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### Welcome, New Members

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### Upcoming Events

**Sept. 19th 10a-3pm** Oregon Festival of Cars, Bend

**Sept. 26th 10am** Board Meeting  
MB PDX

**Oct. 3rd 6pm** Annual Meeting  
Sayler's Old Country Kitchen  
Portland,

**October 17th** 9am-12pm Fall Detail  
Clinic, Gallagher Auto Spa, Portland

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## Mercedes-Benz Highlights Monterey Car Week



Jeff Wong and his '86 190e 2.3 16V receiving the MBCA Presidents award from national MBCA President Terry Kiwala at Legends of The Autobahn at the Nicklaus Club-Monterey

*By Allen Stephens Portland Section*

During the automobile extravaganza that is Monterey Car Week, there were rare and wonderful examples from Mercedes-Benz automobiles featured at several events. Here is a short summary of the best of Mercedes-Benz during Monterey Car week this past August.

### Legends of the Autobahn

Over one hundred Mercedes-Benz automobiles were on the field at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Legends of the Autobahn on Friday August 14th. This free show is one of the best events during Monterey car week as it is very laid back and allows great access to the cars and owners. I was a judge, along with Portland Section members Ken Valentine and David Abarr. To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 190SL, Legends featured a separate judged class of 190SLs with six cars entered. *Continued on page 5*

### Next Event: Annual General Meeting

**Place:** Sayler's Old Country Kitchen

**Date:** Saturday October 3rd

**Time:** 5:30PM Gathering 6:00PM Dinner

**Cost:** Members can purchase dinner and there will be separate checks

**Registration:** Contact Rus Eppler for registration @ 503- 503-720-3637 by October 1st.

# President's Message

## Present's Message



We have new Mercedes automobiles to look forward to. The new GLK "SUV" (an all wheel drive car that looks like medium size four door sedan) with a hatchback, and no longer a medium size "G" wagen. I enjoyed the previous style remembering that they looked so much like the GL550's and 450's. I had anticipated buying a used GLK the next time around. I still might do that. The next new car I saw was at the Lake Oswego collector car show. It's the S 600 Maybach. It is a little over 8 inches longer then the regular "S" class, and all of it is in the back seat. The car was presented by Mercedes Benz of Wilsonville. I recommend you go there and see it. Eighteen feet of very, very fine automobile. Unfortunately it's about \$190,000 plus. A "little" above my usual buying standard for automobiles.

All for now. See you next time. Rus.



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# Recap: Portland Vintage Festival July 11-12 2015

*By Greg Buechler Portland Section*



The Portland Section of MBCA put five cars on the grass this year for the re-named Portland Vintage Festival at PIR. A new sanctioning body, the Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA), managed the on-track racing and the event featured a few new wrinkles. The headline action this year was provided by a batch of historic Trans-Am race cars from the 1968-71 time period. This group featured several Camaros, Mustangs, and an AAR 'Cuda. For our part, the Club Corral mustered a pair of SLKs, a C230 Kompressor, a C63 AMG sedan, and a 560SL roadster. The weather this year was superb, with some morning clouds giving way to sunshine, modest breezes, and pleasant temperatures. I mentioned a few new wrinkles. One of those was the title sponsor, Jaguar. The south paddock featured a huge display of Jaguar & Land Rover vehicles, including a Range Rover Sport towing an immaculate trailer carrying an equally immaculate red E-Type roadster. All current models in the lineup were available for examination. The infield paddock did not feature a charity autocross, but a Jaguar/Land Rover Driving Experience. Participants could take Land Rover vehicles through the muddy motocross course that usually sees two-wheeled rides, not four-wheeled ones. The paved area was taken up by a very simple autocross course designed to show off the F-Type R coupe, of which five were available all weekend for test drives. The F-Type R is ridiculously fast, and with AWD is more agile than you think. At 550hp, it now occupies the top spot on the list of the most powerful cars I've driven. Even so, I'd be happier to see Mercedes-Benz as the title sponsor with similar customer events and a couple of historic Gullwings on the track. The racing also featured a few changes. For one, there were more run groups and the racing action lasted longer each day. Sunday's schedule had the most interesting changes. In the morning and the afternoon, two one-hour Enduro races were on the docket, the former for any closed-wheel car and the latter for any open-wheel car. A five-minute pit stop was mandatory but timing was at the discretion of the teams. The morning race was particularly exciting, with many lead changes and battles for position among the Trans-Am cars, the Corvettes, and several Porsche 911s. The big muscle rocketed away at the start, but the Porsches gradually reeled them in. Stuttgart handling didn't beat American cubic inches for the win, but the German cars finished well up in the order despite spotting the muscle cars a couple of hundred horsepower. If you missed this event, you missed some great racing and camaraderie with fellow section members.



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## Board Meeting Sept. 26th

The next Portland Section Board Meeting is Saturday, September 26th at 10AM at Mercedes Benz of Portland 1605 SW Naito Pkwy, Portland, OR 97201 We invite all members to attend a board meeting to provide suggestions on how we can improve the club and provide ideas for upcoming events.

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# Monterey Week cont.



The MB Star Lounge at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance



Best in Marque & a 100 pt. W113 Pagoda at Legends of the Autobahn



300SL Gullwing in Silver Violet at Legends



1955 300SLR "722" at Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

## Monterey Week Highlights continued from page 1

As a judge, it was difficult to find deductions on these wonderfully prepared cars. Best of Mercedes-Benz marque was awarded to Bruce Iannelli for his maroon 1965 230SL, which was recently restored by the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center. People's Choice was awarded to a 1937 540K, the only pre-war Mercedes on the show field. The MBCA President's Award was presented to Jeff Wong for his amazing 190E 2.3 16V. Jeff has spent years restoring his 190 and added tasteful modifications such as Penta wheels. My personal favorite was the 300SL Gullwing in a rare Silver Violet color. It appeared light purple in person, and was very striking.

### Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance

Watching the Tour d'Elegance is a great way to see rare automobiles do what they were built to do – drive on the open road. The 90-mile run down the coast to Carmel gives owners a chance to exercise their cars. The tour formed up on Thursday morning, and we saw several mouth-watering examples of Mercedes-Benz automobiles. An orange Mercedes C111 caught my eye first. This wedge-shaped car was a test-bed for new technologies that Mercedes explored in the 1970s. The Tour was led by Stirling Moss, being chauffeured by LeMans-winning driver Jochen Mass in a silver 300SL Gullwing.

### Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

Jay Leno calls it the best car show in the world. The New York Times proclaimed it as the Olympics for car enthusiasts. For me, a chance to attend the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is like Christmas – unwrapping new presents as you look at rare automobiles on the green fairway. At Pebble Beach, any one of the extraordinary automobiles on display could win Best in Show at other Concours events. Mercedes-Benz Classic pulled out the heavy metal this year and brought the legendary 1955 300SLR "722", driven to victory at the '55 Mille Miglia by Stirling Moss. Alongside was the C111 and the open-wheel W196R grand prix car. Further up the fairway was the Mercedes-Benz Star Lounge. This special display houses more automobiles from Mercedes-Benz, as well as offering spectators complimentary beverages and a place to escape the Concours fray. The Star of the Star Lounge was the AMG 300SEL 6.8 sedan, also known as the 'Red Pig'. This historic sedan is a tribute to the Red Pig that took victory at the 24 Hours of Spa race in 1971. For heads of state, the new Mercedes-Maybach Pullman limousine was displayed next to a 1972 Mercedes-Benz 600 Pullman. The new Mercedes-Maybach goes on sale in Europe in 2016 for 500,000 Euros.

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# Mercedes-Benz at the Forest Grove

## Concours d'Elegance

By Allen Stephens Portland Section



Ernie & Pat Brawley's 1960 190SL being judged and winning 1st in class

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance was held under the trees at Pacific University on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Over 300 classic and sports cars, including 15 classic Mercedes-Benz automobiles, were on display. The main focus of the Concours was a 'Grand Classic', a meet for Classic Car Club of America members. Over 50 full classics were on display. A special display of Modern Super Cars attracted a crowd of spectators, and the Concours also celebrated 60 years of the Ford Thunderbird. The Mercedes-Benz class included cars entered for judging, and cars entered by MBCA members in the display-only 'corral'. New member Viju Deenadayalu entered his newly-acquired 1967 250SL. Members Paul and Stephanie Pietrowski submitted their black 1985 500SEL for a MBCA Silver Star Preservation certification. MBCA National Concours Judge Richard Simonds led the judging team this year. First in the Mercedes-Benz class was awarded to Ernie at Pat Brawley for their 1960 190SL. Second in class was captured by Walt Tabrum for his gorgeous 1960 220SE Coupe. And third in class was awarded to Dan and Chris Beard for their very original 1964 220sb sedan. The 44<sup>th</sup> Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance will take place on July 17<sup>th</sup> 2016. MBCA members are encouraged to participate, and we hope to see you next year



Best in Show 2015: 1934 Packard Dual Cowl Sport Phaeton owned by Larry Nannini.



1967 250SL on the Saturday tour



# Mike Spicer Monterey Auction Report

By Mike Spicer Portland Section



Rick Cole had several interesting convertibles

2015 Monterey auction weekend proves again to be a great turnout for buyers and sellers. Seems like every auction had a great 300SL roadster and or gullwing blue chip collectible on hand and there were plenty of W111 convertibles available for bidding. It is great to see the hobby so active and vibrant. I went to RM, Rick Cole, Gooding, and Bonhams to see the offerings. Gooding had a great 600 SWB limousine that sold for \$130k and two 3.5 coupes on hand that sold for \$179k and \$130k. W113 pagoda's were at every auction commanding \$80-\$209k. Some of the best examples brought mid-market money while other cars exceeded expectations, proving once again that Monterey is a destination for buying and selling nice cars. The w107 560SL is starting to get good attention as Bonhams had a low mile example for sale. These cars have been gaining popularity in the collector car market and the classic styling is starting to gain ground.



'87 560SL at Bonhams with just 9250 miles sold for 57K !



RM Sotheby's w111 Cabrio sold for 429K



Gooding's with a w11 coupe



'59 190sl at Bonhams sold for 162k



# Attend the Annual General Meeting on October 3rd

Saturday October 3, 2015  
Sayler's Old Country Kitchen  
5:30 p.m. Gathering, 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Five year increments of Membership awards  
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This year we chose October for our general meeting thinking that our membership might be more available to attend, since November includes "trick or treating" and Thanksgiving, a busy month. We have had a very good turnout for the past several years and like to continue doing that. Please come and attend, and provide suggestions and guidance for our Portland Section for the coming year. Please call me before Thursday October 1, and report your attendance so that I can give Sayler's our meeting room size needs. 503-720-3637 Thanks, Rus.

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Herbert Colomb  
Elsie Chan  
Harry Morgan

## 10 years 2005

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John Bonner

Joseph Gifford  
Roderick Bill  
Niles Hanson

## 15 years 2000

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Keith Munson  
Nils Jensen

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Kelly Jones

## 20 years 1995

Brown Maloney  
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## Meet Your Editor

Hi, I'm Dave Abarr I wanted to write to do a quick write up on myself and many may not know me. I joined MBCA in 2011 and it has been very rewarding for me. I live in Albany and involved in historic preservation in town. I have 3 cars all of which I am in the process of improving. My primary car is a 1993 190e which I have converted to a AMG tribute car. In almandine red and full genuine AMG body kit, 16V interior plus many extras. It's been a true journey. me. I went to the 2013 judging school and this was my first year judging along side Ken Valentine and Allen Stephens at Legends of the Autobahn. The week was fantastic and I think we would all enjoy it if you've never been. I think I'll be going for many years to come. Call or email me anytime if any members have question or I can help in anyway. Hope to see as many members at events in the future!

Dave



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