



San Francisco Bay Area Section, Mercedes-Benz Club of America
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Wine, Dine and Song
SFBA Holiday Party & Member Appreciation Evening



Bring in the holiday season with your club colleagues at the Clos La Chance Winery! Wine Tasting begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by tantalizing hors d'oeuvres served on the terrace, a gourmet buffet and elegant dessert. In addition to wine tasting, guests will receive two glasses of wine of their choice.

We will be entertained by professional singer Paula Warren, a voice not to be missed, along with jazz pianist, Eddie Mendenhall whose repertoire is vast. He has performed alongside Manhattan Jazz Quintet, Enrique Iglesias, Peter Erskine and many others. He began studying the piano at age 4. He has directed the Kuumbwa Jazz Center's Honor band and served as an instructor for the Monterey Jazz Festival summer jazz camp.

Paula Warren is a human resources professional by day and in her "spare time", an actor and singer in local community theater and former church choir director. Her passion is rhythm and blues and gospel but she enjoys singing from many genres and has a voice that one wants to listen to all day long. One of her favorite singers is Ella Fitzgerald.

Details

Sunday, December 4th, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Clos La Chance Winery - 1 Hummingbird Lane, San Martin

\$70 per person

Cocktail attire suggested
Door prizes will be given

Want to spend the night? There are a few hotels near the winery. Details later.

Questions or comments?

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Last year's event

Welcome New Members

Tony Arcuri, Petaluma, CA
Rob Colwell, Los Altos Hills, CA
Sheila Cumpston, San Jose, CA
James Dunn, Pleasanton, CA
Timothy Iverson, Palo Alto, CA
James Lico, Burlingame, CA
Zach Quan, San Francisco, CA
Allan Russell, Monterey, CA

First Sunday Drive
Clayton to Walnut Grove Via River Ferry
October 2, 2016
Meet at 9:30 a.m.

2017 Planning Meeting - October 30th
Willow Glen Public Library



The 2017 planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 30th, at the Willow Glen Public Library Community Room located at 1157 Minnesota Ave, San Jose, CA from 1:15 - 3:15 p.m. 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?

This is your opportunity to come and share your ideas. We need your help to develop next year's event calendar. If you don't want someone else to decide the events you'll be attending next year, then mark your calendars or set reminders on your iPhone or iPad, and don't forget to attend on Sunday, October 30th.

Make your thoughts and ideas become part of our club events and drives for next year!

Other Events of Interest



Patrick Ottis's 1934 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300
WELCOME TO FIRST SATURDAY

BISCOTTI & CARS

Have all the tax measures on the November ballot discouraged you from taking that cruise you've always dreamed of? Don't fret. Join us for a drive that combines enjoyment of the Delta's features with two fun-on-the-water excursions. And, if you tend to suffer sea sickness, fear not.

We'll start the drive from Starbucks in Concord (see below) and travel over Marsh Creek Road around Mt. Diablo, before crossing the river and proceeding along the River Road to Rio Vista. We'll then queue up for our first boat trip, the "Real McCoy II" ferry ride across to Ryder Island. After a short jaunt on land, we'll then embark on the "J Mack," our second ferry trip. (Both ferry crossings are very short, with hardly time to breathe in the nautical atmosphere.)



We'll stop for a visit to the Grand Mansion resort and then travel on to our brunch/lunch destination, the venerable Ryde Hotel.

Past participants in this repeat "Ferry FSD" have reported a great time, and the weather should be ideal.



Starting location: Starbucks (925) 672-8919
1536-A Kirker Pass Road, Concord, CA
The shop is in the Clayton Station shopping center at the intersection of Clayton Road and Ygnacio Valley Road (from Walnut Creek) and Kirker Pass Road (from Pittsburg). (Those two roads meet at Clayton Road.)

Biscotti and Cars
First Saturday Each Month
Sausalito



Canepa Cars and Coffee

April to October
Second Saturday
8:00 to Noon

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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We'll meet at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, October 2, and leave at 10 a.m..

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Special Note: Our Website is Back!

Check it out at: sfba.mbca.org

- Upcoming Events
- How to Get Involved
- Members Recommend Non-club Events
- Mercedes Trivia
- And More!

In Memory of Richard Persoff

Rich Persoff, a long-time active member of our club and husband of Ann Bornstein, passed away in September. Rich and Ann were energetic and creative supporters of club activities, the last being the memorable barbecue at their home in Watsonville featuring local produce and wine, and a fascinating garden tour.

In addition to SFBA MBCA activities, Rich was a renowned plant breeder specializing in developing new varieties of Mimulus, a California native plant he adapted for landscape and garden planting. Rich was also an energetic member of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency and wrote a regular blog on the difficult issues of California water policy.

Rich had a great attitude, lots of creativity, and didn't hesitate to step-up when he could contribute. Rich's many contributions helped make our club interesting, worthwhile, and fun for everyone. We will miss him.

David Sears



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