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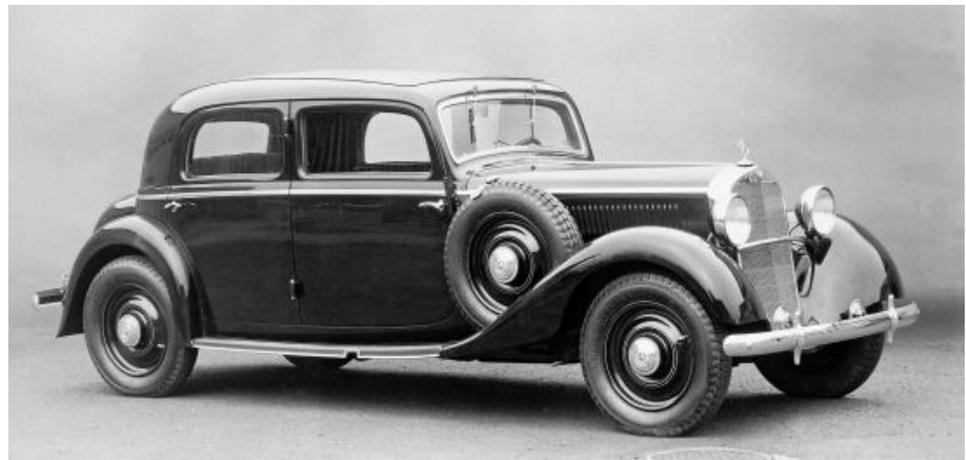
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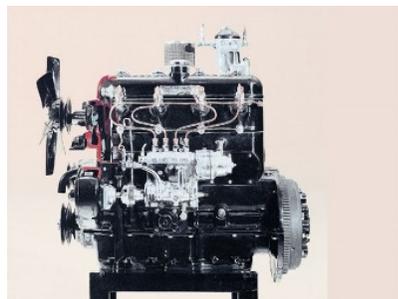
Is your membership due for renewal?
Don't let it expire and miss out
on the fun we have in the
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OUR HERITAGE, OUR FUTURE



World's first diesel automobile, the 1936 Mercedes-Benz 260D. This automobile was produced from 1936 to 1940 with approximately 2000 units delivered. There was a fifteen month waiting time to get your 260D.

Sadly Mercedes-Benz no longer offers a diesel passenger car for the U.S. market.



The four cylinder, 2545 cc diesel engine using a Bosch fuel injection system developed 45 hp giving the 260D a top speed of 59 mph. The drive train was a three-speed manual transmission. An overdrive kit was available.

The 260D gained a very dark reputation during Hitler's reign as it was the car of choice for the Gestapo. Only upside is one might hear it coming from further away.

WHAT WE HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO...

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*It costs about .30 cents to operate your turn signal for one year.

American Heritage RALLYE JULY 14, 2018



Yes, another fulfilled, exciting, educational, and thrilling rallye on the back roads and alleys of San Diego County. A perfect setting for the Formula 1 Wanna Bees and those who want to learn about our County and our American Heritage. The Packard Club has asked to join us and, of course, we said yes. We will meet-up at the Kit Carson Park located at **3333 Bear Valley Parkway** in Escondido at 10:00 am for a drivers meeting and rallye instructions. The rallye will be 45 to 50 miles in length and will terminate at a fine place to have a late lunch. Steve Ross, the kind, understanding, and benevolent gentleman will return as your Rallye Master. He was sent home from that **Happy Place** about 7 months ago. **Helmets are optional.**

PLAN TO ATTEND? Let Steve know at inewsx@sbcglobal.net or 619-508-3925.



AUGUST

WE WILL BE HEADING FOR THE LEGENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN AND THE MONTEREY WEEK EXPERIENCE

The date for Pebble Beach this year is on **August 26**. It was moved to a later date in August due to a conflict. **Save the Date!**

If you plan on going, please let a Board Member know and we can coordinate a caravan.

Our events director for the Rogers Gardens tour and lunch was unable to get the cost down to a number that the Board believed was acceptable for our members. We are open to suggestions (yes, we are) so if you have anything you would like to do, please communicate to anyone on the board. Our goal is to please our members and have fun in the process.



WIN A CHICKEN DINNER!

Identify the manufacturer, model, and year of this vehicle and win a chicken dinner. I know...too hard! OK, just tell me who made it. First person to name it is the winner of a chicken dinner.



Mercedes Benz Club Palm Springs weekend is back!

An action packed (yet relaxing) Palm Springs weekend is in the planning. Your friends in the Mercedes Benz Club will be going to Palm Springs on **Friday November 16th – 18th**. Here is a list of some of the things we are planning.

- Fun dinners
- McCormick Classic Car Auction
- Sky Tram Adventure
- Palm Springs Air Museum
- Free time to do as you wish

We are communicating this early as this is a peak time in Palm Springs and rooms book up fast! We will be staying at the Staybridge Suites in Cathedral City. Trivago.com (a hotel booking website) has rooms listed online starting at \$135.00 per night. If you're interested, BOOK NOW!

This has always been a fun and low-key event. A great opportunity to spend time with your buddies in the club as well as to make new friends.

We will have a lot more information on this event in the coming months.

We're asking you to RSVP for the event by November 1st
so we may orchestrate meals and activities.

Note: you will need to book your room soon.

For further questions about this event, contact Michael Cooper at 760-599-0629



ARTICLE FROM THE OCTOBER 1999 ISSUE OF THE STAR BULLETIN

*MBCA-San Diego Section***FEATURED MERCEDES BENZ****By Marilyn Marshall**

The featured Mercedes Benz this month is a 1968 250S.

The story of my Mercedes begins in rural Missouri around the small city of Chillicothe and the town of Utica. I had gone with my brother to visit his realtor and property manager, Ron Jones. Ron lived on a farm just outside of town and had several out buildings and machinery storage areas. It was a hot, dry dusty day having not rained for several days. As we headed toward the house my discerning eye caught a certain gleam coming from a dust covered automobile parked in storage shed next to an old Thunderbird (not a two seater) as I recall. We went over for a closer look at the car and there was a nice looking old Mercedes Benz! We brushed some dust off and checked to see if the door was unlocked and they were. I held my breath as I was not sure of what we would find when we opened the door. I opened the door and there it was, just as it should be, comfortably worn and everything intact. I loved the "no sound" sound of the door closing, leather seats well broken in, wooden trim, the massive distinctive chrome grill and the all around style and charm. The body was in fair shape, few dings and nicks, nothing missing, original hubcaps and that wonderful maroon color. My brother said "Marilyn you should buy this car". I did, oh so much, want to buy it but was it for sale, how much, and most importantly did it run. The car was for sale, it run very well, so I bought it from Ron. He gave me a very good deal and I became the proud owner of a classic 250S, maroon exterior with creamy colored interior, everything original and decent tires.

Ron bought the car in 1982 from a friend in Iowa shortly after returning to Missouri after serving in the U.S. Marine Corp as an A6 Intruder Bombardier and Navigator. Ron was the third owner and the car had been re-painted and some minor mechanical work done. It was the family car until their son (Chris) went to Collage at the University of Missouri. While at MU Chris was the basketball team manager and the old Benz became the mascot and official mode of transportation for the basket ball team. One of the team members, Anthony Peeler, is still active in the NBA. Some believed the car as a good luck charm for the team. This may be disputed by some, as the team record, while good, did not win a national championship.

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All of us have stories, Mercedes Benz moments as I call them, to share. I could go on at length about the pride of owning a Mercedes Benz, the first waxing, the first road trip through the windy hilly country roads and the delight of each new discovery and the unique history. My favorite moment happened on a sunny Sunday morning. The small town streets were nearly empty as I pulled up to a stop at the traffic light. A beautiful vintage white Cadillac convertible was waiting at the light, going in the opposite direction. The driver was dressed in an immaculate white suit and hat. We made eye contact and smiled our admiration at each other's automobile. Surprisingly, just before the light turned green, the gentleman stepped out of his car and tipped his hat and bowed! I tipped my back and we went our separate way. I was just delighted that for a brief moment a fellow car buff saw the beauty in my classic.

The 250 and I had many thrilling experiences navigating the unpaved country roads of the mid-west. There was snow, sleet, ice, rain and mud. The flood of 93 as we refer to it here in Missouri found us in deep water. The mid-west winters, salted streets, and lack of proper rust proofing in the 60ies had begun to take its toll on the body and water gushed through the floor panel. By some miracle the car made it through about 2 feet of water. A close inspection, after the fording, revealed that the rust, like a cancer, had eaten away at every body part. I put new a floor panel in but it was apparent that it was a matter of time before the battle would be lost without major restoration.

A few months after the flood experience the transmission began to not shift properly and the engine was not running very well. It was determined that the carburetors were the problem. After somewhere around 300,000 miles the 250 was dying slowly but surely. As I turned onto the road to my home one day she let out a bang and quit. A sad day. The cost to restore the car was unreasonable even with the emotional feeling factored in. We pulled the Mercedes up on a small hill under an old Elm tree where it sat for about 2 years. From a distance she still looked beautiful but as one came closer the age and wear began to show. I debated about what to do with the car. I really did not want to sell it for parts but there were not many Mercedes restorers or salvage places in Chillicothe. A man came by and offered me disrespectful price for salvage and parts. I think he wanted to dismantle and cut the car up right there on the spot.

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My home and property can be seen from Highway 36, about one half mile away. One day a young man knocked on the door and asked to see the old 250. I was shocked and surprised. He looked at the car and wanted to know if it was for sale. I said maybe, wanting to say yes, yes. He wanted to buy it to fix up and didn't seem to mind that it was in very bad shape. He bought the car for about half of what I paid for it, loaded it on his truck and away they went. The man lives in the next county so I can visit the 250 if I want. A few months ago I saw a 250S that looked just like mine zipping down the road. I drove by the mans house a few days later to see if it was my old Benz but it was still in the garage being worked on, so it was not the same car. You do not see many Mercedes Benz here and certainly very few 1968 250S class.

I enjoyed the 250 and had a lot of fun and experiences that were special and I am certain that other Mercedes Benz owners have had their special moments. After all isn't that what it is all about?



Marilyn Marshall and her 1968 250s

MERCEDES-BENZ HUMOR

- At a prestigious car show, a Cadillac owner from Texas was bragging to a Mercedes-Benz owner from Rhode Island about how great and big Texas was. The Texan said, "why my ranch is so big I can get in my pickup and drive from sun-up to sunset and still be on my land"! The Mercedes-Benz gentleman from Rhode Island replied "I used to have a Cadillac that could do that".
- A young man from the Midwest kept begging his dad to let him drive the 190SL. Dad finally gave in but made the stipulation that he better not go over 35 mph or he would never get the SL again. The next morning Dad said "well you went over 35 mph, didn't you. The boy swore that he did not go over 35 mph. Several years later the grown son asked his Dad how he knew that he had exceeded 35 mph. Dad said "well son you have to be going over 35 mph to kill a bug with a 190SL.

ACCORDING TO THE GREATER VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB, 37 MILES PER HOUR IS THE SPEED AT WHICH BUGS BEGIN STICKING TO THE WIND-SHIELD INSTEAD OF GLANCING OFF.

VEHICLE CODE IN 1977

Wonder if it has changed

Solid rubber tires are still legal and are subject to some restrictions as to tread depth. For passenger cars with tires that are 1 to 3 inches wide, there must be at least 1" of solid rubber tread.

Pneumatic tires must have 1/32" of tread (measured at two adjacent grooves). You cannot have regrooved tires on any passenger car.

Fenders are not required if the vehicle was manufactured and registered before January 1, 1971, and weighs 1500 lbs. or less.

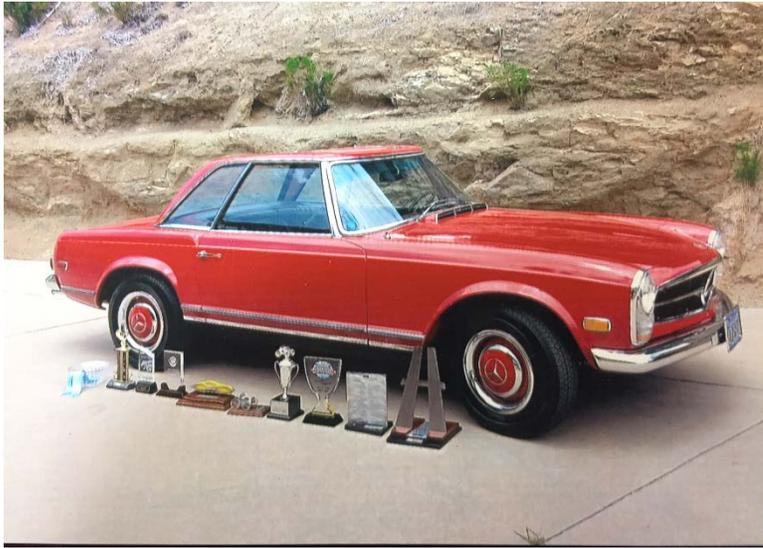
Bumpers are required if they came with your car as original equipment. Many older (pre-1925) cars treated them as "optional" and for a particular vehicle it may be impossible to prove it was not so equipped originally. Since the burden of proof is on the prosecution, (this one could be easy). This measure was designed to prevent hot rodders from removing bumpers from late model cars. It cost insurance companies a lot of money to replace front fenders and hoods.

Radiator ornaments cannot extend beyond the front face of the radiator or radiator shell of any car first sold after 1/1/39. There can be no extensions beyond 6" on the right of a car, 3" on the left of the car or 2/3 of the wheel base to the rear of the car.

If you are hauling beehives, the total outside width of the load shall not exceed 100 inches. (I doubt if you will be stopped very often for this one!)

It is unlawful to operate a vehicle if it has been modified to make any portion of it extend below the rim of a pneumatic tire. If your car is stock, you cannot be cited for this section.

Odometers: Do not alter the mileage in any way with the intent to mislead anyone (tire warranties, etc.). This includes driving around with it deliberately disconnected. There are also new provisions for reporting a damaged odometer. You must send a form to Sacramento each time you replace one.



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Business advertising is available at competitive rates. Please contact the Treasurer for latest ad rates.

If you want to place a personal ad in the "for sale" section e-Mail Steve Ross inewsx@sbcglobal.net

Please contact Steve every month to continue your AD

Welcome New MBCA Members San Diego Section

- William Hays~ No vehicle listed in rooster
- Robert Keller~ No vehicle listed in rooster
- Steven Savarda~ No vehicle listed in rooster
- Robert Soracco~ No vehicle listed in rooster

A hearty welcome to all of 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, ideas, comments or concerns.

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

If you would like to feature your Mercedes-Benz vehicle(s) in this Newsletter with an interesting story or photo, please submit in digital format via e-mail to

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We would love to get to know you & your Mercedes-Benz
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2018 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

MONTH/DATE	PLANNED EVENT	DIRECTOR
Sat, July 14	Rallye - Pic-Nic	Steve Ross, Membership, Star Bulletin Editor
Wed-Fri, August 22-24	Pebble Beach Weekend	All
Sat, September 15	Being rescheduled and booked	All
Sat, October 13	Temecula Wine - Driving Tour	Steve Ross, Membership
Fri-Sat, November 9-10	Palm Springs Overnighter	Michael Cooper, VP
Sat, December 15	Christmas - Holiday Party	Diana Kruse, Secretary, Director 1st Impressions



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Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 17, 2018 6:30 pm

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**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.



President's Message - July



**Freedom is something money can't buy... most honorable of all, are the ones who defend it.
So on this 4th of July, let's salute those who stand in service to America!**

**Now that summer is officially here we look forward to seeing you and your family at our
Rallye and Picnic – "Great American Heritage" - July 14th
Please join in the FUN!**

See the schedule of events in this month's Star Bulletin for more information.

**Cheers, Victoria President MBCA-San Diego Section
MBCA President**