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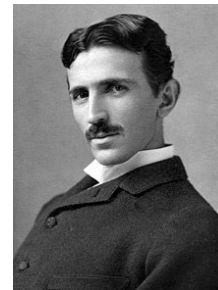
Read all about the Big Wagon ride on page 3



On Sunday, June 4, we are visiting the Southern Pacific Train Museum in Campo, CA



July is our dining out date and our first team Michael Cooper and Diana Kruse are selecting the venue.



Interesting fact. Nikola Tesla worked for Allis Chalmers from 1919-1922. Allis Chalmers is well known for

manufacturing farm tractors and implements, but they also made electrical power generating systems.



As some of you may have noted the vacancy for a Director is still open however, you should know that our select committee is working behind the scenes to identify those individuals who meet the standards set. We don't take just anyone. The standard is but one, selectee must be a fun person, like to do fun things, and have some laughs.

Sudden outbursts of seriousness are acceptable. If this is not you, it is not likely you will be on the short list.



Presidents Message

Thank You! Thank you to all of our section members. Thank You for being what is special about this club. Thank You to those who attend our events. Thank You to all of the members who share their life stories with us. And a special Thank You to my fellow board members for the selfless dedication. Thank You for the donation of your precious time and constant commitment to making sure each member has fun and sees value in being part of this very special club.

My hat's off to you all! Now let's go out and have some fun!

See ya soon.

Michael Cooper

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.

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**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, newsx@sbcglobal.net or 619-508-3925

**MBCA Board Meeting May 16 @ 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 joining the board meeting, please call a board member to make sure there is going to be a meeting.

**WE WELCOME OUR NEW
MEMBERS**

Terri Harris, (Interstate)

**Robert Bottomley jr. and his 1967
230SL**

THE ANTIQUE STEAM AND GAS ENGINE MUSEUM TOUR



It was a great SOCAL day for the Mercedes-Benz Club of San Diego to tour the Antique Steam and Engine Museum. All of our brave Souls opted to go for a ride in the big wagon, touring the 55-acre museum grounds. This is a 1955 International Harvester Farmall Tractor with the innovative, Torqued Amplifier Drive. This and the John Deere were the kings of the field for mid-west farmers in mid-fifties and sixties. I first drove a Farmall Tractor when I was 12 years old, as did all of my Buddies and many of the gals.



Prior to our ride a highly qualified driver, in the brown shirt, with badges to prove it, gave the mandatory briefing on not to hang over the side of the wagon, jump on and off, and not to drink battery acid. The club president, with hands in pocket, must be thinking, the MBCA has nothin to do with this.





The three Amigos Pete Lobner, Radu Alexandru and Rudy Wokoek



Stacy and Doug Paton, Pete Lobner and Elaine Davis, waiting to join up with the amigos and board the wagon.



Jen Lobner, Carol Ross and Elizabeth Alexandru checking out the table, set for an Easter theme.



Carol Ross and David Schneider. David is a new member. David's father Larry was a member of the MBCA for many years and with his passing David moved to California and assumed his father's membership. David inherited an older Diesel that needs some help to get back on the road.



Ann Kinner hangs onto her hat anticipating a high-speed start, Jen Lobner has a big smile and Pete (looking like Hemingway) is ready to roll. Two others standing, missed the brief.



Now this one big "Selfie". The subject is obviously Diana and playing minor roles are Michael and Elizabeth. Standing up in back is Chuck Davis, guess he missed the briefing.



Entering the first chicane, Radu leans into the corner. I must point out that Radu does not have his helmet on. Amber is not concerned, as it appears she is taking notes. For those wondering, we reached speeds of up four mph on the route around the 55-acre grounds.



Some of the vintage cars and there were more inside a larger building. The Yellow car on the left is. Model-T racer



A lone Allis Chalmers, one of the hundred or so tractors at the museum, performing the duty of holding up a boundary marker.

After the grueling ride and visiting all the exhibits, we settled in for some grub



Since everyone brought their own vittles there was quite a variety food and drinks. The tractor in the background is a 1919 Fordson model F built by the Ford Motor company. By 1927 Ford had built 650,000 tractors, the leading producer of tractors in the U.S. To everyone's surprise Ford stopped building tractors in 1928. In 1938 Ford made a deal with Harry Ferguson to build Tractors with the Ferguson three-pointed hitch. Ford essentially stole the Ferguson patent and Ford was sued. Ford lost and had to pay Ferguson

\$9,251,000.00 which is the largest patent settlement ever paid in U.S. history



Someone said let's have a car show



Rudy Wokoek and his ML350 BlueTEC



Elaine and Chuck Davis and their 300SL



Ann Kinner shows off her ML320. This ML is ready for some serious off roading.



Michael Cooper showing his CLS 550



Doug Owens red sedan



Radu and Amber and their Benz ride. Lady Elizabeth standing in parade seat roof Radu's helmet on.



David Schneider with his ML430



Stacy and Doug Paton with their pristine, 1984 300 CD Turbo Diesel

The idea to line the cars up for a car show, was brought up spontaneously by someone, and before we knew it, it was happening. The call went out for everyone to line up, well as a lot of us know lining them up ain't that easy. In fact, it can be frustrating. Even with backup cameras, warning bells and all, we still can't get your car where we want ya. One of the ladies who was trying to get the pack in formation commented "God that was hard, why is it so hard"?? As soon as I heard there was a line up for the car show, I immediately remembered I had to get the office and settle up our bill.

Mark Your Calendars for a day of Food, Wine and Fun!

Sunday May 7th 11:00 am

Thornton Winery

32575 Rancho California Rd
Temecula CA 92591

We will start our day with a brunch and wine tasting. Thornton Winery is known for their lovely grounds and champagne style sparkling wines. A nice wine pairing and a delicious brunch mixed in with some fun with your Mercedes Club Friends. Who could ask for more... But wait, there is more!



After our yummy brunch, we will take a short trip up to Doffo Winery. This is a fun family-owned winery in the heart of Temecula's wine country. Not only will we be enjoying the beautiful scenery and tasting some delicious wine, Doffo winery also houses a pretty extensive vintage motorcycle collection for your viewing enjoyment.

Doffo Winery

36083 Summitville St
Temecula CA 92592



Seating is limited at this event. If you would like to join us, Please RSVP to **Michael Cooper (760) 650-6206**, Spots for this event will fill up fast!

OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS PIANO RECITAL



Several of our club members attended the piano recital performance by Elizabeth Alexandru. Also known as Lady Elizabeth. She has been a member of the MBCA since she was six years of age. Last June she was the copilot and navigator for Princess Diana during our driving tour of the Lavender Fields in France, in a Pagoda and an R-107.

Her recital selection was the Pink Panther. Needless to say, she did quite Well. Following the performance, we went to the **Seasons 52** for lunch.



Attendees were princess Diana, Marjo Miller, Carol Ross, Amber Alexandru, Elizabeths' Cousin, Lady Elizabeth and Radu Alexandru.

After lunch we ambled over to the cookie shop and treated everyone to some fantastically good Cookies

WIN A CHICKEN DINNER



Rudy Wokoek correctly identified this 1960 Audi AKA DKW 1000SP. Jon Bernardi also got it, but he has termed out for this year.



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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.

LA JOLLA CAR SHOW

There were some nice cars at the show, including a couple of significant Mercedes-Benz. The 230 S and a 1951 170Db



This 230 S / W153 Special Roadster is an off-road rally car. It is powered by a 58hp 2.3 liter in-line 6 with dual carburetors, 4 speed manual transmission, and top speed of 81mph.

It is one of nine built by Mercedes for use by the German Automobile Club in European off-road rally events, such as the Deutsche Alpenfahrt, Ost Preussen Rally and the Brandenburg Rally. Well known race and rally drivers Karl Kling, Hermann Lang and Hans Stuck were assigned to these cars and participated in the rallies. This vehicle was restored by the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center. This model was never sold to the general public but was delivered to the German automobile Club to participate in Government sponsored rallies. Only two of these vehicles have survived, this one and the second is on display at the Mercedes-Benz Museum in Stuttgart, Germany.

The Worsch/Sougias 1951 170Db Story by Bob Gunthorp

This 170Db was originally sold by one of Max Hoffman's dealerships. The first time I saw these 170Db was in February 1968 when I started working at T. Roos German Motors where Walter Worsch was the lead mechanic. The 170Db was Walters's daily transportation. Almost every day for the five years I was working at German Motors Walter drive the 170Db from Carmel Valley the Pacific Beach. When the engine was in need of overhauling Walter decided restore the car even though it was still in remarkable good condition.



For years Walter and Teresa would display the car at The Orange County MBCA section two day exhibition in the Fashion Island shopping center. Every year at the Sunday breakfast representatives from Mercedes-Benz of North America would select the car they would like to take home. One year they selected the 170Db over all of the high-end cars including 300SL Gullwings and roadsters. (Editor ,As I recall Daimler took the car to Germany for display and returned it to Walter)y

When Walter passed away Charlie Sougias of Charlies Foreign in Encinitas purchased the 170D from Teresa. Sadly, Charlie passed away suddenly last year. His son Niko is the car caretaker. Niko, his mother Shelly, and wife and children displayed the 170 at this year's La Jolla Concours d'Elegance



The General Field Marshall Von Hindenburg Passenger Plane, at the time the world's largest airplane. The aircraft was first assembled in 1931 and continued to be modified until 1934. It was powered by four V-12 diesel engines with 30 passengers seated in the wings facing forward and there were two seats in the nose. It provided an 11-seat smoking lounge. Top speed 140mph and a blazing cruise speed of 109mph. Mechanics were part of the crew as the engines could be serviced or repaired in flight. The diesel engines were water cooled and retractable radiators were deployed under the wing and may be seen under the wing in this photo.

The large ring hanging under the nose of the aircraft is not a mooring attachment but a very critical piece of navigation equipment. This is a Radio Frequency Directional Antenna, probably the first electronic navigation aid for aircraft.

The two sophisticated ladies with the Mercedes-Benz 540 are most likely posing for an advertisement of Lufthansa, Mercedes-Benz or both. Obviously catering to the more **'well to do'** customers.

The Mercedes-Benz is definitely a 500 series. I think this is a 1935 or 36 500K. In today's dollars this car cost over \$109,000.00. This Mercedes-Benz produced 160hp and had an autobahn speed of 99 mph. Almost as fast as the airplane

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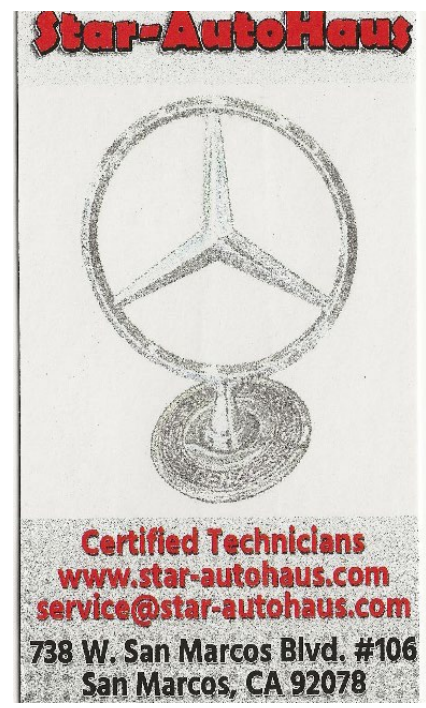
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2022 Schedule of Events

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
May	Temecula Wine Tasting Tour	May 7	Michael & Rudy
June	Campo Train Event	June 4	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 6-8	Rudy
November	HWY 80 (Richard Mann Event)		Michael / Steve / Bob
December	Holiday Party	Dec 17	Diana & Rudy

SEE YA ON THE ROAD

