



San Francisco Bay Area Section, Mercedes-Benz Club of America

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Racing in the Bay Area: Part 1, Monterey



Racing in the Bay Area, I am not referring to your daily freeway trips. If you are not aware, the Bay Area is a treasure trove of automobile events: concours, races, old car races, new car races, North Bay, South Bay. If you are not already taking advantage of this, you should seriously consider it. At a concours d'elegance you can see familiar classics plus elegant one-off coachworks from the times when true artists designed and crafted automobiles. Races are just exciting; the smell of oil, rubber, the sound, an occasional off-road cloud of dust, possibly a spin-out. I have been attending such events for 40 years. In my early years, it was an education

process, seeing cars, and seeing racing cars from before my time. Now that I'm a bit older, I also experience some nostalgia, seeing again the cars I first saw in my youth, when they were new. They've aged pretty well. I hope I have also.

The granddaddy and king of events is Monterey, mid-August: Pebble Beach Concours D'Elegance; Laguna Seca Historic Automobile Races, also called Motorsports Reunion (historic from 1910 to 1990's, sports cars, formula cars, small displacement, large displacement); Concorso Italiano (where else can you see 300 Ferraris and 100 Lamborghinis, plus Alfas, Lancias, Iso Griffos, Panteras, Fiats, Moto Guzzis?); several car auctions; and our MB Club's own Legends of the Autobahn.

If you have never been to Pebble Beach and you think you like cars, then you owe it to yourself to go at least once in your lifetime. Warning, it is expensive now, like \$200 per ticket. Getting there via shuttle buses from Spanish Bay, you're treated like cattle (albeit all well dressed, polite cattle). In the earlier days you could drive right up to the Lodge and park near the horse stables (watch where you step), entry was a whole \$45, but no longer. But the CARS! If you have not been, you do not know what you do not know - Pre-WW I, Pre-WW II, Post WW II; the curves of a 30's Bugatti, a Delage, a Dellahaye, Rolls, many, many Daimler-Benz; Straight 8 engines and V-16 Cadillacs.

The Carmel 17 Mile Drive used to double as a race course in the 1950's, Phil Hill driving Jaguar XKs etc., until too many collisions with trees convinced the race organizers to build a dedicated race track at Laguna Seca. That was all before my time. Those cars can still be seen today at the Laguna Seca and Sears Point Historic Races as well as contemporary car races. About 10 years ago, one of the weekend races at Laguna Seca featured eighteen 1963 Ferrari GTOs - yes, racing. That was allegedly 60% of the GTOs ever built. They were only worth about \$5 mil each then, currently I believe \$20 mil. Big gonads for a guy to race his \$5 mil, irreplaceable car, but what a gift for the spectators to witness this, since we were too young, or not alive, to go to LeMans in 1963. I admit, I was alive, but too young and totally oblivious.

Stay tuned for Part 2.

Joel Camarda

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Special Note: Website Revisions

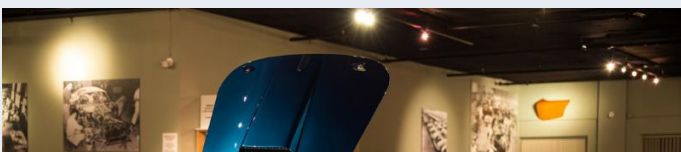
Our website is being revised by the National Office.
Please bear with us as we get things under control!

First Sunday Drive

May 1

Sebastopol to Bodega Bay to
Occidental

THE SHELBY COBRA EXPERIENCE





Saturday, May 14 - 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
777 Arnold Drive, Suite 200, Martinez

Join us for a private tour of the museum and exhibits celebrating the automotive legend created by Carroll Shelby, the father of the AC Cobra and Shelby Mustangs. In addition to examples of his cars on the floor, we will watch a video on his life and Formula One racing career. We will enjoy a hot lasagna lunch, and hear stories from our dedicated docents.

We may also hear from Carroll's long-time executive manager, "JL" Henderson, who I have invited to attend. JL has to clear some schedule conflicts, but I hope he'll make it.

Although not part of our official event, we will provide directions to the John Muir Home national historic site. For those who wish to take advantage of the opportunity, John Muir's home is located about a mile from the museum, and is open to visitors. Muir lived in the home during those years when he was trekking the Sierras, and persuading the nation to set aside mountain areas for protection and preservation. Visit www.nps.gov for more information.

Deadline for event registration is Saturday, May 7, and the cost is \$50 per participant, to cover the museum fee and lunch.

Visit www.cobraexperience.org. Register at MotorsportReg. For more information, contact Jack Weir at 925-899-4298 or jweir39@aol.com.



Start point: Safeway/Starbucks 406 North Main Street, Sebastopol - Drive will begin from Safeway parking lot promptly at 10:00 AM

We will be stopping at The Tides Wharf and Restaurant for approximately 30 minutes.

Brief History of The Tides Restaurant and Bodega Bay region. In 1961 Alfred Hitchcock used both the town of Bodega Bay and The Tides Restaurant as a backdrop for the movie classic The Birds. When entering The Restaurant portion of the building, observe the collection of still photographs on display which document the production of the movie. Although this is not the original restaurant, which was seen in the movie, it is located in the same spot.

We will be having lunch at Nearis Restaurant 3610



We will be having lunch at Regis Restaurant 6675
Bohemian Hwy, Occidental

For details click [here](#).



TECH SESSION EVENT

Mercedes of Marin

(formerly RAB Motors)



Saturday, May 21 - 9:30 AM
Mercedes of Marin (formerly RAB Motors)
540 Francisco Blvd. West
San Rafael, CA 94901
Breakfast and door prizes

Admission \$15 per person
Details: Martin Perlmutter
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(415) 517 7216

Mercedes of Marin in San Rafael has promised to have a very exciting and educational tech session for our MBZ Club members. They are preparing to demonstrate all the ins and outs of a "brake job" from the vantage point of the technician. They will share with us the various problems that could be encountered and will answer questions from the

Welcome New Members

Jeff Barnes, San Leandro, CA
James House, Burlingame, CA
Richard Murdock, Cupertino, CA
Sam Norris, Eureka, CA

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.

sfba.mbca.org

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encountered and will answer questions from the members. It should be an eye opener. Some questions to be posed could be, why are new disks always required, can't the old ones be "turned?" And why are calipers often added? When are they required? What is their role in braking? And anything else you can think of. Register at [MotorsportReg](#)

TECH SESSION - CARBONITE DETAILING

June 30 - 10:00 AM

Ever wonder how they get these new and used cars so clean? Everything is just perfect isn't it? Come and join us for a demonstration by Ian Osgood who started detailing cars after school at the age of 13. He continued doing this through college. He went on to work at Tesla in their detail department and produced videos and manuals they use to detail their new cars. In Aug. of 2015, he started his own business and will show us some of the processes he uses to get older cars looking like new. In addition to his professional techniques, he will show us things we can do at home, many of which use very little water, to keep our cars looking like new. Past President, Gloria Loventhal, and husband Richard, will have their 1960 220 cabriolet on site. Ian will use their car to show us his various techniques to rejuvenate older finishes. You will be amazed at how good it looks.

So come join us for this very informative demonstration.

Carbonite Detailing, 1029 American St., San Carlos
Cost is \$15.00 and you will need to sign up on [Motorsport.Reg](#)

Contact Peter Judy for more information: 408-348-2239 or prjudy1@verizon.net

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Call for Mercedes-Benz from 1886 to 1991 for the 60th Annual Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance Sunday, July 17

I am on the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance Committee with responsibility to get classic and special interest Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

I have been asked to get cars in each of these classes: MB-1, Pre-War [1886 Patent Wagen re-creation, 1936 260D, 500K/540K, 770, etc. (8-10 total from all sources)] MB-2, Post-War [170V, 170S, 220S/SE, 300 Series, 280SE 6.3, 450SEL 6.9, 280SE 3.5 Coupe/Cabriolet, 600 Limousine, etc. (8-10)] MB-3 SL Class [300SL Coupes/Roadsters, W121s, W113s, R/C 107s, R129s up to 1991 (8-10)]

National Events

**Starfest 2016, Hosted by MBCA Minuteman
Section**



**Celebrate Classic Performance at
Legends of the Autobahn®**



Legends of the Autobahn® returns to Monterey Car Week on Friday, August 19th at the Nicklaus Club. Be a part of the celebration of the world's pre-eminent German vehicle brands - Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Audi.

MBCA Members are invited to enter their automobiles in the judged Concours classes. the

The Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance website is: <http://www.hillsboroughconcours.org> for a look at recent shows.

Many thanks,

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Regional Events

Southwest Regional Event - Solvang Valley

May 20-22, 2016

Click [here](#) for additional information



Other Events of Interest



display-only corral, or the Silver Star Preservation class.

For 2016, 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, or modified Mercedes-Benz from Lorinser or Brabus. Mercedes-Benz automobiles used in racing are also invited to participate. To be eligible for this class, your Mercedes-Benz must be manufactured prior to 1997.

Register your Mercedes-Benz at www.legendsoftheautobahn.org. The deadline to register is July 31st. For more information contact Allen Stephens at 503-708-0397 or allen.c.stephens@gmail.com.

WANTED: A set of 1970's era license plate frames from Autohaus Brugger in Redwood City CA. For long time family ownership 250 SL.

Contact Jon Bernardi - jon113SL@att.net

03/09/2016



San Jose Country Club

Concours d'Elegance

Sunday, May 15

A fundraiser for Make-A-Wish Foundation

Click [here](#) for additional information



Biscotti and Cars

First Saturday Each Month

Sausalito

The 2016 California Lincoln Highway Classic Car Tour

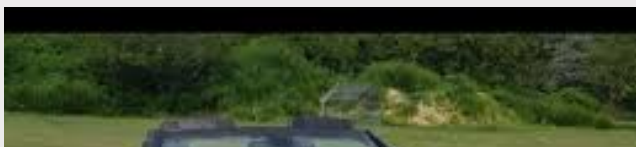
September 23-26, 2016

Click [here](#) for additional information.

Classified

FOR SALE:

1988 SL500



1991 350SDL





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



Al Bernal
(408) 394-3057

155 Kennedy Avenue
Campbell, CA 95008



Mercedes Connexion, 155 Kennedy Ave., Campbell
