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**SO, our Christmas party was scratched, and other inconveniences have plagued us, but guess what!? There will be a Holiday party (Pg7) AND TEQUILA ROSE 2021 IS ON BOYS AND GIRLS.**

**Yes, you read correctly. The Borrego Springs Resort and Spa is working on a proposal for us as we speak, and they can pull this off even if COVID is still hanging around. If you are not excited what else can we do?**

**If you want to be involved in the event contact Steve Ross and we will assign you as per your desires. As usual we will have a rallye, gymkahana and maybe a car show. Standby for breaking news**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The San Diego Section welcomes you to our Mercedes-Benz world. Please join us ASAP and see how we have fun. Have a question contact me the membership guy at 619-508-3925

**Marek Dobke      Stacey Paton      Bennett McLaughlin**

**Christopher Johnson      Nick Ricchiuti**

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## THANK YOU, OUR LOYAL MEMBERS FOR RENEWING

We sincerely thank you for renewing your membership and continued support of the San Diego Section and the MBCA

**David Haller      Michael Lawler      Edward Parrish      Weston Anson**

**Dr. Bill Creasy      Jeffery Brown      Bruce Folkmann      Charles Pace**

Your membership expiring or about to expire? Please consider renewing as we hate to see you go.

Questions? Contact Steve Ross, at [inewsx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:inewsx@sbcglobal.net)

# WHAT A YEAR

S. Ross

As the year of 2020 comes to an end it marks the one hundred-thirty-fourth anniversary of the automobile, the sixty-fifth for the invention of the polio vaccine, "The Bomb" celebrates its seventy-fifth, and Penicillin is ninety-two. Not to be outdone 2020 gave us COVID-19, the World Pandemic to end all pandemics, and our Countries fifty-ninth, ever entertaining and tumultuous Presidential election. 2021 will be hard pressed to give the world a jolt, in fact it may be lucky to handle what 2020 passed on.

Now let us take a look at what our Mercedes-Benz World was like. For the most part it was a good year for the Star Car people. Yes, some of our fun may have been curtailed a bit but we found a way to meet the challenge and have some damn fun any way! We didn't have a bunch of car shows to go to and run the chance of being disappointed after all that polishing and wiping. Many of our second favorite Ladies, you know who I mean, finally got that extra attention needed to be faithful and dependable. I am sure there is no need to tell anyone what we did for fun, you have already read about it in your Star Bulletin, and if you forgot you can always go back and read about it. As your editor, I sincerely thank all of you kind people who kept the wheels rolling, giving me something to put in your Star Bulletin. No activity equals nothing to write about, without making stuff up. There is another term for that but I forgot what it was.

The treasurer wanted to let everyone know we are in an outstanding financial condition, thanks to the tireless efforts of our Board. I spoke with the editor about his insane idea of giving away money for knowing the name of a car. Knowing the name of a car, **Please!**, even the Ladies know that. In spite of this foolishness your club is in really, really good shape.

**Let's kick 2020 out the door and show 2021 what we can do for him or her? Oh well, standby for a fun filled Mercedes-Benz Year.**

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# Heart of San Diego Drive

S. Ross



Fresh air, sunshine, lovely people and beautiful cars were the word of the day Sunday, November 15, 2020. I sincerely believe we had the COVID on the run.

We were led by this stunning 1961, 190SL driven by our president Diana Kruse with her navigator Joanne Barnard.

We joined the Packard Club for this tour led by Tim Pestotnik, Vice Regional Director of the San Diego Region of the Packard Automobile Classics. Tim drove his 1934 Packard Convertible Coupe.



Carol Ross,  
Karl Zeiger  
And Catherine  
Woolsey.

The tour began at the Speckles Park in Coronado where we were provided with donuts and fresh water to give us the energy needed for the drive. Lady facing camera is Debra Lopez.



Car Clubs participating in the tour with the Mercedes-Benz Club, were the Packard Club Classic Car Club of America and perhaps others that just showed up. It is believed there were twenty-eight cars but that is not an official count. Everyone was welcome. The cars ranged in age from a 1924 Bentley to a late model Mercedes-Benz. One Italian automobile slipped in which was a Ferrari driven by Nicola Pisano of the Packard Club. The Packard is "in work".

Tim giving the tour direction.



Steve and Carol Ross driving Rosie.



Part of the lineup to cross bridge.



A very nice W100 300 SEL.



Mercedes-Benz driven by Rick Carlson with navigator Lynn Strobel.

Directions in hand Pete and Jen Lobner heading out for the tour followed by a 1934 Packard.

Rudy Wokoek and navigator Rose Bolton.



Radu with helmet at the ready, all set to rock and roll. He is always a winner!



The lineup.



Jeff Hearn's Mercedes-Benz 2012 E63, AMG. Jeff was busy taking Photos.



The Lobner's really nice 280SL.



A very nice 300 SEL 6.3, W100, built from 1968 to 1972. It was referred to as a two ton sports sedan. Performance was impressive even by today's standards. 0-62mph in 6.6 seconds, Quarter mile in 14.2 seconds, a top speed of 136.7 mph.



Nicola's Ferrari. I know it is not a Packard nor a Mercedes-Benz or a Classic Car by CCCA standards, but we are all inclusive and Nicola is a member of the Packard Club. Besides that, it is a "bitchin ride".



The oldest car on the tour, was a 1924 Bentley. It was one of the first production cars with a three litre, engine, 4 valves per cylinder, dry-sump lubrication and an overhead camshaft. The four valve SOHC Hemi design, with a bevel-gear shaft drive for the camshaft, was based on the pre-war 1914 Mercedes Daimler M93654 racing engine. This model won the French Le Mans in 1924 and in 1927. When tuned for racing this Bentley was good for 100mph.



Driving down Orange avenue in Coronado and proceeding down the Coronado Strand to the Coronado Cays and back to Coronado to cross the bay bridge, we gave Balboa Park folks a view of our fine automobiles. From Balboa we wound our way through



Point Loma to the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery where we stopped for a bit to honor the fallen warriors and admire the beautiful scenery. Since it was lunch time the convey dropped down the point to shelter island for a picnic on the bay.



trainers?



We were treated to an airshow by the Packard Club. We will have to try really hard to top that! I have no idea the type aircraft? Maybe T-34, Navy



Tim Pestotnik, Tour Director, Rick, Richard and Jake.

Jim Woolsey discussing cars with Tom O'Hara and his furry pal Buddy.

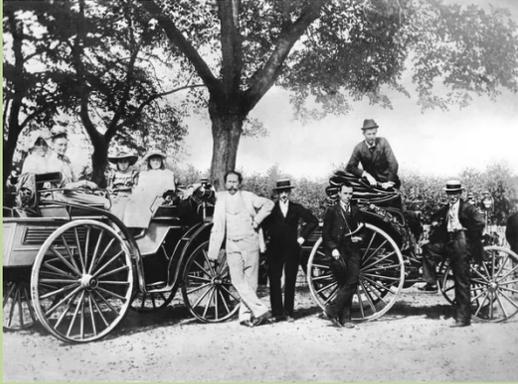
Michael Cooper our past president joined us at shelter island. Always great to see Michael.



# NEW YEAR'S DAY DRIVE

It has been rumored, without any supporting evidence, that Karl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler went for a drive on New Year's Day. We are going to honor that tradition by having a new year's day drive. We will be joining the Classic Car Club of America and the Packard club for this tour along the tree lined roads of San Diego County.

Karl Benz with family and friends



Gottlieb Daimler and his son Adolph



We are joining the **San Diego/Palm Springs Region Classic Car Club** for a driving tour to the Sublime Ale House in San Marcos. We'll start with a leisurely tour through the back roads of Escondido, Vista and San Marcos, and end with a great lunch at the Ale House. We will travel old tree lined roads our club has never driven before. So shine up your ride (or not) and let's get going. Guaranteed a scenic drive.

- Date:** Friday January 1, 2021
- Place:** Westfield North County Mall  
I-15 and Via Rancho Pkwy, Macaroni Grill lot.
- Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- Cost:** No host lunch with a great menu
- RSVP:** Catherine Woolsey at (760) 525-1931  
or [cjdwoolsey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cjdwoolsey@sbcglobal.net)



These guys are not invited, but watch out for them.

# THE FEBRUARY EVENT



## SANTA AND CUPID JOIN FORCES



OK already, so Christmas was taken away from us and if you were born anywhere near Christmas you lost your birthday as I did but, we Mercedes-Benz people are hard to put down because we don't give up.

The board has put their planning hats on and thinking outside the box, what a worn out phrase, and they have come up with a plan and a program which will work. We are having a Holiday/Valentine love fest. The MBCA prestigious award for Member- of- the Year will be presented by President Kruse.

"The Holiday party" is scheduled for Sunday, February 7, 2021 at the Lazy H Ranch in Pauma Valley. As some may recall we had a wash and shine car show there about four years ago. The food is excellent and reasonably priced.

There will be a gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift for each member of your party who wants to participate and try to keep your present at \$25.00 or less. Bring Valentines as well if you want.

### DETAILS:



**When:** Sunday, February 7, 2021

**Where:** Lazy H Ranch in Pauma Valley, 16787 CA-76, Pauma Valley, CA

**Menu:** Prime Rib; \$54.00 per person. Red Snapper; \$52.00 per person. Vegie; \$15.00 per person. Includes Dessert, coffee, tea

**Time:** 12 noon til --- you run out of gas



**CUT HERE**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MENU:** PRIME RIB # \_\_\_\_\_, FISH # \_\_\_\_\_, VEGETARIAN # \_\_\_\_\_.

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**SEND CHECK TO STEVE ROSS AT 16151 FRUITVALE RD, VALLEY CENTER, CA 92082 BY February 3, 2021**

**Make Payable to MBCA, San Diego Section**

## ONE OF A KIND



Ella Fitzgerald was one a million. In the automotive world her 1959 Mercedes-Benz 300D Cabriolet is almost as rare being one of sixty-five built. This luxurious Benz is for sale for the sum of \$465,000.00 through the California Classic Car Dealership, Scott Grundfor. The odometer shows 80,000 miles and it is ninety percent original. Seats show slight wear.

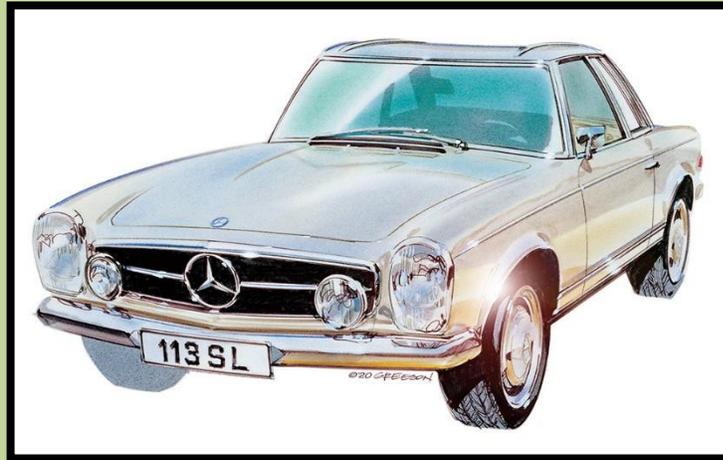


Purchase your tickets today for a chance to win your dream car.

The **MBCA 2020 Fall Raffle** is open to MBCA members. Tickets are \$50 each and there is not a limit to the number of tickets a member can purchase.

To participate in the raffle, you must be a member of the MBCA.

Go to <https://raffle.mbca.org/> to buy tickets for the raffle.



The prize for this raffle is a vintage restored R113. Not only a great automobile but a good investment, as they continue to increase in value.

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You may also contact Steve Ross at [inewsx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:inewsx@sbcglobal.net) or 619-508-3925

## WIN A CHICKEN DINNER

WE HAVE A CHICKEN DINNER WINNER. Pete Lobner was the first to correctly identify this 1936 Bugatti Type 57



Photo, S. Ross

## HERE IS YOUR MYSTERY CAR FOR NOVEMBER



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We would love to get to know you & your Mercedes-B  
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## Auto Renew is Here, Opt-in Today!

By

**Doug Geganto, National Membership Chair**

COVID 19 has totally disrupted our lives and many of the activities we've become accustomed to doing. Things like getting together with our friends, enjoying attending section events and getting out and meeting with fellow club members. However, one thing that has been severely affected is our ability to meet other Mercedes-Benz owners, tell them about the club and encourage them to join. We expect new member growth to be severely impacted this year because of our inability to host recruiting events. How can you help ensure that we stabilize our membership losses?

Have you opted into Auto-Renew yet? When it's time to renew your membership, it's now easier than ever. Simply log into your MBCA account, select the **Renew** link at the top of the page and click on the **Yes** button in the renew section. Your best deal is to renew for 3-years. That's all there is to it!

### Why Auto-Renew?

- Never worry about your membership lapsing.
- Don't miss an issue of the Star® Magazine.
- Stay informed of local section and national events via your local section's newsletter and the national Click announcements.
- Have a chance to participate on one of our annual Germany trips to visit Mercedes-Benz headquarters in Stuttgart.
- Have a chance at winning a new Mercedes-Benz by participating in our annual raffles.
- Lastly, by having your membership Auto-Renew each year, you help the club stay financially sound and help to stabilize our membership losses.

Our Auto-Renew option is new this year. Our goal for 2020 is to have 50 to 75 percent of our members sign up for Auto-Renew. Right now, we're at 5 percent with 831 members who have already signed up. We need your help to reach our goal this year by signing up for Auto-Renew today.

That's it. If you have any problems opting in or questions, contact the NBO at 1800- 637-2360, and a member representative will be happy to assist you in getting enrolled. I encourage you to sign up for Auto-Renew today.

Thank you for being a member of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America.





## An incentive to help us get new members

2020 has been a difficult year for the club. Activities have been cancelled or rescheduled throughout the year resulting in a slowdown in membership as a result we've seen our membership continue to decline. I'd like to end the year with one last push to increase the club's and each section's membership.

To help, we are introducing a new membership incentive program for the fourth quarter of 2020, the **Baker's Dozen New Member program**.

### Here's how it works:

Each new member who joins the club as a result of direct member or section recruitment activities will receive one free month of membership for each twelve months of their new membership. For multiple year memberships the free month will be tacked on to the membership on the renewal date for each subsequent year.

On the application the recruiting member of the section should write, *Bakers Dozen* near the referred by area on the membership application.

I know it's been a tough year for recruitment, hopefully this new program will generate some interest and result in new memberships. I'm including a Poster you can print or send out to all your members to encourage them to sign up new members.

Let's end 2020 with an increase in new members! This program will run until December 31, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact me directly

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## **2020 Schedule of Events** **MBCA – San Diego Section**

**Our motto “Have it your way, as long as it’s FUN!” Always remember...this is YOUR club. Events highlighted in red are not official events but you may want to attend**

**New ideas or changes please contact a Board Member!!!**  
**Note: All dates may be subject to change**

<b>EVENT DATE 2021</b>	<b>EVENT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>EVENT CHAIR/COORDINATOR</b>
January TBD	New Year’s Day Drive	Joining the CCCA and Packard Club
February 7	Party at Lazy H in Pauma Valley	Steve
March 26, 27	Tequila Rose Borrego Springs	Steve Ross and Board
April 11	Oasis Camel Dairy viewing in Ramona	Diana Kruse
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Motor cars on Main Street, Coronado</b>	
May 2	Rallye to the Stars	Steve
<b>May 30</b>	<b>Fallbrook Car Show</b>	
June TBD	Gondola Excursion	Marjo Miller

### **Pebble Beach 2020**



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**DECEMBER 2020**

## MBCA San Diego Section

President's Message – DECEMBER2020

**MBCA Board Meeting  
January 19 @ 6:30 M**

**Meetings may be on Zoom**

Note: Our regular Board meetings are scheduled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month

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 at a board meeting, please call a board member first to make sure the meeting will take place as scheduled.

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As we bid 2020 a not-so-fond farewell, I look forward to seeing everyone's beautiful cars and unmasked faces

in the NEW YEAR!

Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy Kwanzaa! Happy Winter Solstice!  
Happy Boxing Day! Happy Festivus! Happy Holidays!



[Happy Motoring!](#)

Diana Kruse, President - MBCA San Diego Section

