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Star Bulletin



This Photo was mis-captioned in the September Star Bulletin. This Tim Nagy and his 1964 230SL

November 19 is the Richard Mann Memorial Drive On the Sunrise Highway with a lunch stop. Guaranteed to be a scenic drive

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
No one to welcome

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Presidents Message

Fall is in the air and we are planning out the last (3) events of the year. October will be a fun little scenic drive through North County and on to lunch. This is a primer for our first ever Richard Mann Memorial Driving Event in November. This event will take you through the scenic East County San Diego. This time of year, was chosen as the fall leaves throughout the hills are beautiful. December is always a fun get together time for everybody. (Including your friends in your favorite car club). True to form, we will all get together for our holiday luncheon. This is a great time to celebrate the passing year with a toast of mimosas. As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are getting ready to plan for next year's events and would love to hear suggestions from you. All ideas are welcome! Please text your event ideas to me at 760-650-6206.

Suggestions for activities, text your ideas to me at 760-650-6206. I look forward to your input.

See ya soon and be careful out there.

Michael

**MBCA Board Meeting October 17 @ 6:30 PM
Meetings at Mimi's 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

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OUR TOUR OF THE SAN DIEGO AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM



A group of Aerospace and aviation buffs toured the Air and Space Museum, to see and touch items that made aviation and our journey in the history of, going where no man has gone before.

Gracing the entrance of the museum is famous SR-71 Black Bird, whose first flight was December 22, 1964, and believed to still be the fastest aircraft ever built.



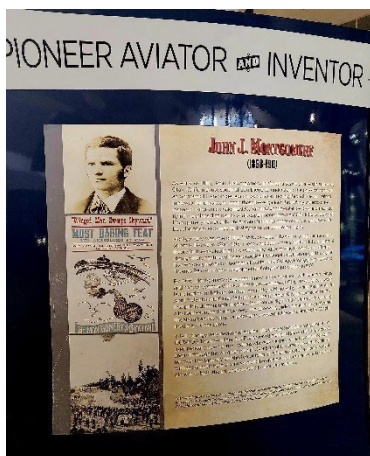
The ladies of Mercedes-Benz, Lynn Strobel, Diana Kruse and Lynn Heacock. President Michael is avoiding the mist. Yes, it was an overcast day with a heavy mist. Did not deter us!



Vice President Ann Kinner and Treasurer, Carol Ross.



Entering the museum, we were greeted the most famous aircraft in the world, The spirit of St. Louis, which was built here in San Diego by the Ryan Aircraft Company. It is powered by a Wright Radial Engine.

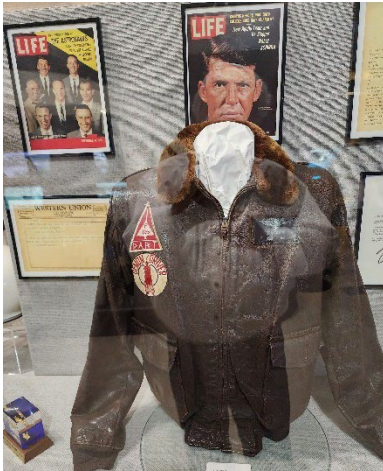


Along with Spirit of St Louis was John J. Montgomery, who in the 1880s made manned flight experiments in a series of gliders in the United States in Otay Mesa near San Diego, California. Although not publicized in the 1880s, these early flights were first described by Montgomery as part of a lecture delivered at the International Conference on

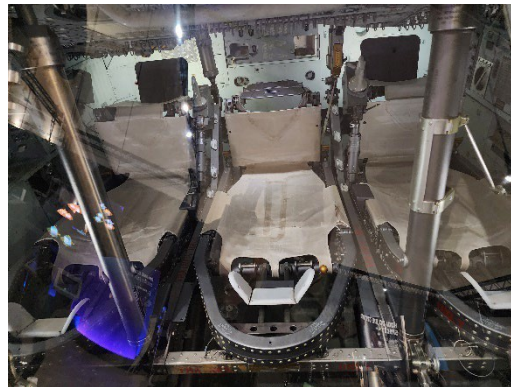
Aerial Navigation at Chicago, 1893. Although Montgomery never claimed firsts, his gliding experiments of the 1880s are considered by some historians and organizations to have been the first controlled flights of a heavier-than-air flying. On October 31, 1911, Montgomery was attempting to land *Evergreen* at low speed and encountered turbulence, which caused a stall. He crashed and died from his injuries at the site.



From Our humble beginning we took the great leap into space with the Mercury Program. The museum has been updated with many features and exhibits including several 'hands on' displays. One could get into the Gemini Space capsule, and several people did that while I was waiting to get a photo. There were instructions on how to get in and out. The museum has numerous simulators to fly and operate.



Wally Schirra, a Naval Aviator and one of the original seven Astronauts, was resident of San Diego for many years. He was the first Astronaut to go into space three times, and was the only Astronaut to fly all three programs, Mercury, Gemini and Apollo.



Apollo 9 was the third capsule to fly and its mission was to prepare for a landing on the moon. There was not much room for three men to spend 10 days.



Wally flew the F9F Phantom off the USS Midway Carrier, which is here in San Diego.



Schirra was the Navy Test Pilot during the development of the F4H Demon, which was the primary aircraft during Vietnam, by the Navy and the US Air Force.



Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Medal of Honor awardee and leading American Ace in WWI with 26 aircraft shot down. He was the commander of the 94th Aero Squadron AKA the top Hat Squadron.

The actual Insignia taken from a Squadron aircraft.



Rickenbacker's awards



Rickenbacker was also very successful in civilian life. At the age of 18 he was managing six engineers for Duesenberg and raced four times in the Indy 500 finishing 10th, his best, in 1914. He joined the US Army Infantry in WWI, and was General Pershing's driver. He took a ride in an airplane and convinced Major Dodd to let him take flight training. After 25 hours of training, he took to the air.

After WWI he designed the Rickenbacker automobile, which had several advanced features, one being four-wheel brakes. Studebaker led a vicious campaign against the car claiming it was unsafe, had images of the car swerving off the road and crashing when the brakes were applied. There were claims that this campaign led to the demise of the Rickenbaker. The car was made from 1922 to 1927. He purchased the INDY 500 race track from Carl Fisher in 1927. During WWII on an inspection tour of the Pacific, for President Franklin Roosevelt, the B-17 he was flying in became lost due to faulty navigation and he and the crew spent 24 days at sea drifting in life rafts. He continued on in his career as the head of Eastern Airlines. Did I mention that Capt. Eddie quit school in the 7th grade and went to work full time to help support his family.

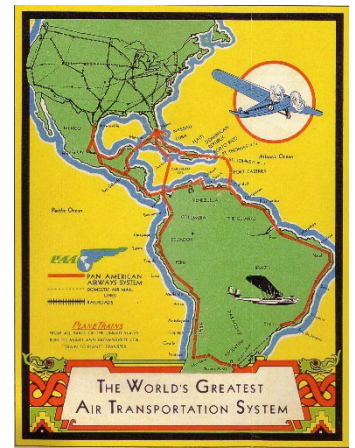


In 1920 Clyde Pangborn attempted to transfer from a speeding car to an airplane on the beach in Coronado, CA. He gripped a specially designed bar installed on a Lozier automobile, where he reached for a ladder dangling for a Jenny Aircraft. He was jerked upward lost his grip and fell with a thud on the beach. I assume he received the Darwin Award for this stunt.

The Lozier auto was made in America from 1900 until 1918. For a time, it was the most expensive automobile produced in the United States. In 1910 the Lozier cost the equivalent of over \$243,405 in 2023 dollars.



The Ford Tri-Motor, one of the first successful aircraft for commercial aviation. It was powered by three Pratt-Whitney radial engines. It cruised at 90mph, carried fifteen passengers, with a range of 500 miles, and cost \$42,000.00. The flight to San Francisco would be about 5.6 hours. The Tri-Motor was built from 1925 until 1933. On the right is an early Pan Am AD picturing the Ford Tri-Motor.



An animated speaking mannequin of Amelia Earhart telling us about her aviation career. She is was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic in May, 1932. She was the first aviator to fly solo from Honolulu Hawaii to Oakland CA. Amellia had many aviation firsts. Her legacy was made more notable when she disappeared while attempting an around the world flight. She and her navigator Fred Noonan disappeared in the Pacific Ocean somewhere near Howland Island. Speculation and theories still persist as to what happened to her.



A memorial to the PSA flight crew, passengers and people on the ground who lost their lives when PSA flight 182 crashed in North Park San Diego on September 25, 1978. A total of 144 lives were lost.



PSA was known for its various flight attendant's uniforms and many of these uniforms were on display.

KAISERHOF LUNCH



Facing the camera is Ann Kinner and from the right is Michael Cooper, Joey Costa, Jack Heacock, Jen and Pete Lobner, Steve and Carol Ross, Rick Carlson Lynn Strobel, and Diana Kruse.



Fraulein Lisa was our server and next to her are Pete Lobner and Marjo Miller. Jen Lobner is next to Jack Heacock in the right foreground is Lynne Heacock.



From the right, Carol Ross, Rudy Hradecky, Rick Carlson, Lynn Strobel, Diana Kruse, Ann Kinner, Michael Cooper, Debra Lopez, Joey Costa, Lynne and Jack Heacock and Jen Lobner.

Cutest couple award goes to Joey costa and Debra Lopez.



For those who like German cuisine and beer, the Kaiserhof is the place to go. From the comments received, we will plan on going there again.



MERCEDES GRANDE



The Mercedes Grande in Indianapolis was a fantastic five-day event filled with Interesting and educational presentations and tours.

The kick off was a talk by Al Unser JR, two-time winner of the Indy 500. Also present was the Mercedes-Benz winner of the 1994 Indy 500, driven by Al Unser JR. The engine design used by Mercedes-Benz was banned from any future Inny 500 races, and never raced again. Mercedes has won the Indy 500 twice; the first time was a Mercedes driven by Ralph DePalma in 1915. In 1915 DePalma averaged 89.74mph and in 1964 Al Unser JR averaged 160.872 mph.

Man on the phone is Roger Brummett, Mercedes Grande Chairman.

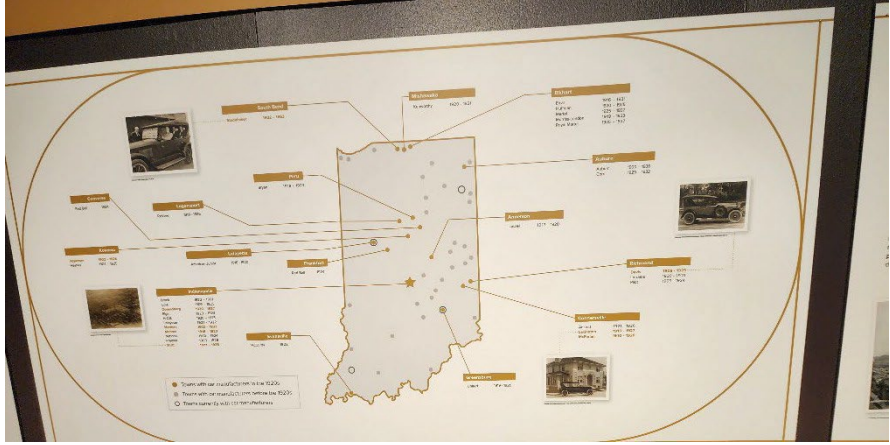
Mercedes-Benz of Indianapolis hosted a reception for the club, and displayed new models of Mercedes-Benz at several of the events. There were numerous Tech sessions covering a wide range of topics.



Airstream gave a very informative presentations of their facility and the Sprinter Airstream models. They have a model which is equipped to go off-grid, no campsite or hook ups required. It is equipped with an onboard lithium power battery pack, that can provide ten hours of air conditioning. It is charged by solar panels and engine generators.



The Alzheimer's Award Luncheon was held in the Indiana State Museum. Not all the Grande attendees were there. The San Diego Section was awarded the Gold Medallion for supporting the Alzheimer's Foundation.



In 1925 there were 300 automotive manufacturers in Indiana. In fact, Indiana led the nation in automotive builders in the early days of the automobile. Some notable marques were Duesenberg, Marmon, Stutz, all made in Indianapolis, Auburn, Cord, Studebaker, Apperson, of course the Hoosier Scout, Pathfinder, Haynes, DaVis, and to name a few, that were easily forgotten, except by their owners.



1916 Apperson Jack Rabbit touring car.



1920 DaVis Model 51. Except for the carriage, these cars used parts from other auto makers.



The Crane Bay Event Center was the site of the Hullabaloo. There were about 35 Mercedes-Benz there and many of us came by Uber, rental cars, or rode with a fellow member. The Adobe Road Winery was with wine tasting. There was also a dress in 60's and 70's attire contest. There were some amazing, dressed up folks. I went in my 1960ies Palm Springs 'Mod' attire. Yes, I did not win. Bjorn Borg and Goldie Hawn were the winners.



This very nice 300 was driven in from Montana. Mercedes-Benz autos were driven from Texas, Maine, Minnesota, and Arkansas, and Illinois, that I am aware.



The band warming up for their first set, with the leader and lead singer dressed as Paul Revere. They did several of the Paul Revere and the Raiders hits. The band was truly outstanding and if one liked music from that era you were not disappointed.



Yes, there was a lot of dancing. I even danced with my wife. Who can spot the National Directors in the photos. The lady who won the best costume award is in the photos?



CAR SHOW

There was a car show in downtown Carmel, IN and it was unbelievable. There were at least 500 cars there and about 75 of them were Mercedes-Benz, the shows featured Marque. I heard one estimate that there were over 30,000 people attending. I did not see nearly all the cars.



Award winning
1999 SL500



This 1951 220 was best in show for Mercedes-Benz. It was driven from Minnesota.

THE INDY 500 TRACK AND MUSEUM



To top off a great event was a visit to the most famous race track in the world, the Indy 500. The BMW club was driving on the track while we were there.



The Cummins Diesel that won the pole in 1952 with a speed of 139.104mph, the only diesel to ever accomplish that feat. Due to a clogged turbocharger the car was retired after 70 laps or 180 miles. This was the last time a diesel was ran at the Indy 500.



This machine was driven on the track by Carl Fisher, the owner and founder of the Indy track. There is very little associated with an automobile except and engine and drive train. Farm wagon suspension, brakes." we don't need no stinken brakes". I believe they went over 60mph in these things! Carl had very poor eye sight and because of this he didn't see a corner nor the other obstacles and crashed. He was seriously injured and never raced again.



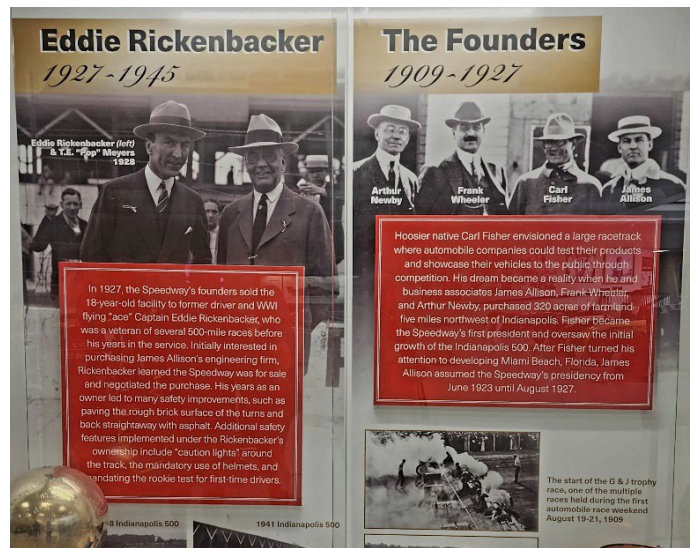
Race car driven by Janet Guthrie in the 1978 Indy 500, the first woman to qualify for the race, finishing ninth. I had the opportunity to meet her a couple of times attend symposiums where she was a speaker. She is from my generation, and is an impressive person.



Three Indy winners, all powered by Offenhauser



Preston Tucker's Indy car powered by Miller. Tucker wanted to use this as publicity for the Tucker automobile. The engine failed on lap 34. This was not his first attempt at Indy. In 1935 he convinced Ford to provide him and Miller with engines which they modified to race. Ten of the race cars were built and they were not successful. In fact, they have been referred to as a debacle. Ford was so embarrassed and humiliated that they did not enter racing for many years.



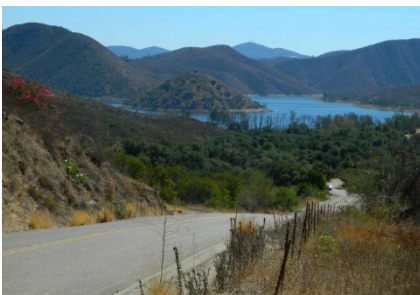
Ralph was driving a Mercedes

SCENIC DRIVE WITH LUNCH AT THE GREEN DRAGON TAVERN



Sunday October 15, 2023 we are taking a scenic drive on the Del Dios Highway around Lake Hodges to the Pacific Coast and stopping for lunch at the Green Dragon Tavern in Carlsbad. Enter the park on Caseneda Dr. off Bear Valley Parkway. Coming from San Diego you turn left at the entrance. Coming from Escondido please turn right

The drive will begin at the Kit Carson Park in Escondido, located on 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA. We will assemble at 1000am for a 1030am departure. Maps and driving instructions will be provided.



The Del Dios Highway is a scenic drive and going around the lake is very nice. The lake is close to full after all the rain we have enjoyed.



The original Green Dragon Tavern



The Green Dragon Tavern is modeled after the original Green Dragon Tavern which was located Green Dragon Lane (today's Union Street) in Boston's North End. It was a meeting place for the Sons of Liberty and the Freemasons.

A plaque on the site states, "On this spot stood THE GREEN DRAGON TAVERN The secret meeting place of the Sons of Liberty, And in the words of Webster, the Headquarters of the Revolution. To mark a site forever as memorable as the birthplace of American freedom", this tablet is placed by the Massachusetts Society of the Sons of Revolution.

Though membership in the Sons of Liberty was secret, it is widely believed to have included Samuel Adams, Dr. Joseph Warren, Paul Revere, John Hancock, James Otis, and Benjamin Edes (owner of the influential *Boston Gazette*). The Boston Tea Party was planned there and Paul Revere (a Mason) was sent from there to Lexington on his famous ride.

The Green Dragon Tavern in Carlsbad is not only a tavern but, contains most all of the documents pertaining to the American Revolution. The food is quite good and reasonably priced

THE RICHARD MANN MEMORIAL DRIVE

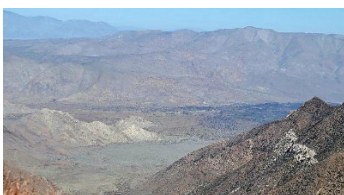


On Sunday November 19, 2023 the club is doing a memorial drive honoring Richard Mann and all the members who loved to drive their Mercedes-Benz and have fun with our fantastic members.

The drive will begin in Poway and proceed through Ramona, Julian for lunch at Lake Cuyamaca and then a drive over the Sunrise Highway and Mt Laguna, to Highway 8 and down to the coast with fall colors, fun roads, and apple pie along the way.

Although still in the final planning stages, we plan to meet at the Brigantine on 13445 Poway road in Poway, CA at 9:30 to provided maps, drivers brief and answer questions.

This is arguably the most beautiful, scenic drive in San Diego County. The drive provides a varying view, of desert, mountains and most of all a foliage change of color, reminiscent of the East Coast.



Yes, I know these are not Mercedes-Benz automobiles



Mercedes Benz Club-San Diego Section 2023 Holiday Party

Southwestern Yacht Club
2702 Qualtrough St., San Diego 92106
Sunday, December 17, 2023

The event begins at 11:00am with a brunch buffet beginning at
11:30am

Brunch includes Muffins, Fresh Fruit, Breakfast Potatoes, Scrambled Eggs, Applewood Bacon and Sausage, French Toast and an Omelet Station. Beverages include Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water and a Mimosa Station with Assorted Juices.

There will be lots of fun things happening, so you don't want to miss out!

Member of the Year Award, 50/50 Drawing (bring cash!), and our annual gift exchange (bring a wrapped gift with a \$25 limit)

Please RSVP (with payment) by Monday, December 11th

First and Last Name(s): _____

Email and Cell #: _____

Adults \$60 each: _____ Children \$30 each: _____

Total Enclosed: _____



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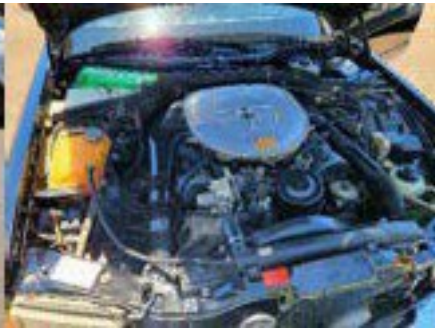


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MBCA – San Diego Section

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
October	Drive and lunch, Green Dragon	Oct 15	Steve and Ann
November	HWY 80 (Richard Mann Event)	Nov 19	Ann
December	Holiday Party	Dec 17	Diana & Rudy

SEE YA ON THE ROAD



CAROL ROSS SEZ, BEWARE OF THE ZOMBIE CARS THIS HALLOWEEN