

the Orange County Star



Trick or Treat



HALLOWEEN APPROACHING!

Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2020 will occur on Saturday, October 31. Halloween costumes from the first half of the 20th century were terrifying. Drawing on the holiday's pagan and Christian roots as a night to ward off evil spirits or reconcile with death, respectively people often opted for more morbid, serious costumes than the pop culture-inspired ones of today. Aside from the big bad pandemic, what frightens you the most?

Many know that arachnophobia is the fear of spiders. Here are some names of other common and uncommon fears.

Agoraphobia: fear of places and situations that might cause panic, helplessness or embarrassment.
Astraphobia: fear of lightening.
Chrometophobia: fear of money.
Katsaridaphobia: fear of cockroaches.
Coulrophobia: fear of clowns.
Melophobia: fear of music.
Musophobia: fear of rodents.
Ophidiophobia: fear of snakes.
Nyctophobia: fear of the dark.
Ophidiophobia: fear of snakes.
Phasmaphobia: fear of ghosts.
Spectrophobia: fear of mirrors and one's own reflection.

Here are some fears you probably never heard of or knew existed such as

Ablutophobia: fear of bathing.
Ancraophobia: fear of wind.
Arachibutyrophobia: fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth.
Chorophobia: fear of dancing.
Didaskaleinophobia: fear of going to school. And we know how so many people are afraid to be without their phone, **Nomophobia:** fear of being out of a phone's range of service.

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DID YOU KNOW?
ONE QUARTER OF ALL THE CANDY SOLD ANNUALLY IN THE U.S. IS PURCHASED FOR HALLOWEEN.





FOLLOW THE STAR

DOWN MEMORY LANE

For more than a century, the Mercedes-Benz S-Class has stood as the ultimate expression of what the automobile can be.

Time and again, this vehicle has driven new standards in comfort, elegance, safety and innovation. And if there's one thing that defines Mercedes-Benz approach to this icon, it's knowing that they will never be finished perfecting it.

With the 2021 S-Class, they've redefined luxury again, re-imagining what's possible for the future of driving.

The new S-Class is longer and wider, and yet all-new rear-axle steering makes it more nimble, with a tighter turning radius for urban driving. What those added dimensions deliver is comfort and spaciousness inside. Here, a lounge-like atmosphere caters to the welfare of driver and passengers in uniquely S-Class ways. Activate the massaging seats, cue an ENERGIZING Comfort wellness program, raise the rear-seat calf rests, bask in the Burmester 4D sound system: Every drive is designed to be unforgettable. For the driver, no fewer than 19 motors allow you to perfect your seat position for maximum comfort.



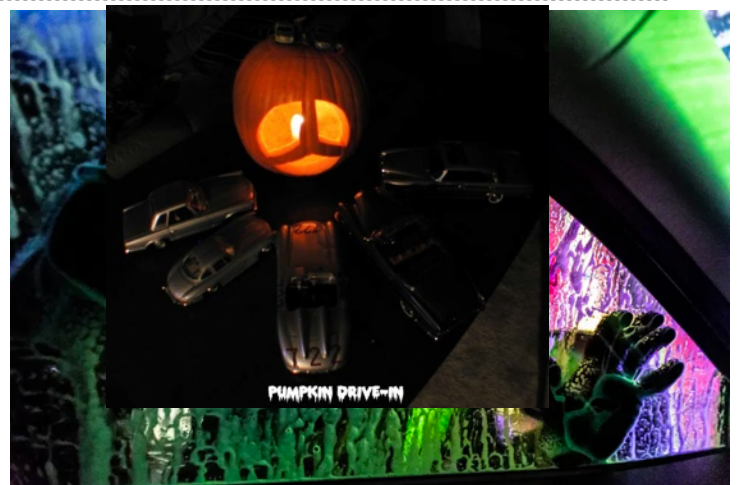
And that's just one example of the innovation engineered for this vehicle. Within the S-Class, numerous other technologies make this one of the most advanced sedans you'll ever drive. The vehicle is equipped with up to five screens, including the striking new center console that seems to float conveniently within reach. Interior Active Ambient Lighting not only sets the mood, it also

supports the driver assistance features or signals interactions with the Mercedes-Benz User Experience (MBUX) system. A 3D Digital Instrument Cluster provides a more accurate rendering of the world around the vehicle. The very latest Intelligent Drive features come standard. And speaking of MBUX, it now has 50% more processing power.

Safety are amongst some of Mercedes-Benz most important innovations and are ones Mercedes-Benz hopes will never be needed. Rear

passenger airbags have been engineered to deploy from in front of the passenger, significantly reduce loads in case of collision. And systems like PRE-SAFE® Impulse Side — which consist of an air chamber in the side bolster of the seat, nudging the passenger away from an imminent side impact — continue to find ingenious ways to reduce potential hazards. They combine to make the S-Class as reassuring as it is revolutionary.

Huntington Beach Haunted Car Wash brings scares, ghouls, zombies — and suds.



Move it along, keep it moving. Nothing much to see here folks.... Well, just a creepy clown suddenly appearing at your windshield as you creep through the final rinse cycle.

Thrill-seekers don't leave their cars. Monsters attack from the other side of glass barriers. It's doesn't rival Universal Studios Horror Nights, and its not exactly Knott's Scary Farm, however it is the ultimate in social distancing entertainment during this real-life horror story known as the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Tunnel of Terror Haunted Car Wash takes place at Russell Fischer Xpress car wash, 16061 Beach Blvd, Huntington Beach, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights through Oct. 31. Cost is \$20 per vehicle, which includes a car wash. For more information, go to ussellfischerwash.com/terror.



MEMBER RECOGNITION

Welcome

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If we've missed your name in this issue, we apologize.

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- M. Ward



MEMBER TALK



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DRIVER'S SEAT

POSITION 1



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Check all the fluids | Strange noises or strained performance are often an indication of low fluid levels. Check your vehicle's engine oil, brake and transmission, power steering, windshield washer solvent, and antifreeze/coolant. Fluids should be checked at every gas refill.

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October is Fall Car Care Month. Keep your Benz operating smoothly with these tips.

October is National Car Care Month, and even though all our member areas don't get extremely cold fall and winter temperatures, it's still a great time to make sure your car is in its best shape. If you're wondering "how should I prepare my Mercedes-Benz for fall?", read our four quick and simple fall car care tips, and remember to contact Oil Res-Q with any issues.

Fall Car Care Tech Tips:

Check the lights and wipers | Seeing and being seen is key to safe driving. Check your vehicle on a daily basis to make sure all the lights are working properly. Test your vehicle's wipers at least once per month to ensure they quickly and effectively clean your windshield. Replace both as needed.

Check the hoses and belts | Cracked, frayed, or loose hoses left unchecked can



or call us when you want to make sure that

3 SPOOKY CAR STORIES

With Halloween right around the corner, everyone is trying to come up with their best spooky car stories for this popular, candy-filled holiday. There are several spooky horror stories that everyone should think about sharing at their next get-together.

High Beams

One night, there was a girl driving her car home from Senior High School. She lived about eight miles away. She used the car to get back and forth with me home in school. That night, she had driven into town to see the high school basketball game. Now, she was on her way home.

As she pulled away from school, she noticed that a truck was following her out of the parking lot. The car seemed to follow her through every twist and turn. Periodically, the driver would turn on the high beams. This made the girl uneasy.

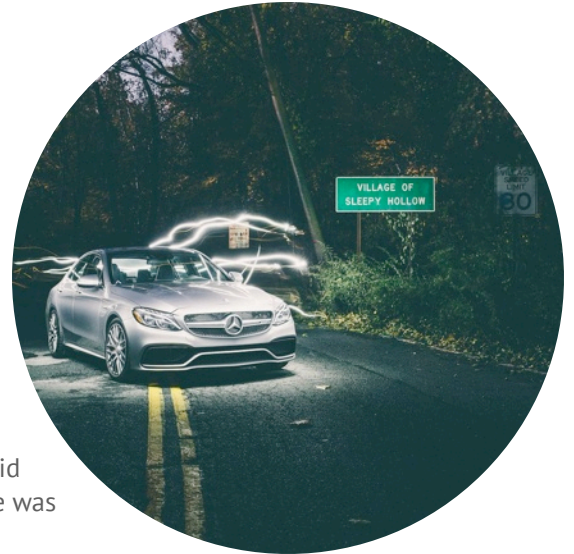
Eventually, the driver even followed her into her driveway. When she got out of the car, she screamed to anyone who would listen, "call the police!". The driver of the other vehicle got out of the truck with a gun. He pointed the gun at the girl's car. It turned out that there was someone else in the girl's car. He was waiting for the perfect opportunity to kill her. In reality, the driver of the other vehicle saved her life.

Junk Car

There was a family with two older boys. The older boy joined the army. When he did, his younger brother got the car. One night, the family got a devastating news. The older brother had been killed in action. The younger brother was furious. Every night, he would get in the car and drive off. One night, he had way too much to drink and drove off, not caring where he ended up.



The younger brother was a habitual smoker, and, one night, he dropped a cigarette in his lap. He jumped, but he took his eyes off of the road. His car slid into a ditch. He was knocked out.



When he woke up, he didn't know where he was. He felt like he saw visions of his older brother yelling at him to get out of the car. He got out of the car as quickly as he could and try to light another cigarette. His older brother blew it out. Eventually, he heard sirens. He felt like people were putting him on a stretcher. He asked the emergency responders for a cigarette. One of them responded, "I wouldn't do that. If you lit a cigarette, you would be dead."

Personal Time

One night, a young couple went to a remote area time to have some personal time. Later, they went back to the car. They turned on the radio and heard there was a madman on the loose, who had broken free from the local insane asylum. The boyfriend went out and locked the doors. The girlfriend waited for a long time and eventually heard someone tapping on the window next to her. When she turned to see who it was, she saw an elderly gentleman laughing, with the head of her boyfriend in his hands. She screamed and closed her eyes. When she opened them, her boyfriend's head had been replaced with her car keys.

Story by JunkcarCashOut

DID YOU KNOW? ALTHOUGH IT IS UNKNOWN PRECISELY WHERE AND WHEN THE PHRASE "TRICK OR TREAT" WAS COINED, THE CUSTOM HAD BEEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN AMERICAN POPULAR CULTURE BY 1951, WHEN TRICK-OR-TREATING WAS DEPICTED IN THE PEANUTS COMIC STRIP. IN 1952, DISNEY PRODUCED A CARTOON CALLED "TRICK OR TREAT" FEATURING DONALD DUCK AND HIS NEPHEWS HUEY, DEWEY AND LOUIE.

A Member Message

To our valued members and enthusiasts:

These past several months have been unprecedented and with so much uncertainty it has been difficult to coordinate activities, however, I'd like to again thank you for your continued loyalty to MBCA, Orange County. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by COVID-19 around the world.

As the situation with the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues evolve and continues to impact each and every one of us in some capacity, we are making every attempt in taking steps to help make sure you and your Benz are still engaged with the club virtually.

The health and safety of our members is top priority and like many other clubs, we're taking guidance from the CDC and local health authorities best practices. Unfortunately due to social gathering restrictions, the lifting and reissuing of stay home orders in various member areas; out of an abundance of caution, most physical and social MBCA, OC activities/events have been postponed, moved to a virtual platform or have been modified to ensure compliance with social distancing. We ask that any physical activity that requires social distancing and masks be followed by all. The Board is continuing to monitor the situation and working with the National Office of MBCA, CDC, Orange County & Riverside County Public Health Services.

Based on the guidance we have received from these organizations, our own preparedness and our ability to adapt, I want you to know that you can continue to rely on your Board of Directors to stand ready to assist you and get the OC section back on track once this has all subsided. Our goal will and always shall be to providing an exceptional club experience and satisfaction in all areas of your membership.

As always, thank you for your continued loyalty to MBCA and MBCA, OC. Be well and stay safe.

No matter your final destination this, whether you're tricking or treating make sure you're social distancing and wearing a face covering.

Have a Safe & Happy Halloween

Sincerely,

Maurice Ward
President, MBCA, OC



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The History Of Pumpkin Carving

Pumpkins, Jack-o'-Lanterns, ghosts and ghouls! You know that Halloween is right around the corner when many plump pumpkins are placed outside for all to see! Many households carve pumpkins, and the story behind it is very interesting.

This orange icon has long been a symbol of the Autumn season. You might have already seen or even engaged in the decorating of one for your own home. Kids especially love the process of carving a pumpkin open and scooping out the seeds, because it's messy fun! Pumpkins also have plenty of other purposes besides fall decoration. Pumpkin seeds can be roasted, and the meat can be used to create pumpkin pie and other culinary recipes. But, where did the idea of decorating pumpkins in October first become a tradition? Who first started it and why?

The origins of pumpkin carving and decoration goes far back to ancient cultures of the world. Celtic cultures were the first to introduce carving to the scene, which later became a staple of Irish culture. The term, "Jack-o'-Lantern" comes from an old Irish folk tale called "Stingy Jack." Legend has it, that Jack invited the Devil himself to have a drink with him. The thing is, Jack wasn't called stingy, for no good reason. Jack wanted to get away with a free drink, so he tricked the Devil into picking up his bar tab! After Jack passed away, he was prevented from moving on to the afterlife as punishment. Jack was cursed to eternally wander the Earth in the dead of night, with only a single coal ember to guide him. Jack would place his light in a hollowed-out turnip, and from that point onward, people began to call him "Jack of the Lantern" or "Jack-o'-Lantern" for short. In reverence of this tale, the Irish began to carve out vegetables in his likeness. The carved produce served as a deterrent to keep Jack away, while lighting the way for good spirits. That's right! Pumpkins were not the first items that were decorated for what was known as "All Hallows Eve." Turnips and other root vegetables were used instead.

The original carvings were meant as a deterrent to scare away Jack from homesteads. After many Irish families immigrated to America in the 1800s, they found that Pumpkins made for excellent carving specimens, especially because pumpkins didn't really grow well in Ireland. The tradition of Pumpkin carvings has stuck ever since. The tradition of lighting the way for spirits also carried over and is how carved pumpkins became associated with Halloween. Now, Jack-o'-Lanterns can be seen everywhere during October!

Regardless if you're celebrating Halloween or not, making Jack-o'-Lanterns is a ton of fun. The next time you see a Jack-o'-Lantern glaring at you ghoulishly from someone's front porch, remember to say a prayer for poor Stingy Jack!





AROUND THE BEND

Upcoming Events:



STARTIVITIES CALENDAR

Dates: October 24 - Canyon Crest Cars & Coffee - Riverside

Dates: December 9 - CHP Toy Drive - Riverside

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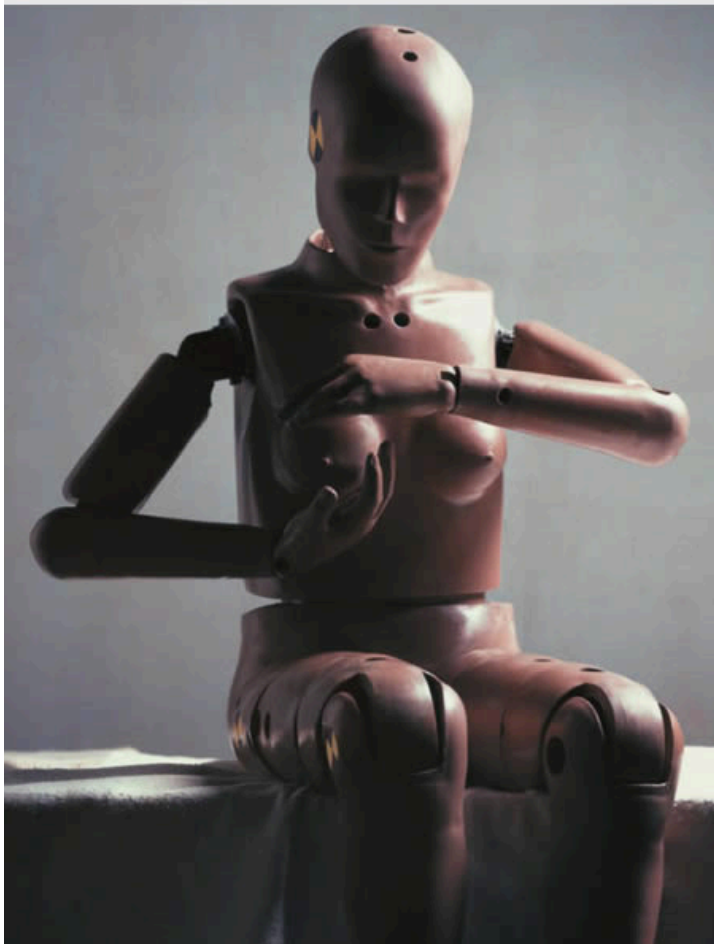
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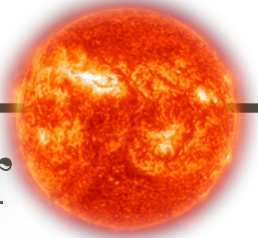


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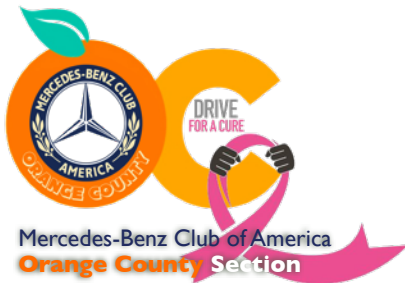
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