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Paul Georg's cars

While Pittsburgh continues to pride itself on its working-class roots, the city has also had its fair share of wealthy residents. Andrew Carnegie, Andrew Mellon, and Henry Clay Frick were some of the most important figures of the Gilded Age, who either made or expanded their fortunes in Pittsburgh. Reminders of these men and their philanthropy still exist across the city, such as Carnegie-Mellon University, the Carnegie Museum, and the Frick Pittsburgh. A taste for the finest luxuries of life remains in Pittsburgh as well. Although Pittsburgh might not see the same concentration of exotic or luxury cars as New York, Los Angeles, or Miami, a growing number of its residents can be found driving not only standard Mercedes, but extensively tuned ones.

Paul Georg retired early and spends his days enjoying fine automobiles. His love affair with Mercedes-Benz began with Bobby Ewing's SL on the TV series "Dallas." He knew that he

someday needed to have a similar vehicle. In 2001, this dream came true when his SLK320 was delivered. He named the car "Baby" and used it as a daily driver for 14 years. In 2016, he had the interior refinished at Hahn Auto Restoration in Harmony, Pennsylvania, a known restorer of Gullwings and other concours winning cars. Over the years, Paul has also heavily modified other components of the car such as adding the rims, bumper, exhaust, and side skirt for the SLK32 AMG.

Paul also owns two Renntech tuned cars, a 2015 GLA45 AMG and a 2015 S550 4Matic. He purchased the GLA new in March 2015 and uses it year-round. He defined the vehicle as a midlife crisis car. Initially, he wanted a small, practical SUV that was also fun to drive, though admittedly he stressed that there is nothing practical about an AMG. For example, they do not make a winter tire that fits a 20-inch AMG wheel, so he had to



Paul Georg isn't satisfied with stock performance. He has asked the professionals at Renntech to upgrade his Mercedes-Benz originals. Georg has achieved speeds up to 236 MPH.



2001 SLK320

2015 GLA45 AMG Renntech

2005 Mercedes-Benz Bicycle



All of Georg's Mercedes have something special, including a Maybach-inspired interior on his 2015 S550. He also has a Mercedes bicycle that can ride on the roof of the GLA or S550.

downsize to a 19-inch rim to take on Pittsburgh's winter driving. As far as modifications, Renntech made only performance enhancements to this vehicle, and what enhancements they are. At an AMG performance event held at Watkins Glen, the car was clocked at 236 MPH.

His other Renntech modified car, the S550, benefits not only from engine performance enhancements but also a Maybach style interior, which for a variety of licensing reasons is called "Executive Seating Plus II." These interior upgrades include TV screens, tray tables, and a passenger side footrest, as the length of the S550 is not sufficient for one on the driver's side.

Paul also enjoys bicycling and he has the 2005 Mercedes bicycle, which he can take to events on the roof of either his GLA

or S550. Both vehicles share the same sized roof rails. For longer journeys, Paul also affixes the rooftop storage unit.

A city of history and vision

Pittsburgh is a city that is both reinventing itself and holding onto its roots. The members of the Pittsburgh Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America and their cars exemplify the diverse nature of Yinzers as well as their commitments to hard work, enthusiasm for sports, and the pursuit of luxury. We would be glad to welcome other members of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America to our city and to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, where these and dozens of other unique Mercedes-Benz vehicles are on display.

