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Star Bulletin

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Guy Chambers

Scudder Mersman

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

Jiang Li

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Presidents Message

Welcome to August! Historically August is a big car event month for us Californians. Pebble Beach Concourse, multiple auctions in the Monterey area, Vintage historic races at Laguna Seca, Cruising Grand in Escondido to name a few. A bit of something for everyone. That said we have some things planned on our agenda as well.

BBQ at Bob's Aug 6th – If you are not familiar with Bob's automotive oddities and car collection, this event will surely be a treat for you. You still have time to sign up for a fun San Diego afternoon.

Orange County section trip to the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda Aug 13th – You can join them on a leisurely drive through the Modjeska and Santiago Canyons or meet at the library at 10:30. Touch base with me for details.

Legends of the Autobahn Aug 17th – This is an "ALL MERCEDES" concourse and show held in the beautiful Monterey Peninsula. This is a yearly event displaying the best of the best. It's a lot of fun and a good time for the whole family.

Mercedes Grande Set 7th – 10th in Indianapolis. This is a very large MBCA national event held in Indianapolis. This event will host many events over a few action-packed days. Details for this event may be found in Star Magazine as well as online.

I look forward to seeing you at Bob's!

Until next time... Michael Cooper

MBCA Board Meeting August, 15 @ 6:00 PM
Meetings at Vintana on 1205 Auto Parkway,
Escondido-located on penthouse level above
Lexus Dealer

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.

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 Classic Center
MediJet assist for emergency medical assistance*

New car rebates

Discounted insurance on your collector car.



We met at Miguel's in Old town on Sunday July 16th for some South of the border cuisine and some of us had a Margarita. The heat has curtailed our driving events somewhat.



The lady smiling into the camera is Mary Shweid, next to Mary is Pat and Frederick Adler, Joanne Barnard, Dennis and Linda O'Leary, Bob Gunthorp, Janette Hay, Gary Jarvis, Marjo Miller, Dion Dyer, Charlie Kirkwood, Rose Bolton, Rudy Wokoek, and Roger Shweid.



Rose Bolton and Rudy Wokoek. Rose always has a big smile that lights up the room.



Marjo Miller, Ann Kinner, Dion Dyer and Charlie Rockwell



Bob Gunthorp, Janette Hay, and Gary Jarvis



Roger Shweid smiling, across from Roger is Mary Shweid, and Pat and Frederick Adler



Casual cruise and BBQ at Bob's House!

Back by popular demand! **On Sunday August 6th** we will rendezvous to Bob Gunthorp's home for a BBQ and viewing of his famous collection of eclectic Mercedes Benz vehicles.

We plan to arrive at 11am. At **Noon** we will be serving Tri-Tip, Pulled Pork, Coleslaw and potato salad from Lil Piggy's BBQ. The club will supply bottled water and Iced Tea but please feel free to bring your own adult beverages.

You may either join us on a casual cruise over to Bob's or head directly on over!

View cars you have never seen before along with the interesting story behind them. (It's quite fascinating).

The address to Casa de Bob is: 2176 Leon Ave. San Diego CA 92154



The day will be casual and full of fun. Come join us and meet some new friends.

Cost is \$20 per person for an afternoon of food and fun. What a bargain right?

To RSVP or get info on the drive over, please (call or text)

Michael Cooper @ 760-650-6206



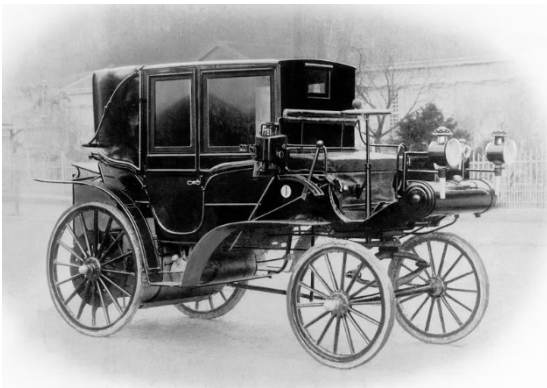


INTRODUCING, Ann Kinner the San Diego Sections Vice President. Ann has been associated with our club for several year, and she is equally at home on land or sea. She has an ML equipped for off road and it has been used off road, it ain't just for show, and she lives on a boat! Yes, she does know how to operate it. When Ann isn't having fun, she sells nautical maps. Join us in an upcoming event and meet this nice lady.

DID YOU KNOW?



The first Auto Club was formed by C. Harrington Moore and Frederick R. Simms. It was called the Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland. It would later be renamed the Royal Automobile Club, which today is proud to be the world's oldest auto club.



1887

Daimler operates the world's first motorized taxi in Stuttgart.

The media discussed the taxi with curiosity and attention. While some expressed their enthusiasm for the new technology, others had nothing but criticism for the motorized taxi cabs, saying that they caused accidents and made horses shy. In response, driving lessons for taxi drivers were offered. Many a former

horse-drawn cab coachman went back to school to retrain as a driver of the new motorized vehicle. During the first years of the 20th century, the number of motorized taxis in the large cities increased rapidly. Alongside the gasoline-engined cabs, there were numerous taxis with electric or hybrid drive. The latter included the Mercedes Mixte cars which were manufactured at the Daimler plant in the Viennese suburb of Neustadt, Austria.

1888: Piano manufacturer William Steinway buys the U.S rights to the Daimler engine

MAIN STREET AMERICA SHOW SATURDAY JULY 29

We had three members attending the Main Street America car show on the Embarcadero. This is the last year for this show to be held on the Embarcadero'



Roger Shweid brought his 1988 560 SEC Coupe to the show.



Mary Shweid on the right with a new friend. New friends are easy to find among car folks.



Pat Adler relaxing in under the Adler canopy



Frederich Adler once again brought a Porsche to the show, a 1991 Carrera Cabriolet. He has assured us that he does have a Mercedes-Benz and will bring it out soon. Roger Shweid has assured us that he does in fact have a Mercedes-Benz. If his Mercedes is as nice as his Porsche rides, we can't wait to see it



This 2017 SL450 is owned by Brian Storrs, who has an interest in joining the MBCA



Carol Ross brought Ms. M, her 1969 280SE. She parked with the Packards

WIN A CHICKEN DINNER



John Bernardi identified this front wheel drive 1929 Ruxton with a supercharged engine. It was delivered with no top. This is the only model still in existence. Head lights were a good clue.

MYSTERY CAR FOR JULY IS THIS BEAUTY



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

The automobile designed by a well-known coach designer and the well-known manufacture is still in business.

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
August	BBQ at Bob's House	Aug 6	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