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the fun we have in the MBCA - San
Diego Section

EVENTS SCHEDULE & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Due to loss of revenue your club will be changing the size and content of *Star Bulletins* that are mailed to our members by the U. S. Postal Service. You may rest assured that the mailed version of your *Star Bulletin* will contain all of the important news or announcements. Photos and extensive articles on past events will be reduced. If you currently receive the mailed version of the *Star Bulletin* but have an e-mail address please let Steve Ross the editor know and you will receive the e-mail version.
- Well, it appears that many restrictions on our lifestyle have been eased, so perhaps we will get back to our club activities soon. When that happens everyone will be notified via e-mail or phone call. Our President and your board will be working to get us back on schedule.
- Perhaps we could do a social distance driving tour. Many of the other car clubs are doing this with great success. Stay tuned for developing news.

In the meantime, stay safe, mask up, maintain the six foot distance, and do your best to have fun.

1882: GERMAN POLICE ARREST KARL BENZ FOR OPERATING A MOTOR CAR ON THE STREET.

THE COVID19 PARADE



THE END OF THE RAINBOW SEZ THIS TOO SHALL PASS

Officially called El Cerrito Cars & Coffee Social Distancing Tour



1906 2 CYLINDER BUICK THE OLDEST CAR IN PARADE LEADS THE PARADE FOLLOWED BY A 1920S PACKARD

The Horseless Carriage Club, Antique Car Club of America and volunteers from other clubs and the Talmage Community organized a tour of that area Sunday May 9, 2020. Jim Price a former member of both the Packard Club and the Mercedes-Benz Club was one of the organizers and assisted in setting up the route.



Sam Judd passed the word on this tour as soon as he learned about it and the info got out a bit late or perhaps more of the Packard folks could have attended. The turnout was excellent with 71 cars in the parade. Automobiles range from a 1906 Buick to the 2020 Fantastic Kit Car pictured on left. People were lining the street and setting in their front lawn waving and cheering. The entire drive was in residential neighborhoods and there were a few Burma shave signs put up. Channel 8 was there but I didn't see anything on the Telly. There was an article in the San Diego paper about the tour.



Jim Price and wife Joan Sieber were led the parade and were one of the key people who organized this tour along with Gordon Lillie, Darren Farnesi, Rick Carlson, Bob Arthur.



This 1906 Buick was the lead car followed by a Packard.



We followed this 1934 Morgan for most of the tour. Photo on right we are passing by the Fire Station Number 10 in San Diego



An Alpha Romeo rounding the turn, note man on right taking a photo



Nash Metropolitan is fully masked along with the Driver and passenger.



Some of the more modern and exotic cars in the parade. How many can you identify?



No mask for back seat passengers?! The thing in the shadows might be Yeti or Big Foot



Carol and Steve representing the Mercedes-Benz and the Packard Club.

On the right another Mercedes-Benz on the tour



Shawn McNew and his Pierce-Arrow



Shawn following a Model a Ford



All of the cars had to pass through a checkpoint where temperature was taken and medication was administered. Apparently none passed the temp test as we all were given medication



The physicians credentials, which I found questionable.



The medication station where the meds were delivered by a ten foot pole. The Buick must have been infected as it began to sneeze badly half way through the tour and liquid was pouring profusely from nose area.





Near the end of the tour we were greeted a group of people and non-other than Diana Kruse, President of the San Diego Mercedes-Benz Club

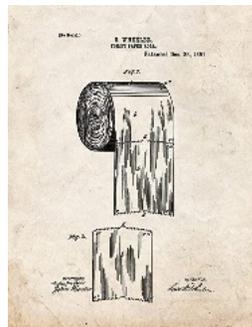


Brian Kruse joined up in his red 300SL

This was a fun tour and Perhaps there will be an article next month about a Mercedes-Benz cruise and or picnic



2013 Pebble Beach Best in Show, a 1934 Packard Twelve Dietrich Convertible Victoria owned by Judge Cassini. The only Packard of this model in existence.



Toilet paper Is A Very Recent Invention

The Chinese were the first to use paper for sanitary purposes, but the widespread use of toilet paper didn't occur until 1857. Before that, most people used things like leaves, rags, a wet cloth on a stick, or even their hands.

AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURS AUTOMOBILES AND THINGS OF INTERST

S. Ross



This 1929 Duesenberg was awarded best in show at Amelia Island this year. I took the photo on the right when the car was parked in Fernandina Beach FL. I will go to car hell for saying this, but I didn't take any more photos as I thought the car was unattractive with the white top, which looked for all the world like a modern fiberglass add on.



I saw this Lincoln Continental parked in Fernandina Beach and thought OMG Marjo Miller is here! Carol said she didn't think so but--ya never know. I sent a text to Marjo and she was home. We discussed hubcaps but I lost my nerve.



Sunbeam Alpine, a 1953 I believe. I have always loved the design of this car and even tried to buy one a few years back. First time I saw the car was in the movie *"To Catch a Thief"* with Grace Kelly and some guy.



1940 Darrin, a no sale with range \$500 to \$700K range



1912 Pierce-Arrow Model 66-QQ-five Passenger Touring Sedan. No sale at \$300-\$375K range



The 1904 Acme automobile made in Reading, PA offered a Perpetual Guarantee. Acme closed down in 1911.



1911 Acme. Not sure where one goes these days to get warranty work done on their Acme.



The 1910 Mercedes 22-40 hp Phaeton. No information found on a warranty



The 1970 AMC Gremlin was reportedly designed on the back of a Northwest Airlines airsickness bag and was released on April Fool's Day in 1970.



The gremlin has been voted one of the ten ugliest cars by nearly every automotive magazine. In spite that honor it was a sales success. It's stablemate the pacer also made the list. One of these babies with a V-8 engine sold for \$72,000.00 not long ago. Fewer than 25 of this model were built



In my opinion the Ford Pinto attempted to emulate the Gremlin and was successful as it also made the ugliest car list and went beyond by having the distinction of being listed in the American Museum of Tort law.

5000 B.C.E.: Sumerians invent the wheel



A Postcard Primer

By Paul Zieke ♦ Illustration by Steve Thomas

When I was a kid, getting a postcard in the mail was a big deal. Each time my family got one from my Aunt Ruth in Iowa, we would gather on the front porch steps to read her latest missive, each taking a shot at deciphering her terrible handwriting. The postcards became our way of vicariously joining in her travel exploits. Nowadays, hardly anyone sends postcards. Yet a good postcard is so much better than a Facebook or Instagram post. It's a physical reminder that a loved one is thinking of us even in the midst of a far-off adventure. If you want to follow in this vacation-dispatch tradition but are stuck for ideas beyond just "wish you were here," here are five tips for writing postcards, courtesy of my Aunt Ruth.

As some may recall during the 2018 Tequila Rose we were given the opportunity to visit the World Famous Banana Museum in Mecca CA. This is a page from the AAA Westways Magazine along with London, England and Bologna, Italy, is the International Banana Museum. If you should make to the Banana Museum the Banana Milkshakes are to die for.



WIN A CHICKEN DINNER

WE HAVE NO CHICKEN DINNER WINNER MAY

This is a 1953 Fiat-Abarth 1100, one of three built and all three still exist. This Fiat won first in post war Touring Class and runner up for best in show at the 2015 Pebble Beach Concours.



THE CHICKEN DINNER CAR FOR JUNE



Be the first on your block to win that chicken dinner by sending Steve the make and year of this automobile

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

*Even if you have won your allotted limit, please guess anyway...
and if you're correct, the editor will buy you a big orange drink at our next even*

1969 and 1970 Mercedes-Benz MSRP Lists



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1969 Registration Year Vehicles

(Prices do not include Inland Transportation, State and Local Taxes, if any – and are subject to change without notice)

| MODEL | EAST and GULF COASTS | WEST COAST |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 220 SEDAN | \$ 4,450 | \$ 4,538 |
| 220D SEDAN (Diesel) | 4,580 | 4,668 |
| 230 SEDAN | 4,650 | 4,739 |
| 250 SEDAN | 5,085 | 5,176 |
| 280S SEDAN | 5,990 | 6,106 |
| 280SE SEDAN | 6,310 | 6,426 |
| 280SEL SEDAN | 6,722 | 6,846 |
| 280SL ROADSTER | 6,638 | 6,721 |
| 280SL COUPE | 6,800 | 6,886 |
| 280SL COUPE/ROADSTER | 7,050 | 7,136 |
| 280SE COUPE | 9,424 | 9,515 |
| 280SE CONVERTIBLE | 10,217 | 10,306 |
| 300SEL 2.8 SEDAN-Automatic | 9,525 | 9,615 |
| 300SEL 6.3 SEDAN-Automatic | 14,065 | 14,105 |
| 600 5-6 PASSENGER SEDAN .. | 23,007 | 23,186 |
| 600 7 PASSENGER SEDAN | 26,290 | 26,499 |

September 10, 1968

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 220 SEDAN | \$ 4,680 | \$ 4,784 |
| 220 D SEDAN (DIESEL)..... | 4,782 | 4,887 |
| 250 SEDAN | 5,208 | 5,313 |
| 250 C SEDAN | 6,260 | 6,367 |
| 280S SEDAN | 6,273 | 6,408 |
| 280SE SEDAN | 6,561 | 6,695 |
| 280SEL SEDAN | 6,992 | 7,133 |
| 280SL ROADSTER | 6,952 | 7,056 |
| 280SL COUPE | 7,118 | 7,222 |
| 280SL COUPE/ROADSTER | 7,374 | 7,478 |
| 280SE COUPE | 11,112 | 11,220 |
| 280SE CONVERTIBLE | 11,924 | 12,044 |
| 300SEL 2.8 SEDAN-Automatic | 10,823 | 10,934 |
| 300SEL 6.3 SEDAN-Automatic | 14,530 | 14,570 |
| 600 5-6 PASSENGER SEDAN .. | 23,580 | 23,759 |
| 600 7 PASSENGER SEDAN | 26,953 | 27,152 |

October 1969

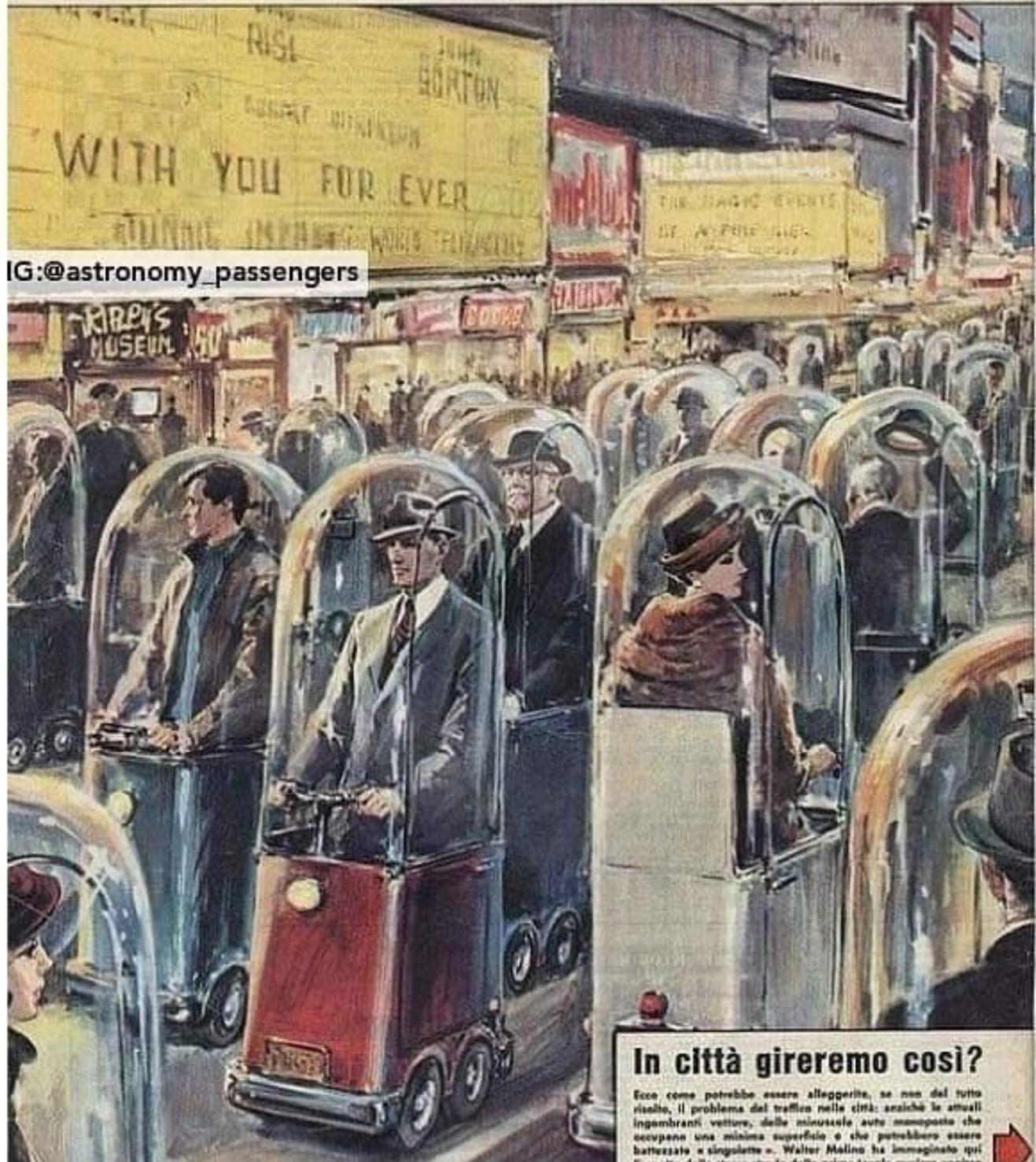
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In 1962, an Italian magazine published a story about what the world could look like in 2022.

**La tragedia del
Nova Scotia**
Terroristica testimonianza alle pagg. 12-13

DOMENICA DEL CORRIERE

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Articolo di Dino Buzzati a pagina 5





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Paolo Pedrazzani

THANK YOU LOYAL MEMBERS FOR RENEWING

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

Joseph Sofia

Randall Zacuto

Wes Gibbs

Arnold Torma

Levi Curry

Robert Harvey

Ryan Clifton

Roderick Freeman



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

**Questions? Contact Steve Ross,
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Change of Address, Phone # or e-mail

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Personal classified ads (sale or wanted) are FREE exclusively for MBCA members. NO commercial or business sales allowed in the classified ad section.

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Please contact Steve every month to continue your AD

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-B. Come to an event and ask us how to obtain a FREE name badge. Maybe even a free beverage.



Can't wait to have a really "Cool" MBCA name badge? Here's how to order one: Go to the MBCA website www.mbca.org,

log on, click on Store, click on MBCA Event Equipment Store and scroll down and click on the Name Badge. You are now in the order form.

Second method: Log onto MBCA website and enter Name Badge in the search box at upper right hand corner of screen, click on the Magnifying Glass icon and this will take you to the order form OR you may call 800-637-2360, ask for Anna McBride. She will take your order. All payments are made via credit card.

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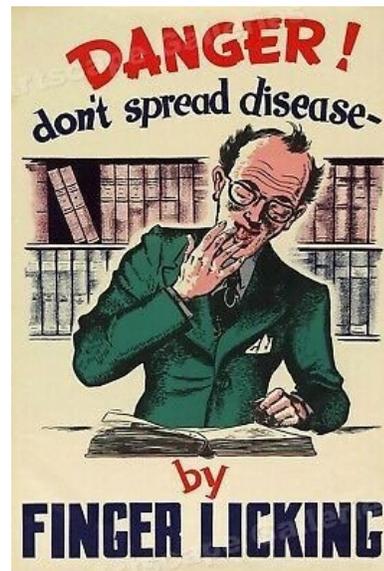
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Auto Renew is Here, Opt-in Today!

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.



Doug Geganto

MBCA

National Membership Chairman

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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.

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

| EVENT DATE 2020 | EVENT DESCRIPTION | EVENT CHAIR/COORDINATOR |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| June TBD | | |
| July TBD | Lawrence Welk | Carol |
| August 8 | Patio Races | Pete and Jen Lobner |
| September 12 | Bob Gunthorp BBQ | Birds of a Feather Catering |
| October 10/9-10/11 | Idyllwild Art Festival | Steve, with Packard Club |
| November 7 | TBD | Steve |
| December 13 | Holiday/Christmas Party | The Board @ RB Country Club |



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JUNE 2020

**MBCA Board Meeting
June 16 @ 6:30 PM
Meetings will using Zoom**

Note: Our regular Board meetings are scheduled on 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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MBCA San Diego Section

President's Message – June 2020

<http://sandiego.mbca.org>

Diana



Here we are still living in the Twilight Zone and I am ready for this episode to end. The board has not gotten together for a meeting since February and it is time we meet to get some events planned. June's meeting will be held via Zoom since we do not know when we will be able to gather in groups. I don't have the meeting details yet and when I do, we will send an email out with the details and as usual all members are invited. The meeting will still be held on the third Tuesday of the month so mark your calendar for June 16th at 6:30 pm. I want to give a special "thank you" to Steve Ross for all of his work on the newsletter. There hasn't be a lot (okay any) club news and he has kept it going with fun and informative articles. Stay well and I hope to "see" your friendly faces on the Zoom meeting.

Diana Kruse, President - MBCA San Diego Section

