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- Correction to May Star Bulletin renewing members. Name should have been William Hoctor
- Read all about the Coronado Car show and the Wine Country tour



The 2023 **MERCEDES GRANDE** in Indianapolis, Indiana is a celebration of all things ... Technology, and Cars Presented by the Mercedes Benz Club of America. This is the MBCA National Event for 2023, and the selection of activities to attend is phenomenal. Go to the MBCA website and get all the information or go to <https://www.mercedesgrande.org>. Three of our club members are signing up, so come and join us.



July is our dining out date and our first team Michael Cooper and Diana Kruse are selecting the venue. Got a spot you like, let them know about it.



[Benz builds four-cylinder diesel for trucks](#)

14 April 1923 The Board Management of Benz & Cie. in Mannheim gives the go-ahead for series production of the OB 2 four-cylinder pre-chamber diesel engine. The first units are ready for use by the end of August. The OB 2 is the first series-produced diesel engine for commercial vehicles.

CORONADO CAR SHOW



Five or our club members brought cars to the MotorCars on Main Street show in Coronado. Shown here are Kim Dais's 1968 250SE, which has been in the family for many years, next to Kim is Diana Kruse and her award winning 1961 190SL, and Carol Ross's 1969 280SE Coupe. The Blue Lincoln Continental on the far left belongs to Marjo Miller, who is a member of the MBCA, but her Mercedes is currently in Texas, so she brought her Lincoln.



Diana's 190SL is fitted with custom luggage for those weekend get aways



Kim's 250SE. who can decipher the license plate?



It's a small world, we ran into two guys from St. Louis, MO Charles Fausette and Steve Sullivan, who are friends of Rick Siefert. Steve is the past President of the St. Louis Porsche Club. Rick and his wife Patty are MBCA members and friends of Steve and Carol.



A highly modified 1950 Mercedes-Benz 170S was at the show. I know the Mercedes-Benz purists have fainted by now or stopped reading, but this is a very well done, professional modification.

There several of these modified Mercedes showing up here in SOCAL and many owners have shown interest in the MBCA. Joe brought the car down from Anaheim, CA



Note the stock shift lever to stir up the five-speed gear box.



Joe Alduenda, the man who did this modification

San Diego Section Mercedes-Benz Tours The Wine Country



We began our tour with lunch at the Thornton Winery in Temecula, where we were joined by three Benz drivers attending their first event and one brand new member who had just joined up. There was a great line up of various models of the Star Cars



This blue 1981 or 82 300D Turbodiesel driven by David Wright stole the show. When one of these classic beauties show up, we all flock to it like bees to a flower. It is a beauty and the seats look new and unused. This is unusual as this is not a low mileage car. David got such a good deal on the car that I accused him of stealing it. David is the newest member of our club. Welcome aboard David. It always a pleasure to welcome new Star Car drivers who are not a few months away from social Security



Everyone is drawn to David's car!



David sez HI!



Ann Kinnar and Patti, holding the menu, are laughing as is Michael and Linda Lawler and Dennis and Linda O'Leary. There was a lot this going on, and we weren't even in the winery; we're still in the parking lot!



Michael Wright



The tables are ready and the guests have arrived. Note we set some extra settings for those late arrivals. No one is left behind is our motto.

During lunch President Michael introduced new members and first-time attendees. David was setting next to Michael so he was first to be introduced.



Stephen and Haidee Thesing. Stephen and Haidee are joining us on the tour of Tuscany.



Dennis and Linda O'Leary



Linda and Michael Lawler. They drive down from Rancho Palos Verdes to join in the fun.



Will Hctor aka Billy John, a Mercedes and Chevy Pickup guy.



Jim Stewart and Patti Arnold, one of our many fun couples



Michael and Denise Cooper with David Wright



Lynn Strobel, Rick Carlson, Radu and Amber Alexander. Lady Elizabeth was occupied with official duties and could not attend. It appears Radu has ordered a flight of wine.



Ann looks on amused, as Carol tells Steve to look at the camera



Jim Stewart's new ride.

After lunch we proceeded to the Doffo Winery to evaluate their vino production



Diana Kruse, Stephen and Haidee Thesing, and Rick and Lynn kick off the wine tasting.



The wine country .



Holding their glass of wine high are Jim Stewart, in the jaunty hat and cool socks. Across from Jim are Lynn Strobel, Linda and Dennis O'Leary and Will Hctor

Michael, in the white hat, and Denise Cooper, Radu Alexander, Ann Kinnar, with Michael and Linda Lawler.



Stephen Thesing taking a photo of the view from the Doffo Winery hill.



After all the bills were paid there was money left over, so the President held a raffle. He is holding the cash high, standing next to Jim and Patti.



Jim Stewart is asked to draw the name, and, would you believe it, he drew Patti's name! She is even trying to look surprised. Steve gives her an accusing look.



Guy with arms folded, unsmiling, is having a hard time being grouchy when everyone is having so much fun.



Pacific Southwest Railway Museum

Sunday, June 4th



750 Depot Street
Campo, CA 91906

Sit back and relax while the San Diego countryside rolls by during a pleasant round trip train ride on the historic San Diego & Arizona Railway. The Golden State is the Museum's classic weekend excursion that has been in continuous operation since 1986. You will depart from the Campo Depot for the approximately 45-minute ride after visiting the Museum's gift shop and ticket office. We will board the **10:30 am** train and need to arrive at the depot by **10:00 am** to have time to purchase tickets. Tickets can also be purchased online, however there is a processing fee.

ADULT (13+): \$18.00 CHILD (3-12): \$9.00 SENIOR (65+): \$15.00

Those who would like to drive up to the depot in a group, if you are in **south county**, we will meet at the west end Mission Valley Target parking lot (Camino Del Rio North) at 8:30am and depart promptly at 8:45am. **RSVP to Diana Kruse at 619-851-8067 or dianakruse@gmail.com**

We will have lunch at the Cafe 94 at 25275 Potrero Valley Rd, Potrero, CA

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No one identified this 1960 Denzel Serin Super. In 1948, race driver and engineer Wolfgang Denzel started producing his own sports cars based on Volkswagen components that were raced almost exclusively in Austria. These took advantage of the war-surplus Volkswagen Kübelwagen components and became more specialized throughout Denzels production period. In 1958 the

Serien Super raised power output of the Denzel from 53 bhp to 65 bhp. It was direct competition to the Porsche 356.



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This 1956 300Sc Cabriolet sold for \$835,000.00 at the R&M Sotheby's auction on Amelia Island in March 2023.

These cars are powered by three-liter, six-cylinder engine, producing 175hp, with a four-speed transmission. I have been told that only 49 Mercedes-Benz of this model were built.

Sales history states the top price paid was \$1,100,000.00.

Many Hollywood people had one of these. Gary Cooper owned one and it used to be shown at Fashion Island.

FOR SALE



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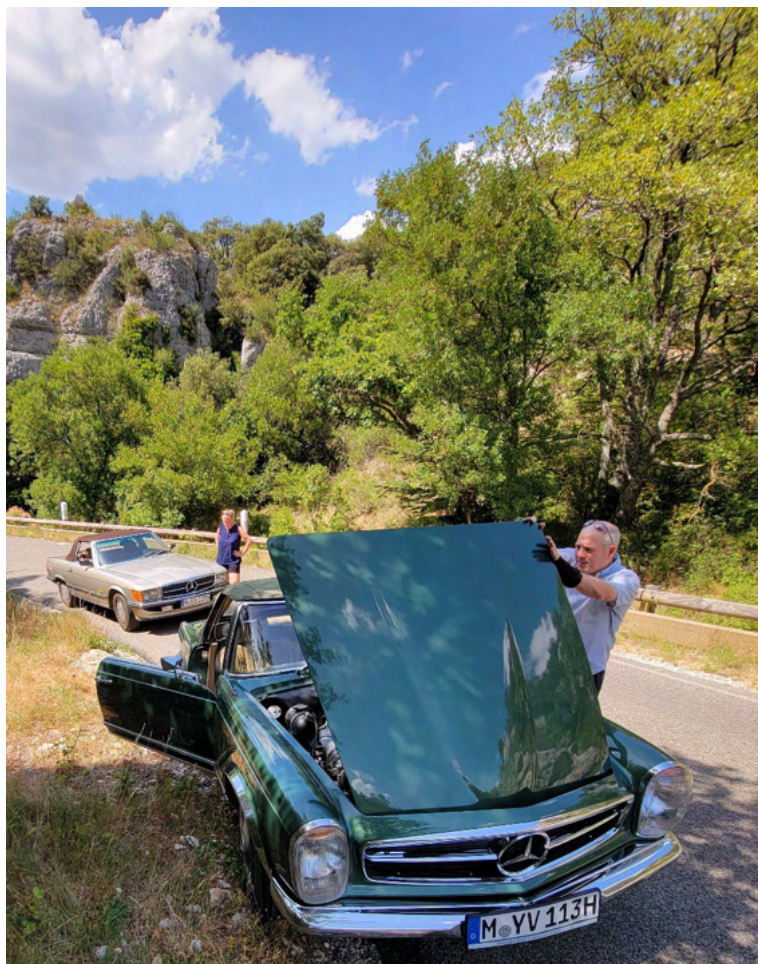
2023 Schedule of Events

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
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



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