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Star Bulletin

We are touring the Air and Space Museum on Sunday September 17. After our tour we are having lunch at the Kaiserhof Restaurant & Biergarten, one of the few authentic German dining establishments in San Diego. The club has been there several times in the past and it is excellent. Kaiserhof German Restaurant & Biergarten. See page 10 for the particulars.

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas party brunch on Sunday December 17, 2023 at the Southwest Yacht Club. Party gets underway officially at 1100am

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gary Gelman

Donna Wilson

Alan Nyheim

Joseph Sofia

Mike Coutrakis

Douglas Dunn

Stephen Griffin

Randy Carlson

Sonja Gietz-KiJora

Lee Weeks



Presidents Message

Hey All, Happy September! It's almost time we start thinking about and planning next year's activities. Each year in November we plan and lay out the coming years events. This time around we could really use your input. For this month (September) we ask for you input. This coming year the events will be planned by your requests. Please share what events you enjoyed in the past what you might like to attend in the coming year. (Think of places you have wanted to but just never got there). Your requests and ideas will be the top priority in the planning of 2024. All of your ideas will be scheduled on the coming years colander during the November planning meeting. (Which you are all invited to attend). Remember... even the most outlandish and crazy ideas are often the best.

Please text your ideas to me at 760-650-6206. I look forward to your input.

Safe Travels

Until next time... Michael Cooper

MBCA Board Meeting September, 19 @ 6:30 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.***



BBQ at Bob's House, Sunday, August 6

Mercedes-Benz automobiles began arriving at Bob's place around 10:30am. and continued until after 12:00pm. Steve and Carol Ross met up with Michael Cooper driving his Limo and Kim and Steve Dias driving Kim's 1969 220S, which has been in the family since new, and convoyed down to South Bay. I was expecting a warm day, but we were close enough to the ocean that was not the case, as it was comfortable. Fortune smiles on the Star Car folk.



Michael's Limo, Kim Dias and Michael Cooper with Kim's 1969 220S

August 6, 2023, Michael tries his first beer, a Modelo.
It lasted him all day, so he is definitely not a beer drinker



Bill Neff, Kim Dias and Charlie Rockwell inspecting and commenting on Kim's Mercedes-Benz engine and configuration.

Dennis and Linda O'Leary with Jen Lobner





Just a few of our, Ladies of Mercedes-Benz, Janet White, Carol Ross, Rose Bolton and Jen Lobner



Who else was there, Don and Eileen Panek, Dennis and Linda O'Leary, Kim Dias, Jonathan White, Past President of our Club, and Steve Dias



The Alexandru family Maria and Castelo, Radu, Sans helmet, Lady Elizabeth and Amber.



Scott Jarvis, Janette Hay, and Gary Jarvis. It was great to see Gary out and about. Gary has been a member of the MBCA and our section for 53 years!



Michael Cooper, still holding his beer, Tom Nagy, Bob Gunthorp, and Ann Kinner.



Pete Lobner and Joan Ward discussing cars, next to Pete's 280SL. Joan still has a bandaged arm from being knocked down by an SUV in New Port, Rhode Island.



Lady Elizebth and Princess Diana next to her 190SL.



Almost forgot, there were some cars there as well. This is part of Bob's stable of Mercedes-Benz that have been restored.



Bob's Station Wagen, the family hauler, next to Diana's 190SL, the car for the wild and crazy bunch

Sergio Villalobos and Jimmie Stewart Discuss the Benz in the background.



Bob's collection of special bodied vehicles, an Ambulance, a Limo and a Hearse.



1966 220SE Coupe, AKA Rot Frau, was delivered new by the Koepke Motor Company in Lakewood, Ohio, August 12, 1966. Cost out the door was \$9598.44



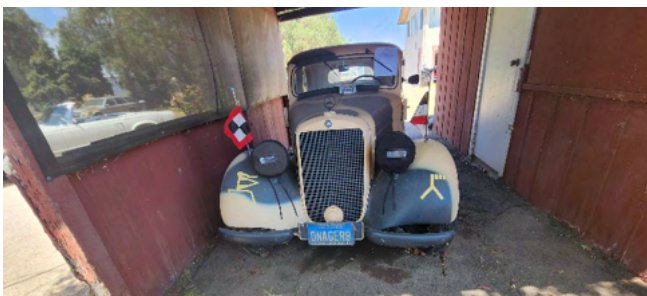
Kim Dias' 1969 220S, Pete Lobner's 280SL and Bill Neff's 1964 230SL



1965 220SEB, one of 6,259 produced that year, one of the few with fitted luggage, and two-tone paint. The first owner was Somoza, Dictator of Nicaragua



Bob's latest addition to the fleet is this 1951, 170D Cabriolet, originally delivered as a police car. Wonder if this will move to head of the line for restoration or----?



1941, 170D painted in the insignias of the 1941 Afrika Korps Staff Car



1976 280SL, R-107 Wagen, with a five-speed manual transmission. This car was never offered for sale in the U.S. Very few of this model exist in the USA. Next to it is W113 model, commonly called the Pagoda, or 280SL



Cars awaiting attention



More, The Best or Nothing, automobiles, awaiting their turn hit the road again.

Many of us would like to know how many cars Bob has. One of our members was working on a contest to see who got the closest to the correct number, they gave up. So, if anyone knows let us know. We think Bob would like to know too.

Our members Mercedes-Benzes



Joan Ward’s 380SL, the Ross 560SL, Rudy Wokoek’s ML, and the Green Benz belongs to David Willoughby.



David Willoughby’s SEL, Black 560SEC is Tim Nagy’s, I believe, Behind the SEC is Radu Alexanders ride, The ML is Rudy Wokoek’s and Champagne 560SL is Steve and Carol’s.



Stacy and Doug Paton’s 1985 300TD Estate Wagon. This is a very nice, well cared for automobile.



The Tri-Tip lunch is served with Janet White leading the way with Jonathan White following. Behind Jonathan is Eileen Panek, Fernanda Villalobos, and Bill Berwin . The Man in the straw hat with hand on the counter, is Bob Gunthorp. The Tri-tip was excellent and tender enough to cut with a fork



Bill and Claudette Berwin



Jonathan and Janet White



Diana Kruse confers with Elizabeth Alexandru on cell phone operation. Elizabeth was the navigator for Diana on the wild ride through the lavender fields last year. I think Diana is saying, "OK, if I push this icon, I am entering my next way point"!?

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 WE ARE TOURING THE SAN DIEGO AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM



You will have the opportunity to experience the evolution and history of air and space technology.

WHERE: 2001 Pan American Plaza, in Balboa Park

WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

TIME: 1000AM

COST: \$25.00 per person or \$21.00 for seniors and retired military. Active duty FREE.



After touring the museum, we will proceed to the Kaiserhof German Restaurant & Biergarten for lunch 1230pm

Kaiserhof German Restaurant is located on 2253 Sunset Cliffs Blvd, San Diego

LUNCH MENU

THE LUNCH MENU IS IN WORK AND WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN APPROVED. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WE ARE SHOOTING FOR A \$30.00 PER SPERSON PRICE RANGE.



TUSCANY TOUR MEETING



The San Diego Section members who are signed up for the Nostalgic Motor tour of Tuscany, Italy, had a planning meeting in preparation for the drive in October, 2023



Back row, Stephen and Haidee Thesing, Rudy Wokoek, Jim and Patty Stewart, Dion Dyer, Carol Ross and Jim Woolsey. Front Row Ed and Annette Crawford, Rose Bolton, Marjo Miller, Diana Kruse and Catherine Woolsey. Not pictured, Terry Kiwala, Steve Ross, and Doug & Gail Owens.

Ed and Annette Crawford are not on this tour but were on the France tour last year, and They joined us to share their experience.

Marjo Miller has arranged these Tours with Nostalgic, which requires a lot of time with bookings, flights, Schedules, etc.. She performed fantastically! We have four couples that were on the France Lavendar Fields drive last year. We all had so much fun we are doing it again. The teams drive a vintage Pagoda or an R-107 Mercedes-Benz for five days on the rural roads of the country you are visiting. The cars are both stick and automatic. Each morning you get to pick your ride for the day, first come first served. In the evening, after the drive, we stop at a four of five Star hotel, have a gourmet meal and discuss the day.



Rudy Wokoek has been going through an identity crisis lately. He has a name badge for nine different people. After Mercedes-Benz intense group counselling and threats, he finally settled on the name Rudy.

GERMAN CAR NIGHT AT CRUSIN GRAND.



We had two club members bring their cars out to show the world what, A Best or Nothing, automobile looks like. On the left is Carol Ross's 1969 280SE Coupe, aka MS. M.

Bill Neff brought his 1964 230SL to share with those who appreciate the finer automobiles.



This 1974 450SL is owned by a man who lives in Valley Center, CA. He shall be cordially invited join to up and have some fun with us.

The show was dominated by BMW and the air-cooled machines.

Several British cars, that aint' made no more attended.

WIN A CHICKEN DINNER



Jon Bernardi correctly identified this 1938 Buick Limited Opera Brougham with body designed and built in Paris by Fernandez and Darrin for the Countess Max de Polska of Poland. She used the car to drive between her summer home on Long Island and her winter home in Palm Beach Florida. The rear compartment has a radio, clock, speedometer, and climate control.

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.

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.

1951 Mercedes-Benz 170 Da OTP 'Police Special'

Here are a couple of photos of a Police Special Mercedes-Benz, like the one Bob has.



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
September	Air & Space Museum lunch	Sept 17	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

