



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

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October 2022

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### October

Our Annual Member Appreciation Holiday Party is coming up in December, it was quite a challenge for our holiday planning committee to deal with this year; the inflation soars, a variety of menu to consider, the programs to offer at the event, and a budget to meet. The committee really did a marvelous job in covering all the bases and ensuring that we'll have an enjoyable holiday party.

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The price is \$95 per person, and the board has decided to subsidize up to 85 guests. When the number of registrations reaches 85, the price will revert to an unsubsidized amount of \$135 per person.

Please register early and see you at the Spinnaker! [click here](#)

Mercedes Freude 2022 is a National Event, **Oct 25 – Oct 30**, in Newport Beach, California. Exciting events just to name a few; Tech Sessions, The Petersen Tour, Dock & Dine on Newport Bay, California Wine Testing, Banquet Dinner, etc....[Click here](#) to register the events.

- John Goode

**Here are the upcoming events for the year**

**First Sunday Drive, October 2nd - Mt. View, Stanford and Skyline**  
[Click Here](#)

**Member event, October 22nd - Oktoberfest - Sandor Drobilisch** [Click Here](#)

**First Sunday Drive, November 6th - Bear Creek Road** [Click Here](#)

**Annual Holiday Party, December 3rd - The Spinnaker, Sausalito**  
[Click here](#)

## September First Sunday Drive: Camino Tassajara



Despite the record-breaking heat waves in the Bay Area, we had a great turnout for this Camino Tassajara leisurely drive. I had ordered a large cup of cold Thai Boba Tea, instead of a cup of coffee to cool myself off. Thank you Philippe Do Carmo, for organizing this fabulous Contra County backroads!



We started the engines and took off from Danville, and arrived downtown Pleasanton before the heat kicked in. A group of us enjoyed the refreshments and excellent dining experience at Oyo in Pleasanton. After lunch, a handful of us headed over to our club's favorite pastry store, Passion Pastry for more desserts and coffee.

[September FSD 2022 Photos of Camino Tassajara](#)

## **Saturday, September 24, 2022**

### **SFBA Section Member Meeting-Planning**



Thank you Rajesh and Sue Mahey for joining the board meeting.

Here are some highlights -

- April Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.
- Our section's annual operation is between \$3,000 and \$4,000 a year primarily in communication and data storage.
- No National Membership Rebates for the last two years; 2021 and 2022. In the past, our section received \$7,700 per year from the National Membership Rebates. Between 2021 and 2022, our generous members have donated a total amount of \$9,000, and making us a financially sound section.
- There will be the First Sunday Drives in 2023. The following board members have committed to lead the FSDs; Barton Lane (2x), Douglas Storkovich (1x), John Goode (2x). January 8 will be the 1st FSD of the year, and not on January 1st.
- Approved the letter of invitation to be sent to, and invited the FASCA - the Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors to perform for

us at our party. As a token of our appreciation, our Section will arrange and pay for a chartered bus to ensure the safety of their traveling from Milpitas to Sausalito and back.

- Menu selections, section's subsidization amount, the number of the guests to be subsidized, and the price per ticket have been confirmed and approved.
- Website and Newsletter editor - David Sears will be assisting behind the scene, as Adam Quintillan will be taking the title, and John Goode will be editing assistant.
- President vacancy for 2023-2024

## **First Sunday Drive, October 2, 2022** **Mountain View, Stanford and Skyline**



**Gathering Place:** Bagel Street Café

**Address:** 1049 El Monte Ave,  
Mountain View, CA

**Time:** 9:00AM

**Start the engines:** 10:00AM

**Destination:** Upper Crystal Spring Reservoir Vista Point

**No-host lunch at Peter's Café** 10 El Camino Real, Millbrae.

Organizer: John Goode

[First Sunday Drive - Mt. View, Sanford and Skyline](#)

## **October 22, Oktoberfest - In Memory of** **Sandor Drobilisch**

**Harry's Hofbrau** - 1909 El Camino Real, Redwood City

**Time: 6:00-8:00PM**



Oktoberfest was Sandor's favorite festival. In the past years, he had organized Oktoberfest events for our club members to enjoy and celebrate.

In Memory of Sandor Drobilisch, our club would like to continue his legacy, and wishes to cordially invite friends and the club members to celebrate his life with food and drinks on Saturday, October 22nd, 2022 from 6PM to 8PM, at one of his favorite restaurants - Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City, CA.

- [Oktoberfest - In Memory of Sandor Drobilisch | MBCA](#)

**Annual Member Appreciation Holiday Party**

**Saturday, December 3, 2022**

**The Spinnaker, Sausalito**

**11:00AM - 3:00PM**

**[Click here to register](#)**





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### **An introduction of the FASCA -**

The Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors (FASCA) Program in the USA and Canada since 2011. The program aims to build up connections between the second and third generation overseas youth, whose parents originated from Taiwan. The program includes: systematic training courses in local cities, volunteer projects

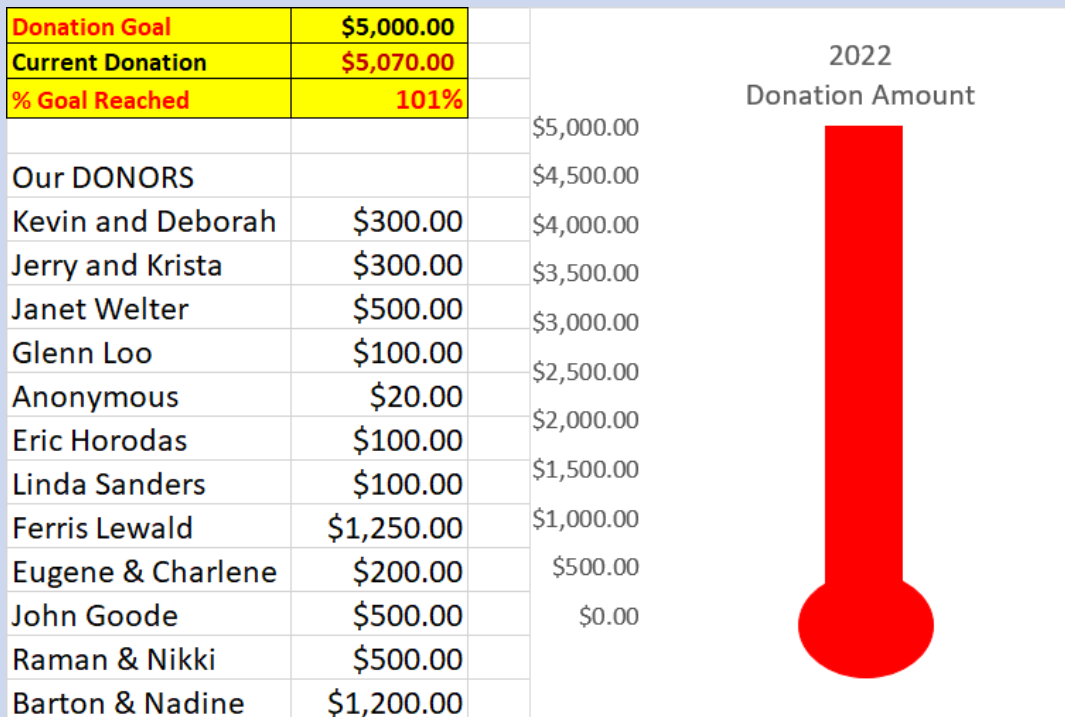
in local mainstream society and community services. The program requires trainees to study and practice at the same time.

These elite high school volunteer students have been rigorously chosen out of 600 applicants in the Bay Area annually. In order to be the FASCA members, the students must have and maintain at least 3.0 GPA, and be committed to 100 hours of community service each school year.

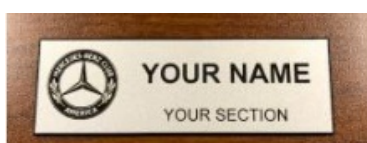
We have this unique opportunity to invite them to perform for us at our Annual Member Appreciation Holiday Party this year. Your participation at our party will support these youth volunteers in earning credit hours for their community services, and in gaining a competitive edge on their college admission applications. As a token of our appreciation, our Section will arrange and pay for a chartered bus to ensure the safety of these young volunteers traveling from Milpitas to Sausalito and back.

[Click here to register](#)

**\$5,000.00 donations received in 2022**  
**We did it, and thank you!**



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# 2022 Event Calendar

Dates	SFBA Event Calendar 2022 (October)	Organizers	MBCA Website	MotorsportReg
Sunday, January 9th	First Sunday Drive - Mt. View to Blackhawk Plaza	John Goode	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	
Saturday, January 22th	Member-Only: Chinese New Year - Authentic Chinese "Blind" Cuisine	John Goode	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	
Sunday, February 6th	First Sunday Drive - Marin City, Mt. Tamalpais, Pt. Reyes	Barton and Nadine	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	
Saturday, February 26th	Member-Only: Vintage, Classic Mercedes-Benz and Coffee (Mt. View)	John Goode	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	<a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Sunday, March 6th	First Sunday Drive - Historic Point of Richmond	Bill and Kirby Young	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	
March 25-27 (Fri-Sun)	Member-Only: Reno (Sierra Nevada Section)	John Goode	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	<a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Sunday, April 3rd	First Sunday Drive - Lake Berryessa	Tim Bonifay	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	
Sunday, April 24th	Member-Only: Grand Island Mansion Brunch Buffet with Delta-Drive	Doug & Sydney	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	<a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Sunday, May 1st	First Sunday Drive - Santa Cruz backroads	Kevin & Deborah	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	
Saturday, May 21st	Filoli Historic House & Gardens	John Goode	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	<a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Sunday, June 5th	First Sunday Drive - Castro Valley - Crockett	Barton and Nadine	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	
Sunday, June 19th	Member-Only: Oakland Aviation Museum - Aircrafts and Mercedes Event	Janet Welter	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	<a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Sunday, July 3rd	First Sunday Drive - Menlo Park to Coast	Adam Quintilan	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	
Saturday July 23th	Member-Only: Santa Clara Valley Wineries Trail Tour	Marshall Bush	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	<a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Sunday, August 7th	First Sunday Drive - Marin Cheese Tour	Doug & Sydney	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	
Thur, August 18th	Member-Only: Carmel to Big Sur (Joint event with Sacramento Section)	David Michael	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	<a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Sunday, September 4th	First Sunday Drive - Camino Tassajara	Phil Do Carmo	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	
Saturday, September 24th	Member-Only: Board Meeting Event Planning at Peter's Café	The Board	<a href="#">Click here to view</a>	<a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Sunday, October 2nd	First Sunday Drive - Mt. View, Stanford and Skyline	John Goode	<a href="#">Click here for details</a>	
Saturday, October 22	Oktoberfest - In memory of Sandor Drobilich (Harry's Hofbrau)	The Board	<a href="#">Click here for details</a>	
Tue-Sun October 25-30	<b>Mercedes Freude - Newport Beach, CA</b>	MBCA	<a href="#">Click here for details</a>	
Sunday, November 6th	First Sunday Drive - Bear Creek Road (Last drive of the year)	<b>Gary Pieroni</b>	<a href="#">Click here for details</a>	
	No Member-Only Event, too close to Thanksgiving and Holiday Banquet			
Saturday, December 3rd	<b>Annual Holiday Banquet, The Spinnaker's in Sausalito</b>	The Board	<a href="#">Click here to details</a>	<a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Sunday, December 4th	No First Sunday Drive - too close to the Holiday Banquet			
Subjected to update monthly				

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## Welcome New Members

Heather Harms, San Mateo  
 Darren Duncan, Oakland  
 Dennis Whipp, San Rafael  
 Alfredo Metere, Pleasanton  
 David Nasaw, Ross  
 Steve Medvic, San Rafael



## Anniversaries

### 40 Years

Wilson Loke, Hillsborough

### 25 Years



Dante Paulazzo, Walnut Creek  
John Humphries, Scotts Valley

#### **20 Years**

Kristian Valstad, Hercules

#### **15 Years**

Tessy Albin, Morgan Hill

#### **5 Years**

Lutz Schwarze, Carmel  
Jennie Lugman, Corte Madera  
Howard Bull, Mountain View  
Gary Pieroni, Martinez

## **Members and Their Mercedes-Benz**

**William Brooks**  
**Santa Cruz,**  
**AMG E53,**  
**1960 220SE**



Been with the MB Club for 20 some years and don't plan on exiting ever. I have always been like a Two-Fisted Drinker except with me for the last 20 years it's been a Two-Mercedes Owner. For years and years, I have had one or two "hobby" Mercedes while also having a Mercedes as my daily driver, and usually a fairly unique daily driver model. Below is my current Hobby Mercedes and daily drive Mercedes.



**Nuno Mike Ferreira,**  
**Oakland,**  
**1978 450SL**  
**2002 AMG CLK 55**

I'm a fan of all things automotive, especially the European marques. My interest began when I worked for a classic restoration shop when I was 16 years old. I was surrounded by cars such

as the 300SL (gullwing & convertible), 540K, and other truly amazing models including Ferraris (250 GT & GTO), Aston Martins, Delages, & Delahayes to name a few. Being around them and working on them gave me a huge appreciation for the cars as well the whole subculture that is passionate about them.

I've owned several Mercedes. A 1962 Fintail 190, a 2004 e320 wagon, my daily driver a 2002 CLK55 AMG and our newest – my wife's 1978 450SL. I have a few other cars and am a member of the PCA as well.

## Classified



### 1980 280CE

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### 2008 SL55

THE FINAL MODEL YEAR OF THE  
SUPERCHARGED 5.5 LITER V-8 &  
CONVERTIBLE HARDTOP

#### COLOR

Exterior

BLACK

Interior

AMG BLACK LEATHER, BIRDSEYE  
MAPLE TRIM

#### ENGINE

Capacity

5.5 LITER SOHC V-8 (5439 cc)

Horsepower

510 @ 6100

Torque

531 @ 2600

#### TRANSMISSION

Automatic



TOUCHSHIFT® FIVE-SPEED W/PADDLE CONTROLS  
THREE DRIVE MODES: COMFORT, SPORT & MANUAL

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### 1999 SL500



Mercedes Benz  
1999 SL 500  
2 tops hard and soft  
83k original miles  
California car  
All books/records  
P/S. P/B. A/C  
Automatic transmission  
Silver car. Black inside  
Stock radio also second one to get blue  
tooth  
Back up sensor's  
New tires  
Paint perfect. No nicks or scatches  
Non smoker car  
The host to remove hard top  
Price. \$10,500.00  
Or best offer.  
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