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Welcome, New Members

Bradley Kohn, North Bend, OR

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Upcoming Events

Aug 10th : Regional Show & Shine in Seattle

Aug 23rd : Drive In Movie Night, 99W Drive-In, Newberg

Sept. 13th, 10AM: Board Meeting, MB of Wilsonville

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99W Drive-In Event August 23rd



The Portland Section is excited to repeat last summer's successful "drive-in" event on Saturday, August 23, at Newberg's historic "99W Drive-In" movie theater!

The theater - one of the last few remaining drive-in movie theaters in the country - is located on Highway 99 about 30 miles South of Portland. Information about the theater can be found at www.99w.com. The box office opens at 6:30 p.m., and the film will start at dusk. Because the theater's schedule varies from week-to-week, we won't know which film is screening that night till the week before the event. We will need to coordinate arrivals, so that our cars can park together "inside" the theater. So, be sure to RSVP to this event timely!

Please email club member Ellen Theodorson at emtheodorson@yahoo.com if you plan to join us August 23. She'll provide everyone who has RSVP'd with any last-minute information about the event. The only cost to attend this event is the "99W Drive-In" admission fee.

Let's have a big turn-out for this event: It's an easy and fun one! And, chances are you're thinking, "why, we've not been to a drive-in movie in ages..." So, now's your chance! The 99W Drive-In owners appreciate our support and look forward to hosting this event again this year!

Next Event: Take Your Mercedes to the 99W Drive-In

Place: 99W Drive-In, on highway 99W in Newberg. Info at www.99w.com

Date: Saturday, August 23rd

Time: Arrive by about 7PM to get a good parking spot, movie starts at dusk.

Cost: Adults are \$8, ages 6-11 are \$5, 5 and under are free

Registration: RSVP to Ellen Theodorson at emtheodorson@yahoo.com

President's Message

I have moved forward with my water pump problem, but not very far. I purchased a replacement water pump. I haven't replaced it at the present time. Too busy. It looks like I'll be o.k. replacing it except for two hex head bolts. There under the intake manifold. I hope I won't have to remove the intake manifold to get to them. The rest is easy...just remove the fan, fan shroud, radiator, and serpentine belt. And possibly the power steering pump.



I met a lady Mercedes owner a short while back. She drives a white 2008 GL 550 SUV, with trailer towing package. She tows a 1970 Silver Streak travel trailer. It's 19 feet long and looks a lot like the Airstream travel trailers. She reports it's perfect for camping in a non primitive way. With 336 horsepower, I asked her how well her GL550 pulled the trailer up Mount Hood? She replied it was no problem. She also reports when pulling the trailer that it is almost unnoticeable. She uses rear view mirrors that slip onto the factory mirrors, and says they work perfectly. I didn't ask about mileage, but I suspect it's in the mid teens. The Silver Streak trailers are quite light and aerodynamic, which indicates toward good mileage. I asked her if the AMG wheels helped tow the trailer. She said she didn't know. Her name is Melonnie ("Lonnie") Martin. Nice lady.

We are looking for an activity for August and September. Do you have a suggestion? How about a camping trip?

All for now, Rus



The all new Mercedes-Benz C Class arrives later this year priced from \$39,325. See page 5 for more.



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Regional Show and Shine in Seattle August 10th

Time to dust off any cobwebs, polish the chrome, wax and buff the paint, and take a fine toothed comb over your favorite Mercedes and sign it up for this year's Annual Regional Show & Shine at the Nile Golf & Country Club just north of Seattle. In addition to the largest area display of Mercedes owned by MBCA Northwest Region members, this event offers People's Choice voting with awards & trophies, local dealer & vendor displays, gift basket ticket sales with proceeds to support our charity of the year, and door prizes & demonstrations.

Now is the time to pre-register your cars and to reserve an All-American BBQ lunch by O'Callahan's Catering featuring your summertime favorites: Quarter Pound Burgers & Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Boston Baked Beans, Red Potato Salad, Chips, Ice Cold Watermelon, Soda, Water & Dessert.

Location: The Nile Golf & Country Club, 6601 244th Street SW, Mountlake Terrace, WA. Take exit 177 (State Route 104) off I-5. Travel west 3/10ths of a mile and make a right into the club.

Registration Fee: \$15 per person for lunch, \$10 for registration of your first show car and \$5 for registration for each additional car you place in the show. Registration and payment is due by Thursday, August 7, 2014 so that we can provide the caterers with a lunch count.

Schedule of Events:

- 10 AM to 11:30 AM Benz's are Staged by Category
- 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM People's Choice Judging
- 12 Noon to 1:00 PM Picnic Lunch
- 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM Prizes and Awards

Charity of the Year: Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win a prize basket to support our selected charity of the year, the Northwest Harvest's Three Squares program. This provides nutritious, kid-friendly, supplemental food for children with limited food resources outside of school to over 40 public schools across Washington.

Local Hotels: Our out of town members may enjoy an overnight stay in a nearby hotel, close to the Nile Golf & Country Club and shopping at the Alderwood Mall. The Embassy Suites Hotel Seattle North/Lynnwood, located at 20610-44th Ave W in Lynnwood offers complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast, an evening manager's reception with drinks and appetizers and two room suites starting at \$159 per night. Contact them directly at (425) 775-2500 for reservations. Another option is La Quinta Inn located at 4300 Alderwood Mall Boulevard in Lynnwood. They are a pet friendly hotel and offer a continental breakfast with rates starting at \$109 for a standard room. Contact them directly at (425) 775-7447 for reservations.

Whether new or old, a garage queen or a fixer-upper, a concourse car or a daily driver, be sure to enter your Mercedes in the show. The Nile's easy access location, grassy field and superb picnic facilities have helped make this event one of the club's most well attended, and we look forward to meeting and greeting members from all across the Northwest.

For more information, contact Ian or Linda Gleadle at (360) 926-8041 or email at ian@gleadle.com.

See you there!

Regional Seattle Section Show and Shine Registration

● Sunday, August 10, 2014 ●

Name (s) _____ Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Email Address: _____ Number of BBQ Lunches at \$15: _____

Year and Model of Car(s) to be shown: (\$10 for first car and \$5 for each additional car)

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Board Meeting Sept. 13th

The next Portland Section Board Meeting is Sept. 13th at 10AM at **Mercedes-Benz of Wilsonville** located at 25035 SW Parkway Ave, Wilsonville, OR 97070. 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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Car Care Event for Women at Burback Motors



The Section is planning to organize a car care clinic for women in the coming few months. Burback Motors (located at 71 SE Main St, Portland, OR 97214) has graciously volunteered to host the event. The date, form and content of the event is "TBD", and the Section is soliciting input from members (including members' "significant others"...those of the female persuasion). If you (or a woman you know) attended this event, which topics would you like to see covered (maintenance, understanding how cars work, dealing with your

mechanic, detailing, Mercedes-specific issues and motoring history)? Also, what time of day (on the weekend) is best for you? Would you prefer a morning event (coffee and pastries) or something more along the lines of an afternoon happy hour (wine and cheese)? If you have comments or suggestions about the event, please email either Pam Burback at burbs5@aol.com or Ellen Theodorson at emtheodorson@yahoo.com in the next month. We appreciate your input and look forward to a great, fun event at Burback Motors!

2015 Mercedes-Benz C-Class Priced From \$39,325



Mercedes-Benz's stunning new C-Class goes on sale this fall, priced from \$39,325 including \$925 in shipping charges. That may seem a little steep but the entry-level model at present is the C300, which comes with a turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine good for 241 horsepower and 273 pound-feet of torque. Adding 4MATIC all-wheel drive raises the price by \$2,000, making the new C300 4MATIC cost \$41,325 with shipping.

By comparison, the outgoing C300 4MATIC, which is powered by a V-6 but offers similar performance, costs \$40,325, a difference of only \$1,000.

Also available at launch will be a C400 4MATIC. This model is priced from \$49,515 with shipping and is powered by a twin-turbocharged 3.0-liter V-6 good for 329 hp and 354 lb-ft of torque. It also gets air suspension as standard, which is available on the C300. All C-Class models come with a seven-speed automatic transmission.

Further down the track, expect a more affordable C250 model, fuel-efficient C-Class Plug-In Hybrid, sporty C450 AMG Sport and high-performance C63 AMG. Unfortunately, the U.S. is likely to miss out on the stylish C-Class Wagon but we will get a new version of the C-Class Coupe and an all-new C-Class Cabriolet.

The 2015 C-Class is a much more substantial car than the model it replaces. It rides on Mercedes' new MRA platform which thanks to lightweight materials makes the new C-Class about 200 pounds lighter than its predecessor. —From *MotorAuthority.com*

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Regional 'Round Rainier Run Photos



The Seattle Section held a successful Regional 'Round Rainier Run on July 12th. Ben Keller from the Seattle Section provided these photos.



Forest Grove Concours celebrates Italian Elegance



Left: 300SLs in the Mercedes Class



Right: 1938 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900 took Best in Show

The 42nd Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance attracted great cars and large crowds on July 20th. The theme 'The Art of Italian Motoring' ensured a mouth-watering display of automobiles from Alfa Romeo, Ferrari, and Lancia. Best Classic Car was a tie between the 1938 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900 owned by Jon Shirley, and the 1933 Alfa Romeo 6C 1750GS owned by David Cohen. As the 8C participated on the Vineyard driving tour, it took home the Best In Show trophy.

First Place in the Mercedes-Benz Class was awarded to Bill and Pat Lindquist for their 1968 280SL. The second place ribbon was awarded to Walt Tabrum for his 1960 Mercedes-Benz 220SE. Third place was awarded to William Morris of Tacoma for his 1969 Mercedes-Benz 220D



The 1968 280SL owned by Bill and Pat Lindquist receives the Best in Class trophy from Concours co-emcee Donald Osborne

Mercedes-Benz Club at Portland Historic Races

The annual historic racing weekend at PIR attracts more than 600 automobiles to the collector car corrals



By Greg Buechler, Portland Section

This year's Historic Races saw the MBCA corral moved north a few yards onto the grass near the pedestrian bridge. No trees, but at least the grass facilitated the erection of the section's EZ-Up canopy to provide a little shelter. And that shelter was needed all weekend.

Saturday was sunny and very hot, and a dozen cars filled the corral. Notable were two SLKs (Sunhilde met a new, red friend), both of which sported 6-speed manual transmissions; a lovely black 500E, a perfectly restored 190SL, a new GLK250 Bluetec, and a mighty 450SEL 6.9. But the most attention was drawn to a visiting SL55 AMG which sported an electric blue paintjob over a widebody conversion, huge wheels, and a heavily-massaged engine with modified supercharger pulleys, larger intercooler, custom long-tube putting headers, methanol injection, and much more putting out 600hp to the rear wheels. The owner did all the work himself, and the car was stunning. It's also for sale, if you've got about \$60,000. This car drew spectators to the corral all day long.

The day was marred only by an ill-advised change to the track-out location for the parade lap (at the exit of the old pit lane), which caused severe congestion and made for the slowest parade lap I've ever experienced. On the brighter side, Sunhilde got her first autocross runs and I was quite happy with the results. She was three seconds faster than her C230

sibling last year, and there was definitely time left on the table. I haven't had enough seat time in that setting to dial in tire pressures and account for her higher speeds; I need to brake a little earlier than I have been accustomed to. Sunday dawned cool and cloudy, and only five cars attended the corral. The rain began mid-morning, accompanied by a thunder-and-lightning lightshow. I counted four periods of rain throughout the day, and that definitely had an impact on the racing action. For example, a Porsche 911 that led its class on Saturday was relegated to third on Sunday behind a pair of Datsun 240Zs on a wet track where the Zuffenhausen car's rearward weight bias didn't do it any favors. Some classes were severely truncated as owners opted not to put their precious toys out on a wet track.

But despite the wet, the organizers got the parade lap right again on Sunday. The track-out position was relocated to its usual spot at the entrance to Turn 8, the back straight, and with fewer cars the lap speed was significantly higher. Taking to the track behind the Porsches, the two SLKs and C230 which ran on Sunday had a grand time. Sunhilde saw 70mph before braking for the double-apex Turn 4/5 complex at the west end of the track, and 80mph on the Turn 8 back straight before we bunched up again behind the Porsches. Sunhilde did get back up to a reasonable speed in Turns 11 and 12 leading to the front straight, giving a slight tail wiggle to light up the ESP triangle when exiting 12 under power. I think she had a good time!



Top-The Mercedes-Benz Club Corral at PIR. Bottom Left-The 1964 220Sb owned by Dan Beard. Bottom Right- Greg and Nancy Buechler's SLK, named Sunhilde. Photos by Greg Buechler and Allen Stephens.

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The event will be held at a new venue, the Nicklaus Club—Monterey (formerly Pasadera Country Club). All three German car clubs will celebrate a unified theme—Motorsport. Specifically for MBCA, we will join Mercedes-Benz Classic's 2014 theme of "120 Years of Motorsport." [Register](#) your Mercedes-Benz in a judged Concours class or non-judged Corral. You can also get a link to register on www.legendsoftheautobahn.org

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August 23rd: Drive-In Movie, 99W Drive-In, Newberg, dusk.

September 13h: Board Meeting, Mercedes-Benz of Wilsonville, 10AM.

October: Events TBD

November 16th: Annual General Meeting

December: Events TBD

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