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Portland Section

September-October 2016

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September 10th

Board Meeting
10am
MB of Wilsonville

September 17th

Camas Wings and Wheels
10a-2p
Camas, WA

September 24th

Oregon Festival of Cars
10a- 3pm
Bend, OR

October 8th

Fall Drive Mt Adams
11am
Starting point in Hood River, OR

November 12th

Fall Detailing
Sidedraught City
10a-12p

October Arrive and Drive in the Columbia Gorge

Saturday October 8th, Starting in Hood River @ 11am

By Stacy Rollins ,Portland Section



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 8.

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 10 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 drive south crossing the Columbia River at the Hood River Bridge, where we’ll gather for pizza at the Solstice Wood Fire Café in Hood River, Oregon.

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President's Message

By Section President Ron Woodruff

DRIVING LIGHTS

There is something about having the "correct set" of driving lights that really sets off the front end of a vintage car. While these come in many shapes, most are either round or square. Adenauer sedans, as well as most of the 220 S and SE Pontons, usually had Bosch or Hella driving lights, which embellished their elegant front ends. The W111, 112 coupes, sedans, and Cabriolets had the round Hella driving lights or turn signal lights between the stacked headlights (US version) and the grill. Some had light adjustment level controls that were operated from inside, so as not to blind oncoming drivers. While looking on Craig's List a few years ago for vintage Hella or Bosch driving lights, I responded to an ad from a guy who had a late 50's 220 S Ponton sedan that he was parting out. When I saw the car, I noticed that the original Hella driving lights were present and in pretty decent shape. I asked the owner what he wanted for the set and he said something like \$25 or \$50. My first thought was, "Wow, what a deal," but I didn't say that to him. What I did tell him was that they were probably worth ten times that amount, perhaps more. He was dumbfounded, "Really?" he said. "Yes, really," I answered, "If you can get these off the car it will be worth your while, even if you have to use a Saws All to the body and then clean them up!" He did just that and sold the set for around \$250 - \$350. That was about 5 years ago and prices are much higher now. That day I made a friend who was just starting to buy and restore vintage Ponton sedans from the mid-late 1950's. He is currently an MBCA member in the Mid-Willamette Valley. Some of the most beautiful driving lights are the French Marchal brand that came as factory original accessories on the French and Italian exotics of the late 30's through the early-late 60's. Marchal was also the supplier of primary headlights for Bentleys and some Rolls Royce in the 30's through 50's. These were really elegant, like fine "auto jewelry" from Cartier or some other upscale brand. The question inherent in all of this, then, is what Marchal driving light accessory would be appropriate for an early 70's W108, 280 SE sedan? Remember, we are talking about "designer cars," where the choices of auto accessories, etc. can be a bit "off" and perhaps inappropriate for the purist. But, that's where the fun is! That is, to be just on the "edge." So, I tried fitting mid 70's Marchal, 7" diameter driving lights to my '67 250SE sedan, where there was originally a bullet-shaped turn signal on each side of the grill. It looked neat, but another "problem" arose. I needed to fit the European turn signals into the stacked headlight bezel. A challenge I have to complete when I get back to that project. I think the "message" in all of this is that if you're going to be "creative," you're going to have to pay the price with conversions that are not factory. Watch for the next issue all about radios !



Happy Driving, Ron

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Three car instrument clusters are shown. The left one is for Mercedes-Benz, the middle one is for MB W208 / W210, and the right one is for BMW. Each cluster has a digital LCD display at the bottom showing temperature, mileage, and clock/shift information.

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Camas Wings and Wheels

By Paul Pietrowski, Portland Section

Port of Camas/Washougal Wheels and wings 2016

Saturday, September 17, 2016 will be the third 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 many types of vintage and custom cars, and modern and vintage aircraft. There is a band that plays music from the fifties, and for all that attend the hot dogs, soda, and water is priced right.....FREE! I'm also happy to announce that your board voted to help and be a sponsor for this event. All the funds from all of the sponsors and car admission benefit local charities. This will be the first year for the Portland Section of MBCA to have a coral at Wheels and Wings. The Port Administration is very excited to have us participate with a coral at Wheels and Wings 2016. So, please mark September 17, 2016 on your calendar and let's provide a good showing of Mercedes for this fun and worthy event.

Date: Saturday, September 17

Time: 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Place: Grove Field Airport Camas, Washington

Gathering Area: **(REVISED)** :

We will stage our vehicles on the streets surrounding the Georgia Pacific paper mill parking lot. We do not have permission to park in the Georgia Pacific paper mill parking lot. The address of the mill is: 401 NE Adams Street Camas, WA. The lot is directly across the street from the paper mill.

Admission: Normal admission at the gate is \$15. However, all club Mercedes admission for the coral is priced at \$10 per car.

Please note, I will have to provide a car count to my point of contact at the port for parking logistics.

Please contact me,

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by August 15, 2016 and let me know how many cars you'll be bringing.



Wheels & Wings

2016 Registration Form



The Port is excited to be offering a Pre-Registration for the September 17th, 2016 Wheels and Wings!
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October Arrive and Drive in the Columbia Gorge

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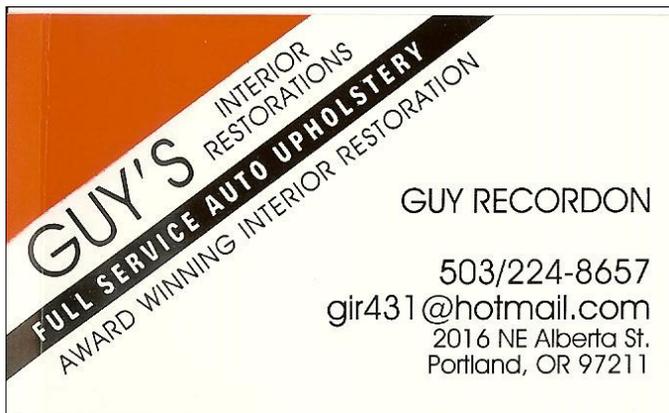
This route is lightly traveled, and has lots of twist and turns making it a fun drive in a fine handling car like a Mercedes-Benz. I've driven this route many times over the last 20 years and never tire of it. It's always fun, and pizza at the Solstice Café is a great way to end the trip.

We'll meet on Saturday, October 8th at the Starbucks next to the Hood River Bridge in **Hood River**. Departure time is 11:00 am. 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 Oregon should drive east on I-84 to exit 64. Washington residents can drive east on State Route 14 to meet us in Bingen. From the Troutdale area to Hood River is about an hour's drive.

Please RSVP with Stacy Rollins if you're going to attend the drive. We'll need to tell Solstice Café in advance how many to prepare for.

What: Arrive & Drive in Columbia Gorge
When: Saturday October 8, 2016 @ 11:00am
Where: Hood River, Oregon. Starbucks next to Hood River Bridge
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Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance Results & Recap

By David Abarr, Portland Section

A mild cloud covered day greeted entrants and spectators alike at the 44th Annual Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance. Great showing from MBCA Portland section with board member Mike Spicer and members Barry Corno, Judy Tontz, Dan & Chris Beard and more showing their classics. Mercedes was very well represented. The big draw in the Mercedes Benz corral was a long and short wheel base 600 limousines. Known as the Grosser or Großer Mercedes. These are incredible examples to see in person. Owner Luis Gustavo is very hands on in the restoration of these automobiles. I can tell you the black LWB example was as perfect as one gets.



Best in Show & Best Classic Car 1935 Mercedes-Benz 500K Sports Tourer owned by Thomas and Rhonda Taffet of Chats-

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1955 Mercedes Benz 300 SL - First Place
Ryan Snodgrass Seattle, Washington

1971 Mercedes 280SL - Second Place
Michael Spicer Portland, Oregon

1961 Mercedes Benz 190 SL - Third Place
Kathryn Chervin Gaston, Oregon



1968 280sl owned by Judy Tontz of Warrenton, OR



1983 380sec AMG owned by Barry Corno of Portland, OR



Judges inspecting Mike Spicer's 1971 280sl. Mike won 2nd place in his class!



1955 300sl Gullwing owned by Ryan Snodgrass of Seattle, WA

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Legends of the Autobahn Recap

By David Abarr, Portland Section



Best in Marque 1992 500e owned by Eric Bergstedt of Tustin, CA

I am back from Monterey car week and once again my senses were on overload from the self-proclaimed biggest car event in the world. Driving my r170 SLK the 1500 miles round trip and experiencing a long haul road trip in top down mode was really a lot of fun. Legends of the Autobahn did not disappoint. The biggest turn out by far having just under 500 cars on the lawn at Nicklaus Club-Monterey. It was indeed BMW 100 anniversary and it was well supported by the fans and BMWUSA as well. The whole week was the typical Monterey peninsula fog. The Carmel highlands fire impacted a few events as well. Ash was visible on cars throughout the week.

I think the highlight of Legends this year was Eric Bergsedt's 500e restoration. This flawless car achieved a 100 point score after 3 groups of judges inspected this car. I know Eric has spent the last 3 years to make this car what it is today. He had planned to have this car on the lawn in 2015 and it was not quite ready. Patience is a virtue and it really paid off for Eric. As many know the 500e w124 chassis is a special car and the only partnership of the Stuttgart competitors Mercedes Benz and Porsche. One of the most iconic Mercedes Benz' of the 1990's.



1970 250c owned by Nelson Blue
Beautiful black over red



1959 220se Cabriolet owned by Phillip Lutfy

It was a great day and much cooler than last year. This is the first year past MBCA PDX president Allen Stephens presided as Legends chairperson. It was very well put together as always. Judging went flawlessly. I was able to judge the newly added class 7 performance street class. I spent the day meeting great owners and the stories of their cars. I think the outreach this class does for enthusiasts that would otherwise not attend is something MBCA needs to continue to do.

There will be future coverage of Monterey week in future Northwestern Star editions. I was able to attend the unveiling of the Mercedes-Maybach 6 coupe concept at the official MBUSA media event, I attended Gooding & Co auction and previews. Coverage coming of the Rolex Motorsport Reunion at Laguna Seca, Concours on the Ave in Carmel and Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance and meeting Sir Sterling Moss. I was covering all this for MBCA national Facebook page as well. If your not on Facebook there is a lot of content and videos that takes you into the action of Monterey car week. I highly recommend Facebook as a avenue for MBCA happenings in conjunction with your subscription to the Northwestern Star and the STAR magazine.

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December 3rd , General Annual Meeting
and Holiday get together. Hayden's on the
Lake, Tualatin (Time TBA)

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