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+ 8 renewing members

Upcoming Events

Aug 12 Regional Show & Shine

Aug 17 Legends of the Autobahn

Sep 8 Detail Clinic

Sep 15 Oregon Festival of Cars

Oct 13 Mt. Baker tour

Sep 22 Board Mtng, Wilsonville

Nov 17 Annual General Mtng

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September 14–16

Oregon Festival of Cars

The Sunriver Festival of Cars has been a hugely successful event, recognized by many as their favorite car event of the year. Recently the opportunity came to take it to a higher level, so now it's the *Oregon Festival of Cars*, and it will be held in the Les Schwab Amphitheater in the Old Mill District of Bend September 14–16.

The immediate advantage is space. There are now three acres of grass to accommodate the event. There is also almost unlimited space surrounding the facility for additional attractions. What might those be? Read on...

There will be a Friday evening registration and reception at the Les Schwab Amphitheater. The Festival car show will run from 10–3 on Saturday. The Saturday evening Festival Banquet will be held at Club Carrera, nestled among the cars, and the Sunday Dash through the desert will return. There will also be an organized drive from the Portland area to Bend on Friday morning (details to come in the September issue).

All in all, a once-a-year event that offers you (and your car) an opportunity to mingle among other enthusiasts (and their cars), in Oregon's High Desert, with the wind in your hair and the sun on your shoulders. This is an event you won't want to miss. *(Photo credit: Sunriver Festival of Cars.)*



Next Event: Regional Show & Shine

Place: Nile Country Club, Mountlake Terrace, WA

Date: Sunday, August 12

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Cost: Registration \$10, second car \$5, lunch \$15

Details on page 5; full Events Calendar on page 12

President's Message

We just wrapped up an exciting month of local Portland Section events. The Portland Historic Races and the Forest Grove Concours on back-to-back weekends provided unique opportunities for our members to have fun with their Mercedes. On July 15th, we celebrated Sixty Years of the SL at the Forest Grove Concours. I counted eleven 300SL Gullwings and Roadsters on the field.



We were proud to host people from the National Board of MBCA during the Concours weekend. Pete Lesler traveled from Ohio to be the Senior Judge, and Laura and Richard Simonds drove up from the Bay Area to show their 280S.

Pete is the National Concours Committee Chair for MBCA, and is responsible for maintaining MBCA concours rules, the scoring system and teaching MBCA judging schools. It was an honor to have a Senior Judge of Pete's caliber at Forest Grove. I spoke to many car owners and other judges who appreciated Pete's skill and attitude toward judging automobiles. He feels strongly that the judging process should be a learning experience for the car owners – educate them and help them understand how they can make their car better. We plan to invite Pete back to the Northwest to teach a judging school. In speaking with our members, there is a need to train newer judges for future concours and club events.

Laura Simonds, who serves on the National Board of MBCA as Treasurer, attended with her husband Richard. Laura is also the chairperson of the Legends of the Autobahn event (see page 7), taking place Friday August 17th in Carmel Valley, California (registration deadline is August 10th!). It was great to discuss events with Laura as she has a lot of experience in planning high-profile club events and car shows. Laura and Richard displayed their 1969 Mercedes-Benz 280S, known as 'Blau-Belle'.

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Two parade laps!

Portland Historics Recap

The Portland Historic Races were held again last month at PIR, and once again we were graced with the sights and sounds of an intoxicating array of cars: Formula Atlantic, NASCAR, Indy, Le Mans, and SCCA cars – all beautifully prepared and all eager to take to the track.



The MBCA Portland Section car corral.

Which they did, all day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. No fussy pampering. Driven hard. Wheel to wheel. In many ways the Historics are better than formula or

class races because of the variety of machinery on the track. (And in the pits, which are open for all to see.)

Eight cars from the MBCA Portland Section signed up to appear in our car corral. We all got to take to the track (both Saturday and Sunday) for parade laps, and display our cars at the east end of the Bi-Mart Bridge. Perhaps best represented were the MGs, the featured brand for the 2012 races.

This year we paid \$45 to attend the event. That money bought us admissions for two to all three days, *and* a ticket for the car corral, *and* enrollment in the parade laps. It was a steal at that price, and no doubt will be a steal next year too, even if the price changes.

Plan on it. The Historics take place in early July: watch for a spring announcement in this newsletter.

— Tom Lichty

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We also welcomed Gary and Genie Anderson. Gary is the Editor in Chief of *The Star* magazine, and is not only a Mercedes enthusiast, but also writes about British cars, especially Austin Healeys. I asked Gary for his impression of the Concours, and he said he was struck not only by the fantastic cars but also the family-friendly atmosphere. Gary plans to write an article on the Concours for the upcoming issue of *The Star*. I need to thank Ed and Viki Waite for making their 560SL available to the Andersons for the Concours weekend. The warmth and generosity that our local club members extended to guests at the Concours will leave a positive impression for years to come.



Gary Anderson

— Allen Stephens

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How I Spent My Summer Vacation

Topanga Canyon Road, California – near Malibu. If you read car magazines, you know that this is where they take Porsches and Ferraris for informal road testing. Topanga Canyon Road twists and turns through the canyon like a snake in pain. At certain times of the day (and night), the canyon echos with the sound of engines revved to their horsepower peak. The thunder comes from the V-8s. The wails are the Porsches. The screams are either V-12s, or – more likely – motorcycles. As a kid, I used to buy records of these sounds. My parents were not amused.



This is where I am as I write this column. Slick – our SLK – sits in the driveway, quiet ticks coming from under the hood as he cools. If a car could smile, he'd be smiling. Smugly.

Louise and I (and Slick) have driven down for our nephew's wedding. Twelve hundred miles, most on Highway 1, with stops in Mendocino, Half Moon Bay, Carmel, San Simeon, Santa Barbara, and now, Topanga Canyon. It has been an exquisite drive: not too hot, not too cool, top down every day.

Two weeks ago, Slick took to the track at PIR for a couple of laps. He was smiling then too. Smugly. The occasion was the Portland Historic Races, and as a resident of the Mercedes-Benz Car Corral, Slick was invited to participate in the parade laps: one Saturday and another Sunday.

This is the way I like to spend my summers: behind the wheel, top down, wind in my hair – the supercharger sucking great lungfuls of air, its whine both mechanical and lyrical.

The summer is far from over. There are more opportunities for spirited driving, and your membership in the Mercedes-Benz Club beckons.

There's the Oregon Festival of Cars in Bend (see page 1), the regional Show and Shine in Seattle (see page 5), and – perhaps best of all for those seeking great lungfuls of supercharged air – the Mount Adams Tour in October (see page 9).

There are others, but you get the point: it's summer! Clean up the car (see detail clinic story, next page), polish the wheels, drop the top, and *DRIVE!* I'll see you on the road.

— Tom Lichty

Brown Maloney Tour Recap

On June 23rd, seven Mercedes from the Portland Section along with six BMWs from the BMW Car Club of America journeyed to Sequim, Washington to see the car collection of Brown Maloney. While it was a rainy drive north to the Olympic Peninsula, the reward of seeing Mr. Maloney's collection and the warm hospitality soon made the trek a distant memory.

We met the Seattle Section at a park in Port Gamble. With the group from Portland and Seattle, 47 cars in total lined up for the tour to the Maloney home. Upon arrival, we were parked in rows on the grass on the property of Brown and Sarah Maloney. After a brief welcome, we had a barbeque lunch in one of the garages on the property.

After lunch, we were led to see the extensive car and motorcycle collection. In the first garage, Brown shared the 1966 Mustang Fastback that is his daughter's first car. The garage also contained a Thunderbird that was owned by Brown's mother. The second garage contained an extensive motorcycle collection. Over 150 motorcycles, mostly Hondas, were lined up in rows. Brown had every example of Honda motorcycles from 1959 to the late 1970s.

The next garage contained the centerpieces of the collection. Brown, a longtime MBCA member, explained that he has always had Mercedes-Benz automobiles. His collection holds an example of every SL from 1955 to 1971, all in white with red interior, and all with low miles. He also has a wonderfully diverse mix of sports

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Detail Clinic at Sidedraught City

Do you have questions on how to best detail your Mercedes? How can I revive tired paint? How do I use a random-orbital polisher? We will answer these questions and many more at our detail clinic at Sidedraught City on Saturday, September 8th. Sidedraught City is Portland's headquarters for Griot's Garage, offering car care products and accessories for the perfectionist.

The clinic will start at 10AM, with coffee and breakfast snacks. Mercedes club members can park on the street around the building at 1001 SE Main St., Portland. Sidedraught City is located

two blocks north of SE Hawthorne Boulevard at the corner of SE 10th and Main. We will get a demonstration of Griot's products in their service bay, and a peek at the restoration shop that shares the building. Plus,



Registration closes August 8th Regional Show & Shine

The largest area display of MBCA Club Members' Mercedes is coming up August 12th, including Siegfried Linke's 1937 540K Special Roadster, People's Choice voting, an Exhibition Class of vintage and showcase models, an All-American BBQ lunch, local dealer and vendor displays, door prizes.

The deadline for registration is Wednesday, August 8, 2012. Pre-registration is required for field set up & catering. Use the form below:

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— Allen Stephens

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Registration closes August 10
Legends August 17

This year, Audi Club North America joins Mercedes-Benz Club of America, BMW Car Club of America and Porsche Club of America as co-hosts of “one of the most charming events of the week,” the Legends of the Autobahn.

Building on two very successful years and now in only its third year, Legends of the Autobahn has become one of the “must see” attractions of the world-renowned Monterey Classic Car Week. Rancho Cañada Golf Club — just a few miles from the beautiful Pacific coastline and the breathtaking Pebble Beach — provides a stunning backdrop to view German vehicles of all ages. In addition to mingling among the cars, there will be food, displays, club booths, and a Spaten Biergarten. Early word has it that a special display of Gullwings will be featured this year, along with other special classic Mercedes-Benz.

Registration closes on August 10. To register, go to www.motorsportreg.com. Scroll down to “August 17” then to “MBCA—Legends of the Autobahn” (not BMWCCA or PCA). Your registration will go directly to MBCA. If you don't want to enter your car (but why wouldn't you?!), you're welcome to view some of Germany's best vehicles. There is no admission gate fee.



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and GT cars – from a pristine Ferrari 275GTB to an AC Cobra. The rarest car in his collection is a 1967 Toyota 2000 GT, one of 351 made.

We walked down the hill to the final garage containing muscle cars. Brown's passion for Corvettes extends back to his high school days. He shared his wonderful 1959 Corvette, in a cool yellow color, that is his wife's favorite car. The muscle car garage also had a comfortable lounge area with plush leather couches and a flat screen TV. As we sat and relaxed at the end of the day, I reflected on the generosity of the Maloney family in sharing their collection with us. They made everyone feel at home. After almost falling asleep in the garage, it was time for the journey back to Portland.

For images of the event, visit <http://portland.mbca.org>.

— Allen Stephens



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Ladies' Road Rally

Welcome! - and thank you for entering The Mercedes Benz Club of America Portland Section Ladies' Road Rally. As a unique women's-only rally, the MBCAPSLRR is intended to present an opportunity for women to shop and/or cruise in a supportive block with an emphasis on bonding and acquisition.

The object is to follow the prescribed route (see map, below) and arrive at each control checkpoint neither early nor late. The participant with largest total spent wins!

9:00 a.m. Drivers' meeting, Shari's Restaurant, 2185 Northwest 185th Avenue, Hillsboro, for bacon omelets and home fries. (Point A on map.) Discuss individual acquisition goals. Acquire take-home pie to soothe hubby upon eventual return.

9:30 a.m. ATM visit followed by pedestrian cruise through Nordstrom's Rack. 18100 NW Evergreen Parkway, Beaverton, OR.

10:30 a.m. Depart for Bridgeport Village Mall, 7455 Southwest Bridgeport Road #205, Tigard, OR. (Point B on map.)

10:57 a.m. Arrive Bridgeport Village. Rally points here include Anthropologie, Saks Off 5th, Tommy Bahama, and Mario's. Gather receipts from each store in your rally envelope.

1:15 p.m. Lunch at P.F. Chang's, Bridgeport Village. Display acquisitions and quote price points. Semi-finalists identified.

2:00 p.m. Depart in caravan for Woodburn Company Stores, 1001 Arney Road, Woodburn, OR. (Point C.)

2:25 p.m. Arrive Woodburn. Split up into teams and gather receipts from stores on your team's list. (e.g.: Polo Ralph Lauren, Cole Haan, J. Crew, Chico's, Banana Republic.)

5:00 p.m. Meet at Sip wine bistro for cold drink and pit stop. Compare and count receipts. Finalists announced; trophies examined.



5:30 p.m. Pause in Aurora for a mad dash through fifteen antique shops. Receipts may be slowly and painstakingly written out by hand, so be patient. (Point D.)

6:30 p.m. Depart for Columbia Gorge Premium Outlets, Troutdale, OR. (Point E.)

7:00 p.m. Arrive Columbia Gorge Outlets and split into free-form teams to gather final receipts from Easy Spirit, Samsonite, Jones New York, and Le Gourmet Chef.

8:30 p.m. Meet for cocktails and dinner at Black Rabbit restaurant, McMenemy's Edgefield. (Point F.)

9:30 p.m. Check into Edgefield suite for pajama party and new-acquisition runway show, followed by Netflix "Say Yes to the Dress" marathon.

11:00 a.m. (Next day) Farewell brunch at Power Station Pub. Tallying of receipt totals and announcement of MBCAPSLRR trophy winners.

NEXT MBCAPSLRR: Outlet malls at Seaside and Lincoln City, with dinner and pajama party at Stephanie Inn, Cannon Beach.



Twists and turns

Mt. Adams Tour October 13

Fall is a great time of year. The nights are cool and the days have a special smell to the air that is unique to autumn. The first part of fall is almost always sunny, pleasant days into mid-October. What better way to enjoy autumn than a drive in the country? That's exactly what your Mercedes-Benz Club has planned for Saturday, October 13.



The countryside we plan to drive is the area south of Mt. Adams in Klickitat County, Washington. It is a loop route beginning in Bingen, WA, which is on the north side of the Columbia River opposite Hood River, OR. We'll drive east of Bingen along Washington State Route 14 to the town of Lyle – about ten miles. There we'll turn north and drive along the Klickitat River on route 142. Our route takes us through the town of Klickitat, and ascends to a plateau west of Goldendale, WA. We'll proceed west-northwest through the town of Glenwood to Trout Lake, WA. Then we'll turn south and go back to Bingen., where we'll gather at the Solstice Wood Fire Café for pizza.

This route is lightly traveled, and has lots of twists and turns, making it a fun drive in a fine handling car like a Mercedes-Benz. I've driven this route many times over the last twenty years and never tire of it. It's always fun, and pizza at the Solstice Café is a great way to end the trip.

We'll meet at the Starbucks next to the Hood River Bridge in Hood River. Departure time is 11:00 Saturday morning, October 13. We'll cross the Columbia River on the Hood River Bridge, drive through Bingen, and start the loop, which takes about 2 1/2 – 3 hours to complete. NOTE: the Hood River Bridge is a toll bridge; the toll is \$1.

Those coming from Portland and elsewhere in Oregon should take Exit 64 on I-84. Washington residents can take State Route 14 and meet us in Bingen. From the Troutdale area to Hood River is about an hour's drive.

Please RSVP to Stacy Rollins (stacy@stacyrollins.com) if you're going to attend the drive. We'll need to provide a number to Solstice Café in advance.

— Stacy Rollins



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Mercedes Takes Center Stage at Forest Grove Concours

Over fifty-five Mercedes-Benz automobiles, including a large gathering of SLs, were on display at the 40th Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance. MBCA club members from Oregon and up and down the west coast converged on Pacific University to participate in the weekend's activities.

The Vineyard and Lake Tour on Saturday July 14th attracted over fifty cars, including a nice sampling of 300SL roadsters and gullwings. We toured to Elk Cove Vineyards for lunch, then on to Hagg Lake for rides in vintage wooden boats. The tour concluded at a Sake brewery for the ceremonial toast and ribbon ceremony.

Concours Sunday began with a slight drizzle of rain in the Portland area, however it was sunny and dry in Forest Grove. The display of Mercedes automobiles included sedans, coupes, cabriolets, SLs, and the popular MBCA Display Class. Walt Tabrum entered his newly-restored 1960 220SE Coupe – looking elegant in black paint. Justin Englund and Doug Middlestetter also brought Ponton-bodied Mercedes. Rufus Aylwin displayed a really nice 1963 300SE cabriolet, and Mike Spicer showed his maroon 280SE 3.5 coupe.

The classes for Mercedes-Benz SLs had many very nice examples. The feature car was the 1952 300SL W194, owned by Bruce McCaw, that won at LeMans in '52. Portland Section members were given a personal overview of the history and features of this rare automobile by Hans Wurl, the manager of Mr. McCaw's collection. Other SLs in the display included the 1955 300SL owned by Jim and Kay Cobb, the 1962 190SL owned by Seattle-section members Ian and Linda Gleadle, and the gorgeous 1955 300SL Gullwing, in white with red interior, owned by Brown Maloney. Gordon Joelson and Ernie Brawley both displayed 300SL roadsters. Ron Gotcher brought a 2012 SLS AMG with glossy black paint. It was a nice contrast to the vintage black 1956 300SL Gullwing displayed by Pat Matthews.

Of the "Pagoda" style SLs. Bill and Pat Lindquist took first in class with their 1968 280SL. John Neiger took second with his father Ron's 280SL. The class was rounded out by a pristine 1971 350SL owned by Jim Houk from the Seattle Section, and Alan Ball's 1991 300SL. To complete the "60 Years of the SL" display, Mercedes-Benz of Wilsonville displayed a brand-new 2013 SL550.

The Best in Show trophy was awarded to Ron Rezek's 1937 Lagonda, in an elegant green color. It was displayed next to the 1929 Bugatti from the Mullin Museum. Beautiful automobiles displayed on a beautiful day. What more can you ask for?

— Allen Stephens

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Portland Section Schedule of Events

August 12: Regional Show and Shine in Seattle. Nile Country Club, Mountlake Terrace. See story page 5.

August 17: Legends of the Autobahn. Ad and story on page 7.

Sept 8: Detail Clinic at Sidedraught City. See story, page 5.

Sept 14–16: Oregon Festival of Cars, Les Schwab Amphitheater in Bend. See story, page 1.

Sept 22: MBCA Portland Section board meeting, Mercedes-Benz of Wilsonville. All members welcome.

Sept 28–Oct 3: Starfest 2012 in Phoenix. A three-day, two-night “StarTrip” from the Bay Area to Phoenix is planned, including stops at two car collections. Story to come in September issue.

October 13: Mt. Adams tour. See story, page 9.

Nov 17: Annual General Meeting at Saylor’s Old Country Kitchen, 5:30 PM. Details in October edition.

Dec 8: Toy drive and Holiday Lights at PIR.

There’s always something going on at your club. Join in!

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