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2014 EVENT SCHEDULE

16 September SD Section Board Meeting @ TBD (Pg. 20)

20, 21 September Coronado Speed Festival (Pg. 6)

11 October Lawrence Welk Theater for Dinner and Show (Pg. 4)
(Oklahoma, where the wind comes sweeping down the plain)

18 October Club Dinner at Firenze' (Pg. 5)

15 October National MBCA Election Ballots Due

15 October San Diego Section Board Election Ballots Due

November (Date TBD) Lips & J.A Cooley Museum

14 December San Diego Section Holiday/Christmas Party



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WELCOME !! New San Diego Section MBCA Members

- Durk Van Veen ~ no vehicle listed on MBCA roster
- Donald Haynes ~ 2014 Airstream Interstate
- Timothy Yates ~ 2014 Airstream Interstate

A hearty welcome to all our new members. We hope to meet you real 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.

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Upcoming Events



Please join the group for an evening matinee at the Lawrence Welk Theatre in Escondido ca. We will be seeing the Classic Rodgers and Hammerstein production of Oklahoma. We will have a buffet dinner prior to going to the theatre.

Here are the details: Date October 11, 2014

Place: Lawrence Welk Resort, Escondido CA

Time: Dinner begins at 5:30 PM

Showtime: 8:10 PM

Cost: 67.50 per person. This include dinner and the play.

RSVP by September 29, 2014 to Steve Ross, 16151 Fruitvale Road, Valley Center, Ca 92082. Make your check out to MBCA San Diego Section. Any Questions? Contact Steve Ross at inewsx@sbcglobal.net or 6219-508-3925



Upcoming Events



Finally, A restaurant we can call our own! Please come and join us for an evening of great food, good friends, a few laughs and a few drinks. Come hang out with your ol' pals from the Mercedes Club. Once again we will be going to:

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FLEET WEEK SAN DIEGO
2014 CORONADO SPEED FESTIVAL
by Steve Ross

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Where: North Island Naval Air station

When: September 20 and 21, 2014

Time: 0800 to dusk. Racing all day both days.

Admission: \$25.00 for one day or \$35.00 for weekend if purchased in advance
\$35.00 and \$ 45.00 for same tickets if purchased at the gate.

There is also a car show which has some very nice automobiles to admire. You may enter you Packard if so desired.

Racing series will consist of nine races held on eight high-profile race weekends and is the entry level of production car-based competition in SCCA Pro Racing. This is one of the few opportunities to see professional drivers driving race cars of all types in a race up close and personal. You can go into the pits talk to the pit crew and the drivers. Many of the cars and drivers were at the Laguna Seca track in August during the Pebble Beach Week. Go to this website for all the details, www.coronadospeedfest.com.

I am asking for Corral Passes which gets you into the track parking area. Please let me know if you want a pass. If we can get enough Mercedes-Benz we will have our own corral! Three or more should do it.



Contact Steve Ross ASAP for a Corral Pass. inewsx@sbcglobal.net, 619-5089-392

Upcoming Events

A Special Announcement Christmas/Holiday Party - December 14, 2014



The Christmas/Holiday party this year will be held at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo, the same place we went to last year. The reviews we received were very positive so we decided to return. Plans are in the works to make this year's party much more exciting, so mark your calendar and we will see you at the club.

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30 Years Ago This Month



PROGRESSIVE DINNER RALLYE/
DIRECTORS' DIP
September 16, 1984

PROGRESSIVE DINNER RALLYE/DIRECTORS' DIP

Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue.

- The old: Jane Dancer's 300 four-door convertible.
- The new: Some sportscar country that many of you had never seen before.
- The borrowed: Frederick H. Rohr Park . . . a nice setting for the salad course (much better than the hinted at "construction site").
- The blue: Blue skies, and plenty of them.

The Hauser household was well prepared for the influx of rallye enthusiasts who showed up for coffee. Once the several gallons (according to Larry) of brew had been consumed, the basic plot was explained: A leisurely cruise thru the countryside, broken up by frequent stops for the courses of the meal. In addition to the progressive courses, the rallye stages were also progressive. Each host was asked to plot the trek to the next host's house. Of course, none of the board members conspired to set up the trip . . . so, each stage was different from all the others. Just about the time the drivers and navigators thought they had the rallyemaster out-guessed, the rallyemaster changed!

With these "simple ground rules" set, our dozen cars made their exit from the Hausers in hope of finding the Atkinsons. Leroy and Doris were waiting for the teams with cool, refreshing juices. By this time, the sun was high in the sky, and the temperature was headed in the same direction. Moving right along, the cars continued southward to the Ogdens soup kitchen. Being prepared for any turn of events, Lee and Gracia had decided on a nice french onion soup, with an alternative cold avocado soup. Both were excellent, but the avocado proved more popular. Stage three of the journey was aimed at finding the salad. However, there was a certain lack of attention to the details of salad due to the spectacular route around the side of Mt. Helix and into the Bonita valley. About ten miles of custom built dream houses and ever-changing scenery.

Continued



What ho! No home to stop at this time? The last instruction says turn into a park. The Browns are in the midst of a slight remodeling, and elected to hold the salad course of the dinner under a very large and shady pepper tree. As midday had already past, and the sun was verrrry warm, the first order of business was to attack the five gallon jug of ice water. (Yes, the two dozen of you did finish it off.) The salad course was also accompanied by first quarter results of the Charger game. A few of the football faithfuls gathered around the TV, while the rest of the teams enjoyed the park scenery (and miniature steam railroad, right Phil?). Once back on track, the teams set out on the fourth and final stage: Last stop: the Gunthorps. Awaiting us was the promise of the barbecue, the lanai bar and the SWIMMING POOL. While the rallye teams were unwinding (and the last stop folks joined them), the first three rallyemasters were wondering where the fourth one was. Lost? Not hardly. Just a little slow. He scored the third stage rallye, while watching the ballgame at the park! Once all the rallyemasters got their scores together, our winners emerged:

- First Place: Andy & JoAnn Hohmeyer
- Second Place: Jurgen & Stephanie Schunemann
- Third Place: Floyd Burgess, Jim Reilly & Jim, Jr.

Other honors bestowed during the steak fry were HAPPY BIRTH-DAYS to Dottie vonMaucher and Larry Hauser.



25 Years Ago This Month

San Diego MBCA Section members since:

- ◆ Gary Jarvis joined the Section in September 30, 1970
- ◆ Robert Gunthorp September 30, 1974
- ◆ David Willoughby October 20, 1983
- ◆ Joanne Bernard September 19, 2000

By your Club Historian Bob Gunthorp

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where else can I get such choice words, if not to steal them from the "Big Boys" running the whole show. As an outgoing National President so graciously put it in his final President's Message in the Nov/Dec 1984 issue of The STAR, "Your need of me, if you but knew, is nothing to my need of you". Thank you sir, this is exactly how I feel too.

My past two years in office have been a real challenge, an almost everyday challenge in a way. I can't really recall a day going by that I didn't have the opportunity to talk to a club member, from our Section or another Section, about club related activities or news of some sort. Throughout the last two years, I have received letters of thanks, praise and encouragement and only one of concern for the future of the club. I thank you all for these letters because this is where I was able to gather constructive information for future events. I would like to give special recognition and sincere thanks to the board members who gave so freely of their time and who gave me their support, ideas and friendship. Also, to the hard working members of our San Diego Section who made it possible for the many successful events we have enjoyed these past two years. I don't know where I would have been without you all.

With my term of office coming to a close, I personally feel a real sense of accomplishment and I hope the members who planned and shared these successful events throughout the past two years feel it too. Of course a very special thanks to Bud Hartwell, who always thought my worst ideas were just great (now that's true love).

Thank you all,
CHRISTINE

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OKTOBERFEST

and

Installation of Officers

Date: October 28, 1989

Time: 6:00 pm - Beer, Wine & Cocktails
7:00 pm - Dinner

Place: Ticked Trout Restaurant at The Ramada Inn in Mission Valley Windsor Room (Upstairs)

Menu: Traditionally German

I hope that you have noticed the **CHANGE OF DATE** for this event. To accommodate the new date of Orange County's Annual Star-Trek weekend we have changed our Oktoberfest and Installation of Officers to October 28. We have many San Diego Section members who attend Orange County's weekend in Palm Springs and this will give us all a chance to attend both events.

Join us in the festivities and in welcoming our new Officers and Board of Directors as they are installed at this annual October Festival.

Please bring your oldest and prettiest beer stein with you as there will be judging and prizes awarded.

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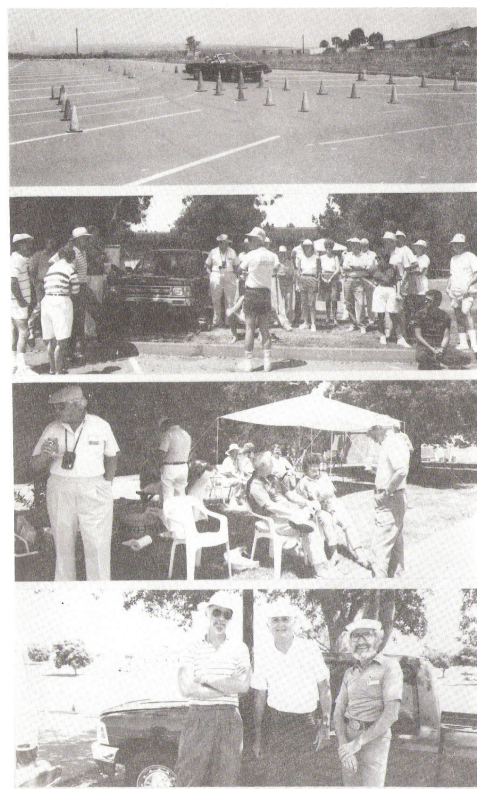
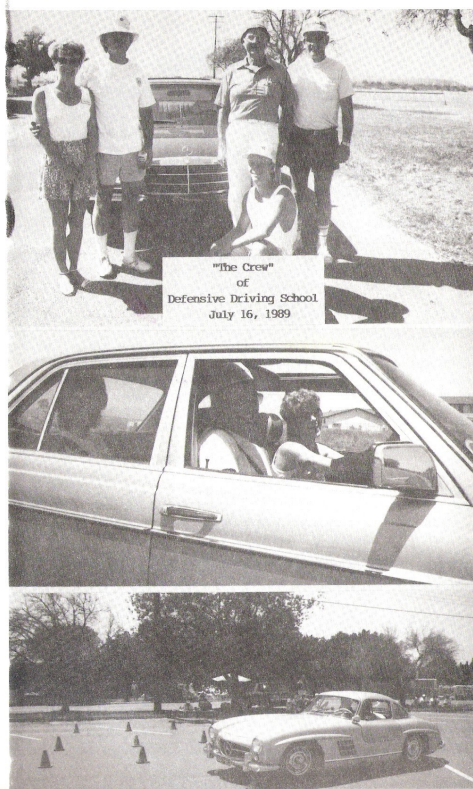
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MY TRIP TO MONTEREY AND THE MERCEDES LEGENDS SHOW AUGUST 2014.

By Bob Gunthorp

This year I decided to drive the latest addition to my collection (1965 300SE Long) to the Legends of The Autobahn Show. Unfortunately, right from the start my plan didn't go well. One thing was that I had a premonition that I would be involved in an accident in the car.

I was late on getting the car ready to go and it still needed alignment. Well, at the alignment shop their employee checked the alignment and parked the car. While he was handing me the keys a man started up a Tahoe as both of us were yelling at him as he proceeded back into the front of my car. I was able to get most of the damage repaired before leaving on the trip. The Tahoe driver did have insurance but his employer tried to keep me from turning in a claim. So I just called my friends at Hagerty Insurance and they took care of the claim for me. It looks like my premonition did come true.

Four of us met at the Rest stop near Camp Pendleton Tuesday morning to caravan to Monterey. Gary Jarvis in his 2003 SL500, Steve Ross in a 560SL, Brian Kruse in a 190SL with me in my 1965 300SE Long. The trip went well until we hit LA traffic and I discovered an overheating problem with my car in traffic. I had to abandon the caravan in downtown LA and let the engine temperature cool down. Once I got through the LA the trip went OK.

In Monterey we were joined by the other MBCA members from San Diego Jonathan & Janet White in their 1985 500SEL AMG, Carole Osselaer and Steve Seiver with a 1973 450SL along with Michael Copper in a 1957 300SL Roadster. Carole Ross and Diana Kruse flew to Monterey after we arrived to join us. Michael and Gary did not enter their vehicles in the Concourse judging. Along with mine, here was another 1964 300SE Long in my class that had also just been restored. With only 1,546 of the 300SE Long vehicles produced so it was amazing to have two at the Legends show with both of them just having completed a restoration. In the judging both vehicles tied in points for first place. When there is a point tie the judges use the clock's operation for the tiebreaker. Unfortunately, my clock worked too well and had gained about ten minutes and the other cars clock was right on time so my car received the second place trophy. A point of interest last year at Legends my Coupe receive the first place trophy because its clock worked and the second place cars clock did not.

Sunday the White's and I went to the Monterey aquarium. I had never been to it before. We ended up spending 6 hours there. It is truly a world-class aquarium and well worth spending a day there.

Gary and I caravanned back together and other than the car over heating again on the "Grapevine" and in LA the trip back was just fine.

Recent Events

August Event A Day At The Races

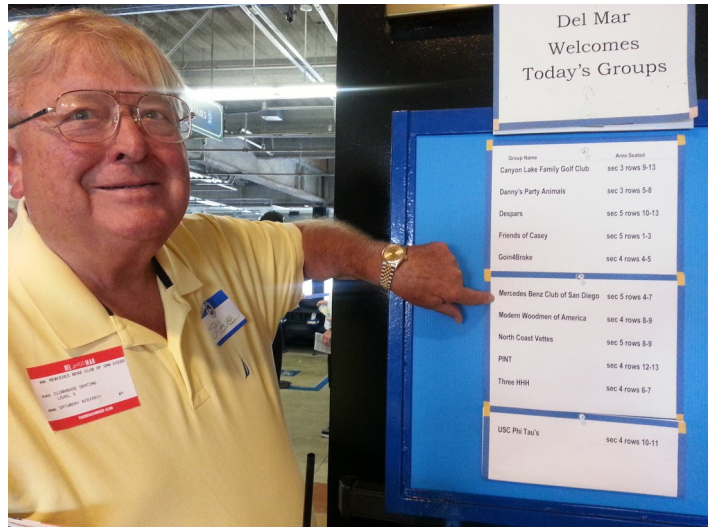
It was another fun event at the Del Mar Race Track. A gathering of 40 members from the San Diego and Orange County Sections met at Milton's Deli for a bite to eat, some raffle drawings and a few laughs. We then went over to the Del Mar Race Track for an afternoon of fun, comradery, a few drinks and little betting on the horses. Hoehn Mercedes in Carlsbad sponsored some great raffle prizes.

A special thank you goes out to the Orange County Section members that joined us for this event.



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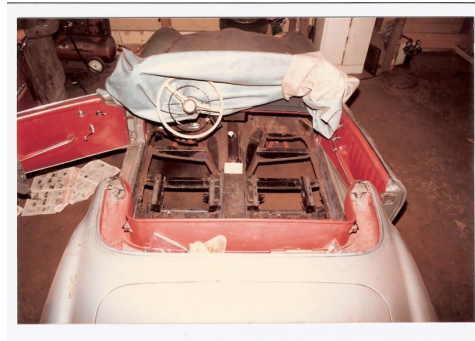
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North Coast Vettes	sec 5 rows 8-9
PINT	sec 4 rows 12, 13
Three HHH	sec 4 rows 6-7
USC Phi Tau's	sec 4 rows 10-11



Member's Story

Ludwig's Story by Dave Coomber

"Ludwig" is my 1958 190SL that I found in 1977 after spending the previous learning year searching, reading, and visiting auto dealers and attending auctions around the US as I travelled extensively for my work as an electrical engineer. Interestingly enough, after looking at cars around the US I finally found Ludwig only 10 miles from my home. Ludwig's history is interesting. He was originally delivered in Berlin to US Army Major Herman Bernstein (just 5 years before that time I had lived in Germany as a child). Then in 1959 Ludwig was shipped back to Washington DC, used for a few years and then sold to Catholic University graduate student Nelson Buck Robinson in 1966. This was only 5 miles from where I lived while going to high school at that time. The graduate student then moved to Harvard with Ludwig, near where I had moved to attend college just down Mass Avenue at MIT. He soon afterwards decided his 6'3" frame wasn't compatible with the 190SL and sold the car in less than 3 months to chef/owner Robert Pritsker of French restaurant Dodin-Bouffant in Boston. The chef used the car throughout the next 5 years, including trips in the snow and ice (and salt) in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, finally putting the car up on blocks in his dirt-floor garage in Brookline, MA. I bought it five years after that on March 10, 1977. What sealed the deal for me were the options fitted to the car: Becker Mexico radio, transverse jump seat and, best of all, a 3 piece original luggage set in the trunk.



I towed the very rusty, non-running Ludwig back to my one-car garage where I then dismantled the engine compartment and brought the car back to life by rebuilding and replacing parts myself. I found myself reading George Frebert's MB then Silver Star Restoration newsletters, taking auto body shop classes at a local vocational school in the evenings and buying many parts from sources around the world. Before the Internet and eBay this involved a lot of mail and phone calls. I drove the car to MB events in the Boston area. Then in 1985 I made a job change, moving to the Washington, DC area. I had begun a discussion with Rich Splaine at Precious Metal in Michigan and he came to drive the car back to MI from MA to deal with underbody rust issues that I couldn't handle. Rich also replaced part of the leather interior and the top, delivering the repainted car (original DB190 Graphite Gray) back to me in my new home in Northern Virginia. I then continued to detail the car, replaced the windshield and generally fixed all the items that popped up as I took the car to a few East coast events as my schedule allowed. In 1987 I took Ludwig to the Third National 190 SL Club meet at the Valley Forge Hilton for judging where my score of 398 points out of 500 showed me what areas needed further attention. Following that I attended several more meets where I learned to judge and appreciate the finer details of the 190SL. I had another job change and moved in 1997 from VA to San Diego, so I took advantage of the change to send the car back to Precious Metal again to address developing rust issues with the body panels. This work included cosmetic and drive train work. I've now been retired for about three years and have spent a great deal of time addressing many items – rebuilding the brake system, replacing shifter bushings, fabricating correct ground straps, adding proper clamps, restoring my tool kit (I actually found a company that applies black oxide just a few miles away), locating 14" wheels and getting them ready for new whitewalls, rejuvenating the leather interior, adding correct details like the original kick panels, under dash panels and padding, floor mats, etc. Just locating parts and specialty trades has been challenging but fun. I had a lot of drive train deterioration fixed because of the little use I had over the prior 15 years - now Ludwig idles great, runs strong and is a pleasure to drive. Total outsourced work over the last 35 years amounted to just over a thousand hours and I probably have twice that in my own time over the years.

All the records are collated in two large notebooks and include ownership titles going back to 1959 and service records back to 1966. Ludwig has now been getting the exercise he needs to stay healthy – topping out at about 2K miles in 2012 when my grandson, Naief, and I enjoyed the touring before and after the 190SI Club's National Convention near Sacramento. I was awarded First Prize in the concours event at that time and we enjoyed sights around Lake Tahoe, Yosemite Park and the gold country.





Havasupai Weekend, September 13-14, 2014

Havasupai is the premier Desert Stars event of the year often gaining recognition across the Southwest Region of MBCA. And this year the event is “have-it-your-way” Havasupai. We have a series of events, and you can choose which of them you will attend. This in-town weekend takes advantage of the attractions right here in our own backyards, and hopefully piques your interest and involvement. Pricing is a-la-carte, with events priced individually.

On Saturday, September 13, we start with a “competitive driving” event at the Octane indoor go-cart track. You can get the need to speed out of your system, without burning up your tires or your engine! There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cars in the event, and we will have a “spectator” area with snacks for the folks who choose not to drive. We will meet at Octane Raceway at 1 PM, 9119 E. Indian Bend Rd, Scottsdale, and drivers must be licensed and at least 4’6” tall and race with closed shoes; pants are recommended (rather than skirts or shorts). Price for driving is \$27 per person, price for spectator area snacks and NO driving is \$7 per person.

Dinner Saturday evening will be at the nearby Orange Sky dining room at the Talking Stick Resort. The food is excellent and the view is one of the best in the valley. A great place for before dinner, dinner and after dinner bragging (or fabricating) about the great race of the day. This dinner will start at 6 PM, is self-pay, so no pay in advance required. Orange Sky is at the top of the Talking Stick Casino and Resort at 9800 E Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale

On Sunday, September 14, we will re-convene for a great day of fun driving through the streets of our beautiful city and ending in an afternoon Hawaiian-style “luau” for participants. Get ready to Rallye like you’ve never Rallyed before. Contrary to most Rallye’s, we suggest you bring GPS, a smart phone or a tablet with mobile internet (if you have one). Electronics are acceptable! Not to worry - miles and time are still a component of the Rallye. Your Rallye Master has a way to level the playing field for all rallye participants. If you are a first time rallye person or a seasoned veteran, you will want to attend! So be sure to bring out all your toys in hopes of winning.

And the Luau, well this part of the event is being overseen by a Hawaiian resident of many years. Now that promises to be authentic!! Make sure you eat a hearty breakfast as we will meet up for the rallye 11 AM (place TBD) and we will give you some snacks to take along to carry you over until the Luau starts. (Of course you can stop along the route for lunch if you prefer) The Luau will commence around 4 PM (ample time for all to finish the Rallye) at 6502 E. Evans Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85254. Pricing for the Rallye and Luau is \$20 per person.

Again, you can participate in the Octane indoor go-cart, and/or Orange Sky dinner and/or Rallye and Luau. Your way works!! Just be sure to fill out the reservation form and do the math properly and forward the correct amount for any of the pre-paid events.

For more information please feel free to call John or Roberta at 480-272-8851 or jgphin@cox.net .

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MBCA News

ONLY 10 SPACES ARE LEFT!!!

MBCA'S CHICAGO TO KEY WEST 2015 ROAD TRIP

Please join us. Reserve your space by September 30.

On behalf of Renee Welsch of the Chicagoland Section, you and your significant other are invited to join the Chicagoland Section's **Chicago to Key West 2015 Road Trip Adventure!**

From **August 16-26, 2015** (next summer) an enthusiastic group of 50 vehicles/100 guests (MBCA members/guests) will travel from Chicago to Key West. We'll take **private museum tours**, stay at **magnificent hotels**, enjoy unique **nightly dinner parties** (think lots of margaritas!), sail the emerald green waters of Key West on a **private catamaran** and **SO MUCH MORE!**

Meet MBCA's new national president, **Terry Kiwala**, who will also be joining our 'Adventure!'

Cost for the entire package is **\$4305** for couples and **\$3092** for singles.

A \$400 per person deposit is required by September 30, 2014. Reservations are filling fast! Please call "Margarita-meister" Renee Welsch @ 847.344.1153 or visit the Chicagoland Section website to securely complete your reservation.

Don't spend next summer doing the same old thing! Come out and have fun with old and new friends from MBCA! Check out the Chicago to Key West 2015 Road Trip itinerary below...

CHICAGO TO KEY WEST 2015

Road Trip Itinerary

August 16	Chicago, IL	Hyatt Regency Welcome Dinner Party
August 17	Auburn, IN	Duesenberg Museum Tour & Dinner Party
August 18	Louisville, KY	Kentucky Derby Museum Tour & Dinner Party
August 19	Chattanooga, TN	Historic Railroad Station with sleeping accommodations on authentic Railroad Cars & Dinner Party in the Station
August 20	Savannah, GA	Historic trolley tour of the city & Dinner Party in a Mansion
August 21	St. Augustine, FL	Tour of the oldest city in the US & Dinner Party at the Lightner Museum
August 22	North Miami, FL	Private tour of the famous Dezer Auto Museum & Dinner Party in a private room
August 23-26	Key West, FL	Three days at the famous Westin on the Pier, including: A trolley tour of the island A Surprise Dinner/Theater package A private catamaran ride followed by a Dinner Party on the Pier



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**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS TUESDAY,
September 16th 6:30pm at Vintana
located at 1205 Auto Park Way, Escondido CA 92029
(Located above the Lexus dealership)**

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.

MBCA San Diego Section

<http://sandiego.mbca.org>

President's Message

Can you even believe that September is here already? This month we have already had an early event with wine tasting. We also have the Coronado Speed Festival. (Not so much of a club event, but more of a Hey, you live in San Diego and you really should experience this event, and support our military families). For the rest of the year, we thought that we would mix it up a little bit with some brand new events as well as some old favorites. In October we will be going to the Lawrence Welk Resort Theater to see "Oklahoma", as well as visiting our friends at Firenze Trattoria for a fantastic meal. In November we will be going to Lips along with a few other surprises. For the business at hand, It's election time again and I'm reaching out to everybody for this one. We are looking for folks that would enjoy either being on the Board. (Planning, input, events, newsletter) as well as folks that would enjoy helping out at 1 or 2 events each year. Nothing too time consuming, but all so very important. Please feel free to reach out to any of the board members to find out how you can help our great club become even better. Oh, and don't forget to send your personal stories to share with everybody. You're going to love this months story about Ludwig!

Thank you for the continuing support!

Michael Cooper