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# President's Message

By Section President Ron Woodruff

The fabulous weather is finally here. All of us car guys and gals are looking forward to some great road trips coming up with our Club summer schedule. And time to put on that new set chrome wire wheels or the equivalent...or maybe trying out how your new cheap "barn find" will perform on a short Cars & Coffee run. Let's us know how your "cheap barn find" works out. I will have a story coming up soon on "barn finds" I think will interest you all.



I want to thank our local MBCA board group for the wonderful work they have been doing on designing and producing the new newsletter format which is now larger and in full color. Feedback from our old advertisers and potential new ones has been a good indicator of our new look.

On the subject of some of my recent history articles on the early days Mercedes Benz, etc....I would like to do a small future series on the part Max Hoffman played in encouraging Mercedes to develop new models such as the SL. He was also very influential with BMW and Porsche in the early days.

However I would like some feedback from the membership if there is continuing interest in the early Mercedes days, particularly in how they resurrected the brand after WWII. You can email me with any feedback so I can tailor my historical interests with that of the MBCA members.

See you on the road.



## Portland Section Schedule of Events

**July 15-16th**, Forest Grove Concours d' Elegance

**June 15th**, Southern Oregon English Lavender Road Trip

**July 29-30th**, Vintage Racing Festival @ Portland International Raceway

**July 30th**, Oak Bay Collector Car Festival , Oak Bay Victoria BC

**August 16th**, Crater Lake Arrive and Drive

**August 18th**, Legends of the Autobahn, Nicklaus Club, Monterey , CA National MBCA Event)

**August 26-27th** Lake Oswego Car Show and Charity Poker Run

**September 16th**, Camas Car Show, Camas Washington

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# W201 AMG Clone Build Classics at MB of Medford

By David Abarr, Portland Section

As an ongoing feature I will write a few article about my project I have been working on going on 6 years as a passion project. That is defined as spending inordinate amounts of money with no hindsight or investment purposes. I am sure we have a few members that this description falls into.

In 2011 I bought a very needy 1993 190e 2.6. Bad paint, bad suspension and rough running engine however straight body an zero rust. For 900.00 how could I go wrong? Soon after and researching the internet on how to fix this car up I located a gen 2 genuine AMG kit on craigslist. I quickly responded and picked it up in Sheridan Oregon. One thing I learned is you find some things in the most unluckily of places. What amounted in reality as the front and rear bumper. Period correct for a 1993 car. The front bumper was in rough shape. I started to plan and stockpile parts. At one point I decided to install a black interior replacing the parchment interior that was in rough shape although the MB Tex was in good shape as anyone that knows, MB Tex is truly indestructible. As things came together over the years the plan changed of course. Rare parts from all over the world kind of fell in my lap. Where it stand now that it will become is a full genuine gen 2 AMG kit, 3.0 m103 engine, dogleg transmission with a 3.27 limited slip differential, close ratio steering box and genuine new old stock full AMG suspension via Renntech in Florida. The car was repainted in 2015 in the original #512 Almandine red and it has a full Cosworth 16-2.3 190e black leather interior with period correct AMG steering wheel. I'll recap my journey of my car I affectionately named Alma. I have made some great friendships along the way.as well. I hope you'll enjoy my story!



Alma soon after I got her circa 2011. It was definitely a 20 foot car.

By James Hendershot , Portland Section

Mercedes-Benz of Medford was host to a customer service event on Saturday, the 17th of June. Club members were invited to bring classic Mercedes-Benz automobiles for display in front of the dealership for display. We originally had five classics signed up, however two were unable to attend due to being in the shop for repairs (a common classic car issue) and one could not attend because of a personal commitment. That left two classics, a 1979 450SEL 6.9 driven by Jim Hendershot, and a 1983 lapis blue 380SL, driven by Richard McKinley. Both were well received and generated a lot of interest in the club. Several members stopped by to see the cars, and enjoy the buffet lunch sponsored by Matt Burkholder, the owner of Mercedes-Benz of Medford. In addition, we had several Mercedes owners express interest in joining the club, with several saying they plan on joining on-line. It was a great time meeting club members and getting to meet new folks as well.



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## Portland Vintage Racing Festival @ PIR

## Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance



By Greg Buechler, Portland Section

Join us in the Mercedes-Benz Club car corral at the Portland Vintage Racing Festival (formerly the Portland Historic Races) during the weekend of July 29th and 30th. This event is the best motorsport spectator value in Portland every summer. For \$45, you get a pass into the car corral for the weekend and tickets for two people to attend. Actually, you can attend Friday as well, though we won't have an official corral that day.

The paddock is open to spectators, so you can stroll around and get close to the race cars. You'll get to watch the drivers and pit crews prepare the cars, talk to them, and maybe even get to sit in the car for a photo. If you've got a child, that's guaranteed. Vintage racers love to see the kids enjoy a moment in a real race car. There are numerous vendors for automobilia, car parts & accessories, and of course food. In the infield, there is a charity autocross where you can try for the best time between the cones and help out some worthy charities. As usual, I will have Sunhilde turn a few laps for fun. And then there's the parade lap at lunchtime. All the car clubs line up and take a lap around the track with pace cars. It's not a hot lap, but you can usually get up a decent turn of speed and put together a few good corner sequences on the correct racing line. Join the Portland Section in the Collector Car Corral! Registration details are at right.

For more information, contact Greg Buechler

### Registration Details

To register for this event, go to:

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

and search for Portland Vintage Racing Festival. Once on that page, select the tickets for 'Car Corral'.

Please let Greg Buechler know that you plan to attend by giving him a call at 503-640-6389, or by email at [gtbuechler@hotmail.com](mailto:gtbuechler@hotmail.com). See you there!.



MBCA Portland Section members are invited to display their Mercedes-Benz at the Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance, Sunday July 16th at Pacific University in Forest Grove. Your car will be on the show field with over 300 classic and collector cars. You can enter your car in the display-only MBCA Corral, or in the judged Concours class. You'll have a wonderful day in the shade, and enjoy the company of fellow Mercedes enthusiasts. Plus the event features great food, music, and beer and wine. Enter today at [www.forestgroveconcours.org](http://www.forestgroveconcours.org), and select Class MBCA for the Corral, or Class R-1 for the Judged Concours.

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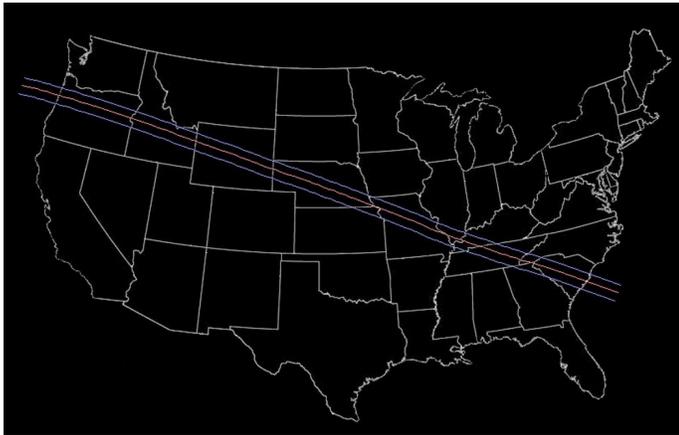
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## Solar Eclipse Viewing



There is an opportunity to view this with some MBCA members in the Monmouth in the central Willamette valley. There will be a small group including Seattle MBCA member gathering at Ron Woodruffs house. If you are interested in joining in contact Ron at [ronwoodruff9@gmail.com](mailto:ronwoodruff9@gmail.com). The date on the ellipse is August 21st.

## Skamania Lodge Recap

By Paul Pietrowski, Portland Section



Paul and Stephanie Pietrowski

It was Saturday in the Great Northwest and it looked as if our sunny streak of weather was going to change. The mist started in Woodland, Washington as Stephanie and I started our journey to Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Washington. Our weather luck changed as the mist stopped in Troutdale, Oregon and the sun started to appear at Cascade Locks. A short crossing of the Columbia River on the Bridge of the Gods, and then we arrive at Skamania Lodge. We arrived at 10:00 a.m. and as the next hour flew by our MBCA Portland Section members arrived. Fourteen Mercedes in total from our club. We all we sat down as a group in the main dining room, about twenty members in all, and enjoyed a delicious lunch. An hour and a half flies by when you're having fun with great people, good food, and beverages. So, on schedule and ready to continue our event we drove our cars to the front of the lodge overlooking the Columbia River Gorge and put all fourteen on display. What a lovely showing of Mercedes as we parked in a semicircle around the lawn on the circular gravel drive way. We shared this event with the BMWCCA. Brian Cone the founder of this club was present and we worked together to jointly display our vehicles in front of the lodge. We also spoke about doing some joint events in the future. There were lot of pictures taken and questions asked by the public and both car club members about their vehicles. The management of Skamania Lodge made a note to say how pleasant, organized, and easy it was to work with MBCA. The bountiful sun light, easy spring breeze and fellowship between all club members contributed to a memorable event in the breath taking scenic, and beautiful Columbia River Gorge.

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# June Wine Tour Recap

By Mike Spicer, Portland Section



Great weather and great turnout for the Elizabeth Chambers winery tour. We had a nice mix of cars from a 1972 600 SWB to a brand new 2016 SLK. Rick Martin put together a wonderful route through wine country and we ended at the Grain Station in McMinnville for lunch. The outdoor courtyard at Elizabeth Chambers winery is an amazing setting. If you missed the tour I recommend visiting the winery and enjoying their courtyard.



# Camas Car Show

By Paul Pietrowski, Portland Section



Saturday September 16, 2017 will be the fourth annual Wheels and Wings event hosted by the Port of Camas/Washougal, Washington. The event takes place at the Grove Field Airport in Camas, Washington. This is an exciting opportunity for the whole family to have fun. It consists of a car show with a variety of vintage and custom cars along with modern and vintage aircraft. A live band plays music from the fifties, and for all that attend, FREE hot dogs, soda, and water is provided. The MBCA Portland Section is a sponsor once again for this event. All funds from the sponsors and admission benefit local charities. This will be our second year to have a Mercedes corral at this event and hopefully without the inch of rain that we had last year! So, please mark Saturday September 16, 2017 on your calendar for a fun filled family event. Hope to see a lot of our Mercedes' there!

**What:** Wheels and Wings

**When:** Saturday , September 16th 10a-2p

**Where:** Grove Field Airport Camas, Washington **Fee:** \$ 10:00

**RSVP:** Cut-Off Date for this event: 01 September 2017. The cut-off date is necessary to get a car count for parking purposes at the airfield. Contact: Paul J. Pietrowski Email: [spietro122@comcast.net](mailto:spietro122@comcast.net).

**Details:** Hot Dogs, Soft Drinks, Picnic Tables, and Facilities

# Southern Oregon English Lavender Road Trip

By James Hendershot , Portland Section



Join us on Saturday, July 15th for a fun road trip to the English Lavender Farms in the scenic Applegate Valley! The lavender is in full bloom this time of year, and our destination features over six-thousand organically-grown plants!

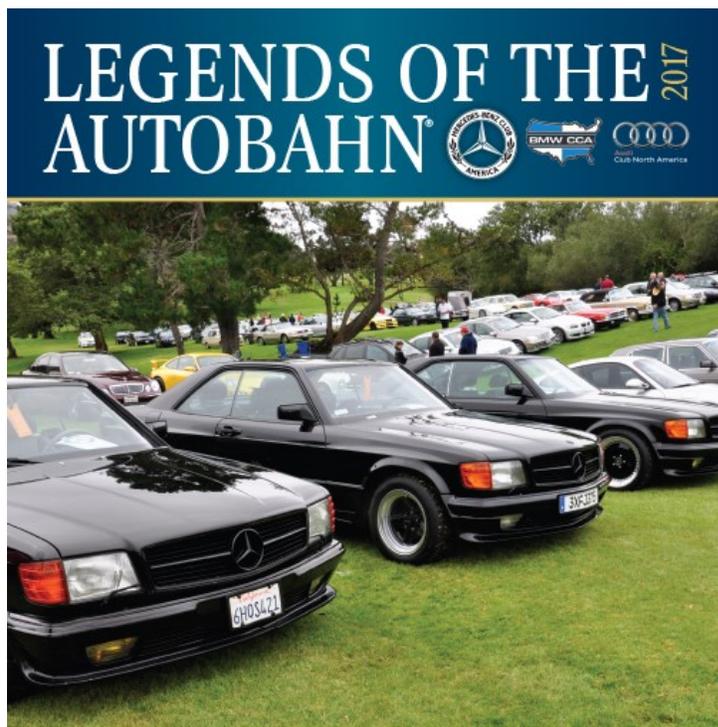
The English Lavender Farm features lavender ice cream, lavender lemonade, and a variety of other lavender-based gifts, including lavender oil which is distilled daily. You can even pick your own lavender or buy bunches ready-made.

After visiting the English Lavender Farm, we will drive to Jacksonville for lunch at the Schoolhaus Brewhaus at Bigham Knoll. After lunch, members can spend the afternoon in historic Jacksonville which offers excellent shopping and a host of interesting places to see.

The drive starts in the City of Rogue River at 9:30 AM. Meet at the parking lot of Radio Design Group, 8925 Rogue River Highway. We will hand out detailed driving directions, leaving at 9:40 AM. Drive time to the English Lavender Farm is about 45 minutes, and from there the drive to Schoolhaus Brewhaus is a bit over half an hour.

Directions to Radio Design Group: Take I5 to Exit 48, City of Rogue River. If coming from the South, turn left from the off-ramp, from the North, turn right, and cross the river to Rogue River Highway. At the stop sign, turn right, and you'll see Radio Design Group's building on the left, just up the road from the bridge past the Best Western motel.

**What:** Rogue River Lavender Drive  
**When:** Saturday July 15th  
**Where:** City of Rouge River, Oregon  
**RSVP:** Jim Hendershot, [jim@radiodesign.com](mailto:jim@radiodesign.com)



In 2017, Legends of the Autobahn celebrates 50 Years of AMG with special classes dedicated to pre-merger, post-merger, and modern AMG automobiles. Register your Mercedes-Benz at In 2017, Legends of the Autobahn celebrates 50 Years of AMG with special classes dedicated to pre-merger and post-merger AMG.

**What:** Legends of the Autobahn  
**When:** Friday August 18, 2017  
**Where:** Nicklaus Club, Monterey, CA  
**RSVP:** Allen Stephens / [allen.c.stephens@gmail.com](mailto:allen.c.stephens@gmail.com)



# Oak Bay Collector Car Show in BC Canada

By Paul Pietrowski, Portland Section



The Portland Section invites you to attend and show your Mercedes-Benz at the *Oak Bay Collector Car Festival* in **Oak Bay, British Columbia, Canada on July 30th.**

This is the 16th year for the car show, an annual event with 250 or more cars participating; everything from a Rolls Royce to a Deuce Coupe. This includes automobile models not imported into the USA, which make the show more interesting for Americans.

The organizer of this event, Ken Agate, has invited the Portland Section to attend the car show and display our cars. Other Mercedes-Benz sections have been invited, as well the three other German car clubs: Porsche, BMW, and Audi. Ken plans to put all of our German automobiles in our own group on Main Street in Oak Bay, instead of being scattered around the show.

The fee to exhibit is \$15 (Canadian), which is closer to \$12 (US) after adjusting for the currency exchange rate. The car show is in downtown Oak Bay where there are shops and restaurants for your leisure.

Oak Bay is a municipally located at the southern tip of Vancouver Island next to the city of Victoria. It is situated between the east side of Victoria and the shoreline. It is a charming village filled with old-style traditional homes, picturesque gardens, and many art & crafts galleries.

Summer in Victoria is high season for vacation travel. It is a very popular place to visit, and hotel rooms fill up quickly. We have arranged a Mercedes-Benz club discounted room rate at the **Oak Bay Beach Hotel**. It is close to the car show event, and has underground parking for your car. Call the hotel directly at 800-668-7758 (ask for Nicola Greeley); or book your room online at [www.oakbaybeachhotel.com](http://www.oakbaybeachhotel.com). When booking use rate code 92087 for the club discount.

**What:** Oak Bay Collector Car Festival  
**When:** Sunday July 30, 2017  
**Where:** Oak Bay, British Columbia, CANADA  
(next to Victoria, BC, Canada)  
**RSVP:** Paul Pietrowski at [Spietro122@comcast.net](mailto:Spietro122@comcast.net)

# Lake Oswego Car Show and Charity Poker Run

By Ron Woodruff, Portland Section



Every year, the Oswego Heritage Council proudly presents the Annual Collector Car & Classic Boat Show. What started out as a handful of local classic cars on display in Millennium Plaza has expanded to a huge show with cars and boats from all over the area. The show now draws thousands of people over two days and has expanded from one park to three Lake Oswego venues, with free shuttles provided between the venues. Jing MBCA Portland members on August 27th for this great events. Go here to register and get more information for the Sunday show.

[www.oswegoheritage.org/car-boat-show-1/](http://www.oswegoheritage.org/car-boat-show-1/)

This year, we are excited to introduce a special event for Lake Oswego's 2017 Collector Car and Classic Boat Show, the Dr. Quinton-Cox Memorial Poker Run Car Tour in support of scholarships from the Dr. Quinton-Cox Memorial and the Lake Oswego Veterans Memorial fund. Presented by Oswego Heritage Council and Museum, this car tour will take participants to five historic locations around Lake Oswego. The tour starts at Foothills Park with participants departing at 30 second intervals between 11:00am and 12:00pm, on Saturday, August 26th, and will wrap up by 2:00pm back at Foothills Park where a barbecue lunch for participants will be served. Go here for more information and to register for the Saturday event.

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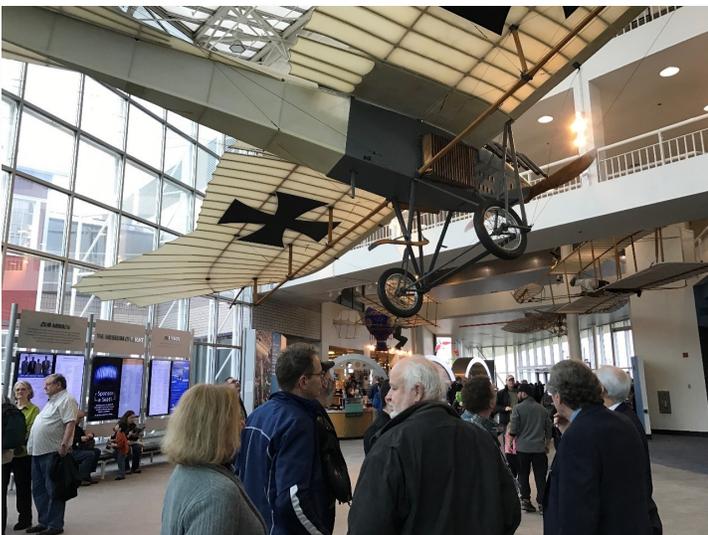
**What:** Lake Oswego's 2017 Collector Car and Classic Boat Show/ Charity Poker Run  
**When:** Saturday and Sunday August 26th and 27th, 2017  
**Where:** Lake Oswego  
**RSVP:** Ron Woodruff @ [ronwoodruff9@gmail.com](mailto:ronwoodruff9@gmail.com)

# Museum of Flight Recap

By David Abarr, Portland Section



On March 11th the Portland and Seattle section gathered to take a docent tour of the Museum of Flight in Seattle. Despite the heavy rain we had a very well attended event. It was great to see sister section members we don't get to visit with often. The day was filled with the amazing history of aviation from the early start at the Red Barn aka Boeing Plant 1. The members broke up into various smaller groups and were led through the vast amount of planes on display. Our docent on this tour was a former Boeing employee that had vast knowledge of the planes and overall Boeing history. The focus of our tour were the planes in the Aviation pavilion. On display is an amazing array of retired planes. The airliner exhibit includes the world's only presentation of the first Boeing 727, 737 and 747 jets, the first jet Air Force One, the extremely rare Boeing 247D and Douglas DC-2 airliners from the 1930s, the only Concorde on the West Coast, and the new Boeing 787 Dreamliner. The military line-up includes three big bombers—World War Two's B-17F Flying Fortress and B-29 Superfortress, and the Cold War's B-47 Stratojet; plus jet fighters spanning the wars from Korea to the Persian Gulf. If you haven't been or haven't visited recent it is well worth the trip.



# Crater Lake Arrive and Drive

By James Hendershot, Portland Section



Join us on Wednesday, August 16, for a scenic road trip to Crater Lake, North America's deepest lake. We'll be making stops along the way at Lake of the Woods, the Natural Bridge and the Rogue Gorge.

The drive will include lunch at the Lake of the Woods Lodge. From there, we'll head to the Crater Lake Lodge and visitor center. On our way out the park (via the North entrance) we'll stop for a photo opportunity at the scenic overlook near Wizard Island. Other stops on the trip include the Natural Bridge, where the Rogue River flows underground through a lava tube, and the Rogue Gorge, one of the most scenic locations on the river, with loads of great picture opportunities.

The day finishes up with a drive to the historic Prospect Hotel for dinner, leaving in time to return to Medford before dark.

We'll start at 11 AM at Mercedes-Benz of Medford where we will hand out detailed driving directions. The dealership is located on Crater Lake Avenue, just off Delta Waters Road. Directions can be found on the web at <https://www.mbmedford.com/contact-mercedes-benz-of-medford-in-medford-or>.

The usual entrance fee to Crater Lake National Park (\$15) will be required. Senior passes (over 62) are available at the entrance as well, which provide lifetime access for only \$10.00!

**What:** Crater Lake Drive and Lunch

**When:** Wednesday August 16th

**Where:** Medford Area

**RSVP:** James Hendershot @ [jim@radiodesign.com](mailto:jim@radiodesign.com)

Lodging if required contact Jim and he can help in arranging.

# Summer Board Meeting

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# Three Keys To A Successful Mercedes-Benz 280SL Restoration

By Mike Spicer Portland Section



A successful 1971 280SL Mercedes-Benz restoration is no a small task. It took me three years to complete my show car. Here are some helpful hints if you're thinking of restoring a Mercedes-Benz 280SL W113 pagoda.

## One: Start with the best car you can find

This applies to all cars you restore. It's common to be attracted to a good deal or find charm in a rusty bucket of bolts. But as you dig into the details you will come



## Two: Use Verified Parts Suppliers

So now you've dismantled your car, carefully documented each part with photos and put them all into labeled Ziploc bags. Some of the original parts aren't good enough to be put back on so you go hunting for replacements online. Prices for Mercedes-Benz 280SL parts are high and everyone looks for the best deal. Keep in mind when shopping "If it's too good to be true then it's usually not true." There are a lot of remanufactured parts from all over the globe, some good and some not so good. I recommend buying from a trusted parts supplier like the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center rather than an unknown person on eBay with a good price. I have been down both paths and it is easy to end up with a bunch of parts you can't use.



## Three: Do Your Homework on Restoration Specialists

Ask around and utilize resources to find restoration specialists that have done a Mercedes-Benz 280SL before. Don't let the shop learn on your dime. Again getting a better deal up front will most likely cost you more in the long run and waste a lot of your time and energy



These cars are very well engineered. It does take more to restore a Mercedes-Benz 280SL W113 pagoda than your average 1971 American car but if you keep them up they will be a pleasure to own for many years.

# Classified Ads

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