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Legends of the Autobahn®: Celebrating Classic Performance



Legends of the Autobahn®, the celebration of German automobiles during Monterey Car Week, returns to the Nicklaus Club in Monterey on Friday, August 19th and is co-hosted by MBCA, BMW Car Club of America and Audi Club North America.

Mercedes-Benz at Legends of the Autobahn® will feature a special performance class for cars that have been modified or tuned. This includes cars that have been modified for performance and/or appearance, such as pre-merger models from AMG, and cars used in racing are also invited to participate.

The Mercedes-Benz Classic Center in Irvine, California is displaying a 1963 220 SEb Rally Fintail, a recreation of the Heckflosse sedan that found success in endurance rallies in the early 1960s. Following the withdrawal from

traditional Grand Prix racing after 1955, Mercedes-Benz focused its motorsports efforts on long distance endurance rallies. Mercedes-Benz entered rally versions that were very close to the standard production cars in events including the 1964 Argentine Touring Car Grand Prix, where sedans like this one took first, second, and third place.

Legends of the Autobahn® is the best deal in Monterey during Car Week because the event is free for spectators. The gates open at 9AM, and spectator parking is \$20. You can enjoy a beverage in the Spaten Beer Garden, and watch the trophy presentation starting at 1:30PM.

Photographers can demo Sony cameras during the event. Sony and Keeble & Shuchat Photography will be on site to host an equipment Test Drive and Automotive Photography Photo Walks. Photo walks are scheduled from 9:30am - 10:30am; 10:45am - 11:45am; and 12:00pm - 1:00pm.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles, from car registration and field placement, to working in the MBCA booth. Contact Allen Stephens if you are available to volunteer at 503-708-0397 or allen.c.stephens@gmail.com. For more information visit <http://www.legendsoftheautobahn.org/>.

Monterey Car "Week" - August 8th - 21st



Ideas from Members for cool events have been trickling in. Among the recommendations for this year are:

Monterey Pre-Reunion, August 13-14, Mazda Motorsports Speedway

Welcome New Members

Llorente Bonaga, San Francisco, CA
 Douglas Cook, Alamo, CA
 Yvonne Garcia, Santa Clara, CA
 Kenneth Hubbard, Burlingame, CA
 Christian Krogsgaard, Walnut Creek, CA
 Chiu Kui, Oakland, CA
 Richard Kwata, San Francisco, CA
 Martin Lauber, Tiburon, CA
 Ernie Martin, Santa Rosa, CA
 Angelique McDade, Concord, CA
 Christina Pollack, Pebble Beach, CA
 Bejan Rafii, San Mateo, CA
 Glen Ragsdale, Angwin, CA
 Susan Rivera, Hollister, CA
 Nick Ryan, Sunnyvale, CA
 Esteban Vargas, San Leandro, CA
 Nicholas Veronico, San Carlos, CA
 Walter Wood, Antioch, CA
 Carlos Zapata, Hollister, CA

Most of the cars participating in the Historic Races on the weekend will be at the track tuning-up and doing practice runs. A great opportunity to stroll through the pits and see the inner workings of these great cars. Tickets are \$30 at the gate with free parking. For more info click [here](#).

Classic Motorsports Magazine Monterey Kickoff Cruise-In, August 16, Folktale Winery, Carmel Valley: If you have a classic, drive it to this event in Carmel Valley. Wine, music, and car enthusiasts. Free. Click [here](#) for more information.

Concours on the Avenue, Tuesday, August 16, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Ocean Avenue, Carmel
Classic cars on view on Ocean Street in Carmel
For information click [here](#).

Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance, August 18, 7:00 am-8:00 am, Portola Road, Pebble Beach
See the Concours d'Elegance cars before the tour. You can also see the cars at the end of the tour on Ocean Avenue, Carmel later in the day. Additional information available [here](#).

Concours d'Lemons, August 20, 10:00 am to 1:30 pm, Laguna Grande Park, Seaside. See interesting cars you will not see at the other events. Information available [here](#).

Click [here](#) for a listing of other events of interest.

Special Note: Website Revisions

Our website is being revised by the National Office. Please bear with us as we get things under control!

First Sunday Drive MORGAN HILL TO OLD MISSION SAN JUAN BAUTISTA August 7, 2016 Meet at 9:30am; Depart at 10am



We will meet at Peet's Coffee & Tea, 755 Cochrane Rd, in Morgan Hill, at 9:30AM. This will be a South Bay route stretching from Morgan Hill, through west Gilroy and ending in San Juan Bautista. We will depart Peet's Coffee at 10:00AM and head to Kirigin Cellars in Gilroy. We will enjoy gratis wine tasting and also enjoy a group wine discount, for those wishing to purchase wine. All purchases by MBZ members/guests will be counted cumulatively, purchased individually, so long as we purchase at the same time. We will be allowed to purchase multiple varieties of wine and take advantage

Other Events of Interest



Biscotti and Cars

First Saturday Each Month
Sausalito

of Kirigin discounts. Next, we'll take the backroads to Mission San Juan Bautista. After a group photograph in front of the Mission, our tour will formally end. You will have several options - Take an inside/outside tour of the Mission & grounds for \$3.00 charge; tour the outside Mission grounds for free; take a stroll down "The Alameda" (Third Street) in Historic San Juan Bautista Antique Shops & Bakery and/or lastly enjoy lunch in SJB. Some suggestions are - Jardine's, Dona Esther, JJ's Hamburgers, Pizza Factory, Vertigo Coffee or Margot's Ice Cream Parlor.



Your suggestions for club activities are always welcome! Please feel free to contact your Officers to talk about any club-related matter!

Visit our club website for up-to-date information on club events.

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**Canepa Cars and Coffee**

April to October
Second Saturday
8:00 to Noon

**The 2016 California Lincoln Highway Classic Car
Tour**

September 23-26, 2016
Click [here](#) for additional information.

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2016 Hillsborough Concours

by Derick B. TeeKing



On a
crisp
Sunday
in July,

nearly two dozen vintage Mercedes-Benzes decorated the Crystal Springs Golf Course in Hillsborough, CA for its annual SCCA Concours. Present were fine examples of 500Ks, 300SLs and 280SE 3.5s owned, loved and prepared by seasoned concours veterans and collectors. Among them was a "newbie" - John W. Cornwell and his ivory 1963 300SE cabriolet with red Rosser leather

from San Francisco. The 300SE was dripping with authenticity-from its original paint work to ever so minor door dents to richly aged chrome bumpers.

John bought his beauty three and a half decades ago as a reward for a successful year in the technology sector. Unlike the other Mercedes entrants (most approaching or exceeding seven figure values), this Mercedes stood out for its honesty of everyday use. It is regularly driven and not left shrink-wrapped in a climate-controlled garage ... and it shows..

Initially, John had intended to participate in the corral (the non-judging section of the Concours) with his 300SE.

Reluctantly John was convinced to enter his cabriolet in the judging portion. He found the concours experience to be well worth it. As

John put it: "The car didn't fare too badly...I was just thankful to get feedback on my car for my future restoration endeavors. They (judges) were very gracious and informative."



John did not win, however his first time experience is encouragement for every Mercedes collector to participate in a Concours for judging. Not only will it be a special feeling to show and share one's Mercedes, but it is a great means of receiving valuable feedback and guidance for future restoration initiatives.



Hillsborough Concours Weekend Events by Lou Piccinini

The Hillsborough Concours weekend has come and gone, but what a weekend it was! Friendships and memories were made at the cocktail reception at the Carolands Mansion on Friday evening attended by many of our club members. The evening was one to remember.

The next day, many members participated in "The Tour" which began in Burlingame, driving to the north coast through back roads and scenic vistas ending with wine tasting, a gourmet lunch and tour of the private car collection at the Keller Estate Winery.

The weekend events culminated on Sunday with the Concours d'Elegance at the Crystal Springs Golf Course where Mercedes-Benz was the featured European marque. There was a great representation of Mercedes-Benz vehicles on the field, with many of them belonging to our club members. San Francisco Bay Area Section members Andy Chan

won 1st place in the post-war category and Bob Buckter placed 2nd and 3rd with his two vehicles. In the SL class, club members Diane Deland and Dennis Epperson won 2nd and 3rd place, respectively.

It is definitely a weekend I will remember and look forward to the 2017 Hillsborough Concours.





Local Shops

San Francisco



Pete's Inc., 1745 Clay Street, San Francisco, 415.441.5896

Mid-Peninsula, San Mateo



MB Garage, 2165 Palm Ave., San Mateo

South Bay, Campbell



Mercedes Connexion, 155 Kennedy Ave., Campbell

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