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President’s Message

Hello Members:

It is with a great deal of enthusiasm that I write this message. First of all, I would like to thank the members that attended the General Meeting and a special thanks for the members that signed up to help fill our open board positions. This now forms a stronger group with new suggestions and help to support more section events.

Please sign up for the Clean Car Show soon and invite your friends with Mercedes Benz cars to join us. After the release of this newsletter, I will pass along the Clean Car Show information to nearby regional MBCA sections. I’m keeping five spots in my “back pocket” for our section for last minute additions and members with recently acquired memory loss 😊. We want to see you there

I would like to schedule a Cars and Doughnuts event in late March and have a couple of mechanics attend. We can lift all of the hoods, kick tires, ask questions and get sound advice for our rides. *If you are interested in this type of event, please let me know.* I’ve already found a place that will host us. My contact info is to the right of this article.

We’ve added a new section to this newsletter...*Blast From the Past*, where we’ll randomly pull interesting content from prior club newsletters. Enjoy the long and rich history of our club.

As always, I thank all members for their support. Special thanks to Rita for taking notes at our General Meeting.

Peter Samaha,
MBCACI President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- MBCA CI Cars & Doughnuts – TBD (targeting late March or Early April)
- MBCACI’s Clean Car Show – Sunday, April 24th

Have an idea for an event? Questions?

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or

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Steve Koger was behind the camera

MBCACI Member Recognition & General Meeting Bistro 13, Camarillo Saturday, February 19th

We had a good turnout for this special meeting. We started shortly after 4:00 pm with Peter recognizing some of our long-time members and those who have joined more recently. Of those who attended the meeting, it appears that Isolde Fehrmann (bright red jacket) took the long-time record, having been a member since June 1997. Brian and Danielle Smith (cowboy hat, with his wife in front of him) joined in May 2001. Peter and Tamara Samaha (3rd and 4th from front on left side) joined in October 2009. Leroy and Rita Chavez (1st and 2nd, front left) joined in August 2018 and Steve Koger (behind camera) joined in January 2019.

2021 was a good year for new members joining MBCA and affiliating with our Channel Islands Section. Stan and Una McKnight joined in January 2021 (the two immediately behind Tamara in turquoise sweater), Vincent Gonzaga in May 2021 (in yellowish-orange at far end of left side), and Alex, Vassil and Monica Valtchev in August 2021 (Alex at end of table facing camera, Vassil and Monica at far end of right side). Guests Phillip and Meg Thachoorie are pictured the 1st and 2nd, front right side.

No matter how long or how recent you have joined MBCA, we appreciate all of our members and welcome everyone to be active and join our events. We need your involvement and support.

Our General Meeting followed, with many great suggestions and several volunteers filling board positions. Be sure to see the vastly updated table of officers and board directors on the last page of the newsletter. Contact Steve Koger if you would like to see a pdf of the meeting minutes. An excellent dinner and socializing followed and we were impressed with the quality of the food and portion sizes. An excellent venue for future events!



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The Mercedes-Benz Channel Islands Club welcomes you to our 42nd Annual Clean Car Show



Our last Clean Car Show at Camarillo Museum Airport Hanger

Sunday, April 24, 2022
at

Mercedes Benz of Oxnard

1511 Auto Center Drive, Oxnard, CA 93036

General Attendance/Event Start time 11:00 AM

This is one of MBCACI's premier and longest running events. The car show will take place in a dedicated area of the dealership parking lot.

A location and table (possibly inside the dealership) for food/drink will be provided and you may bring your favorite non-alcoholic drinks, snacks or food. The club will provide soft drinks, water, cups and ice.

Please register by mailing the completed form below no later than March 31st to reserve your spot. **We can accommodate 50 cars.**

All registered cars will be judged and every car will be a winner in a category that best fits. Award categories will be finalized before the event, based on the cars registered to attend.

General awards will consist of a commemorative plaque. People's Choice and Best of Show awardees will receive a trophy.

Please be advised that this is not a serious (e.g., Pebble Beach Coucours-like) car judging event and there are no official rules for competing. This is meant to be a fun, social event where we can get together and get to know each other and our MB rides.

So, clean up your MB and spend the afternoon with fellow members and guests. This year we are opening the event to non members who may be interested in joining our club after seeing how much fun we have. Encourage friends and family to join us.

Once you register, more details and instructions will be sent to you, including your specific Arrival/Check-in time for the day of the event.

Questions?

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or

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Clip and Mail to Reserve Your Spot!

Please register by mailing the completed form and payment no later than March 31st

Cost is \$45 Per Registered Car (to be "judged") which includes admission for all passengers

EARLY REGISTRATION, please! No refunds after April 8th.

(Walk-in attendees welcome: \$10/adult, \$5 children & Seniors)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MBCA Channel Islands

Please contact Peter (see above) to arrange for special forms of payment (e.g., Zelle)

Mail form and payment to: Peter Samaha, 1600 Hobart Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010

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Number of Cars Being Registered : _____ Year(s)/Model(s) : _____

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The Petersen's Santa Paula Cars & Coffee Event

As a courtesy to our car enthusiast members, we want to bring this local event to your attention. The Petersen Automotive Museum, located in Los Angeles, recently starting holding Cars & Coffee events at The Collector Car Vault in Santa Paula. The Vault is a former very large Sunkist warehouse for storing fruit underground. The warehouse was remodeled and converted to a series of underground car storage garages. Many of the rich and famous store their expensive and rare cars here in climate controlled garages, far from prying eyes. The Petersen has been holding monthly events at The Collector Car Vault, where refreshments are offered, you may tour a small open showroom of rare and collectable cars, and be taken on a docent-led tour of opened garages and cars that are made available for event attendees.

You *must* register to attend, pay a modest fee, and receive confirmation to bring with you to be admitted. This event is wildly popular, is space-limited for attendee car parking, and sells out quickly. As I prepare this newsletter, you can still register for their April 10th event. If that has sold out, scroll all the way to the bottom of the web page and see if they have opened-up tickets for an event in May. DO NOT click on "Purchase Your Tickets – Click Here" at the top of the page.

https://www.petersen.org/santa-paula?utm_source=1.21.22+Spotlight&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Santa+Paula

Here is the web link to the Collector Car Vault in Santa Paula.

<https://www.collectorcarvault.com/>



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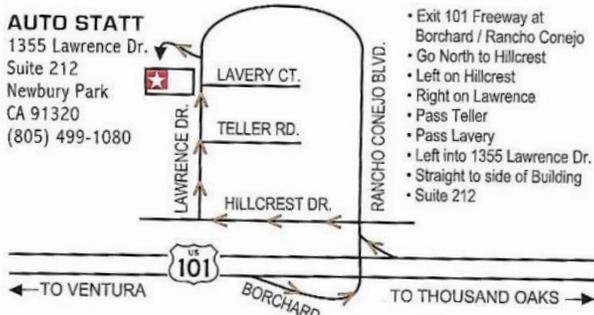
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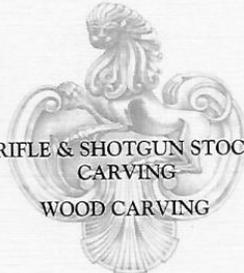


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Blast From the Past



NOVEMBER

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In 2012, this long, sleek and strikingly beautiful Hermann Ahrens-designed Mercedes-Benz Roadster was the car to beat for top auction price. Originally constructed for Baroness Gisela Josephine von Krieger, born into Old Prussian aristocracy in 1913, the vehicle sports a supercharged 5.4 liter 180-horsepower 8-cylinder engine and boasts pigskin upholstery, a leather dashboard, an integrated burl wood writing table and a Tuxedo Black exterior. This 1936 Mercedes-Benz 540K Special Roadster sold for \$11.8 million at Pebble Beach. Unfortunately you missed your chance to buy it.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Fall has officially arrived, and that means the holidays are just around the corner as well as our 2012/2013 section election. Please be sure to vote. This September we had a very enjoyable Surf and Turf Dinner hosted by Peter and Tamara Samaha. It was a very enjoyable evening. We had a very good turnout and many new members attended as well. October was our Oktoberfest! It was a time to just relax and enjoy good friends, food, song and drink. Thanks you again to the German-American Club and Jim Wiens for another great adventure. This month is the Cliff House Brunch, always a fantastic meal and enjoyable time. I hope to see many of you join us. December is our annual Holiday/Christmas Party. If you would like to host this event, please call Jim Wiens @ (805) 241-4606. This is always a very memorable event with family and friends, both old and new.

Thanks to all of you,

Dieter Schaltinat

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

11/04 Cliff House Brunch @ Shoals Restaurant
Kathy Wilber
(805) 402-5983

DECEMBER

12/01 Board Meeting @ Pickles
5:00 p.m.
Kathy Wilber
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12/15 Christmas Party
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JANUARY

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NOVEMBER EVENT

Sunday Brunch by the Sea
November 4th, 2012
11:00 a.m.

The Cliff House Inn
Shoals Restaurant

The Shoals Restaurant at the Cliff House has been described as one of the 10 top seafood spots by the sea.

Sunset Magazine says, "Here's where to find the best fresh fish just a hop from the oceans waves". Yes, just a beautiful drive up the Pacific Coast Highway between Ventura and Santa Barbara lies what has been called the "Jewel of the Pacific". You've probably seen it on your left on your drive to Santa Barbara. The address is 6602 Pacific Coast Highway.

The innovative cuisine features the freshest of American ingredients. Its flavors and textures matched only by the beauty of its presentation.

Please come join us and bring your friends for a beautiful drive, fine food, good conversation and companionship of your friends and fellow members. Come to this beautiful place overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

The Shoals Restaurant will provide us with a special menu. Tips will be included and we will pay individually.

Any question, call Kathy Wilber @ (805) 402-5539. To get some idea of attendance please send before October 27th, 2012.

-----Cut & mail-----

Yes, I/we would like to attend the Sunday Brunch at the Shoals Restaurant on November 4th, 2012

_____Persons in our party.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Please mail to:

Kathy Wilber
4521 Costa De Oro
Oxnard, Calif. 93035

SPECIAL NOTICE!!!

When driving north on the 101 freeway, you cannot turn left at the Shoals Restaurant because of a Cal Trans road project. Go up to Bates Road (about 1 ½ miles) make a u-turn and then back to the Shoals.

WANTED

Channel Islands Newsletter Editor

Our Newsletter Editor, Maggi Rossi, is stepping down after doing our newsletter for over 16 years. Being newsletter editor is challenging and rewarding and as a member of the Channel Islands Board you will participate in the planning and direction of the club. We are asking for a member that would like to join our team & board as editor to please contact Maggi Rossi or any other board member for further information.

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Tech Note
Tire Pressure Gauges

A recent tech article discussed the importance of tire pressures. This note will discuss what pressure gauges the professionals use and which might be good for you. Here are a few good quality gauges to consider:

1. **Moroso 89560.** This gauge has a rather small read-out dial but has a easy-to use 15.5" hose and is relatively inexpensive. Easy to use. Approximately \$37.
www.moroso.com

2. **Longacre Temperature-Compensated Gauge.** This is quite pricy at about \$375. But keep in mind it has a pyrometer that senses temperature and adjusts accordingly (every 10 degrees of temperature change = about 1 psi change.) Of course you can just carry a thermometer and do the adjustment yourself.**
www.longacracing.com

3. **Intercomp Racing Products Gauge.** \$139. This one is for the obsessive pressure adjuster! It has all sorts of features you won't need. www.intercomp-racing.com.

4. **Joes Racing Digital Tire-Pressure Gauge.** Great for accurate digital read-out. This cool gauge also has a digital tread-depth gauge and a nice long hose with a both ball and angle-type nozzles. \$69. www.joesracing.com

5. **Accutire MS 4021B Standard Digital Tire Gauge.** This is the best 21st century equivalent of the old pencil-type gauge. Affordable and compact. No hose. Fits in the glove box. \$15.
www.accutiregauge.com

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Our thanks to Peter and Tamara for hosting a great evening of superb dishes and atmosphere for the enjoyment of our many friends in the club. What a great evening, thanks to both of you.

Jim Wiens

DAIMLER

India-Built Mercedes SUV Aims At Premium Market

Daimler AG on Wednesday introduced its first India-assembled Mercedes sport utility vehicle, as part of efforts to expand sales in the country's growing premium vehicle market.

The M-Class 250 CDI, which will cost 4.7 million rupees (\$89,000) at showrooms in Pune, India, is assembled at the German firm's plant in nearby Chakan in Maharashtra state.

Mercedes imports its M-Class 350 CDI SUV from its U.S. plant in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and sells it for 5.6 million rupees.

Daimler aims next year to assemble the GL Class of SUV's at its India facility. The company now produces its C class, E Class & S class vehicles at the factory.

(Wall Street Journal 10/11/12)



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