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OUR SECTION HAS JUST COMPLETED A FANTASTIC YEAR OF HAVING FUN WITH OUR EXCEPTIONALLY FINE AUTOMOBILES. WE STRIVE TO PRACTICE THE MBCA CREED, TO ELEVATE THE MERCEDES-BENZ EXPERIENCE THROUGH KNOWLEDGE, COMARADERIE AND EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT 2022. HOPE TO SEE YA ALL SOON

THANK YOU, OUR LOYAL MEMBERS FOR RE-NEWING

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

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Your membership expiring soon? Please consider renewing as we do not want to lose you. For questions, contact Steve Ross at, inewsx@sbcglobal.net

➤ **2022 Planning meeting is Saturday December 19. Have an idea? let us know.**

The La Jolla Concours is looking for cars. See page 11 for all the information. To register your car for the show, go to lajollaconcours.com/reg, or scan the bar code on bottom of flyer.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE- DECEMBER 2021



I hope this holiday season finds everyone in good health and surrounded by family and friends. 2021 has been another year of uncertainty and changes and hopefully we will continue to get back to a more normal life next year.

I would like to thank everyone for their support of the club and look forward to seeing many more of you at events in 2022. The board will be working on scheduling events for the upcoming year and there will be something for everyone. Picnics, drives, lunches, and discovering new things around San Diego County and neighboring places. I think this year's big find was the Oasis Camel Dairy in Ramona. What a fun and educational local spot. I will be hosting an event at Lions Tigers and Bears in Alpine this year, but I don't think we'll be able to feed the animals like we did at the Camel Dairy. As usual, if you have ideas for the club, please contact a board member. We won't make you be in charge, but we may ask you to help.

This will be my last President's Message as I pass the torch over to Michael Cooper. Let's all give Michael a warm welcome back to the board. I know he will have some great ideas to get us all involved.

See you at the Holiday Party on December 12th!

Happy Holidays and Happy and Safe Motoring.

Drive safely. Diana Kruse, President - MBCA San Diego Section

CUTWATER

S. Ross



We met up at the Cutwater Distillery at noon and spent a few moments admiring the cars before going in for lunch. We had four new members attending their first club outing. We don't know for sure but, this may be a record for new member attendance.



New members Tom and Kay Woertz arrived in their recently acquired 1983 Silver R-107, Euro Model with the 2.8-liter engine. Nice looking ride.



Laurie Ann Hewitt's 2006 SL500, Brabus

Jim and Catherine Woolsey arrived in their bright red SL500.





Arrivals are L to R, Michael Cooper, Carol Ross, Richard Mann, Steve Ross, Tom and Kay Woertz



From the left; Tom and Kay Woertz, Jen and Pete Lobner, Doug and Gail Owens. Jen and Pete welcome the Woertz's and Owens's to their first club function. Very glad everyone is smiling.



Richard Mann, Jeanette Hay and Bob Gunthorp. Interesting note, Richard has been member of our club for 37 years and Bob has been here for the past 47 years. Still smiling and having fun.



Stacy Chapman and Douglas Paton, Laurie Ann Hewitt and president elect Michael Cooper. In the background are Richard, Jeanette and Bob.



Elizabeth, Amber and Radu Alexandru. Elizabeth has literally grown up in our club. I believe she was 5 or 6 years old at her first event and she had her name tag. In June of 2022 Elizabeth will be joining us on the Nostalgic tour of Southern France. I have heard she is co-piloting with one of our drivers.

New members, Jim and Catherine Woolsey are welcomed by Carol and Steve Ross. Although Jim and Catherine are new to the MBCA, they have joined us for numerous joint events with the Packard Club of San Diego



President Kruse has the tickets and bucket prepared to begin the 50/50 raffle.

Carol Ross donated a turkey to be raffled off, and the winners are;



Mr. Gunthorp, winner of the 50/50 drawing.



Doug and Gail Owens won the Turkey

It was a nice day, a really fun group, nice atmosphere, good food, tasty libations and a friendly, helpful staff. Natalie was our server and Taylor was the host. Cutwater is well worth visiting.

MBCA Board Meeting December 19 @ 11:00 am at the Kruse House on

4654 Lucille Drive, San Diego, CA

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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PLANNING BOARD MEETING FOR 2022

When: December 19, 2021

Where: 4654 Lucille Drive, San Diego, CA

Time: 11:00am

Please join us in planning fun, exciting and educational events for the coming year. 2021 was a bit different than we were accustomed to but, we had a great year. Many of our gathering this year were tours ending in a picnic and were well attended. We also joined forces with the Packard and Jaguar Club for our tours. Of course, the "planners" want to plan activities that car people like and the assumption is that they like to drive their Mercedes-Benz. Food is also very popular. What makes the task easier is when the members tell us what they like and sometimes that is difficult to find out. 🍷 No one likes surveys very much so you are invited to join us in planning the fun. As an incentive there will be 🍷 food AND if you have an idea, you will NOT be asked to be the organizer.



Just think, this your chance to be an idea guru with no strings attached. We hope to see you at our get together to enjoy some refreshments, comradery and provide some ideas for fun filled 2022 with our Star Cars and really great guys and gals.

NOTE:

If you plan to attend let Diana Kruse know at 619-851-8067, AND three dogs reside at the Kruse Manor so, if you are bothered by dogs we understand. They don't bite but, do those 'dog things'.



Pure Provence

**A Special “Once in a Lifetime” Mercedes Benz tour awaits!!!
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The San Diego Mercedes Benz Club is planning a June 2022 trip to Southern France. This eight-day trip begins on the Côte d’Azur with time in Nice and Monaco, then extends outward from Cannes towards the “Grand Canyon” of France to Provence. You will see historic cities such as Roman Arles and medieval Avignon, the limestone cliffs of the Alpilles, wild horses in Camargue, and the perfumeries of Grasse. This alone is worth the trip, but when you think of yourself behind your own powerful, luxurious, SL this vacation becomes unbelievably dreamy. Add to this the mighty Premonstratensian and Cistercian Abbeys in the midst of oak forests or blooming lavender fields, impressive military roads dating back to Napoleon that have been carved into the rock, and the Verdon canyon. Rest assured, there will be something for everybody. Without doubt, this is pure Provence, and France at its best!



This is your vintage Mercedes Benz Pagoda or R107 waiting for you in the hotel parking lot. Just turn on the ignition to start your car for the morning’s drive in Provence. Your dream machine is clean, gassed and the day’s itinerary is on the front seat for your driving pleasure. Your only decision is whether you want a convertible or hard-top.

Bring your bathing suit and stop for a break in the turquoise Verdon River before lunch.



Tour group size is limited to 24 people and many reservations have already been received. The cost for this 8-day 7-night trip is 3,300 euros (\$3,856/person based on present conversion rate and 24- person group.) This includes airport transfers, 4-star hotel accommodations, half board (breakfast and dinner), tour tickets, guides, car insurance, and a fully serviced automobile that is ready to drive every morning. An experienced team of English-speaking tour guides will be with us throughout the trip, with insider tips for the region. Although you won't need it, there is also a fully equipped service truck with a spare SL should you have any mechanical problems along the way. This allows you to relax and savor every moment, and take home memories that will last forever.

contact Marjo Miller at 619.922.3754 or miller.mario@gmail.com. Our tour is highly customized but you can go online to the tour provider Nostalgic GmbH & Co.KG www.nostalgic.de/en and read more about their company and their standard 4-day Provence tour. Nostalgic is a fully licensed EU tour operator that Mercedes Benz Club of America has vetted and partnered with for their trips.

After the travel restrictions of this past year, this is a great opportunity to begin travelling again with Mercedes-Benz friends.



Imagine looking out your window at this beautiful lavender field as you drive along the road with your top down.

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Let's stop for a coffee break in Saint-Remy-de Provence where Vincent van Gogh lived for years



Mercedes-Benz Enthusiast Dinner

Saturday, January 29, 2020 at 5:30 PM

By Karen Manser and Debbie Ichiyama

8600 E Anderson Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

5:30 - 6:30 Members Car Show and Mix and Mingle with Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar.

6:30 Dinner catered by Cafe Pranzo, Speakers and Perhaps Other Surprises.

The Auctions are back and so is our annual Mercedes-Benz Enthusiasts Dinner.

As car lovers descend on Arizona for the great car auctions of the valley, we will again celebrate the classic car auction week with the Mercedes-Benz Enthusiast Dinner.

This year's event will be held on Saturday evening January 29th, at VENUE 8600, a contemporary event location five minutes from West World. Activities will start at 5:30 PM in the generous 200 spot parking area with the viewing and judging of the "People's Choice" contest featuring MBCA members personal cars.

Following the voting, join us for appetizers and a no-host bar followed by dinner catered by Café Pranzo, one of the valleys premier catering companies. We will also have our usual program of speakers who will give their perspectives on the past week's auctions and current state of the classic car market. Bring your questions and join the discussion.

Join us at the event and also help us celebrate Desert Stars 60th anniversary.

See registration or for questions please call Debbie Ichiyama at .



WIN IN A CHICKEN DINNER

No winner on this one.



Jon Bernardi correctly identified as a 1938 Adler, Trumpf Junior Cabrio Limousine



THE MYSTERY CAR FOR DECEMBER IS THIS BEAUTY

If you can identify the manufacturer, year and coach builder, you have a Chicken dinner.

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Win this prestigious award by sending to Steve Ross the make, year of this car

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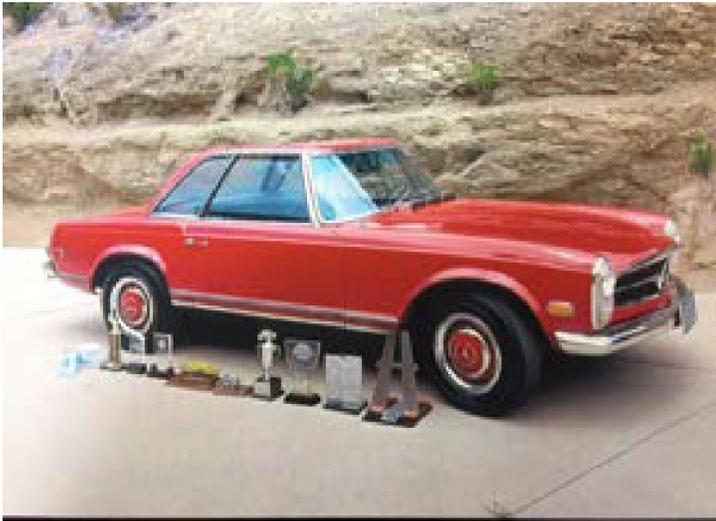
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We are always looking for volunteers to help out with ideas, planning, and coordinating events.

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

EVENT DATE 2021	EVENT DESCRIPTION	EVENT CHAIR/COORDINATOR
December 12	Holiday Gala	Diana & Rudy
December 19	2022 Planning meeting	Board and Members



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