the bottom of the seats and even the panel at the end of the dash

## Are more Mercedes-Maybach models in the pipeline?

Unlike the new Mercedes-AMG [performance](#)  brand, it's unlikely that there will be Mercedes-Maybach versions of other Mercedes models. "We have no further plans for other Maybach models," said Mercedes Sales and Marketing boss Ola Kallenius, "This model has its own body shape and the highest levels of exclusivity. An A45 AMG works

with the [A-Class](#), but it's not the same with Maybach."

Mr Kallenius was coy about the prospect of an even longer-wheelbase Pullman version of the Maybach in light of the [Pullman S-Class](#) we know is on the way, saying "wait and see - this is all we are announcing for now". The prospect of a Mercedes-Maybach SUV was also raised and the response was that Mercedes is "not ruling anything out - the common denominator is that it has to be the utmost expression of luxury"

## New Mercedes-Benz naming strategy explained

Mercedes will also be rationalising its model naming strategy under its core S, E, C, B and A series. All SUVs will get a GL prefix, with a following letter relating to the core model it's based on. So the current [GL](#) will become GLS and the [ML](#) will be renamed GLE. A new GLC will launch in the UK next year, alongside the already launched [GLA](#)

Similarly, four-door coupe models will get the CL prefix and roadsters will be called SLs with the [SLK](#) to be renamed SLC. Engine designations will be cleaned up, too, with [diesels](#) getting a **d** suffix, hybrids the letter **h**, plug-in models and electric versions will be suffixed **e** and fuel cell models **f**

The only exceptions to the new rules will be the [G-Class](#) and the SL, both deeming to have too much of a following and legendary status to change.

The nomenclature changes take place in January next year, with Ola Kallenius telling us "Customers must understand at first glance what a badge means. This is a more transparent and readily understandable naming system."

Steve Fowler wrote this article for Auto Express

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