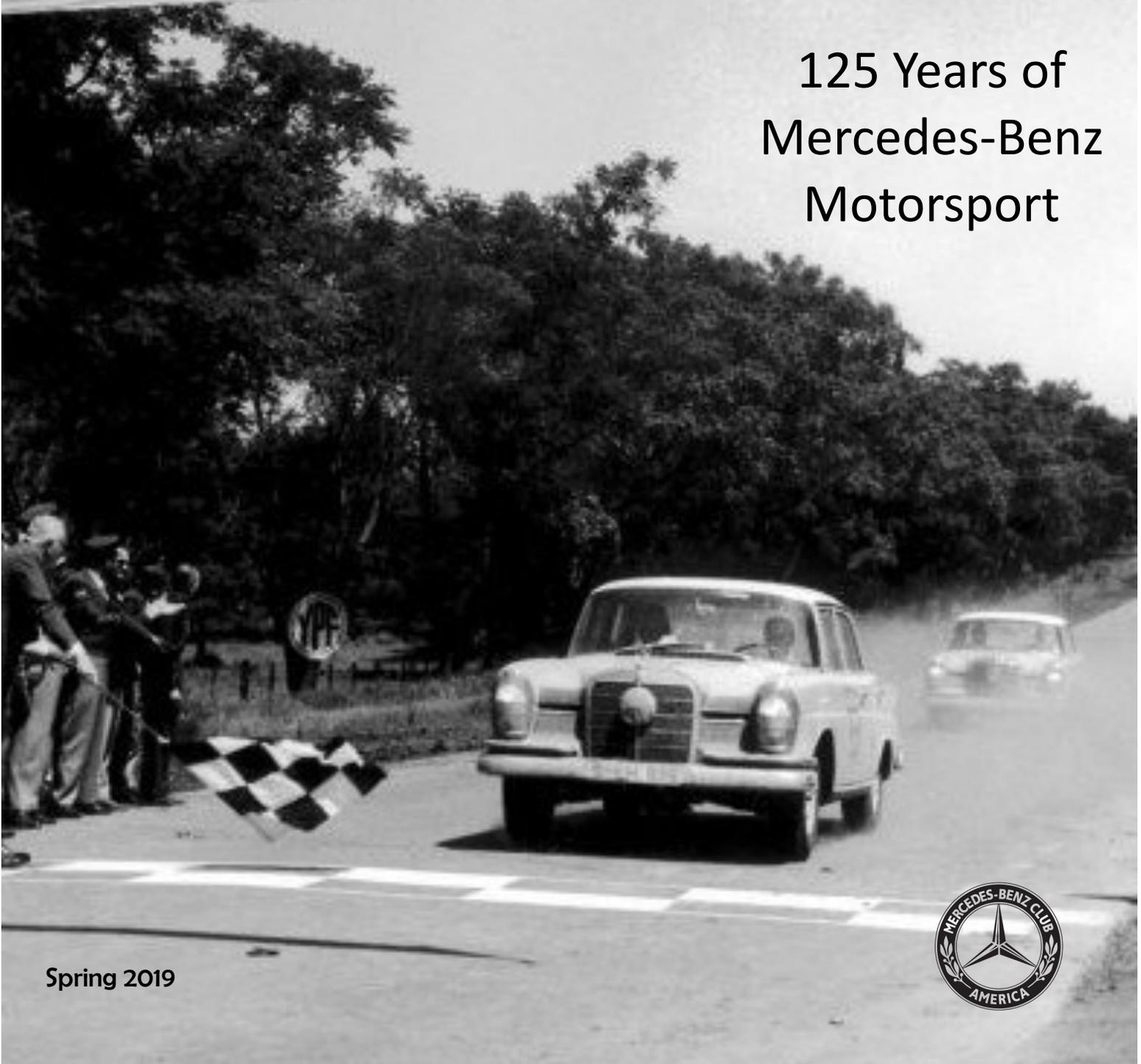


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President's Message

By David Abarr, Portland Section President

Spring is here!

As we gear up for car season this looks again to be another great season. We are back at Forest Grove Concourse d'Elegance with a club coral as well as the judged class R1 for Mercedes-Benz. Save the date on July 21st. We also have *year 2* of Germanpalooza at PIR on August 3rd. This year we will offer a full track day as well as the people's choice judged cars like last year. This is a great event to partner with PCA, BMWCCA, Audi Club NA and VW enthusiasts. It was a blast year and very informal and fun. We will once again participate in the Oak Bay Collector Car festival in Victoria BC on July 27th. And lastly we are hosting a regional event "Safe Drivers - Safe Families Driving Event" and autocross at the Chehalis Fairgrounds September 7th. I will send out emails on more driving events. We had a great day in rural Clackamas county with unbelievably nice weather in March! See page 5 for the event report!

As always thank you for being part of the PDX Section!

Dave



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Portland Section Schedule of Events

April	Lunch and the Oregon Rail Heritage Center	Sunday April 28th
May	Astoria and Columbia River Maritime Museum	Saturday May 18th
June	TBD —Watch Facebook and email for announcements	
July	Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance	Sunday July 21st
	Oak Bay Collector Car Festival	Sunday July 28th
August	Germanpalooza	Saturday August 3rd
September	Safe Family/Safe Drivers Regional Event	Saturday September 7th
	F-15 Tour (<i>rescheduled from March</i>)	Saturday September 27th



Sidedraught City Recap

By Stacy Rollins, Portland Section Secretary/Treasurer

On Saturday February 23rd members of the MBCA Portland section visited Sidedraught City's new location in Southeast Portland. Sidedraught City is a locally owned business that focuses on car cleaning and car care products; it is a dealer for Griot's Garage merchandise. Owner Neil D'Autremont has plenty of experience using car cleaners and polishes, and enthusiastically shares his knowledge with car enthusiasts in the Portland area.

Neil recently moved Sidedraught City to a new location inside Heckmann & Theimann Motors. Heckmann & Theimann is a 50 year old business that specializes in Porsche and Volkswagen repair. We were given a tour around the shop viewing some classic and newer cars made by the "other" German car manufacturers.

Even though our club section has met at Sidedraught several times in years past, it's always a pleasure to see what's new at Neil's shop. This year Griot's Garage introduced several new car care and polishing products, and Neil showed them to members and explained their use. Afterward Neil used a car's hood to demonstrate use of some of these polishes and waxes.

Thanks to Neil for hosting our meeting, and for sharing his knowledge and experience with us so selflessly. For more information about Sidedraught City see its website: <http://www.sidedraughtcity.com>. It is located at 3220 SE 19th Ave, Portland, Oregon.

[Click here for event photos.](#)

WANTED: Membership Engagement

By Matt Nenninger, Portland Section Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

This issue includes an article (see page 6) about the ongoing membership efforts at the Section and National levels. As part of that effort, we want to hear from you, the Members!

Do you have an interesting story about a road trip in your favorite Mercedes-Benz? Why not submit it to me, to be included in an upcoming newsletter? Do you have an idea for a fun event? Or certain kinds of events you'd like to see more of? Then please contact any of the Section Officers listed on Page 2, or better yet—bring your ideas to one of our board meetings. You can find the dates on our website, or just drop us a line.

There are many ways to be engaged, and we want to encourage them all. Together we can build on past successes and create a Section that will thrive long into the future.



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Spring Drive Recap

By David Abarr, Portland Section President

On March 31st a group of us ventured out leaving from MB of Wilsonville to Mt Angel. Thanks for the great hospitality from MB of Wilsonville. They opened the store early to serve us coffee. It is always a pleasure to see what is new in the show room. Like the GT 63S 4 door!!

We had a great array of cars and I was able to meet members I have never met before. We had a SL65, E63S, SL500, S550, E400 Cab, 280SEL 4.5 and more! We went the back way through Wilsonville into Oregon City and went over the Willamette river stopping at the falls overlook. We then went east and south through rural Clackamas County. It was a very sunny gorgeous day and everyone had a great time. We ended the route coming in the east side of Mt Angel to the Glockenspiel Restaurant. Members had a great lunch and conversation. I would like to thank each member that came out!

[Click here for event photos.](#)

New Club Photo Site

By Matt Nenninger, Portland Section Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

You may have noticed the “Click here for event photos” links on the stories above. As part of our effort to build community and engage you, the members, we have created a site to share photos with the club. Hosted by SmugMug, our new site can be found at: pdxmbca.smugmug.com.

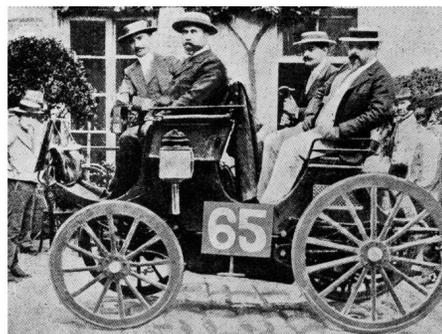
We’ve just started to add photos of club events. If you have photos of past events that you would like to share, you can send them to me via e-mail, or send me a Dropbox link where I can get the photos. You can also upload your own photos by requesting an upload link from me. If you use a photo editor like Lightroom, Picasa, iPhoto, or Windows Photo Gallery, you can add your own captions before uploading your photos.

Having a centralized place for club photos will make it easy to see what you might have missed at an event, share photos on social media, and will also be a resource for newsletter photos.

Got pics? Please share!
matt.nenninger@gmail.com

125 Years of Mercedes-Benz Motorsport

By the Daimler Archives



Albert Lemaître (pictured above) finished second in a 3 hp Peugeot but was judged the winner. Bicycle and tire manufacturer Adolphe Clément-Bayard was the front passenger.

As featured on this edition Daimler World Wide celebrates 125 years of motorsport. Here is an excerpt describing the first competitive race held in 1894. Just like what we are seeing today with electric cars, the internal combustion engine needed to be proved worthy and reliable. Click the link below to read more on this topic.

The first motor car race in history, which took place on July 22, 1894 over the 126-kilometre route from Paris to Rouen, was not just about speed. Rather the aim was for vehicles to demonstrate their excellent road-going credentials as part of the competition organized by the French daily newspaper “Le Petit Journal”: the vehicle to win would be the one that most effectively fulfilled the criteria, “to be easy to operate for the competitors without any danger and not too expensive to run”.

Safety, ease of operation, and transparent costs: those were the specialties of the motor car with fast-running combustion engine, at that point just eight years old, compared to steam technology in particular. And so the brands Panhard & Levassor and Peugeot took away the (shared) first prize of 5,000 francs for their vehicles equipped with Daimler engines. The jurors singled out Daimler’s innovativeness as especially noteworthy: “The Daimler engine, developed by a skilled engineer from Württemberg; Mr. Daimler – who was present yesterday in Rouen to share in the triumph of his work – has turned petroleum or gasoline fuel into a practical solution.”

[Link to full article.](#)

Membership Matters

By Matt Nenninger, Portland Section Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

The MBCA National Business Office (NBO) has been hard at work, implementing several new strategies with the overall goal of increasing our membership numbers. First off, they have established a Membership Committee which will focus on growing our membership by attracting new members, but more importantly, by retaining a higher proportion of our existing members.

The NBO has also established a new Section Support website where your section leadership can find a wealth of information to help run our section. Resources available include the National Bylaws, event guides, insurance and award information, as well as an archive of the new *Membership Matters* newsletter. *Membership Matters* is published quarterly, and sent to all section leadership. It contains articles from club leaders all across the country about how to grow and retain membership.

We've also been talking a lot about membership at the Portland Section board meetings. We've elected two Membership Co-Chairs - George Larson and Ron Woodruff - who will be leading the charge as we implement our own section-level membership strategy. We will be sending out welcoming letters to new members, as well as friendly reminders for those memberships approaching their expiration dates. We're also trying to improve the way we get the word out about club activities and events, using our section website, social media, and the digital newsletter.

And because keeping members engaged is one of the biggest keys to member retention, we really do want to hear from **you!**

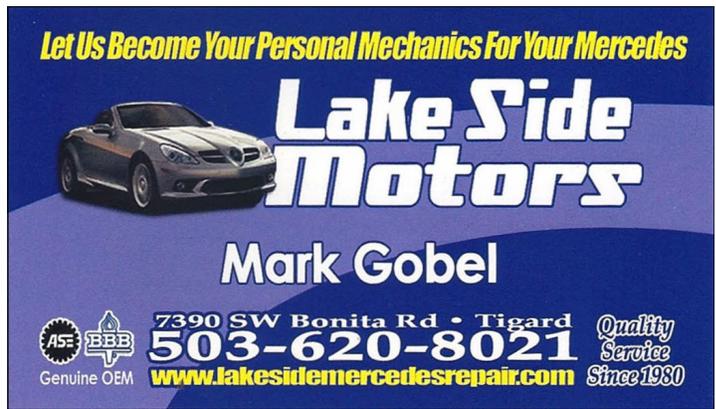
There are lots of ways you can contribute. If you look at the bottom of page 2 of this newsletter, you'll see some fine print about how we encourage newsletter submissions from members. I'd like to draw your attention to that, and to ask you to really think about things you might know, cars you've owned or restored, or road trips you've taken which might be of interest to other club members. Just write it up and send it in. We'd love to share it here!

If you have ideas about club events that you'd like to see, or club drives you'd like to take, just let us know. You can contact any board member, or bring your ideas to one of our board meetings. We'd be happy to help you plan something and get it on the calendar.

The board is here to serve the members, but the more input and engagement we have from members, the better our club will be. So reach out and get involved!



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Coming Events

Sunday April 28th—Lunch and a visit to the Oregon Heritage Rail Heritage Center

Join members of the Jaguar Owners Club on a visit to the [Oregon Rail Heritage Center](#) and have lunch beforehand at [Mt Hood Brewing Company's Tilikum Station](#).

Meet for lunch at Tilikum Station ([401 SE Caruthers St, Portland, OR 97214](#)) at 11:30 and the Rail Heritage Center opens at 12 noon. They are walking distance (one block) from each other and there is plenty of free parking. The Rail Heritage Center is free but a donation is suggested. Lunch will be ordered from [the regular menu](#).

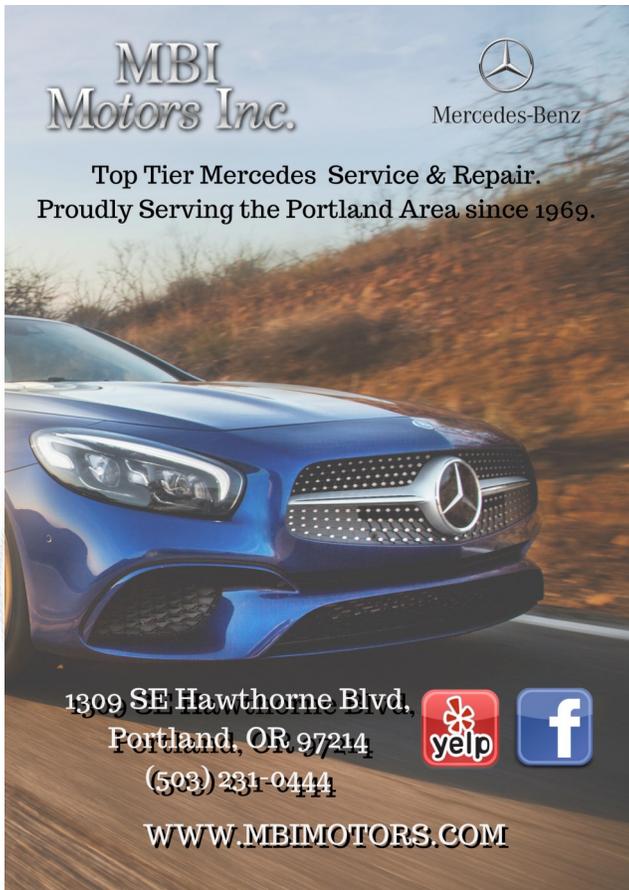
If you plan to attend lunch, please RSVP by April 25th to Matt Nenninger: matt.nenninger@gmail.com



Sunday July 21st— Forest Grove Concourse d'Elegance

Join club members at the 47th Annual [Forest Grove Concourse d'Elegance](#). Special features to include 120 Years of Packard, 100 Years of Bentley, and over 70 years of Porsche 356.

We are back with a section coral (any year allowed—more details to come) as well as the judged Mercedes-Benz Class (1971 and older cars only in judged classes). This is a great cause the club has supported for many years. Registration is live at this link: <https://forestgroveconcours.org/enter/car-classes/>



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Saturday May 18th—Drive to Astoria and the Columbia River Maritime Museum

Please join us for a fun Saturday in Astoria, Oregon. First an enjoyable lunch at [T Paul's Supper Club](#) and then a visit to the [Columbia River Maritime Museum](#). It is sure to be a delightful day.

We've planned two routes to Astoria for your driving pleasure. You can choose which route is more convenient, or which looks more appealing to you.

Group# 1 Meet Stacy Rollins at the McDonalds in North Plains about 10:00am. The address is [9975 NW Glencoe Road, North Plains, OR 97133](#). The McDonalds is on the North side of Sunset Highway at Exit 57. Drive west on Sunset Hwy to exit 57. At top of exit ramp, turn right (north). Drive 400 feet; see McDonalds on your left. It is about 25 minutes' drive from Portland; about 15 minutes from Beaverton. We'll drive to Astoria along HWY 47 and Route 202, through Oregon's Clatsop State Forest.



Group# 2 Meet Paul Pietrowski in the Walmart parking lot in Woodland, WA at 10:30 a.m. Address is [1486 Dike Access Rd, Woodland, WA 98674](#). Traveling North on I-5 take Exit 22 go around the circle and under I-5. Taco Bell is on your right and the Walmart parking lot is behind it. We will take WA 4, along the north side of the Columbia River, and across the Astoria-Megler Bridge to Astoria.

Lunch is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. at [T Paul's Supper Club](#). Address is [360 12th Street Astoria, OR 97103](#).

After lunch we will visit the [Columbia River Maritime Museum \(1792 Marine Drive Astoria, OR 97103\)](#) (503)-325-2323 Adult Admission is \$14.00, but ask for discounts that may apply (ie: Senior, Military, AAA).

For either group, **RSVP to Paul Pietrowski as primary** so he can give a total for lunch to T Paul's Supper Club. **Please state if you're going with Stacy's group or Paul's.** For those in Group #1, please also let Stacy know you'll be attending.

Cut Off Date: Saturday, 11 May 2019. No further parties will be accepted after this date as a reservation total must be submitted so the restaurant can have a firm attendance number. There are several motels in Astoria if you have a long distance to travel and would like to remain overnight. Best Western and Holiday Inn are two of them. ***Reserve early if you plan to do this.***

Contacts: **RSVP for both groups:** Paul Pietrowski spietro122@comcast.net
For Group #1, also contact: Stacy Rollins stacy@stacyrollins.com

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