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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



The GL looks like it has been off the beaten path. One will seldom see a GL in this area that is even dusty. They have optional wheels, trim and chrome all over. Go off road, I don't think so.

The Glendenwagen was originally designed and made to be an honest to goodness kick butt,

serious off road vehicle and it's only serious competitor was the Range Rover and perhaps the Toyota Land Cruiser and here in the US our Jeep. The GL still retains a lot of the original box design which was sought after here in the US as they were not imported until a few years ago. As I recall back in those days a grey market was available for around \$75,000.00 which was expensive thirty years ago. Guess it still is.

The GL may be purchased in the AMG configuration which gives it good handling capability as well as high performance. You may check one of these models out at your local Mercedes-Benz store.

### WHAT WE HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO...

September 15: Highway 101 ride. Pg 5

October 20 : Wine Tour. **NOTE DATE CHANGE.** Pg 6

November 15: Pam Springs. Pg 7

## We have lost a good friend and MBCA has lost a valuable member



The Mercedes-Benz Club of America lost a valuable member and friend recently with the passing of Gerhard Fehrmann. Gerhard was an active member from day one of his twenty-one years of membership in the MBCA. He was an active member in the Long-Beach-South Bay, Channel Islands, and Orange County Sections, serving on the board of these sections and was an officer in both the Orange County and Long Beach-South Bay Sections. Gerhard was currently the President of the Orange County Section. Though never a National Officer Gerhard was one of the mainstays in the Southwest Region particularly in the Sections in the Los Angeles area. If something needed to be done all one had to do was call Gerhard. He NEVER said, "no or that is too hard." Numerous regional events would not have happened if not for his leadership and assistance. The Mercedes Benz Club has lost a dedicated, valuable member and we have all lost a dear friend.

## LEGENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN

S. Ross



Once again San Diego went to Legends of the Autobahn in Monterey and came home a winner in several areas. The gathering was smaller this year this. Radu and Amber Alenandru, Gary Jarvis, Bob Gunthorp and Jon were all spotted on the field admiring the eighty plus Mercedes-Benz and the BMW and Audi displays.

Jon Barnardi was the Chief Judge this year and Bob Gunthorp returned as a Judge. Carol and I were in charge of checking the entrants in at O'Dark thirty. If there other SD Section

members there I apologize for missing you.

Bob's ambulance was a Major winner. It was selected as second place in class was picked for the prestigious Star of Excellence Award. San Diego has won just about every including a few first place and a Best in Show which Gary Jarvis won with his 1967 250SL.

The day after Legends Bob to the ambulance to the infamous Concour de Lemon show in Seaside. This tounge in cheek show is now drawing celebrities and some very unusual automobiles and other forms of what are loosely called car. Bribery at this show is encouraged and open solicitation of cash, service and goods are offered.



Wayne Carini of the TV show *Chasing Classic Cars* was drawn to the ambulance and he and Bob are in the picture on the left. I have heard that Jay Leno has been to the show but I have never seen him. Carini is ther every year and has a lemon to show. Wayne also won secnd pacein class at the Pebbe Bach concours with his 1954

Studebaker.



**Wayne wanted to check out the ambulance capability and authenticity. I seriously doubt the EMT is "legit".**

**Wayne giving the ambulance a close inspection**



**Bob being presented the Star of Excellence award by chief Judge Jon Barnardi and National President Gene Jurick.**



**Gary Jarvis going over to congratulate Bob as he departs the award runway.**

We are already thinking about next year and getting rooms reserved. We are confident our section can take home more awards next year.

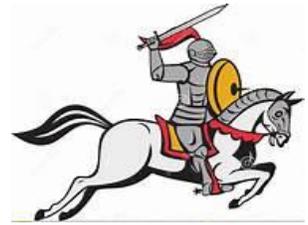
## Left vs. Right – Long Before Fox and CNN

Brian Wagner

They may be in the minority with their warm beer, but the British actually have a fair amount of history on their side with their insistence on driving on the left. For the longest of time, that was the way it was done. Ancient Greek, Egyptian and Roman troops traveled on the left side of the road for thousands of years. That custom continued during the Dark Ages and Feudal times since most people were right handed, they had their swords on the left in order to have their right arm nearer an opponent and their scabbard further from him. If you were a lefty, you were out of luck in a sword fight.



Plus, when it comes to horses, it is easier for a right-handed person to mount a horse from the left when he is wearing a sword on his left. It is also safer to get on and off a horse on the side of the road rather than in traffic, so if one mounts on the left, then the horse should be ridden on the left side of the road.



The Pope got involved in 1300 AD as Boniface VIII wrote a papal decree saying that Christians and pilgrims should keep to the left. With most people taking the pope's word as gospel and believing he was infallible, so it was decreed.

The UK government got in their two cents (pence?) worth in 1773 with their General Highway Act of 1773 which promulgated keeping left. As Britain expanded their empire, their driving on the left followed in Asia and Africa and all their territories.

But as usual, Americans were contrarian. Right hand travel was the norm in Colonial times from the earliest settlements. Travelers with hand guns carried their weapons in the hollow of their left arms and traveled to the right to be prepared if the oncoming stranger was a threat. (Early road rage could be problematical.....)



It was wagon travel that sealed the deal. A wagon driver rode the left rear horse. Handling the reins with the left hand and the whip with the right, wagon drivers kept their vehicle on the right to be able to watch the clearance on the left. And the big Conestoga wagons introduced around 1750 near Lancaster, PA solidified the practice of riding the left rear horse or riding the "lazy board" on the left side of the wagon.



## WHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS HIGHWAY IN CALIFORNIA??

Most would agree it is highway 101. After all, a song was written about it. It went something like this.



***"Black denim trousers and motorcycle boots, Black leather jacket with an eagle on the back  
A hopped-up cycle that took off like a gun, That fool was the terror of highway 101".***

Remember that one?? Well, we ain't riding motorcycles, but we are going to re-live that historic ride on Sunday, September 15. The plan is to drive our Mercedes-Benz from Torrey Pines Inn to the Jolly Roger Restaurant in Oceanside. You may ride a motorcycle if ya want or drive whatever floats your boat but come on out for a ride up the coast. Heck, shoot let's get a tape, well maybe a CD depending on how old your vehicle is, and play it at 100db as we fly up 101 with the top down. The only thing more fun would be staying home and watching bowling on the telly.

In keeping with the free spirit of the day, there will be no leader, no rallye master, just you, the motor, and the wind rushing through your hair, well ears maybe. You will have a route to follow what was once 101 if ya want to. However, you may take any darn course ya want. You don't even have to show up!

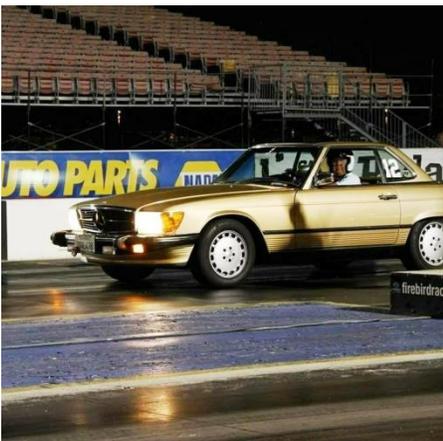


**Here is the scoop for the day:**

Be at the Torrey Pines Golf Course parking lot Sunday morning **September 15, 2018, at Ten O'clock**. The parking lot is located north of and next to the Torrey Pines Inn. There you will be given directions to follow if ya want them. The drive is scheduled to terminate at the Jolly Roger Restaurant located at 1900 N. Harbor Drive in Oceanside CA.

If the drive is just too much or doesn't excite you but you do like our company and like to eat, meet us at the Jolly Roger at **high noon**, we should be there by then, most of us anyway.

We have but one request----Let Steve Ross know if you are joining us for lunch so we will now how many chairs to get. Ways to contact Steve. Phone **619-508-3925**. **E-Mail [inewsx@sbcglobsl.net](mailto:inewsx@sbcglobsl.net)**



**Last time trial to prepare for the Terror of 101. Note the certified helmet.**



## 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 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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 1<sup>st</sup>**

So we may orchestrate meals and activities.

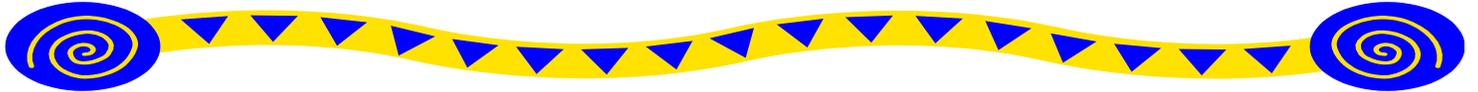
**Note: you will need to book your room soon.**



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

## ALAS, NO CHICKEN DINNER WIN !

This is a 1908 Studebaker "To and Fro" electric powered vehicle used to transport passengers through the underground tunnel between the Senate Office Building and the U.S Capital Buildings from 1908 to 1916. The driver would change sides depending on the direction of travel. The electric motor was powered by 12 six volt batteries.



## WIN A CHICKEN DINNER



Correctly identify the brand of this motor carriage, and the manufacturer. First answer to S. Ross at [inewsx@sbcglobsal.net](mailto:inewsx@sbcglobsal.net) or 619-508-3925 will be the winner of a Chicken Dinner



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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 t:

[inewsx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:inewsx@sbcglobal.net)

We would love to get to know you & your Mercedes-B  
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Can't wait to have a really "Cool" MBCA name badge?  
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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.

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## WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR MEMBERSHIP WORLD

S. Ross

The Fall raffle is now open and is on line. Follow this link [raffle.mbca.org](http://raffle.mbca.org) to read all about the prize and purchase a possible winning ticket. The prize this year is a 2018 Mercedes-AMG E 63 S. Very nice car. Your chances of winning in this raffle are better than most.

## WE WELCOME ABOARD

**The MBCA and the San Diego Section welcomes 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](mailto:inewsx@sbcglobal.net) or any board member.**

**WE HAD NO NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH! WE WILL BE DISPATCHING OUR RECURITING TEAMS SOON.**

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

## WE THANK

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

Margie Threlfall	Lee Weeks	Lupe Armas	Armando Danna	Curt Horst
Ora Klemme	Alan Rathsburg	Carole and Steve Seiver	Carlos Ezquerro Morin	
Alan Nyheim				

## CHRISTMAS, HOLIDAY, END OF YEAR AND AWARDS PARTY



Yep it's that time of year again! Time does fly when you are having fun which we are known for. Join us this year to see who is being recognized as Member of the Year. Who knows it might be you. The selection committee has selected the candidate and President Victoria has made the selection and award has been ordered. Your editor will personally present the winner with a beverage of their choice.

HERE IS THE SCOOP.

**PLACE: RANCHO BERNARDO COUNTRY CLUB (a very nice setting with lots of ambience)**

**DATE: December 15, 2018**

**TIME: 12:30 to 4:30 pm**

**2018 Autumn Backcountry Shop Tour and Silent Movie Night  
Saturday, November 3, 2018**

Meet at 9:30 am at Restoration Supply at 15182 Highland Valley Rd. in Escondido, CA to tour Allan and Beth Schmidt’s restoration shop and supply business.

Then we will make our way further down Highland Valley Road to Billy’s Vintage and Customs, owned by Billy and Heidi Sandvik, for another restoration shop tour.

Finally, we will head into Ramona to the Oakes residence, and the home of Vintage OrganWerks, for our final shop tour and box lunch.

After lunch, relax at Ben and Linnea’s for the afternoon, head into cute downtown Ramona, go wine –tasting, or even head home for a nap, but be sure to be back to the shop by 5:30 for an extra special treat. We will be having one of our popular Potluck/Silent Movie nights!

Bring a dish to share and we will enjoy the evening with a potluck dinner. If you would like to join us for the potluck, and are unable to bring a dish to share, we will supplement our usual tasty dishes with some additional food for \$10 per person. Then after the sun sets, we will move into the shop where Russ Peck will play the Shoberg-Oakes Robert Mor- ton theatre pipe organ, accompanying various comic shorts. It’s always a lot of fun and we hope you will stick around for the fun!

We have reserved rooms for \$109 +taxes both Friday and Saturday night at the San Vicente Resort for those wanting to come from out of town. There is a limited amounts of rooms, so please reserve them soon! Call (760) 789-3788 and give them the phrase “Pierce-Arrow” for one of the reserved rooms. The rate will be held for us until Oct. 2. There will be trailer parking available at Ben and Linnea’s, which is 10 minutes from the hotel.

San Vicente Resort & Golf Course- 24157 San Vicente Rd, Ramona, CA  
92065 Oakes Residence- 1345 Keyser Rd., Ramona, CA 92065

Box Lunches (includes beverage, sides and dessert) (\$18 per person):

Please RSVP by October 21, 2018

Roast Beef Club: #\_x \$18= \$\_\_\_\_\_

Are you coming from out of town? YES / NO

Chicken Salad: #\_x \$18= \$\_\_\_\_\_

Will you need trailer parking? YES / NO

Vegetarian: #\_x \$18= \$\_\_\_\_\_

Will you be staying at San Vicente Resort? YES / NO

Optional potluck dinner:

Total number of movie guests #\_\_\_\_\_for chair count

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Ben (817) 689-5795

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Linnea (619) 807-5488

# 2018 Autumn Backcountry Shop Tour & Silent Movie Night



Saturday, November 3

9:30 am— 15182 Highland Valley Road, Escondido, CA Restoration  
Supply

Billy's Vintage & Customs Vintage Organ Werks

Lunch at Oakes Residence

5:30 pm— Potluck at Oakes Residence Silent Movie  
Night at Dusk

See registration form for all the details!



Hosted by the SoCal Region of the Pierce-Arrow Society

## 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**

<b>MONTH/DATE</b>	<b>PLANNED EVENT</b>	<b>DIRECTOR</b>
Sat, September 15	Highway 101 tour	Steve Ross, Membership
Sat, October 13	Temecula Wine - Driving Tour	Michael Cooper, VP
Fri-Sat, November 16-18	Palm Springs Overnighter	Diana Kruse, Secretary, Director 1st Impressions
Sat, December 15	Christmas - Holiday Party	



Seen at the Legends of the autobahn, MBCA Executive Director Mike Regnitter, past National Vice President Laura Simonds, and past National Presidents Terry Kiwala and Richard Simonds

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## Next Board Meeting

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018 6:30 pm**

**Mimi's Café (Mira Mesa)**

**10788 Westview Pkwy, San Diego CA**

**Note: Our regular board meetings are scheduled  
For 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.

**MBCA San Diego Section**  
**<http://sandiego.mbca.org>**



## President's Message - September

September is "Back to School"... and as the saying goes..."We're never too old to learn more about our Mercedes motorcars." Join us on any or all of our upcoming events. There's 2 to choose from in November! Save the Date – November 3<sup>rd</sup>! Our

club is invited to tour an antique car shop hosted by the local Pierce-Arrow Club. See flyer in this Bulletin.

**Of Note: We are proud to announce that of the 85 sections in the USA, San Diego came in 2<sup>nd</sup> for "Section of the Year." Yes, we missed by just a few grade points, but we are still very proud of our accomplishments, member participation, and community service. All of our members make this club the very best! See you at the next event or come to a meeting with ideas and suggestions. We have a new meeting place this month – Mimi's Café. Hope to see you there.**

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