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Welcome, New Members

- Chris Barhyte, Lake Oswego
- Doug Brenizer, Salem
- John Root, Vancouver
- James Santmyer, Portland
- Joel Smith, Hillsboro
- Jennifer Van Michael, Beaverton

Upcoming Events

Aug. 1st, 10AM Board Meeting, Memory Lane Motors

Aug. 9th 10:00AM: Regional Show and Shine in Seattle

Aug. 22nd-24th: Getting' Down in the Gorge (See article in this issue).

Aug. 23rd: Lake Oswego Collector Car Show

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Display Your Mercedes-Benz at the Lake Oswego Collector Car Show



Each August, the Oswego Heritage Council invites the public to celebrate the beauty and function of over 300 collector cars and over 40 classic boats. Recreation has been a long-time hobby of Lake Oswego residents and what better way to honor that tradition than spending a day at the park, lake and river viewing rare cars and boats.

Our club has been invited to display Mercedes-Benz automobiles in the Lake Oswego Collector Car and Boat show, on Sunday August 23rd. Approximately 300 cars will be in attendance with a boat show at the nearby lake. See www.oswegoheritage.com for more info on this event.

The location is George Rodgers Park, 611 S State St. Lake Oswego, Oregon. Set up time is 7:00 to 7:30AM, and the event runs to 4PM.

We need to know of your participation no later than Friday, August 21st. You can register on-line at http://www.oswegoheritage.org/car-boat-show-1

Next Event: Lake Oswego Collector Car Show

Place: George Rodgers Park, 611 S State St. Lake Oswego, Oregon

Date: Sunday August 23rd

Time: Cars on the field by 7:30AM

Cost: None

Registration: Register your car at this link: http://www.oswegoheritage.org/car-boat-show-1 Contact Ron Woodruff for more info: 503-708-8151

# President's Message

I had an interesting phone call the other day. A member (whose name I forgot to write down) called and asked for some help in evaluating an older Mercedes sedan he was looking at. It had been in storage for several years, engine not started or run, and not driven for that length of time. I told him I didn't know much about evaluating cars except the following: If it's not a two door hard top or convertible, it's not worth very much. I suggested I would not offer more than \$1,000 for it. You could spend an easy \$50,000 turning it into a "nice" car only to have it evaluated at \$15,000 or \$20,000 by an auctioneer, or buyer. In the world of aviation, I know the following. There are 5 things in evaluating an airplane: exterior paint and windows, engine, components attached to the engine, instrument panel content and condition, and interior upholstery. I speculate the same is true for older Mercedes. If my airplane (1978 Beech Sundowner) were a car, it would cost me the following:



Engine and attached components	\$30,000
Paint	10,000
Upholstery	9,000
Instrument panel electronics	25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$74,000</b>

The value when completed would be around \$55,000. Not a good deal for me. Flying it for the next 20 plus years would bring back most of the investment. My physical condition probably won't let me fly it for 20 plus years. So I'm slow it suggest buying an older car that's been in storage for 20 or 30 years and "fixing it up!"

On the May 16th trip to Astoria (I got lost again) I stopped at a Chinese restaurant on the way out of town (on highway 30) for lunch. Great food, fair prices, very nice décor and furniture...solid oak tables and deep cushions. I wrote down their name and now I can't find it. I guess I'll have to go back there and write it down again. Might as well have lunch while there.

All for now. See you soon, Rus



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# Getting' Down in the Gorge

*Portland Section Members are Invited to Join Seattle Section on August 22-24*



How about soaking your cares away in an old fashioned claw foot tub filled with Carson Hot Spring's famous mineral waters? Then, after 25 minutes soaking, be wrapped in heated towels for the rest of the hour? You won't want to leave!

Another event is out of this world... literally! Spend an evening at the Goldendale Observatory and see a number of celestial wonders through their 27-1/2" telescope... one of the largest public telescopes anywhere.

What trip to Goldendale would be complete without browsing through the special exhibits at Maryhill Museum of Art... including 87 works by the "father of modern sculpture", Auguste Rodin? A stop here is always a treat!

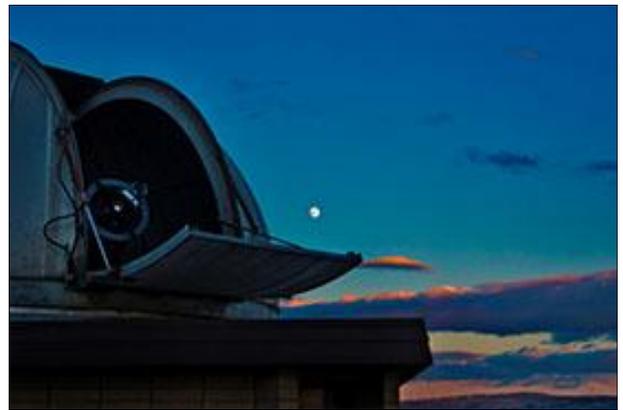
Do you love cars? Of course you do! And WAAAM is the place to go! Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum includes a collection of over 130 cars from the 1900s to the 1960s... most from the "Golden Age of Transportation"... the 1920's to the 1940's. The collection of aeroplanes and motorcycles is amazing, as well... and they all run or fly.

There are too many other activities to list in this article. Just make sure to mark your calendar and join your fellow MB owners in another fun packed adventure.

Contact Bob Willits at [bob.willits@comcast.net](mailto:bob.willits@comcast.net) or call him at 206-619-2045.

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## Board Meeting Aug. 1st

The next Portland Section Board Meeting is Saturday, Aug 1st at 10AM at **Memory Lane Motors** at 2608 SE Holgate Blvd., Portland OR 97202. 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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# Recap: Drive to Moulton Falls Winery & Concert



*By Ron Woodruff, Portland Section*

We had a perfect day for the Moulton Falls winery tour to Yacolt, WA on Sat. June 27th. 16 club members and a couple of guests attended the tour for the 45 minute drive along the beautiful Lewis River highway to our destination. We arrived around noon and had our lunch. Some of the group spent a few hours at the Lewis River Park, some went to Yacolt for a City festival.

Prior to the acoustic guitar trio concert event at 6 pm we were able to do some great wine tasting and get to know some of the newest club members.

The concert trio was quite an experience for those first time listeners...Mark Hansen, Doug Smith and Terry Robb were very impressive especially when you have one of the top 8 blues guitarist in the US and Finger Style winning champions comprising the trio. We departed around 8:30 pm for a much cooler drive home.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the event anticipating the next fun time with the MBCA group and our newer and more vintage Mercedes-Benzes.

For more information contact Ron Woodruff at ronwoodruff9@gmail.com



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## Recap: Tour of Vans Aircraft



The tour of Van's RV's was quite informative. There are seven different "kits" Manufactured at the Aurora facility...single seat, two seat (tandem and side by side), and four seat. They come in conventional gear (with tail wheel) and (or) tricycle gear (nose wheel). Van's aircraft are very famous for their great handling. So much so that more than 9,000 of the kits have been assembled and are flying today. In days gone by the "kit" builder would receive blueprints of the airplane of choice, and start drilling thousands of holes for riveting pieces of aluminum together. At Van's, a computerized

machine drills and punches holes and irregular shapes in the aluminum pieces as required and everything comes out exactly right. So exact that no "Jigs" are required by the builder. The demonstration aircraft at Aurora (the first production kits of each model) are flown regularly by prospective customers. Van's staff also fly them all over the country to demonstrate and display them. A pretty neat story about an employee owned business. I'm glad I went.

## Oregon Festival of Cars to feature *Need for Speed*



*A 300SL Gullwing at the 2012 Oregon Festival of Cars*

The theme for the 2015 Oregon Festival of Cars will be *NEED FOR SPEED*. 2015 also marks the 20th year of the Oregon Festival of Cars, so this year's event promises to be very special.

The Festival Car show on Saturday, September 19th, will be staged on the green lawns of Broken Top golf course in Bend, Oregon from 10AM to 3PM. All marques are invited to participate in this laid-back, no Q-tips required car show.

On Saturday evening, The Festival Banquet will be held at the Broken Top Club, where you can mingle with like-minded car enthusiasts. The next morning, the Sunday Dash kicks off at 8:30AM. It is a spirited two-hour drive through interesting lightly-traveled roads of central Oregon. Hundreds of enthusiast are expected to participate in the weekend activities, which has developed a unique atmosphere of being relaxed and fun.

The Festival organizers are seeking Mercedes-Benz automobiles that represent the theme of 'SPEED'. This includes 300SL Gullwings or roadsters, 300SEL 6.3s, W124 500Es, and AMG cars from the 1990's through the present day.

To register, go to <http://www.oregonfestivalofcars.com> . If you are interested in placing your car in the 'SPEED' display, contact Allen Stephens at [allen.c.stephens@gmail.com](mailto:allen.c.stephens@gmail.com) or at 503-708-0397.

# Legends of the Autobahn in Monterey August 14th



*On August 14th The Legends of the Autobahn will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the 190 SL. Display your Mercedes-Benz in the Car Corral, or enter it in one of the judged classes.*

*By Laura Simonds, MBCA Vice President*

To quote Car and Driver last year, "Legends is far more convivial than competitive. Everyone is there for the love of German metal and that exuberance courses through showgoers and those with cars on display alike."

On Friday, August 14, Legends of the Autobahn® 2015 continues building on that exuberance. Co-hosted by MBCA, BMW Car Club of America, and Audi Club North America, this one-day MBCA national special event puts the spotlight on distinctive German metal. We're excited that Michelin USA is once again the presenting sponsor. We're also pleased to welcome back Keith Martin, editor and publisher of Sports Car Market, as emcee. Everyone raved about the new venue last year, so Legends returns to the prestigious Nicklaus Club in Monterey, California.

We're celebrating the 60th anniversary of the 190 SL this year with a special judged class for this model. All Mercedes-Benz models from 1995 and older are welcome in the other six judged Concours classes, and models of all ages are welcome in Corral. The three car clubs will have separate concours judging, but the corral area will combine all three marques. There will also be a "People's Choice" and other special awards.

## **Preservation Class Announced:**

For the first time this year at Legends, we are introducing the MBCA Silver Star Preservation Class. This special Class is for members who want to show their well-preserved, largely original, and unrestored-

since-new Mercedes-Benz on the Concours field, but not have it judged. It is intended for driver-quality cars that have withstood the ravages of time, climate, and daily driving. To enter this class, your car must be 25 or more years old, be in good working order, driven to this event under its own power, and be largely original (including engine and drivetrain). A full explanation of the Silver Star Preservation Class is on page 76 of the March-April issue of The Star Magazine. \$60 registration fee will apply for entries in the Silver Star Preservation Class.

## **Registration Details:**

Go to <https://www.motorsportreg.com/> and search for 'Legends of the Autobahn'. On the results page, click on 'MBCA Legends of the Autobahn.'

- \$75 registration fee will apply for entries in the judged Concours classes for 1995 or older vehicles.
- \$40 registration fee will apply for entries in display-only Corral (Mercedes of all ages and models). Buffet breakfast, VIP lunch, buffet lunch, and event polo shirts are optional.
- Deadline to register: The discounted "early bird" registration deadline is August 1, and all registration closes on August 7.

# Recap: Drive to Astoria Via Indirect Route

-By Greg Buechler, Portland Section

On a cloudy morning May 16th, seven Mercedes-Benzes and one Jaguar (his Mercedes was in the shop) gathered at 185th & West Union for a morning run to Astoria. The clouds turned to rain as the group crested the ridge at Skyline Road, and drizzle and mist were frequent companions for the rest of the morning. We followed US 30 as far as Scappoose, then climbed into the Coast Range headed towards Vernonia. We turned north on Highway 47 and then west on the Nehalem Highway, Oregon 202. The Nehalem Highway follows the river through the Coast Range, passing the elk refuge near Jewell along the way. Led by an SLK280, the group enjoyed a spirited drive along the twisty and forested road across the high plateau. Though the group spread out some, a CLK55, E320, C230 Kompressor, and Jaguar XKR roadster were usually in sight when the road occasionally straightened out. It took a little over

two hours to reach our destination at the Astoria Column, where we were greeted by the usual coastal wind and indifferent visibility as low clouds and sea mist drifted inland. The good thing about paying your \$2 for the parking pass at the Column is that it lasts a whole year, so we all have an excuse to go back when the weather is better. After socializing for a while up at the column, we split up for lunch in town and a return to Portland individually. Nancy and I had an excellent lunch at the excellent Bosnian restaurant in town and other cars were spotted at a nearby pub. Nancy piloted Sunhilde home in steadily drying conditions later that afternoon, choosing to follow Highway 47 all the way south to the Sunset Highway and enjoying a spirited workout with Sunhilde along the way. All in all, an excellent morning's run despite weather which never allowed the lid to be stowed.

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