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Legends of the Autobahn® Celebrates German Automobiles
by Allen Stephens



This year, Legends of the Autobahn® welcomed the largest field of German metal in its seven-year history. Held at the Nicklaus Club in Monterey on August 19th, over 500 Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Audi automobiles graced three fairways. With the 100th Anniversary of BMW this year, it was not a surprise to see the BMWs out in huge numbers. Mercedes-Benz Club of America members entered over 90 cars, with 30 Mercedes-Benz participating in the judged classes. Many San Francisco Bay Area Section members participated at Legends, either as entrants, or as judges and volunteers. A team of over 20 judges was led by Chief Judge Richard Simonds.



Best of Mercedes-Benz marque was awarded to a 1992 500E owned by Eric Bergstedt. His silver 500E looked showroom-new and really attracted attention as a 'young timer' entrant. This year Mercedes-Benz established a special class for cars that have been modified from their original 'factory' delivery specifications. First in place in the Custom/Modified Class was awarded to Giuliano Fiumani with his 1963 220se.



Best of Mercedes-Benz Marque.

The Mercedes-Benz Classic Center displayed a 1963 220 SEb Rally Fintail, a recreation of the Heckflosse sedan that found success in endurance rallies in the early 1960s. One unique car on the field was a 1967 200D limousine owned by Bob Gunthorp. He drove across the awards ramp with 8 passengers in the back, waving to the crowd. Best in Show was selected by emcee Keith Martin from the three Best of Marque automobiles. It was awarded to a BMW 507 in a striking red color. BMW built just 250 elegant 507 roadsters, and it proved to be a favorite with the spectators and judges alike.



Best of Marque Finalists

To see additional photos from Allen Stephens' Legends Gallery, click [here](#).

Welcome New Members

Sassan Behnam, Monte Sereno, CA
Llorente Bonaga, San Francisco, CA
John Butts, Fortuna, CA
Wright Byrom, Seaside, CA
Stephen Caswell, Scotts Valley, CA
Frank DeTurris, San Jose, CA
Yvonne Garcia, Santa Clara, CA

First Sunday Drive
Petaluma, Glen Ellen, Karah Estate
Vineyards
September 4, 2016
Meet at 9:30am

Gaurav Garg, Atherton, CA
 Mark Heine, Pescadero, CA
 Wendy Hromada, Fairfax, CA
 Dyllon Jacobson, Fremont, CA
 Damien Keller, San Francisco, CA
 Martin Lauber, Tiburon, CA
 Peter May, Pleasanton, CA
 Ilya Sobolev, Concord, CA
 Tim Steele, San Jose, CA
 Marie Sum, Redwood City, CA
 Sophie Tsang, Palo Alto, CA
 James White, Daly City, CA



2017 Planning Meeting - October 30th Save the Date



What type of club events interest you? Social, educational or technical events? What about First Sunday Drives? What parts of the surrounding Bay Area have you never been to or want to explore? On Sunday October 30th, you'll have an opportunity to provide your ideas for next year's events and First Sunday Drives when you attend our annual planning meeting. Meeting location is being determined and updates will follow. Don't forget to mark your calendar to attend. Make your thoughts and ideas become part of our club events and drives for next year!.

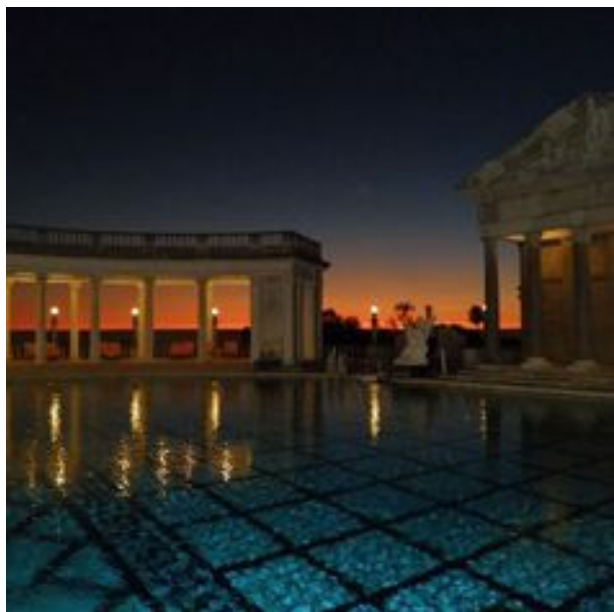


We will meet at Raley's parking lot, 157 N. McDowell Avenue, Petaluma at 9:30 a.m. (Take E Washington turnoff from Hwy 101, turn right and get into the left turn lane. Turn left, and Raley's is on the left.) Our lunch spot will be the Washoe House, 2801 Stony Point Road. Stopping points include Crane Melon Barn, 4935 Petaluma Hill Road and the Karah Vineyard, 1010 E Railroad Avenue, Cotati.

Special Note: Website Revisions

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

Hearst Castle Weekend Event October 14th, 15th & 16th Save the Date! More to follow!



Our event leaders, Chris Barker and Sandor Drobilisch are finalizing the details for an autumn weekend getaway to Hearst Castle, so more to follow. But, I can tell you that we will be taking an evening tour of Hearst Castle under the stars, viewing this historic California mansion in the twilight hours-just as Mr. Hearst's own



SFBA Officer Nominations 2017 by Geoff Paulsen, President Ex-Officio

Do you know a Board member (or another Club member) who would be just perfect for a position on our Executive Team? Please submit your suggested names to denisesheehan@gmail.com by September 25.

The following are willing to accept should they be nominated:

guests did in the 1930s. Docents dressed in 1930s period attire complete the experience, bringing the Castle to life once again. Wind your way through House A (Casa del Mar), Casa Grande's social rooms, guest accommodations, the Main Library and Mr. Hearst's own private Gothic Suite. This will be a weekend you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars and book your rooms. Local hotels can be found on hotels.com.

Other Events of Interest



Biscotti and Cars
First Saturday Each Month

Lou Piccinini - President
Sally Hinds - Secretary
Mauna Wagner - Treasurer (but looking toward training a replacement)

The following positions are in need of a nominee:

Vice President (need a nominee by September 25).
Treasurer (need a nominee, but not as urgently).

Why would you want to serve on the Executive Team?

- You have an opportunity for personal and professional growth.
- You help shape the future of the Club.
- You have the satisfaction of using your skills and experience to help others enjoy quality club activities.
- You deepen friendships that may last a lifetime.

SAVE THE DATES Holiday Galas

Sunday, December 4th, 2016 Clos La Chance
Winery, San Martin

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 Blackhawk
Museum, Danville

Sausalito



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.



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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