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Calendar Of Events

October 2000

Oktoberfest

Kevin McKnight

November 2000

Planning Meeting

Daniels - Orangevale, CA

December 2000

Christmas Party

National Hotel - Nevada City, CA

Fun Rally and Wine Tasting

On September 24th, a beautiful fall day, the Sacramento Section went on a fun symbols rally and wine tasting tour of the Gold Country. Our final destination was at the majestic Ironstone Vineyards. Our talented and gracious coordinators were Sandra Reese, club treasurer, Mark Reese, and Barbara Tallof.

Forty-three members and guests started off at Starbuck's Coffee House in Gold River (East Sacramento). Our Rally started off down Sunrise Boulevard and on to the Gold Country. The rally consisted of directions to the winery and 25 symbols that we had to identify along the route. First prize for getting 25 of the symbols went to Allen and Joyce Wrenn. Second prize went to Roger and Al Angeloni with 19 symbols. And third prize went to Billy and Ardis Clingman with 18 symbols identified. I got honorable mention for

getting 16 symbols while driving, navigating and looking.

After arriving at Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, California, we were led on a tour by Bob. Following the tour, which included listening to a pipe organ that used to be in the Alhambra Theater in Sacramento, we tasted several wines with hors d'oeuvres, followed by a Mediterranean buffet.

Bill Brandt, our president, had a short meeting. Kevin McKnight discussed the upcoming Oktoberfest and Phil Dusel discussed the planning meeting in November. Thank you Sandra, Mark and Barbara for a wonderful day. Everyone seemed to be having a good time and I know I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

-Brent Fisher

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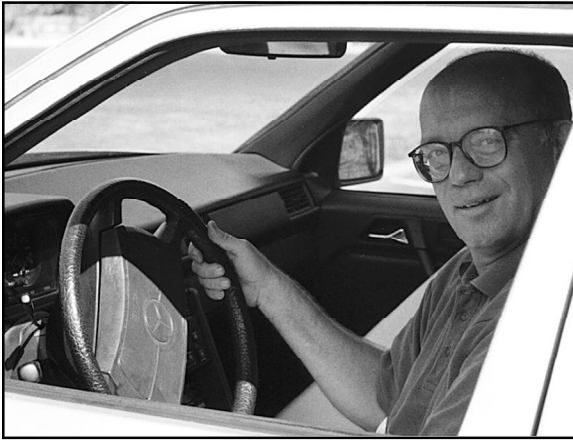
A New Column

Hear ye! Hear ye! Be the first (or second!) to "Ask Al" a question, related to Mercedes-Benz. We are starting a new, interesting and informative, article to be included in all future newsletters. This article will be in a Question & Answer format. You, our faithful readers, will supply the questions!

Please include your e-mail address and your name (or just your first name, if you are shy!) when "Asking Al" a question. We will research your questions through a variety of reliable resources (sources will be given credit in the "answer" portion). Questions regarding Mercedes-Benz vehicles, the history of this vehicle, the maintenance of this vehicle, a particular problem related to maintenance of this vehicle, vehicle parts (new, used or rebuilt), catalog items, and the new SUV (M-Class) are all appropriate type questions.

Please e-mail your question(s) to: alrogangeloni@juno.com. I look forward to your questions, and the opportunity to educate ourselves and have some fun learning more about our beloved vehicles!

Al Angeloni



President's Message by: Bill Brandt

I want to say that I had a blast attending The Ironston Rally. I didn't realize that such a new and large facility was even in the foothills! One would have thought that facility would have been in Napa – and the drive!

I must admit I didn't do very well with the sign tally at the rally. At least one of our members was keeping two tallies. This member, who is rumored to have a red 280SL, was driving a bit slow because his passenger wanted time to look for the signs. Meanwhile there was a column of angry drivers who were venting their impatience when they passed!

I don't know about the sign count, but the other count according to Don, er, the anonymous member was "3 fingers and 6 horns". I don't know which fingers he meant but I can say the times people have showed me 1 finger I assumed they want to tell me that I am number 1. I don't know how compromise was reached in the red 280SL. I'll have to find out at the Oktoberfest!

After silently asking myself why

people call me after the deadline for my events, I discovered in talking with Kevin that I am indeed late in sending him my check. If you are late too call Kevin at (916) 721-1579. Last year I got hoarse from so many "Prosits" – I will have to pace myself this year! Then we have the Planning Meeting – I hope that some of you who have never had an event will consider hosting one. Next month I'll have some "how to" instructions to help you!

Speaking of volunteering, I am proud of our members – in August Chris Dudte volunteered to do our newsletter – and at Ironstone Graham Gall volunteered to be the next Secretary! And another volunteer, Al Angeloni, proposed a column where you can ask any Mercedes-related question and she will find out for you! She has a variety of sources and awaits your questions.

Finally, I'd like to thank the members who have agreed to show their cars out front for the "Unveiling the Best" at Von Housens. And thanks to Phil Dusel for coordinating this. It is this spirit that has made our Section one of the most active in MBCA.

After this newsletter, we will get back onto the right schedule with the next issue around the first of December. Many thanks to Chris for the professional job he is doing!

Member Dayton McDonald has written of his Mercedes experiences – I think you will find one hilarious...

With that, I will see you at the Oktoberfest and the Planning Meeting!

Bill

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A Couple of Mercedes Experiences

Sue and I bought our first Mercedes in 1961, a 190SL, red with black top and tan leather interior. Sue was very opposed to the purchase as I had only been out of school and practicing for two years. We really could not afford it with school and equipment debts to pay. However, I persevered, and it has served us very well. We just had it painted and the leather redone for the third time.

I had one very embarrassing experience because of it. We had a week of vacation going to the Yuba River area and on to the Nut Tree for lunch. Having driven with the top down, Sue was complaining of her hair, and I reassured her it was fine.

We were looking around, and our youngest son was touching things he shouldn't, so I was telling him he should put his hands in his pockets. When I turned around, Sue was ahead of me with her back turned. When nearing her I said, "you know your hair does look like hell, so go into the restroom and do something about it!"

Well, she turned around and it wasn't Sue! I was mortified and walked into a locked glass door, bloodying my nose, which I deserved. Hope it wasn't one of you and I do apologize!

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Christmas Dinner

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Since nobody volunteered to host a Christmas dinner this year, I had the choice of having nothing for December, or something. Since it's not really our Section's character to have void months we will be at the National Hotel in Nevada City. Dinner will be December 10, 2000 5:30-6:00 – come early for no-host drinks. I like the National Hotel because you feel like you are stepping back in time – which you are. You can even try a dinner that Herbert Hoover raved about. Dress is casual.

For you newer members who have missed some of our Section's December events of the past, well, you missed something. Last year John and Joyce Dupriest had an event at the Sutter Club that was truly memorable. There was a live swing band and I even took a series of lessons but alas, the dance floor was so crowded that there wasn't much room!

Planning an event like this is far more than a normal Section event. I would like to acknowledge those Section members who sponsored these events during the last decade:

1999 – Joyce and John Dupriest	Sutter Club
1998 - Joyce and John Dupriest	Sierra View Country Club
1997 - Betty and Don Werner	McClellan AFB Officer's Club
1996 - Claudia Bordin	National Hotel
1995 to 1991 - Virginia and Fred Hill (yes, 5 years!)	Cameron Park Country Club
1990 – Bob Cottam	Christmas on the Delta King

Thank You.

I can tell you that this year will be a bit toned down but there is one tradition I'd like to continue. With all the commercialism and let's admit it – getting a lot of gifts few of us really need – I like to give a toy anonymously to a child in need. So I'm going to call one of the children's homes and if you will send a SASE with your check I'll include a list of what children want. This is certainly not mandatory but I'm going to do it. I will bring whatever wrapped gifts you bring to the Children's Home the following Monday.

Meet Our New Secretary

At Sandra Reese's event, I mentioned that Brent Fisher's term is expiring as of November and that office will be open. After the meeting Dr. Graham A.E. Gall, known as Graham to everyone, volunteered his services. It's been the efforts of our members that have made this an active Section for over 30 years. Thanks Graham!

Our next Mercedes was a 1971 300SEL 3.5 which we took delivery on at Sindelfingen in a fierce snowstorm in early March. It also served us well until I found a 6.3, also a 1971, which we still have.

Bill Harrah was our neighbor and though I didn't know him well my good friend did. We were at Bill's garage tuning his Pontiac on the only dynamometer around when Bill came in and visited with us.

He asked, "Who owns the 6.3?" I replied 'I do and it really snorts!' He replied that he also had one and was very pleased with it. We found that we were both going to Las Vegas, so we agreed to see who could get there first.

When it came time to leave, I found that he had a race driver, so I thought it was silly to even try. But off we went! It was when speed limits in Nevada were "reasonable and proper".

We averaged over 135 MPH in our car and managed to still get there first! Not sure if 135 MPH was "reasonable and proper" but the Harrah team was really bummed.

It turned out that our car belonged to a dealer in Dusseldorf and was "not off the peg", but tricked out with high-speed cams, ignition, etc. Mr. Harrah had his car fitted the same way shortly thereafter. Ours has been and is a wonderful automobile.

-Dayton McDonald

November Planning Meeting

Dinner – 2001 Planning Meeting
Sunday, November 19, 2000
No Host Cocktails 5:30PM
Dinner 6:00 PM

Join us on Sunday November 19th for dinner at Daniels, formally the Country Table Restaurant. The restaurant is located in the historic Calder mansion

built in 1907 for Lord William Calder, a colorful actor and play producer. The restaurant specializes in American cuisine with a french flair.

Following dinner we will have a planning meeting to establish the 2001 calendar of events. This is your opportunity to decide the direction your club will take. Even if you can't host an event you can come for dinner and participate in the planning.

Nevada members – if you want to host an event just let Bill Brandt know by email or phone and he'll block up to 2 months for you.

Questions? Call Phil Dusel at (530) 756-1549. Daniels – 8999 Greenback Lane (just east of Hazel Avenue) Orangevale, CA.

-Phil Dusel

Reservation Slip - Christmas Party

Sunday December 10, 2000

Price is \$27.00 per person. Meals include dessert & coffee/tea, soup or salad, potato or rice, fresh vegetables and fresh baked bread.

Member _____ Number of Persons _____ @27.00 = _____

Presidential Prime Rib # _____ Roasted Chicken # _____

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Reservation Deadline
December 5, 2000

Reservation Slip - November Planning Meeting

Sunday November 19, 2000

Price is \$19.50 per person. Price Includes Salad, Appetizer, Entrée, Bread and Coffee or Tea.

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Chicken Cordon Bleu # _____ Grilled Salmon # _____ Prime Rib # _____

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Reservation Deadline
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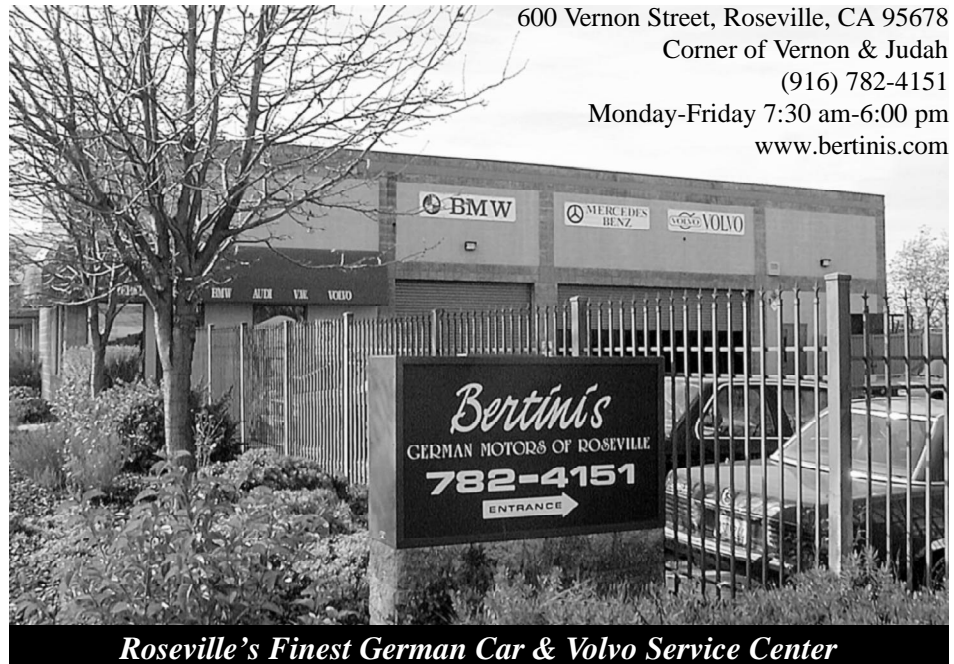
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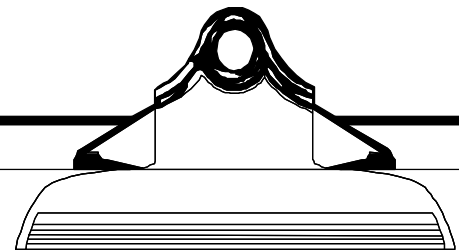


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