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Star Bulletin



Uncle Sam is 247 years old this month. He is a bit battered, but hanging in there. On an automotive note, the Mercedes-Benz automobile is going into it's one hundred and thirty seventh year. Why not go for a drive and celebrate at our dinner this month



One hundred and thirty-five years ago Benz cars made their public debut at the Munich Exposition. Bertha Benz kept the publicity going by

driving the family car 100 kilometers from Mannheim to Pforz

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 have selected the venue. We are going to Miguel's



Presidents Message



Happy July Everybody. I'm hoping everyone had a happy and safe 4th of July. We have a couple of fun items coming up. This month we will be meeting for dinner and we are also preparing for a leisurely drive and BBQ next month. We would also like to acknowledge Ann as our New Vice President. We would also like to acknowledge Rudy's hard work and diligence as our Past Vice President. We look forward to seeing you all at the next event.

Until next time... 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.

15% discount on parts at Classice Center

MediJet assist for emergency medical assistance

New car rebates

Discounted insurance on your collector car.

Jack Heacock	Robert Harvey	
Anthony Edwards	Oliver Fischer-Morelle	
Claudette Berwin	Ilse Gietz	Gordon Davies
Gary Jarvis	Marjo Miller	Bill Neff
Jerry Dunford		Diana Kruse
Francis Knowles		Joey costa

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 August 15
@ 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

Phillip Reed Ann Reed

Gary chambers

Pacific Southwest Railway Museum



Following a top down, wind in your hair, and sunshine we arrived at the Campo Train Museum.



Ann Kinnar and Diana Kruse lead the pack on our journey to the wilds of Campo, home of the largest gun fight west of the Mississippi.



Ms. Kruse in her '61' 190SL



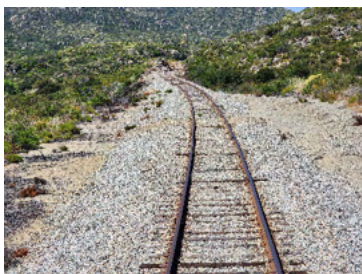
Our tour leaders Diana Kruse, giving information to Stephen and Haidee on the train, and Ann Kinnar at the museum in her cowgirl hat and boat shoes.



The depot in Campo where we got our tickets and waited to board the train.



The engine for the train that will carry us on our journey.





Carol Kruse-Ross, in the big hat, waits to board the train



The conductor punching our tickets. Gentleman in the jaunty Cappello is Jim Stewart



Going down the left side is Charlie Rockwell, Ann Kinnar on cell, Jen Lobner, in the shades is Lynn Strobel, across the aisle is Pete Lobner, Stephen and Haidee Thesing, Diana Kruse, and the head of Steve Ross.



Part of gang checks out the recreation car. In shorts, flip flops and shades is Billy Jon, Jim Stewart in Cappello and next to Jim is Patti Arnold, behind Pattie is Rose Bolton and in front sporting the lumber jack shirt is Rudy Wokoek.



The tracks leading to Tecate, Mexico. We could see the border wall ahead.

Several years ago, the train actually went to Mexico and I was aboard one of those trips. Needless to say, it did not go smoothly.



Pete Lobner seated, Steve Ross standing waving his ticket for some reason, next to Steve, seated is Billy Jon and Haidee Thesing



Charlie Rockwell enjoying the ride.



Arriving back at the station and disembarking is Stephen and Pete, who is checking his watch to see if there had been a time change. The ladies are Carol Ross at the door and Lynn Strobel stepping off into the wind.

THE MUSEUM



This Pullman Commandant car was built in December 1915 to accommodate the First-Class Passengers. I recall as a kid riding on the train and there were signs that "said do not flush while in the Station". That is why I never wanted to be a track man. Last photo is the pantry and kitchen where the meals were prepared.



Jen Lobner spotted this can of Cockroach Soup in the pantry next to the Possum Stew. A joke, not so sure, If one has been to Southeast Asia or China, you may have experienced some exotic cuisine. Google Cockroach Soup and make you own decision.



Ann Kinnar checks out the Rail Road mail car. The Rail Road Post Office, RPO, was established in July, 1862 and Jessie James made his living robbing them, and banks, until 1882 when Bob Ford decided he could make more money shooting Jessie than robbing trains and banks. The RPO was discontinued in September 1967. The Santa Fe Railroad lost \$35,000,000.00 in annual revenue which led to the ending of many passenger routes. The last RPO program was cancelled in 1977. All of the RPO Mail Clerks were armed. I had an uncle who was an RPO armed guard traveling from Kansas City to Chicago until he retired in the late fifties.



Pete Lobner checks out the Passenger car.



Preparing to mount up and head out for lunch.



Lunch was enjoyed at the Café 54 in Potere, CA,



Headed home after a filling lunch and a super fun drive. Upside was we had an even funner drive home. All in all, a fantastic Mercedes-Benz day with exceptionally nice people.



Come and join us for a Summer Kick Off Dinner on Sunday July 16th

We will be dining at Miguel's Cocina located in Old Town at:

2444 San Diego Ave
San Diego CA 92110



Dinner Reservation is for 5:30pm

All the cool kid's will be there!

Please RSVP to **Michael Cooper at 760-650-6206** so that we can get a head count.

See you there!



Casual cruise and BBQ at Bob's House!



Back be popular demand! **On Sunday August 6th** we will rendezvous at the beach and cruise on over to Bob Gunthorp's house for a BBQ and viewing of his famous collection of eclectic Mercedes Benz vehicles.

Mark your calendars and watch for detailed updates!



THE FALLBROOK CAR SHOW

The San Diego Section was represented by some very nice Mercedes-Benz autos at the Fallbrook Car show at the Bates Nut Farm in Valley Center.



Carol Ross displaying her 1969 280SE Coupe. Bob Gunthorp's rare Mercedes-Benz Hearse.



Roger Shweid's, in the ball cap, newly acquired 560SEC. This car is in perfect condition and looks like it just came off the show room floor. His wife Mary is seated behind the car, and the man by the Porsche is Roger's friend, Frederich Adler.



Club member Frederich Adler brought his 1975 Porsche 914 Targa to the show. This Porsche was the Motor Trend Car of the Year in 1975.

WIN A CHICKEN DINNER



No one identified this 1952 Daimler DB18 Hooper & Co. Drophead Coupe, except Jon Bernardi. One of six of this model that were built. Sold at Broad Arrow auction on Amelia Island this year for \$212,800.00. This picture does not do this car justice for its exceptional styling and beauty. This is a car that catches your eye in a crowd, of cars of course.



MYSTERY CAR FOR MAY IS THIS BEAUTY

If you the first to identify the manufacturer, year and coach builder, you have won a Chicken dinner.

Win this prestigious award by sending Steve Ross the make, and year of this car

Become a respected authority on automobiles in your house and throughout the automotive world by winning the Chicken Dinner Award!

***CHICKEN DINNER RULES: CONTESTANTS MAY ONLY WIN 2 CHICKEN DINNERS PER CALENDAR YEAR.**

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.

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
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