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MotorCars on Main street in Coronado registration is on page 12. Join the gang in your vintage Benz. This is always a fun show.

In April we are planning a visit to the Antique Steam and Tractor Museum. We will have a picnic on the museum grounds. see page 10.

There are still a few openings for the Palm Springs weekend coming up. If there are concerns about the Motel 6, Carol, Marjo, and I went up last weekend and checked out the motel. It is the new Motel 6 and it is nice. We have our block of rooms reserved on the first floor, so no need to ride the elevator. There are dining facilities within walking distance of the motel.



Tour Tuscany and Umbria in a Classic Mercedes-Benz SL October 2nd – 8th, 2023

Starting in Florence, Italy

This tour has been opened up the entire MBCA membership and only a few seats are still open. See page 17 for more details.

The board is open to recommendations, as usual and will do just about anything so long as it is legal. Give any of those people in the blue area on your left a call and make your voice heard.

A few have noticed the red arrow and commented. → Yes, they are fun loving and just a little crazy.



Presidents Message

Are you ready for some fun in the sun? We have a couple of things happening this month. Join us in Palm Springs for a fun get away. This event is structured so that you can choose what you would like to attend as well as plan your own personal time. Make sure to reach out to Marjo if you would like to attend. Back by popular demand... Pop Up Dinner! The Pop Up Dinner is a surprise dinner held at a local restaurant with your fun friends in the club. We will send out a "Flash Email", 5-7 days before the dinner with details. Nothing but food, drink and laughter. Basically, just another good reason to get out of the house and be sociable. So watch for the Pop Up email. 😊

A big thank you to Marjo for planning, orchestrating and decorating the Valentines Sweetheart Luncheon. It was a super fun event that was enjoyed by all. Thank you again for all of the hard work.

We look forward to seeing you at this month's events

Michael

Take a look at the MBCA website at mbca.org and refresh your memory on the benefits of being a member of the MBCA. The German trips are back and having gone on one I can highly recommend it.

There is a new rebate program for members through MBUSA.

Discounted insurance on your collector car.

AND the raffle, giving one a good chance of winning a new Mercedes-Benz .

Bill Altaffer Myron Reichert Sergio Villalobos

Glenn Morris Carol Ross Roy Graf

Rosemary Cesario Robert Muzzy

THANK YOU, OUR LOYAL MEMBERS FOR RE-NEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Your membership expiring soon? Please consider renewing as we do not want to lose you. For questions contact Steve Ross at, inewsx@sbcglobal.net or 619-508-3925

MBCA Board Meeting February 21 @ 6:00 PM
Meetings at Mimi's on 5180 Mission Center Rd,
San Diego

Note: Our regular Board meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month. Occasionally meetings are cancelled when there is no pressing business that can't be resolved by electronic means. If you are considering join the board meeting, please call a board member to make sure there is going to be a meeting.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Patricia Adler Carlos Saraiva

Jim Woolsey

Sweethearts Luncheon

S. Ross

Marjo, Diana and Tom should go into the party planning and decoration business. They had the dining room Valentine theme décor perfect. Guests were greeted at the door by Diana Kruse ,who presented the ladies with a Red Rose and everyone received a heart shaped name tag. All of the guests had a personal hand written Valentine at their seat at the table.



Note the valentines in the envelope with the heart drawn on it. There is also an abundant selection of candy and chocolate on the table. Seated from the left is Rose Bolton, Rudy Wokoek, Lady Elizabeth, Amber and Radu Alexandru



Marjo and Dion constructing Lovers Lane for the photo OPs



Marjo and Dion were among the first to travel Lovers Lane for a photo



The Director of First Impressions and the official greeter for the party on the left, is Diana Kruse. The lucky guy in the middle is Tom O'Hara and on the right is the lady who put this affair together, Marjo Miller. Diana and Marjo with the assistance of Tom O'Hara did all the decorating. We have discovered Tom's hidden talent of holiday decorating.

Everyone took a pose at Lovers Lane.



Bea and Tony Moras. Always glad to see Bea and Tony



Nick and Raisa Pisano. Raisa is hanging onto her Rose.



This photo is not what it seems, Rudy and Elizabeth are not vaping! Ms. Miller wants to know what's going on here?! The kids are sucking on candy sticks, all is well.



Ms. Miller! What are you doing to Nick? You are supposed to be our Director of Etiquette!



You two are busted. Nick, wipe that smile off your face.



Princess Diana and Ms. Miller have a smiling Tom O'Hara penned, sandwiched, or trapped, between them.



Princess Diana, Lady Elizabeth and Dion Dyer, Pause for the camera.



Mr. Jim Woolsey and his Soul Mate Catherine.



Pate and Susan Havier, emerge smiling.



The Radu family, Alexander, Elizabeth, aka Lady Elizabeth, and Amber.



Ms. Miller, finally begins to take control of these proceedings. Does Mike Nadeau seem attentive or just pretending?



Whatever Ms. Miller said, Princess Diana Kruse appears to be the only person who voted for it. Further proceedings will indicate what that vote was.

SHORTLY AFTER THE "TALK" THIS LOVELY LADY WITH A ROSE EMERGED FROM THE LANE, MORE ABOUT THIS LATER.



Rose Bolton and Mr. Kool aka Rudy Wokoek.



Is this the same couple? What happened to Daddy Kool??



Bea and Tony Moras. Always glad to see Bea and Tony.



Mike and Susan Nadeau. Susan always brings a smile to the party.



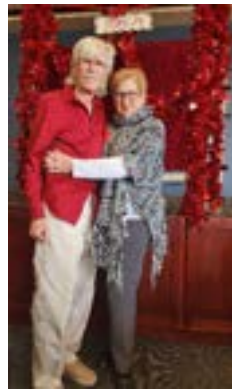
Murina and David Comber. Murina had a birthday right after this party.



Ms. Janette Hay and Mr. Bob Gunthorp. What a lucky guy.



Ron and Marilyn Smith. Ron sponsors our Holiday party.



Leigh and Mary Lou Johnson came all the way from Idyllwild to walk down the Lane.



Jim Stewart and Patty Arnold. definitely in the running for cutest couple.



Pete and Jen Lobner. They always bring joy to the party.



Doug and Gail Owens, another fun couple we are always glad to see.



Mercedes-Benz club President Michael Cooper and his beautiful wife Denise.



Mr. Vice of the Mercedes-Benz Club Rudy Hradecky and the lovely Cheryl Hradecky.



This lovely vixen that exited the lane is none other than Ann Kinner. I think she is looking for a tango partner, but alas none were available nor capable in our group. Ann has all the qualifications to be a board member, now that we know she likes to have fun!



The miscellaneous players who had vital roles in our festivities, Diana Kruse, Gary Jarvis, Joanne Barnard, Ann Kinner, Tom O'Hara and Nick Fintzelberg



Carol and Steve Ross



This was such a fun day and everyone had such a fun time (I know too many funs). All of the Ladies received a Rose and perhaps others got a Rose too. I did. Thank you to the cast of characters who made this a fun day, Ms. Miller, Princess Diana, Lady Elizabeth, Daddy Kool, Ann Kinner aka the Rose Vamp and, in particular, all of you extras. Take a bow ya all. Thanks to you folks who drove your car club car.

A few seagulls dropped by to check us out.

SAN DIEGO PACKARD AND MERCEDES-BENZ CLUBS

MOD-A-GO-GO PALM SPRINGS WEEKEND

MARCH 23-26, 2023



Join us as we go back to a time when life was fun, simple and enjoyable. This weekend has been specially designed with the mid-century vibe in mind. Jump into your vintage cars, throw on a pair of shades and drive to the desert for a relaxing weekend just like the Hollywood stars did in the 1950's and 1960's. Your weekend get-away features many of Palm Springs most iconic mid-century architectural and design favorites.

All the planned activities are optional so if one doesn't interest you then you have the time to find another adventure. We will have a packet of information for each member attending the event with specific addresses, times etc.

3/23 Thursday (Pre-event option)	5:00PM	Early Bird Dinner at LuLu's California Bistro (on your own)
	6:00PM	Palm Springs Village Fest Weekly Street Party (free)
3/24 Friday	7:30AM	Breakfast at Kings Highway (on your own)
	9:00AM	Stars of the Movie Colony Walking Tour (\$35/person-order tickets online)
	12:00PM	Lunch at Kentucky Fried Chicken (on your own)
	1:00PM	Afternoon visits to McCormick Classic Cars, One Eleven Vintage Cars and Exotic Motor Cars
	6:00PM	Dinner at Spencer's (3-course dinner \$59/person plus tax and tip.) Send

3/25 Saturday	8:00AM	1950's IHOP downtown for breakfast (on your own)
	9:45AM	Specially curated Mod-A-Go-Go Rallye (free)
	12:00PM	Lunch at Chicken Ranch (on your own)
	1:00PM	Continue Mod-A-Go-Go Rallye or afternoon at leisure
	5:00PM	Dinner and Show at PS Air Bar & Lounge (\$69/person- call and pay for your dinner reservation)
3/26 Sunday	AM	Choice of: Street Fair at College of the Desert (free) Palm Springs Air Museum (senior \$20/person) Palm Springs Botanical Garden and Zoo (senior \$27.95/person)

The information below covers only the items you need to take care of prior to arriving in Palm Springs:

Event Registration: For planning purposes please let Marjo Miller know if you will attend.

Marjo Miller
1220 Rosecrans St. #304; San Diego, CA 92106
miller.marjo@gmail.com 619.922.3754

Hotel Information: Our host hotel is Motel 6, founded in 1962. Although the rates are no longer \$6/night, we have a block of 15 rooms at the centrally located downtown Palm Springs Motel 6 held in the name of the San Diego Packard and Mercedes-Benz Clubs for March 23-26, 2023 at \$69.99/night-single, and \$74.99-double (taxes not included.) You may expand your stay if rooms are available on your dates. **Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-544-4866 by March 9, 2023.** Group Confirmation is: GPA3RPS9Z8. Motel 6 address is:

MS9628-Palm Springs, CA- Downtown
660 South Palm Canyon Drive; Palm Springs, CA 92264
(760) 327-4200 **(but call Group Sales 800 number above to reserve room)**

Stars of The Movie Colony Walking Tour: This was one of the first, and certainly most posh, residential developments in old Palm Springs and it quickly became the private refuge of Hollywood royalty. Tickets for this Palm Springs Historical Society docent-led, 2 1/2 hour tour are \$35/person and should be purchased at: <https://pshistoricalsociety.org/a/experiences/en-US/7586268086422?shop=testpshs.myshopify.com>. Scroll down to date of March 24 to purchase your tickets. Group size limited to 16. This is solely a walking tour of home exteriors, a fairly flat walking grade and moderately paced walk.

Spencer's Restaurant: Nestled at the base of the San Jacinto Mountains on the Racquet Club grounds we will have a private garden room. They offer a three-course Prix Fixe Menu, with many appetizer, entrée and dessert offerings available. Price is \$59/person plus tax and tip of \$17/person. All beverages extra.

PS Air Bar & Lounge: This is a 2-hour dinner and live show beginning at 5:00pm. Go to their website www.PSairbar.com to read more about the Speakeasy evening. When you call for a reservation (760.327.7701) tell them you are with the San Diego Packard and Mercedes-Benz Clubs so you will be seated with our group. You need to tell them your entrée selections (chicken, beef, vegetarian) at the time you reserve and pay for your tickets (\$69/person.) The evening unfolds in a simulated 1960's airplane cabin that seats 40 so if you want to board for a special in-flight experience you need to call and reserve your spot immediately.

ANTIQUÉ STEAM AND TRACTOR MUSEUM



On Saturday, April 8 we are touring the Antique Steam and Tractor Museum in Vista CA. The museum occupies 55 acres and has steam engines and tractors dating to the Late 1800's. Some of the attractions are:



Working Textile Mill



Model Railroad



One of the country's largest collection of antique clocks



Vintage Automobiles



Blacksmith shop



Steam Engines. Several are still working



Special treat, a tractor ride of the 55-acre grounds

DETAILS

WHEN: Saturday April 8, 2023 at 1000am. We will have a picnic lunch on the grounds, so bring what you want to eat and drink.

WHERE: 2040 N Santa FE Ave, Vista, CA

COST: \$10.00 Paid to MBCA San Diego. Let Steve Ross (619-508-3925- or inewsx@sbcglobal.net) know if you are attending. Send money or pay at the gate

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Jon Bernardi correctly identified this 1947 Jowett-Javlin

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Even if you have won your allotted limit, please guess anyway...and if you're correct, the editor will buy you a big orange drink at our next event.




CORONADO, CALIFORNIA
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on MainStreet



Limited to 400, Pre-'73 Rods, Customs, Classics & Trucks

WHEN: SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2023, *Rain or Shine!*
 WHERE: Isabella & Orange Avenue - Coronado, CA
 HOURS: 7AM to 9:30AM (Staging) and 10AM to 3PM (Show)
 ENTRY FEE: \$50 per vehicle before April 21st (Includes one T-Shirt, two drawing tickets & dash plaque). Registration After April 21st or at the event, IF AVAILABLE, is \$60 & does not include a t-shirt. ENTRANTS WHO WISH TO PARK TOGETHER MUST ARRIVE TOGETHER!



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ENTRY CATEGORIES:

All entries will be judged for Best of Show, "Bad to the Bone", largest Club Participation, Coronado Mayor's Choice (Coronado residents only) in addition to ONE category below.

Check One:

CONVERTIBLE:

- Original &/or Restored 1972 & Older
- Modified 1972 & Older
- Street Rod 1972 & Older

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- Original &/or Restored 1972 & Older
- Modified 1972 & Older
- Street Rod 1972 & Older

ALL OTHER VEHICLES:

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1946 to 1959 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1946to 1959 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1955 to 1972 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1960 to 1972 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1960 to 1972 | | <input type="checkbox"/> Replica/Kit |

Judging will be compiled on a 75 point system divided between 1) Paint & Body; 2) Interior; and 3) Engine. NOTE: Engine compartment must be visible to be judged. Vehicles displaying "For Sale" signs will not be judged.

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Vehicle _____ Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Car Clubs: _____

Select T-Shirt Size (*one free per pre-registration*):

S	M	L	XL	2X	3X
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Pre-order additional T-Shirt(s):
 S - XL \$25 ea, 2XL - 3XL \$27 ea

S	M	L	XL	2X	3X
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We are always looking for volunteers to help out with ideas, planning, and coordinating events.

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We would love to get to know you & your Mercedes-Benz. Come to an event and ask us how to obtain a FREE name badge. Maybe even a free beverage.



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You are now in the order form.

Second method: Log onto MBCA website and enter Name Badge in the search box at upper right-hand corner of screen, click on the Magnifying Glass icon and this will take you to the order form OR you may call 800-637-2360, ask for Ryanne Dias, She will take your order. All payments are made via credit card.

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JOIN THE SAN DIEGO SECTION OF THE MBCA FOR A TOUR OF TUSCANY DRIVING A PAGODA OR AN R-107



Tour Tuscany and Umbria in a Classic Mercedes-Benz SL **October 2nd – 8th, 2023** **Starting in Florence, Italy**

As a sequel to its fabulous driving trip in France last year, MBCA San Diego Section will again tour Europe in Classic Mercedes-Benz SLs. This time the destination is Italy! Tuscany and Umbria invite us to drive some of Italy's most picturesque countryside and meander their cobbled streets of quaint villages while experiencing the glorious Italian landscape awash in Autumn colors.

Nostalgic Driving Experience, based in Munich, Germany, handles all details and supports us from the moment we arrive at the airport until we check the last box on this dream experience. Among other memorable sites, we visit historic cities such as Siena and Assisi. Evenings we are chauffeured to hidden gems where we enjoy authentic Tuscan cuisine and delicious wines from local vineyards. Our only care is to decide which beautiful Mercedes-Benz SL to drive "Mille Miglia" style each day.

MBCA San Diego hosted 22 people on last year's tour in France and by the end of the trip all had become close friends and regretted our goodbyes. You are invited to join us this October for another experience of a lifetime.

For more information, please contact San Diego Tour Coordinator at SDMBCATrips@gmail.com

2022 Schedule of Events **MBCA – San Diego Section**

Our motto “Have it your way, as long as it’s FUN!” Always remember...this is YOUR club. **Events highlighted in red are not official events, but you may want to attend.**

New ideas or changes please contact a Board Member!
Note: All dates may be subject to change

Month	Event Name	Date	Managing Rep
March	Palm Springs Retro A Go-Go w/ Packard Club	23-26	Marjo
April	Tractor & Steam Engine Museum	Apr 8	Steve
May	Temecula Wine Tasting Tour	1st week	Michael & Rudy
June	Campo Train Event		Diana
July	Dinner		Michael & Diana
August	Poker Run & BBQ at Bob's House	1st week	Michael & Bob
September	Air & Space Museum + Dinner		Steve
October	Idlewild Art Fest	Oct 8-9	Rudy
November	HWY 80 (Richard Mann Event)		Michael / Steve / Bob
December	Holiday Party		Diana & Rudy



SEE YA ON THE ROAD

Sez Diana and Elizabeth