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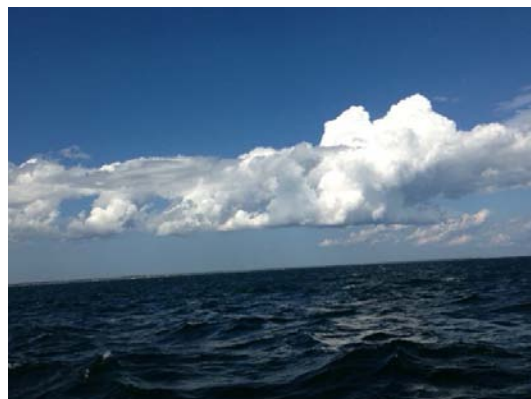


Preparing to board the Liberte for the Falmouth cruise

By Ronald Beaton

On August 4th, the Minuteman Section members gathered for the annual nautical cruise on the *Liberté* this year again organized by Ken Bourque.

We had a perfect day for the event with warm sun and a gentle breeze (see P-7)





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President's Message

I hope that everyone is finding someplace cool in this Tropical part of the country. If I didn't know better I'd swear we moved to Florida.

In fact Nancy and I moved to Connecticut in late May. We found a house by accident that is close to what we would have built including a Car Barn. Unfortunately the Car Barn has a John Deere tractor in it and it will be awhile before it's used for it's intended purpose. Even though CT is not part of the Minute Man Section, Ernie Fancy said I can't resign, so you're stuck with me. (Fortunately for us-Ed)

This spring we added two new Directors to the Board, Dean Colclinn and Cort Brannen. These two men will compliment Ed, Mark and Steve as the future of the Board and Officers. Each will bring new ideas to position the Section for the future as they assimilate with those of us who are getting a bit long in the tooth. The Board now has a good mix of experience and youth.

I'd like to welcome our newest sponsor The Boston Motorsports Club, this is a unique way to drive Exotic Supercars click their banner on the home page.



As always I can be reached at

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860-315-5575 to share your thoughts and ideas.

John S Piekarczyk
President MinuteMan Section,
MBCA

The Editor's Desk



Summer fun includes the beach and the water for most of us and this year's nautical sail was all that we had hoped it would be.

I hope you signed up for this early because it's usually over-subscribed.

Along with 47 others, Catherine and I are looking forward to a relaxing day with friends aboard the *Liberte* cruising around Falmouth for a few hours and off to a great dinner at Oysters Too in Teaticket.

Blue Thunder has been detailed and is all spiffed up for this year. All is good and fine. We are ready

for the sail day.

We have a nice write up about a new Mercedes model. Take a look at that before you think about buying your next new car.

Two great events coming up this year: Germanfest XXVII at Larz Anderson museum in Brookline on September 15, and Farberallye XXXVI in Waterville Valley, New Hampshire on September 27, 28 and 29 organized by the Northern New England Star Section. These are two of the premier events of the year. Reserve your place now using the registration form in this

issue.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with the publication of our news-letter, articles of interest about your Mercedes motoring experiences, articles on events with photos for publication and volunteers to set up interesting events.

Call president John Piekarczyk with your ideas and he will explain how to make it happen.

Looking forward to seeing you at Germanfest and at the Farberallye.

–Ronald Beaton

Germanfest XXVII

On Sunday Sept 15th, the Minuteman Section of the Mercedes Benz Club of America and the Larz Anderson Auto Museum are pleased to present the 27th annual Germanfest presented by Inter-city Lines.

Registration will open at 8:00 a.m. and will cost \$20, which includes entrance into the museum for 2 individuals. All registration will take place on the day of the event. Judging will begin at 11:00 a.m. with "rags down" announced at that time indicating the stop of all cleaning of cars. If you do not wish to have your car judged, you may register to

enter the field as "display only"; registration fee applies.

Rules for judging in the street class and show class are according to the Mercedes-Benz Club of America criteria, which focuses on cleanliness and authenticity of the Mercedes-Benz. There is also a survivor class this year. Cars entered into the Survivor Class must be driven to the event and must be built in 1986 or earlier. They also must not bear either dealer or repair registration plates. Street class judging rules apply, mileage and age adds points and the undercarriage is not judged. A Modified

Class is also available this year. Cars entered in this class will not be penalized for non-factory equipment installed on the Mercedes-Benz vehicle.

First, second and third place awards are given out in 12 classes and 5 trophies are awarded for the finest and most unusual Mercedes-Benz cars entered.

Volunteers are appreciated. Please contact John Slamin, event chairman, for further information: email:

jslaminknee@comcast.com or 781-345-9122, daytime.



When you (and your family?) join us for **Farberallye XXXVI**, September 26-29 in Waterville Valley, here's what you'll find:

The main Farberallye event begins with check-in on Friday night, September 27.

The headquarters will be at the Valley Inn, 17 Tecumseh Road, WV NH, where we have reserved a block of rooms. There is also a block of rooms at the Snowy Owl Inn. Whether you come here Thursday or Friday, you'll get your room for the rallye price.

Thursday night we'll greet early arrivals at the Valley Inn's Red Fox Tavern with refreshments and registration materials. Friday morning, you'll breakfast on your own (Blue Moon Café, for example), then travel over to North Conway (via the very beautiful Kancamagus Highway, a 67 mile trip, taking approximately 1 hour 40 minutes plus time for taking photos), to the Conway Scenic Railway. Their foliage train goes from North Conway up through Crawford Notch to Fabyan Station and back, a 5 ½ hour round trip; fares (coach) \$57, child 4-12, \$41.50, under 4 \$10.50. Departure is at 11 AM and return to North Conway at 4:30 PM. You can make reservations online at <http://www.conwayscenic.com>, or call 800.232.5251. Box lunches can be ordered from the railroad for pickup at the station. This is a wonderful excursion. A "photo" car provides a roof but no glass between the passengers and the views, and we heartily recommend that you seek a place in that car for at least one direction (up or back). People coming from the North may prefer to go directly to North Conway on Friday morning, and put off checking in at Waterville until later on Friday.

Friday Night we'll hold a reception at the Valley Inn's Red Fox Tavern. The tavern has no liquor license, so we'll be on our own for drinks. We'll have ice and set-ups, as well as a selection of beverages (some alcoholic) and party food.

Saturday Morning breakfast at the Valley Inn will be followed by the Rallye meeting in a conference room on the second floor of the Valley Inn. This will be a morning-only rally, planned that way to make time for your use of the many offerings of the town of Waterville Valley (see the amenities, below, plus the Curious George Cottage and the White Mountain Storytelling Festival (there's an extra fee for this). You will have your choice of a time-distance or Quiz rally; both will follow the same route.

On Saturday afternoon there will be a Farberallye Golf Tourney sponsored by Steve Robbins of Northern European Automotive of Concord NH, so the nine holes you get as part of the Amenities package with your room at the Valley Inn can be put to good use. More details will be forthcoming, so check your email and our web page and don't forget to bring your clubs!

Saturday night's banquet will be held at the Wild Coyote Grill (a 6-minute walk, or .3 mile drive from Valley Inn, 12 minute walk or .6 miles from Snowy Owl). Sunday we'll brunch at the Coyote.

A town feature is the - Resort Shuttle – Unlimited use • Hop on our open air trolley (it has vinyl side curtains for inclement weather) for quick transport between each of our activities, or simply enjoy a leisurely scenic ride around the valley. This is available to anyone. This means that guests can venture out of the hotel, explore on foot, use other amenities and get back all without using the car

What about lodging? Note that the entire resort is handicapped accessible except for the shuttle.

Guests of the Valley Inn are entitled to the resort's "Summer Unlimited" package, which includes for each person (at 2 people per room)

-Waterville Valley Golf Club - Enjoy 9 holes of golf every day.

-Mountain Bike Rentals – Two hours daily per person.

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-Waterville Valley Tennis Center - Unlimited court time on one of our 18 award-winning outdoor clay courts with spectacular views of the White Mountains.

-Snow's Mountain Chair Lift – Take a ride up Snow's Mountain Lift for a round trip scenic ride, or hike down along pristine trails. One ride per person, per day.

-White Mountain Athletic Club - Unlimited use of the indoor and outdoor swimming pools, whirlpools, saunas, weight rooms, and cardiovascular room.

What about the dog? The Snowy Owl Inn has four pet-friendly rooms, with a \$15 fee per dog per night. Their rates are lower, but they do not offer the Summer Unlimited package. Continental breakfast is included in the lodging price. We have reserved a block of rooms there.

What if the Valley Inn has sold out, and you want to enjoy Summer Unlimited? These other lodgings also offer the package: Town Square Condominiums,

Golden Eagle Lodge, Black Bear Lodge, and Village Condominiums. All of these offer only condominiums; we have made no arrangements with them.

Farberallye XXXVI



**MBCA Northern New England Star Section
Farberallye Registration Form
Sept 27-29, 2013
Waterville Valley NH**

Name(s) _____ # Attendees, including children _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Arrival Day & Time _____ Model Car _____

Registration - per car _____ @ \$95 = _____

(Registration Includes Banquet , sandwich lunch on Saturday, Continental Breakfast on Saturday and Brunch Buffet on Sunday)

Please contact BY TELEPHONE one of the individual hotels listed below for room reservations and group rates.

Use group code NNE Star Section when making reservations by phone.

Valley Inn (HQ) 17 Tecumseh Road, Waterville Valley, NH . \$135.20 inc. tax. **INCLUDES RESORT AMENITY PACKAGE.** <http://www.valleyinn.com>

Snowy Owl Inn 41 Village Road Waterville Valley, New Hampshire 03215. \$125 inc. tax. Rates include continental breakfast (coffee, juice, donuts & muffins). **DOES NOT INCLUDE RESORT AMENITY PACKAGE.** <http://www.snowyowlinn.com>

In addition, on Friday we are planning an optional trip on the Conway Scenic Railway from No. Conway up through Crawford Notch to Fabyan Station and return (5 ½ hour round trip), fares (coach) \$57, child 4-12, \$41.50, under 4 \$10.50 departs at 11 AM and returns to North Conway at 4:30 PM. Make reservations online at conwayscenic.com, or call 800.232.5251. Box lunches can be ordered from the railroad. For your Saturday Lunch sandwich, please indicate your preference and number requested:

Ham _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

For the Saturday night Banquet, please indicate your choice for your entrée below, and the number needed:

Truffled Mac & Cheese: white truffle infused gruyere and raclette cheese sauce, English peas, caramelized onion _____

Autumn Chicken: chicken breast, aged Vermont cheddar, butternut raviolis, wilted fresh spinach, hazelnut cream, julienne pink lady apple _____

Grilled Swordfish/Salmon (Fresh Catch) _____

Grilled Bistro Beef Filet _____

Menu with descriptions available on Section Website Farberallye Page

Please return this form to Dotti Larsson, P.O. Box 261, Waterville Valley NH 03215,
or email it to dottil61@alumni.bates.edu, or fax it to 603-372-5930.

Check in with the event website for more information at <http://www.mbca-nnes.org>

Nautical Sail (cont.)

filling our sails—making for a very pleasant August afternoon.

We cruised for a couple of hours— just long enough for the non-nautical among us to get their sea legs and develop an appetite for dinner.

Our Captain gave us a running commentary of the history of his custom-made ship along with comments about the Falmouth area and some of the grand mansions along the coast.

We disembarked and caravanned to Teaticket for dinner at Oysters Too!

The wait staff brought appetizers, salads, entrees, dessert and coffee to top everything off. The food was quite good, the service was excellent and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Ken Bourque was given special recognition for his efforts by club president, John, and was given an award in the form of a fine one-of-a-kind T-Shirt.

All in all, a good show of fine cars, great food and another wonderful memory with good friends.



Oysters Too Restaurant

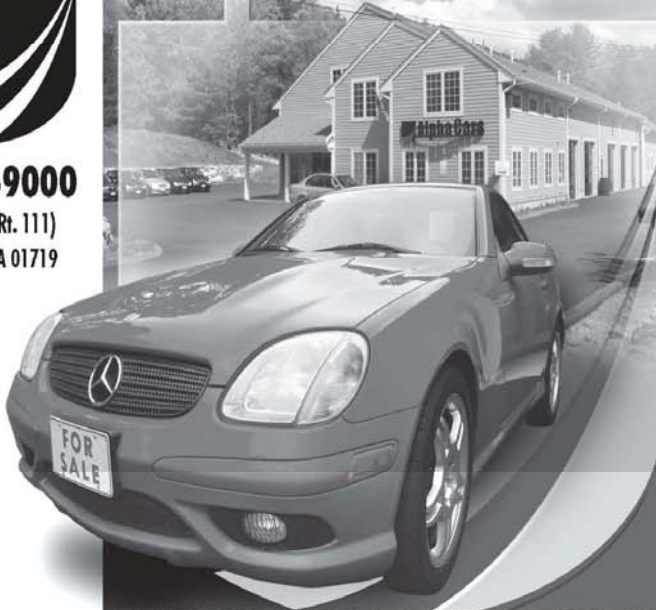
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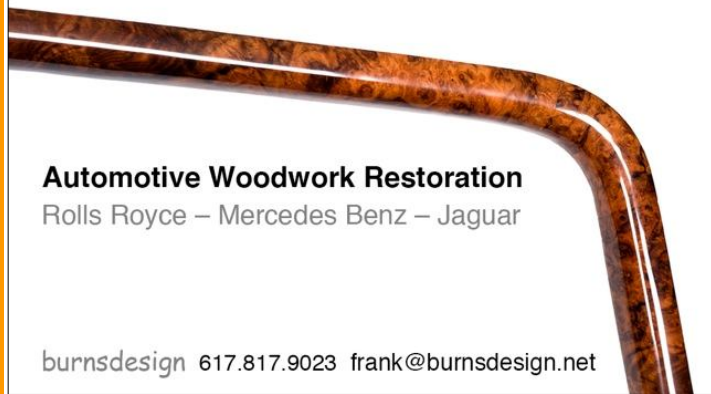
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The New S Class Mercedes-Benz

The Mercedes S-Class is essentially a showcase for [Mercedes](#) – a chance for one of the world's best luxury brands to show what it can really do. The outgoing car was already the best in its class, and this new one has managed to move things on even further. It can drive itself down the motorway, it can give you a hot stone massage, it's even available with a system that can see bumps in the road and effectively iron them out.

Sitting in an S-Class is truly one of the most relaxing experiences available in the automotive world. Vibrations through the pedals and steering wheel are non-existent, and even at motorway speeds you won't hear any wind or tyre roar. All the engines are fantastic but it's amazing that Mercedes can offer a diesel-electric hybrid offering more than 60mpg, or even a standard V6 diesel with 50mpg. For the ultimate in speed an S63 AMG is on the way, or if you want an S-Class that emits less CO2 than a [Toyota Prius](#) then wait for the S500 Plug-in Hybrid, due in early 2014.



The new Mercedes S-Class manages to hide its size well, within some subtle lines and soft curves. It gets the traditional bonnet-mounted star, which these days is reserved for only the most luxurious Mercedes models, and doesn't use a single light bulb in its whole design. There are 56 LEDs in the headlamps and 32 in the taillights, with both providing a classy light signature both during the day and the night. The interior is beautifully designed and finished, with the highest quality woods, metals and leathers found throughout. The dials in front of the driver are all digital, displayed on a 12.3-inch screen, while the infotainment sits next to it on another 12.3-inch screen. Again, there are no lightbulbs in here but you do get up to 300 LEDs with switchable colours to help create a classy ambient light

So far we've driven the S350 BlueTEC, the S300 BlueTEC Hybrid and the S500. The S350 diesel is our pick thanks to its super smooth and quiet engine combined with seriously quick in-gear acceleration. Apparently 0-62mph takes 6.8 seconds but it genuinely feels much faster than that. The S300 Hybrid is currently the most efficient, with [fuel economy](#) of 53.5mpg, but it's also the slowest and the least refined. You can still barely hear the engine but in S-Class terms, it's a little rough. The S500 is the smoothest and most effortless of the bunch, but it's much more expensive to run and costs a lot more to buy, too. It is the only one available with Magic Body Control, though – a system that can see bumps in the road and adapt the suspension. Hit a speed bump with the system on and you'd be hard pressed to know it was even there. Even cars without MBC are among the most comfortable on the road, though, and refinement is absolutely incredible. At 70mph there is literally no wind noise and barely any tyre roar – all you can hear is the suspension moving up and down

With all the electronically powered gizmos on the S-Class it seems like there's an awful lot that can go wrong. Thankfully, Mercedes has a great past record for [reliability](#) and there is a pretty generous three-year warranty included. You're covered for unlimited mileage during that time, too, so you can drive to your heart's content without worrying. Euro NCAP hasn't tested it for crash safety yet but the old car was one of the safest models on the road, and this latest car will be more of the same. There are systems to keep you in your lane on the motorway, brake for you if you're about to have a crash, spot pedestrians in the dark and even one that applies the handbrake if the car senses a rear collision. When the EuroNCAP results do finally come out, a five-star score is a certainty.

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013

Sept. 15, Germanfest XXVII presented by Intercity Lines at the Larz Anderson Museum in Brookline.

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Location: Waterville Valley Resort - New Hampshire



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