



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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



June - Halfway through the year!

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a well-known phrase in Silicon Valley, and some of us are still employed in this field. I've mentioned this term because autonomous vehicles, such as **Mercedes-Benz** S-Class and EQS models, have just lately begun to offer Drive Pilot as an option on European public roads. The Drive Pilot will soon be available in the United States, and those lucky enough to purchase the premium choices will be able to provide voice commands to the Drive Pilot system while driving. As a result, the vehicles will cruise themselves to their destinations.

Wouldn't it be fascinating to use AI technology to develop our Section into an autonomous club? Then, there would be no need for a Board of Directors, staff, or seats to be appointed every two years! Instead, the itinerary will be generated automatically. The latest events and announcements will be broadcast across all social media platforms without the need for board members to brainstorm and plan. Each member will instantly receive the most up-to-date information via their smartphones, laptops, computers, or virtual eye-wears. However, if it could be done, it wouldn't be a club without human interaction!

Human interaction plays a big part in our section, and we've successfully communicated with our members using various technological tools available on the market. Since 2011, our Dropbox has stored all prior events, papers, images, and announcements. Our members can download all the amazing photographs from Flickr, and these photos have been organized chronologically since 2017. We rely significantly on Constant Contact to send out around 1000 monthly newsletters to our members and subscribers through email. For Member-Only events, we use MotorsportReg for our members to register online. The platform, templates, resources, papers, driving routes, and events are organized and stored in the above-mentioned web services. All the services come at a cost, which is why we rely on your kind donations to keep our section running smoothly.

Please continue to attend our events, and get to know the club and the members. If you're interested in being one of the candidates for the next two-year president's position, I encourage you to take the position because you'll be in good hands!

- John Goode

You do not want to miss upcoming events –

First Sunday Drive, June 5th – Castro Valley to Crockett [Click here](#)

On Father's Day, Sunday, June 19th. Oakland Aviation Museum – Open Cockpit Day. The Executive Director of the museum, Ian Wright, has invited our section members to join. If you'd like to sign up and have your Vintage, Classic, or Modern Mercedes-Benz under the wing of one of his Vintage Aircraft outside, please register at [MOTORSPORTREG](#). (Limited to 10 Mercedes-Benz)

May 5th, First Sunday Drive - Santa Cruz Backroads



Kevin and Deborah Sheehan deserve a big thank you for planning and guiding this fantastic Santa Cruz backroads exploration trip. Among the Bay Area car clubs, the SFBA branch is well-known for our First Sunday Drives. The Pontiac Solstices Club heard about us and drove all the way from Sacramento to join us for this relaxing trip through Santa Cruz's gorgeous backroads.

At the gathering place, one of our members had an interesting conversation. The member, Mike Epperson, said, "I love my 1961 Mercedes Benz that my stepfather bought new and I traded for in 1970, but there is a problem it's a little too old to take on trips much North of my Santa Cruz home. I was complaining to my girlfriend Jeanne that this John Goode guy has all these great trips that are North of San Francisco, and the 190 just doesn't want to go that far. Jeanne had the answer, 'just buy a new one.' So, John, just because of you, I bought a 2019 S560 Cabriolet that allows Jeanne and me to join you."

[May FSD 2022 Santa Cruz Backroads Photos](#)

Saturday, May 21st, 2022

Filoli Historic House & Gardens



Twenty members of the San Francisco Bay Area Section visited Filoli, a neighboring historic mansion, on a clear Saturday morning with a nice breeze. The Bourn Family's European and Asian artifact collections fascinate us. The massive oak trees, fully blossomed flowers, and manicured bonsais provided a feast for our eyes. We settled in one of our favorite places, Harry's Hofbrau, for a pleasant, relaxing, and friendly lunch after hours of wandering and admiring the landscape at Filoli.

[Click here for Filoli photos](#)

First Sunday Drive, June 5th, 2022 Castro Valley to Crockett



Gathering Place: Peet's Coffee
20439 Redwood Road, Castro Valley
Time: 9:00AM
Start the engines: 10:00AM

Destination: The Dead Fish
Restaurant
20050 San Pablo Ave. Crockett
(510) 787-3323
(No-host Lunch, reservations recommended)

[Click picture for details](#)

Father's Day Special Event
Sunday, June 19th, 2022
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Place: Oakland Aviation Museum
Address: 8252 Earhart Rd. Bldg. 621, Oakland, CA 94621



Friends of the SF Bay Area Mercedes-Benz Club

Our generous, Host and Executive Director, Ian Wright, has invited our SF Bay Area Mercedes-Benz Club to join the Father's Day Special Event on June 19th at Oakland Aviation Museum.

Ian would like **10 Mercedes-Benz** (Vintage and Classic preferred) to sign up to be displayed under the wing of one of his Vintage Aircraft outside. Volunteers will be there to show you which one at 9:30 am that day.

I am also happy to announce that on June 19, 2022, I will be your Co-Host and Guide at the Oakland Aviation Museum. (OAM) This is Father's Day! **Bring your family!**

It is also a Open Cock-Pit Day, this means that your children or grandkids can climb into the airplanes and pretend to be the Captain!!! I will be in front of Larry Welter's GLASAIR that he built in the 90's from a kit from Arlington, WA. He flew his home-built aircraft happily for 10 years before he passed away in 2013. His plane will be OPEN for your viewing pleasure on June 19th at OAM with me, Janet Welter, as your "Co-Pilot".

OAM is located next to Oakland Airport; 8252 Earhart Rd. Bldg. 621, Oakland, CA 94621 HOURS; 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

If you wish to display a Vintage, Classic or Modern Mercedes that day, outside, under a Vintage Aircraft Wing, please sign up at MotorsportReg. Your **ETA; 9:30 am** (only 10 Volunteers/Mercedes are needed)

There are large Vintage Aircraft on display outside and smaller ones inside. Larry Welter's Glasair is **inside** the museum. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served for a small fee from the local Rotary Club all day. Ken Berg's 10 - piece Band will play from 1:00 to 3:00. Bring a hat for the festivities outdoors. Our SFBA section Mercedes Club will cover your Entrance Fee that day. Be SURE to wear your Badge to get in free!

The **Historical Amelia Earhart** Room is located across from our Glasair inside the Museum. Do not miss the photos of Captain Earhart as well as numerous historical momentous. She took off three times just across the street from the Museum in the 30's..... hence the name.... Earhart Rd.

The General Aviation Airport is now across the street from OAM. There is ample parking nearby. I hope to see YOU and your family on Father's Day, June 19th, at Oakland Aviation Museum. I have flown in Larry's Glasair many times. Our Treasurer, Nadine Lane, has also flown in our Glasair with Larry. Nadine is a Licensed Private Pilot as well.

SEE YOU THERE,

Janet Welter (Member, OAM + SF Bay Area Mercedes Club)

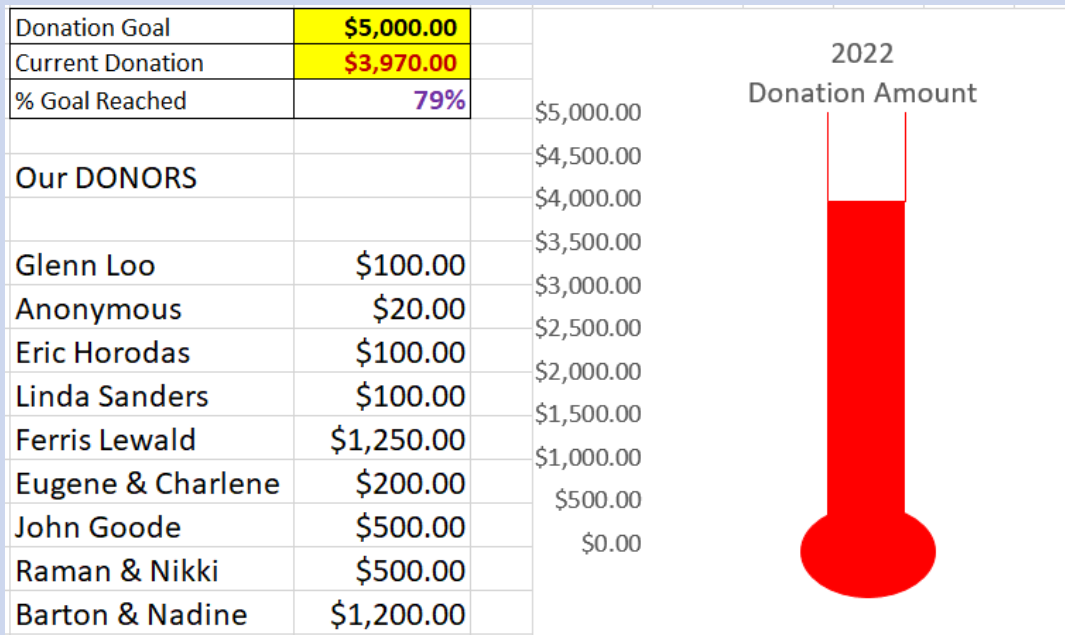
Vintage Mercedes - Prior to 1972

Classic Mercedes - Prior to 1997

Modern Mercedes - 1998 and present

This is a **member-only** event (other section members are welcome), please click [here to register](#).

\$3,970.00 donations received in 2022 !



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[Click here to order our Section Name Badges](#)

2022 Event Calendar

Dates	SFBA Event Calendar 2022 (June Version)	Organizers	MBCA Website	MotorsportReg
Sunday, January 9th	First Sunday Drive - Mt. View to Blackhawk Plaza	John Goode	Click here to view	
Saturday, January 22th	Member-Only: Chinese New Year - Authentic Chinese "Blind" Cuisine	John Goode	Click here to view	
Sunday, February 6th	First Sunday Drive - Marin City, Mt. Tamalpais, Pt. Reyes	Barton and Nadine	Click here to view	
Saturday, February 26th	Member-Only: Vintage, Classic Mercedes-Benz and Coffee (Mt. View)	John Goode	Click here to view	Click here to register
Sunday, March 6th	First Sunday Drive - Historic Point of Richmond	Bill and Kirby Young	Click here to view	
March 25-27 (Fri-Sun)	Member-Only: Reno (Sierra Nevada Section)	John Goode	Click here to view	Click here to register
Sunday, April 3rd	First Sunday Drive - Lake Berryessa	Tim Bonifay	Click here to view	
Sunday, April 24th	Member-Only: Grand Island Mansion Brunch Buffet with Delta-Drive	Doug & Sydney	Click here to view	Click here to register
Sunday, May 1st	First Sunday Drive - Santa Cruz backroads	Kevin & Deborah Sheehan	Click here to view	
Saturday, May 21st	Filoli Historic House & Gardens	John Goode	Click here to view	Click here to register
Sunday, June 5th	First Sunday Drive - Castro Valley - Crockett	Barton and Nadine	Click here for details	
Sunday, June 19th	Member-Only: Oakland Aviation Museum - Aircrafts and Mercedes Event	Janet Welter	Click here for details	Click here to register
Sunday, July 3rd	First Sunday Drive - TBA	Adam Quintilan		
Saturday July 23th	Member-Only: Gilroy Winery	Marshall Bush		
Sunday, August 7th	First Sunday Drive - Marin Cheese Tour	Doug & Sydney	Click here for details	
Fri-Sun, August 19th-21st	Member-Only: Carmel to Big Sur (Join event with Sacramento Section)	David Michael/John Goode	Click here for details	Click here to register
Sunday, September 4th	First Sunday Drive - TBA	Phil Do Carmo		
Saturday, September 24th	Member-Only: Board Meeting Event Planning at Peter's Café	The Board		
Sunday, October 2nd	First Sunday Drive - Sonoma Raceway	Joel Camarad		
Saturday, October 22	Oktoberfest -	Sandor Dorobilisch		
Tue-Sun October 25-30	Mercedes Freude - Newport Beach, CA	MBCA	Click here for details	
Sunday, November 6th	First Sunday Drive - TBA	OPEN		
	No Member-Only Event, too close to Thanksgiving and Holiday Banquet			
Saturday, December 3rd	Annual Holiday Banquet, Spinnaker's at Sausalito	The Board		
Sunday, December 4th	No First Sunday Drive - too close to the Holiday Banquet			
Subjected to update monthly				

[Click here to download the latest Event Calendar 2022 PDF](#)



Welcome New Members

Gary Schlimgen, San Leandro
Michael Brunn, Modesto
Mark Jansen, San Jose
Craig Johnson, Pleasanton
Rakesh Patel, Redwood City
John Migliozi, Los Altos Hills
Gideon Feldstein, Berkeley



Anniversaries

25 Years

Nick Wilhelm, Walnut Creek
Howard Strause, Lafayette

15 Years

Ricky Wylie, Oakland

10 Years

Oscar Crovetto, San Jose
Daniel Barnard, San Mateo

5 Years

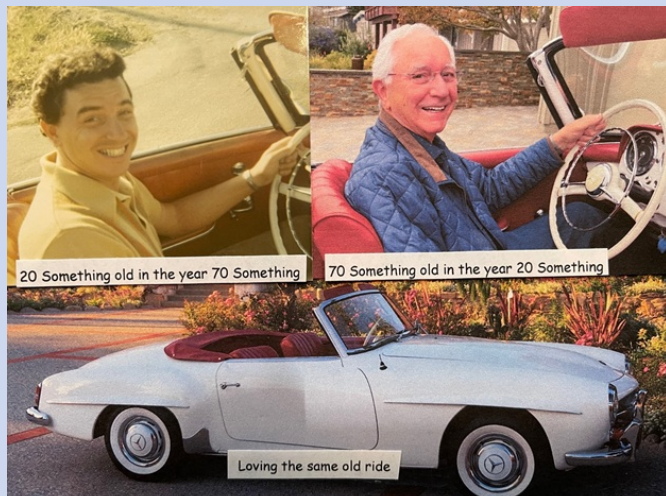
John Friesen, Danville
Frank DiPaola, Carmel

Members and Their Mercedes-Benz

Mike Epperson, Aptos 1961 190SL and 2019 S560

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2004 C240 4Matic Wagon C240

Smogged in March
 New tires Moonroof
 Black exterior All leather seats & light grey interior
 180560 mile
 Durable 6 cylinder engine
 Great gas mileage.
 Owned and operated by non-smokers
 No perfume to cover up odors!
 Very Clean interior
 last 7 of the VIN -F438156



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1989 560SL

Seeking a loving home for this classic **1989 560 SL**. Hate to sell it, but after my house sold quickly, had to move quickly. Moved to Hawaii and shipped another car here. Sadly, shipping a second car that is black on black is just not practical and garage space is hard to find.

She has 208,000 miles (mostly Southern California freeway miles from first owner), has never been in an accident (body, paint and soft top are in great condition) and has been garaged during my ownership since 2000. Kept up with regular maintenance and there are a few outstanding repairs that I didn't take care of due to my rapid departure from the mainland. She drives beautifully and is a fun second car for joy filled rides! She's currently garaged in the Bay Area in a friend's garage.

Asking \$14,717 and yes, there's a story behind that number. For more information call/text 415-378-9658 or email [tainaseaman@gmail.com](mailto:taineaseaman@gmail.com). Mahalo!



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1980 MERCEDES 300SD

Mint condition Mercedes 1980 SD for sale. \$18,000.00

Pick up in the Bay Area
915 Boranda Ave.
Mountain View, CA 94040
Please contact Jamie Capdevilla by email at: jamie@emikeni.com.



Click [here](#) for more pictures.

1960 220SE Convertible

1960 Mercedes-Benz 220 SE.
Completely original, recent restoration and multiple award winner at several Concourse 2021. This Mercedes 220SE is not only show quality but completely road worthy for long distance driving. Price \$175,000.



Do you have a Mercedes-Benz you would like to sell to an appreciative buyer?

[Click here to see how to submit a classified ad to the Golden Gate Star](#)

Monterey Car Week, August 12-21, 2022



Do you have a favorite event at Monterey Car Week you would like to share with members? Submit a short write-up and submit, with pictures, to Bertha Benz at: sfbambca@gmail.com to be included in next month's eNewsletter.

Car Shows you might be interested in!

[Click below pictures for details](#)

Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance June 26, 2022



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MBCA Concours Classes

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The background of the Pebble Beach advertisement is a photograph of a large crowd gathered on a grassy area, likely for the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. In the top right corner, there is a logo for "PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE" featuring a stylized 'PB' monogram and wings. The text "PEBBLE BEACH" is above the monogram, and "CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE" is below it.

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