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EVENTS SCHEDULE AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR WORLD, OUR HERITAGE

The one and only 1938 540K Streamliner. Go to this website to read more about this amazing automobile.
http://autoweek.com/article/pebble-beach-concours/reborn-mercedes-benz-540-k-streamliner-coming-pebble-beach

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August 17-20 Monterey week, Legands of the autobahn, Pebble Beach Concours

Trembe Clef Car Show

S. Ross

The weather was cool and damp but no rain when the Mercedes-Benz crowd began arriving at the Palisades Presbyterian Church for the first annual Tremble Clef Car show. They were hoping to get 50 cars and they had a total of 112!! That is what I consider a blow out. They were rapidly running out of room to park show cars. For the first timers at hosting a car the Tremble Clefiers did one hell, I mean one heck of a job. The variety of cars was vast and far ranging from La Jolla Concour d'Elegance winners to the Rat Rod as well as custom motor bikes. I would have to say they were about as well organized as the Coronado Motor Cars on Main Street folks. I believe they will be doing this show again so we will be ready.

The Mercedes-Benz line up Daniel Love's 450SL, Bob Gunthorp's 220 Cabriolet, Brian & Diana Kruse's 500 SL and 190SL. Carol Ross had to park in the over flow lot which was nearly of cars as well.

Director of First Impressions Diana Kruse brought her beautiful Purple Camero to the show.
It appears that she is fond of the color Purple.

Brian brought his 190SL peddle car, which was not judged. The real 190SL was judge and not surprisingly, it won an award.

Brian Kruse 300SL, Bob Gunthorp's 220S Cabriolet and Daniel Loves 450SLC. Daniel is setting behind his car and the other fellow is a spectator taking a photo of the cars.

Carol Ross's 69 280 SE Coupe, known as Ms. M parked next to what appears to be an early Chevrolet or Plymouth.

Rudy and Cheryl for arranged this car show for us and it was a nice show. The trophies were very nice and I wish I had won one. Thank you Rudy and Cheryl.

Who says car guys don't get emotional when they win an award? Brian Kruse's 190SL was awarded Best Restoration.

(Ed note: This is taken from an article written by the Packard club President Richard Schauer.)

Phoebe and her team conducted a drawing, auction, raffle, gift sale, and a Cake Walk which sold off several delicious cakes made by the fine ladies. For me the most outstanding feature of the entire day were the Tremble Clefs. A musical singing group comprised of Parkinson's patients, the purpose of their choir being therapy. The byproduct of their group therapy was wonderful, joyous, upbeat, music, which the packed community center enjoyed very much. Their songs today were all car related, my personal favorite being "Beep-Beep"…many of us remember that fun song, don't we? While singing two Tremble Clefs members walked gradually across stage, one holding a mockup of the tail fin of a '59 Caddy and the other a little Nash Rambler cardboard mockup which was chasing the Caddy…funny. The program ended with Country Roads, with eager audience participation.

Amelia Island Sightings

This 1938 170V Cabriolet sold for $110,000 including commissions. Exterior and interior looked very well done. Engine bay was not visible.

1936 540K Cabriolet 8 cylinder with supercharger went for $698,800

1936 300S Roadster Originally sold new in Hollywood Ca. Has original engine that was delivered when new. Sold for $506,000

The interior is stunning and photo does not do it justice.

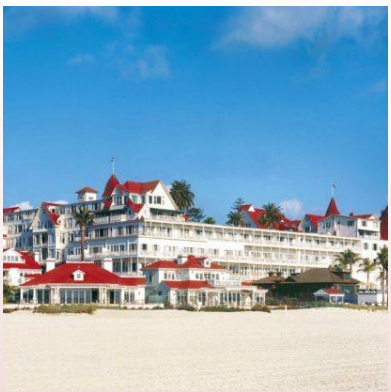
THE PLAQUE SAYS IT ALL. THE ENGINE WAS NOT ON DISPLAY BUT PRETTY SURE IT HAS A SUPERCHARGER UNDER THE HOOD.

Amelia Award for Best European Coachwork.
1936 290 Cabriolet A

Amelia Award, Mercedes-Benz Gullwing

Amelia Award Sports and GT 1956-1958. 1959 300SL Roadster

BRUNCH AT THE DEL CORONADO--GREAT DEAL FOR MEMBERS--PRE MOTHERS DAY TREAT.



Join us on Sunday May 21st for brunch at the Del Coronado Sheerwater Restaurant, with a view of the Pacific Ocean. Here's the deal folks, your club is going to subsidize $10.00 per member to make the day more enjoyable and give back to you great STAR Car Drivers and owners. There will be an optional drive after dining to a secret undisclosed location. The tension and intrigue are mounting already. Pertinent information will be provided at the appropriate time to those who choose the adventure.

TIME: May 21, 201710:00AM **COST: $25.00 per person**

PLACE: Sheerwater @ the Del Coronado
Hotel Coronado, Ca
RESERVATIONS: S. Ross. 619-508-3925 or inewsx@sbcglobal.net by May 4. 2017

ERNCINITAS CRUISE NIGHT
MAY 18, 2017
ARRIVAL TIME BY 4:30PM

Thursday night May 18 is Cruise Night in Encinitas. Charlie's Foreign has reserved the parking lot at for the Mercedes Benz Club and the Pagoda groups.

Call Bob Gunthorp @619-993-0184 or badwrench@7@cox.net if attending by May 15, 2016. There is a wide selection of exotic, vintage and other Automobiles of interest at this very popular Cruise Night. Please arrive by 4:30 PM

FUN FACTS

1898: New York City Police use bicycles to chase down speeding motorist. They caught their first speeder on May 20 1899. An electric taxi driven by Mr. Jacob German was going 12 mph down Lexington Ave in Manhattan. The speed limit was 8 mph on straight-a-ways and 4 mph in the curves. Mr. German was promptly arrested and jailed in the 22nd Street Station House. He was not given a written citation or he could have won that first as well.

1904: First paper speeding ticket issued in Dayton Ohio to Harry Myers for going 12mph in a 5mph zone.

1904: U.S surpasses France in automobile production

RALLYE RALLYE
JULY 16, 2017

Mark your calendar (does anyone use a calendar anymore what with smart phones?) for July 8, 2017 for a fun filled, Exciting, breathtaking rallye on some scenic back roads of San Diego County. While motoring and looking for clues the driving teams will be given the opportunity to learn fun facts about our American Heritage. I can feel the excitement now. You may win priceless trophies and other accolades for your powers of observation and eighth grade knowledge of your American History and our heritage.

This is a mid 1900's Bugatti

MBCA Wine Tasting & Picnic Buffet

Hacienda de las Rosas Winery

Sunday, April 23 at Noon Bring Some Goodies to Share
18011 Bluegrass Road, Ramona, CA, 92065, 619-840-5557

Please RSVP to our VP/Coordinator at: victoria.mazelli@gmail.com
Phone: 858-229-3380 by April 13, 2017l.

Come join the MBCA - San Diego Section for our 3rd annual visit to Hacienda de las Rosas. Enjoy a relaxing wine tasting experience and picnic buffet in the Mission-style winery under the ancient oak trees. This family owned winery in Ramona is unique as it features fine wines and a Peruvian Paso horse ranch with vineyards … and is just a few minutes north of San Diego.

The gardens and vineyards were featured in the Ramona Garden Tour. Tammy Rimes, owner, is proud of her family's goal in creating a beautiful setting for the winery, horse ranch and hacienda style home. You're invited you to wander the garden paths through the vineyards and enjoy the comrade of our group while enjoying the picturesque valley and mountains vistas of Ramona. The vineyards reflect the seasons – green and full of grapes during the summer and colorful autumn leaves in the fall. Succulent gardens and roses are scattered across the property.

The Peruvian Paso Horse is the pride of the ranch, with some of the best bloodlines in the breed. This smoothest of riding horses is known for its natural 4-beat gait that provides a "no bounce" ride. Babies are born gaiting, so this proud stepping action is naturally inherited. In addition, their Spanish heritage gives them full manes and tails, with a majestic and proud look. These horses are show horses, and they are available for viewing when at the ranch. A horse stall has been installed in the winery building, so guests can be greeted by one of our horses when wine tasting. Our motto is "Drink Fine Wine…Ride Fine Horses," with each of the wines named after a Peruvian Paso horse. We are especially proud of our horses, as much as our wines.

Directions: **DO NOT** use Google Maps – it will take you the wrong way… see our Map.
If you would like to caravan with the fun San Diego Section of MBCA, then meet us at 11 am at Mercedes Benz of Escondido. If you're coming from the south and want to drive up separately …then take Highway 67 toward Ramona. Turn left on Highland Valley Road. Go 2 miles and turn left on Traylor Street (tree-lined street). Take next left on Greenbelt, which ends at Bluegrass Road. Turn right and then quick left on 1st long driveway. Travel up to the Mission-style winery building. There's lots of parking in the lot on the left or you can park along the right side of the long entry driveway.

Mercedes Benz Club of America
Southwest Regional Event
June 2 - 4, 2017
Hosted by the Orange County Section

Join us in Orange County, CA for a fun-filled weekend. Bring your Mercedes and enjoy the wonderful area of Orange County.

Host Hotel: Embassy Suites Hotel Santa Ana,
1325 East Dyer Road, Santa Ana, CA 92705
Amenities included are:
- Gated parking with 24-hour attendant
- In-room internet
- Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast buffet
- Complimentary managers reception Friday & Saturday

Highlights include:
- Welcome reception Friday evening Co hosted by OC Section
- Rally after Saturday breakfast
- Lunch break after Rally
- Awards Banquet at a local restaurant
- Awards for Rally
- Raffle drawing with prizes

This weekend also has free time to visit the following nearby attractions:
- Shopping at Fashion Island and South Coast Plaza
- Visit to Rogers Garden
- Crevier Classic Cars
- Sherman Library and Gardens
- Lyon Air Museum
- Newport Beach

To make your reservation with Embassy Suites
Call 714.241.3800, select 1 for reservations and tell the receptionist you want to reserve a room under the MBZ Southwest region group June 2-3 event.

We have a limited number of rooms reserved at a special rate of $117 per night (approximately $140 with tax and parking) but **you must make your reservation directly with the Embassy Suites before May 1, 2017**. Reservations made after this date are subject to room availability and prevailing room rates. When you make your room reservation, or if you plan to attend without staying at the Embassy Suites, fill out the entry form below. Sent the completed form along with a check for $97 per person or $194 per couple to cover trophies, lunch, Saturday banquet etc.
For any questions contact Lynn Hern at lynn.hern@sbcglobal.net or 714-998-1684

Orange County Regional Event June 2-4, 2017

Name(s)registering_____No._____at $97 each

Address_____

PhoneNo._____Day/night. _____

E-mail_____

Awards Dinner Entree Choice & No. Beef_____ Chicken_____ Fish_____

Make your check payable to MBCA-OC section before May 1 and mail to:
Jocelyn Salisbury, 4244 Sirius Ave, Orange CA 92868

BUTTONWILLOW DRIVING EVENT
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12,2017
8:30 AM to 4:00PM
S. Ross

Fast facts about Buttonwillow

Buttonwillow Raceway Park is a motorsports park in Kern County, California, 10 miles (16 km) north of the town of Buttonwillow and 28 miles (45 km) northwest of Bakersfield. Constructed during World War 1 by world famous racing driver Dario Resta, it is now owned and operated by the California Sports Car Club, a region of SCCA, Buttonwillow is the "flagship" track of Cal Club, and is also the location of the Club's administrative offices. (Courtesy of Wikipedia) You can visit the Buttonwillow Raceway website : buttonwillowraceway.com.

Although this event is being held at a racetrack and is referred to as performance driving this not what our primary reason for going to Buttonwillow is about. We will be given the opportunity to learn to drive our Mercedes-Benz more safely and competently by being taught by a professional driver. We will learn about speed, cornering, braking, and more importantly the capability of our Mercedes-Benz or other automobile as well as our own driving capabilities. After instruction, you may if you want take to the track solo and see how you do.

THE POINT IS DO NOT BE INTIMIDATED BY THE TERMS RACE TRACK, PERFORMANCE DRIVING ETC. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFE TIME TO LEARN ABOUT YOUR CARS PERFORMACE, SAFETY FEATURES AND HOW TO USE THEM SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY. ANYONE WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN THESE EVENTS HAS LEFT A MUCH BETTER DRIVER AND HAD A BARRELL OF FUN LEARNING ABOUT THE SAFETY FEATURES OF THEIR CAR. LADIES HAVE ALWYS DONE VERY WELL IN THESE EVENTS AND WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THERE WITH US HAVING SOME FUN!

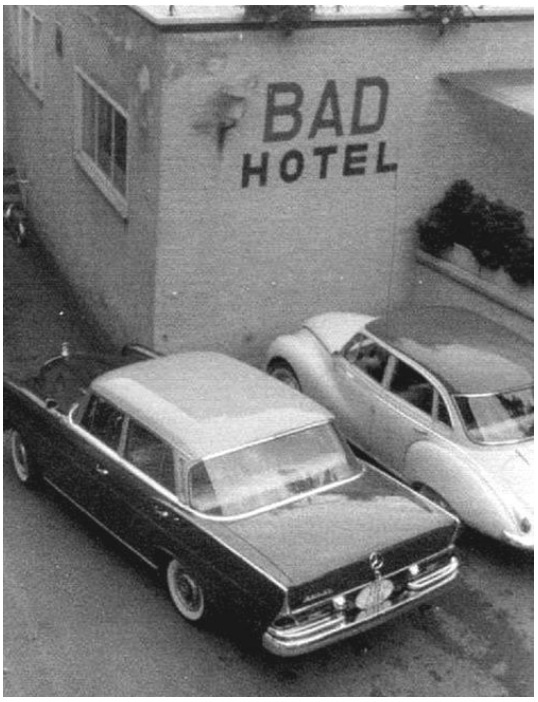
The first time I went to one of these events I was very apprehensive but after 2 laps I was hooked. OH, and I learned I was NOT nearly as good a driver as I thought I was.

Since the event is a one day event, a suggested schedule would be to arrive by Friday late afternoon, plan on staying overnight Saturday at one of the local motels, and leaving Sunday morning at your leisure. Lodging is available about 10 miles away at Motel 6. Phone 661/764-5121.

Reservations for these events can fill quickly. Please feel free to contact Rudy Hradecky by e-mail (sdrudy@earthlink.net) or by phone (619/246-2094) as early as possible so that we could reserve some slots. The cost is $195.00 for the one day, and helmets can be rented at the track for $15.00. Rag top convertibles are not allowed, but SL models with the roll bar are allowed.

GOOD "OL" DAYS

Those days of yore, we are always talking about



Mercedes 220 SE & DKW. I think I have stayed here

The first Siemens vacuum cleaner came onto the market in 1906 with the name 'Dust suction pump'; and weighed three hundred pounds. Convenient to use, NOT.

Change of Address Phone # or e-mail

If you have a change-of-address to send to the club please go to www.mbca.org, click on MEMBERSHIP, then click on ADDRESS CHANGE and fill in the form. As an alternative, you can call 1-800-637-2360 and talk to anyone at the MBCA National Business Office.

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New San Diego Section MBCA Members

- Jeff Brooks~ no vehicle listed on MBCA roster
- Ron Cressy~ no vehicle listed on MBCA roster
- Robert Guttag~ no vehicle listed on MBCA roster
- Fred Lyon~ Airstream

A hearty welcome to all our new members. We hope to meet you soon at one of our upcoming events. Please feel free to contact any of the Board Officers (listed on the front page of this Newsletter) with any questions, comments, or concerns.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with ideas, planning, and coordinating events.

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Board meeting

April 18 - 6:30pm at

MERCEDES- BENZ OF ESCONDIDO
Locate at 1101 W 9th Ave, Escondido CA 92029

Please Note: The board has occasionally cancelled meetings when there is a small amount of business that can be considered adequately by telephone or e-mail. If you are considering joining us for a board meeting, you might want to call a board member first to be sure the meeting will take place as scheduled.

Presidents' Message

Hey Everybody, we hope all of you are out enjoying the Spring weather. Please look at the events calendar in this issue. We have all kinds of events coming up including a Brunch, Rallye, Regional Event, Wine Tasting, driving event at Buttonwillow, Cruise Night, Monterey Week and maybe even an event at Del Mar Race Track in August. We would love to see you at an upcoming event. So mark your calendars!

As always, thank you for your support
Michael Cooper