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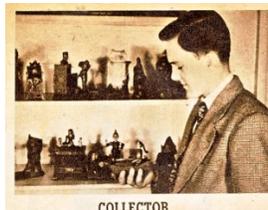
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Is your membership due for renewal?
Don't let it expire and miss out on the fun we have in the MBCA - San Diego Section

OUR HERITAGE, OUR FUTURE



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Our Heritage



Today



Our future

It is no secret that our club has a declining membership as does the MBCA. Fifteen years ago our section had close to five hundred members. OK, I know you have all heard this before, and the past is past. Let us look to the future and try to figure out what that might be. Before we go any further, I do not have a means of seeing into the future except that it is going to change. It is up to us to decide how we handle the change. The MBCA at the national Level is dedicating maximum effort and funds to gain members. I believe that we all know that the solution is here with us the folks in the section. There are 237 members of our section in San Diego County. If you love the Mercedes-Benz, like the Star Magazine, and most of all, like the people, why not tell a friend? In case you were not aware, one does not have to own a Mercedes-Benz to join our club. Maybe you can sell them one. In this newsletter, you may see the initiatives we have come up with to attract new members, AND equally important, how do we keep those members we have! Are we providing programs that are FUN? I Steve Ross am the membership chairperson of our section. I could use your help if you have a minute to spare.

ANNOUNCING A NEW MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Bring a Mercedes-Benz owner as a guest to an event and the club will pay for your guest and you will receive a beverage of your choice. Is this a good deal or what?!

MENAPAUSE, THE MUSICAL

S. Ross



The ladies in our group were invited to join the cast on the stage after the performance.

Menopause the musical production that makes some of the male species uncomfortable. I suppose there is an understandable reason.

The four ladies in the cast were fantastic, and the music was the best. Songs that most of us are very familiar with were sung, with the lyrics modified for the play. Everyone had great seats, truly enjoying the performance.

Lunch was good, not gourmet but OK. Lunch theatre is not usually known for its excellent cuisine. We all enjoyed lunch and conversation. We got to hear about some of the members recent travels and experiences. It was fun to catch up with what everyone has been doing. Of course, we also discussed our current car "stuff"; such as how our cars are running, to thoughts of a specific model or year.

Several of our members had their photo taken with a statue of Lawrence Welk



Carol and Debbie



Ann and Richard



Princesses Diana and Lawrence



From left, Debbie, Marjo, Dion, Steve, Diana, Richard and Ann



From the right, Dion and Marjo, Debbie, Carol, Alan and Eda, Ann and Richard.

The theatre was full with folding chairs set up in the back for additional seating. This was supposed to be the final performance but it was announced the show was being held over for another week. I've always seen great performances at the Welk Theatre.

WHAT'S COMING UP

****July 14 - Patio Car Races at the Lobner's
New info in this bulletin, check it out on page 5***

***August 4th - Brunch at Milton's and Day at Del Mar Race Track, page 6**

***September 14th - Bob Gunthorp's BBQ & Mercedes-Benz Collection, page 7**

***September 20th - LA Museum Tour, overnight, in planning**

*** October 11th, 12th - Idyllwild, Page 8**

*** November 17th - USS Midway Tour**

*** December 15th - Country Club of Rancho Bernardo Holiday Dinner**



*Have Fun!! Come to the 1st Annual
Mercedes Patio Car Race & Lunch
July 14, 2019 2 pm*



**On the deck – at the home of Pete & Jen Lobner
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California Turkey Wraps

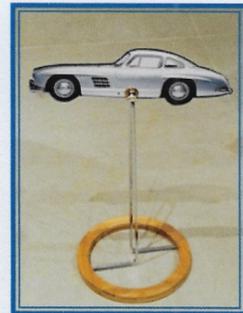
with Avocado, Tomato,
Chopped Lettuce & Cilantro Mayo

Cookies and Brownies

Bring a Beverage to Share



Racemasters Pete & Jen



6 MBZ Cars created by Pete

Race Guidelines

6 Mercedes cars will race – with a \$2 fee for each race.
The fee will be divided ½ for the purse for races 1–6
& the other ½ for the purse for the final race winner.

RSVP by July 7th

**Call Jen: 1-619-699-9032
Make \$15 check payable to MBCA
and mail to: Jen Lobner
1096 Leroy Street, San Diego 92106**

Lunch catered by MBCA members Catherine & Anthony Ockunzzi "Birds of a Feather Enterprises," a Catering & Events Company.

READY FOR THE RACES ON JULY 14.

The cars are ready to race and trophy is ready for the winner!
Don't miss out on an opportunity to be a Formula 1 Driver!



This is a trophy that will be a welcome addition to your trophy case. See you at the track!!

Sunday, August 4, 2019

Just as previous years, this will be a great event! Your buddies at the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, San Diego Section have obtained a select number of "Reserved Seats" in the Club House at the beautiful Del Mar Race Track. This is a great opportunity to meet with your Mercedes-Benz Club friends in a completely different environment. (Because there is more to life than just cars!) We're a bunch of Mercedes-Benz owners getting to know each other better, sharing stories, having a few drinks, a lot of laughs, and if you're lucky... maybe even winning a buck or two. This year will be fun as we have invited the Los Angeles and Orange County Sections to join us in the festivities. **We will be meeting for brunch at Milton's, 2660 Via De La Valle, Del Mar CA before the races to give you your passes and have a bit of fun. maria@miltonsdeli.com**

Each racetrack ticket is **\$20** and includes Clubhouse admission, reserved seating, and an official Racing Program. Seating is limited so don't miss out on a great day of horse racing with your pals! **Please RSVP by July 25th.** For more details or to reserve your tickets, please contact **Michael Cooper at (760) 599-0629** or e-mail at michaeldenise1212@gmail.com

We will meet at Miltons for lunch at 11:30 am



FEEL THE HORSEPOWER!

JUMP IN THE BENZ, STOP BY THE BANK, COME TO THE TRACK AND WIN SOME BIG BUCKS ON THE PONIES. RUMOR HAS IT THAT THE CLUB IS GOING TO FRONT MEMBERS WITH A \$2.00 (San Diego Members only) TICKET FOR A CHANCE TO WIN



**WE ARE GOING TO BOB GUNTHORP'S HOME TO SEE
HIS COLLECTION OF MERCEDES-BENZ AUTOMOBILES
AND ENJOY AN BBQ LUNCH.**

**Please join the gang at Bob
Gunthorp's home where you will
see Bob's Eclectic collection of rare
Mercedes Benz automobiles...
some are restored and some are
not.**

**Lunch will be catered by
Birds of a Feather Catering and Event Enterprises
Soft drinks are included.**

Saturday September 14, 2019.

11:00 am til 3:00 pm.

\$25.00 per person

2176 Leon, San Diego, CA

**If you think you might enjoy this outing contact
Steve Ross by September 11, 2019
619-508-3925 or inewsx@sbcglobal.net**



Fall Weekend Getaway

The Mercedes-Benz Club and the Packard Club of San Diego Idyllwild, CA, October 11-12-13, 2019



Join the **Fall Tour** and weekend stay at the Mile High Community of [Idyllwild, CA](#). Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13, 2019. Accommodations are at the **Bluebird Cottage Inn**, one mile from downtown Idyllwild. We have nearly the entire inn reserved for our two clubs, which are combining again for a fun-filled weekend. October 12 is the [22nd Annual Art & Wine Walk](#) in Idyllwild. **Because this is such a high demand weekend everywhere in Idyllwild, the deadline to reserve your room/cabin at our special rate is June 30th. Make your reservation NOW to guarantee your room!**

WHEN: Friday & Saturday **October 11-12**, departing Sunday October 13th.

WHERE: Bluebird Cottage Inn, 26620 Saddle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

HOW: Call **951-659-2696**. Ask for the Packard Club block of rooms.

ROOMS: Click [HERE](#) to view the cottages/property map. Every room/cabin on the upper part (east side of Hwy 243) is reserved plus some on the west side of the highway. Prices vary depending on size and number of bedrooms. A special rate is offered for our room block.

SATURDAY: Our banquet will be at 6:30 pm at the Gastrognome Restaurant 54381 Ridgeview Drive Idyllwild (in the main square). See the [MENU](#)

RSVP: So that we can properly plan for the weekend (hospitality, Saturday evening banquet, etc.), we would like to know that you're coming. Please email Steve Rross, or phone him at 760-740-9188.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Conference Room is reserved for us as a hospitality/welcome place. Hours: 4:30 pm both Friday and Saturday. Relax, enjoy snacks and cocktails, visit with friends, and make new ones.
- Check-in time is 2:00 pm and all parking is on-site, off the highway.

CHICKEN DINNER WINNER

WE HAVE A CHICKEN DINNER WINNER: MR. RUDY WOKOEK

THIS IS A 1936 HORSCH 856 SPECIAL ROADSTER

This is a 1936 Horch 856 Special Roadster chassis number 853268. The chassis was purchased in Hungary in 2011 by Appel Klassiker. The car's original body was lost during WWII or after, thus it was not known if the body was originally carried a factory Sports cabriolet or an independently coach built body when new. The restoration/recreation was performed by the former Horch classics. The restoration was completed in 2011 which required thousands of hours to complete. A replica body in the style of the Horch 853 Special Roadster was built. It is believed that only seven of these cars were built and only four of these original cars still exist.



This car sold for \$775,000 at the RM Sotheby's auction this year at Amelia Island. The car sold for \$544,000 in 2018 at the Bonhams, Amelia Island auction. Wonder what it will go for at the next auction.

*** Since this was a recreation credit was given if the winner was within a year and very close on the model number**



This car was parked next to me at Amelia Island a few years ago. The one on the right belongs to Russ Bees, the man who restored Buttercup. Car was made by a very famous automobile maker and few were brought to the U.S.A. It gained some notoriety due to the engines it used.

Who can identify the make and model of this stunning automobile?

Be the first on your block to win that chicken dinner

Sending Steve the make and year of this car.

****CHICKEN DINNER RULES. CONTESTANTS MAY ONLY WIN 2 CHICKEN DINNERS PER CALENDAR YEAR**

WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR WORLD

S.Ross

WELCOME ABOARD

The MBCA and the San Diego Section welcome you to our Mercedes-Benz world. Please join us as soon as possible and join in the fun. Have a question contact the membership guy, me, 619-508-3925 or inewsx@sbcglobal.net or any board member.

Lydia Buchanan

Adam Ikemoto

Cary Ikemoto

The roster does not list what Mercedes-Benz these folks have but, I am sure it is a beauty. We would love Mercedes-Benz be it new, old, vintage, well used or Concours. *Yes, we love diesels too!*

WE THANK YOU

The San Diego Section and the MBCA sincerely thank you for
Renewing your membership and for your continued support...

William Besson

Richard Casey

Ryan Clifton

John Coleman

Joseph Decristoforo

Hart Isaacs

Christen Mantovani

Marjo Miller

Beatrice Moras

Edgar Vivanco

SOMEONE HAD TO BE THE FIRST

S. Ross



The **death of Henry H. Bliss**, June 13, 1830 – September 14, 1899, was the first recorded case of a person being killed by a motor vehicle accident in America.

On September 13, 1899, Henry Hale Bliss was disembarking from a streetcar at West 74th Street and Central Park West in New York City, when an electric-powered taxicab (Automobile No. 43) struck him and crushed his head and chest. He died from his injuries the next morning. Arthur Smith, the driver of the taxicab, was arrested and charged with manslaughter but was acquitted on the grounds that he had no malice, nor was he negligent. The passenger, Dr. David Edson, was the son of former New York City mayor Franklin Edson.

A plaque was dedicated at the site on September 13, 1999, to commemorate the centenary of this event. It reads: "Here at West 74th Street and Central Park West,

Henry H. Bliss dismounted from a streetcar and was struck and knocked unconscious by an automobile on the evening of September 13, 1899. When Mr. Bliss, a New York [real estate](#) man, died the next morning from his injuries, he became the first recorded motor vehicle fatality in the Western Hemisphere This sign was erected to remember Mr. Bliss on the centennial of his untimely death and to promote safety on our streets and highways."

The ceremony was attended by his great-granddaughter, who placed roses on the place where Bliss was struck.

Henry set a deadly trend; records indicate that there were 3,613,732 motor vehicle fatalities in the United States from 1899 to 2013. That is 30,367 per year, so from 2013 to the end of 2018 there have been 151,350 more deaths. This is a staggering number, in my opinion

BUTTONWILLOW DRIVING EVENT 2019
SATURDAY, Aug. 10th, 2019
8:30 AM to 4:00PM



This is a joint opportunity being brought to members of both the Jaguar and Mercedes Clubs to participate in a one-day driving experience, either on an individual or organized membership basis. This is a one-day performance driving and learning event on how to become a better driver and to learn more about the performance handling aspects of your car.

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](#). It is located just off the Buttonwillow exit on I-5. 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 Cal Club's administrative offices. (Courtesy of Wikipedia)

You can visit the Buttonwillow Raceway website: buttonwillowraceway.com.

Although this event held at a racetrack is referred to as performance driving, this's not what one's primary reason for going to Buttonwillow is about. Attendees will be given the opportunity to learn to drive 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 automobiles 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 cost is \$195.00 for the one day, and helmets can be rented at the track for \$15.00. A \$15.00 credit at the gift shop is also included. Soft top convertibles are not permitted, although Mercedes SL's and Jaguar F-Type Cabriolets equipped with the automatic pop-up roll bars are.

Attendance is limited to 65 cars. Reservations for this event are still available, but can be expected to fill quickly as the event date approaches. **Make your reservations directly through their website: buttonwillowraceway.com. Please contact** Rudy Hradecky (PHONE: 619.246.2094 or email: sdrudy@earthlink.net) after you reserve your slot at the Raceway so that we can coordinate details

Since the event is a one-day event, a suggested schedule would be to arrive at the town of Buttonwillow by Friday late afternoon, plan on staying overnight at one of the local motels, and leaving Sunday morning at your leisure. **Lodging at a discounted club rate is available about 12 miles away at Studio 6 Buttonwillow located just off the freeway south of the track. Phone: (661) 764-5153 and tell them you are with the Jaguar/Mercedes Club Buttonwillow Raceway function.** Depending on the number of participants, a dinner party might also be arranged at the Willow Ranch Restaurant closeby on Saturday evening. All expenses involved are the responsibility of the attendee.



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2019 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.

New ideas or changes please contact a Board Member!!!

Note: All dates may be subject to change

EVENT DATE 2019	EVENT DESCRIPTION	EVENT CHAIR/COORDINATOR
Sunday, August 4	Del Mar Races with OC	Michael Cooper
Wed, Aug 14 – Sun, Aug 18	Pebble Beach	All
Friday, September 20	LA Museum Tours, overnight	Steve Ross and Michael Cooper
Fri, Sat, Sunday October 11 & 12	Idyllwild overnight	Steve Ross
Sunday, November 17	USS Midway Tour	Rudy Hradecky
Sunday, December 15	Holiday Party at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo	Anthony Ockunzzi and Victoria Mazelli



Marjo spotted this Mercedes-Benz or perhaps a Maybach parked in front of the four Seasons in St Petersburg, Russia for high tea. It evidently owned by an Oligarch (Big Shot) as it is blocking a few other cars.

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MBCA Board Meeting

July, 16 @ 6:30 PM

**Mimi's Cafe, 10788 Westview Parkway
San Diego CA (Mira Mesa)**

**Note: Our regular Board meetings are scheduled
for the 3rd 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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THE MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA?
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YOU MAY ALSO E-MAIL inewsx@sbcglobal.net

MBCA San Diego Section

<http://sandiego.mbca.org>

President's Message - July 2019



I love the 4th of July. It is one of those holidays where I feel like we all celebrate - we congregate around barbecues, we wear patriotic clothing, and we sit with our friends, neighbors, and strangers to marvel at fireworks displays. This is a time to remember and even talk about the sacrifices that have been made by our Founding Fathers and our military which enable the celebration of our Independence Day.

Let's continue to celebration the MBCA way by attending our next fabulous club event - **The 1st Annual Mercedes Patio Races on July 14th** - there will be catered food, your MBCA friends, a view, and the notable "races." - all for only \$15. Please RSVP by July 5th!

Hey - Remember our Cordiano Winery event and all the FUN we had... eating, drinking, laughing, visiting with old friends, and meeting new members. I'd really like to see a repeat uptick in attendance. I know I had a great time hearing all the great stories about your car and what it means to be a member in our club.

In the spirit of "new beginnings" - invite a friend to this next event - I did!

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Cheers, Victoria
MBCA President - San Diego Section