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# President's Message

By Section President David Abarr

Greetings MBCA-PDX Members,

It has been a very busy spring for me. Attending many events here in Oregon as well as Starfest in Alabama. And summer has just started! While in Alabama I was able to tour the MBUSI factory in Vance, do a few laps at Talladega as well as Barber Motorsports Park, judge at the concourse and meet many members from around the country. It was very full week of events. I will set up a online photo album soon to show members great pictures from the events.

Planning has been going on for the 1st annual Germanpalooza at PIR. Join members from all Oregon German car clubs for a day of track, drags, swap meet and show. German beer and food of course! It promises to become *the* premier German car activity each year.

Don't forget summer favorites as well like SVRA Vintage Festival at PIR, Oak Bay Collectors Car Festival in Canada. New for the club the Rosecup featuring Pirelli World Challenge. Oregon's chance to see GT car in action like the AMG GT 3!

Many members I have talked to this year would like to see more drives. That is something we will be working on and the goal is do one every other month. Stay tuned for email blasts on drives! I hope to see lots of new and familiar faces this summer!

Cheers, Dave

## Portland Section Schedule of Events

**July 14th** / Rosecup featuring Pirelli Work Challenge at PIR

**July 29th** / Sunday, Oak Bay Collector Car Festival, Oak Bay, Vancouver Island BC, Canada

**July 28th-29th** / Saturday and Sunday, SVRA Vintage Racing Festival, PIR

**August 12th** / Annual Regional Show and Shine in Seattle

**August 4th** / Saturday, Germanpalooza at PIR.

**September 15th** / Camas Wings and Wheels

**October Date TBA** / Fall drive

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## Strawberry Charity Cruise Recap

By David Abarr, Portland Section



Another great sunny June day on Sauvie Island. A great charity event supporting Columbia Humane Society and a array of American and European classics and some great Music! And of course the best Oregon Strawberries. All embers had a great time and a fun morning. Go here to see the special tribute the organizers had to our club!

[Video](#)



By Paul Pietrowski , Portland Section

Come and join us for a fun experience in City of Oak Bay on beautiful Vancouver Island, B.C. Canada. Again, the Portland MBCA Section will be participating in the Eighteenth Annual Oak Bay Collector Car Festival. This is a great opportunity to show your Mercedes in Canada. Oak Bay is a very quaint city that borders the City of Victoria. It has a village appeal with shops and restaurants. This event draws about ten thousand people and 275 cars that can range from Rolls Royce to Deuce Coupes. There will be Mercedes Benz, Jaguar, and Aston Martin automobile sections for the public to enjoy. An exciting addition to the festival this year will be the Griot Garage company bus with a display of their car care products. The Griot products will also be available for purchase. A short drive from Oak Bay is the City of Victoria. There, the activities abound from whale watching trips to airplane tours of southern Vancouver Island and the Straits of Juan De Fuca. Tourist activities, restaurants, events, and hotels can be found on the Tourism Victoria website: [www.tourismvictoria.com](http://www.tourismvictoria.com) The month of July is prime tourist season in the City of Victoria. Therefore, it is essential that you make hotel and ferry reservations early! Please be advised to enter Canada you will need border documentation to clear Canadian Customs, most commonly, a U.S. Passport. Also, know that Canada has VERY strict laws regarding prohibited items, handguns, pepper spray, and knives to name a few. "KNOW BEFORE YOU GO" It's best to go to the Canadian Customs website to familiarize yourself with the law. It's also a good idea to go to the U.S. Customs website and see what you can legally bring into the U.S upon your return. We hope that you'll take this opportunity to enjoy a great time in Oak Bay Vancouver Island, B.C.

**WHERE:** Oak Bay Avenue City of Oak Bay Vancouver Island, B.C. Canada  
**WHEN:** Sunday, 29 July 2018 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**WHAT:** This event will have refreshments and facilities. Fee: \$15.00 Canadian  
**DEADLINE:** Notify Paul J. Pietrowski of your intention to attend this event by July 15th 2018 as to compile a car count.

Contact: Paul J. Pietrowski [Email here](mailto:spietro122@comcast.net)



By Paul Pietrowski , Portland Section

Saturday, September 15, 2018 will be the fifth 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. This year arrangements have been made with the Washington Army National Guard to provide a Blackhawk Helicopter to attend this event. 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 third year to have a Mercedes corral at this event and hopefully without rain or forest fire smoke. So, please mark Saturday, September 15, 2018 on your calendar for a fun filled family event. Hope to see a lot of our Mercedes' there!

**WHERE:** Grove Field Airport Camas, Washington  
**WHEN:** Saturday, 15 September 2018 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**COST:** \$ 10:00 for MBCA Club Members  
**DETAILS:** Hot Dogs, Soft Drinks, Picnic Tables, and Facilities  
**DEADLINE:** September 1st 2018\*  
*(\*The cut-off date is necessary to get a car count for parking purposes at the airfield.)*

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By Greg Buechler , Portland Section

Join us in the Mercedes-Benz Club car corral at the SVRA Portland Vintage Racing Festival (formerly the Portland Historic Races) during the weekend of July 28th and 29th . 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 [here](#).

**WHEN:**  
Saturday and Sunday July 28-29th 2018:8:30am-7pm approx.

**WHERE:**  
Portland International Raceway

**PRICING:**  
Each \$45.00 Car Show registration includes:  
- 2 Weekend Passes  
- 1 car pass  
- Touring laps in your show car Saturday & Sunday  
- Jaguar autocross and much more

**Contact:** Greg Buechler [gtbuechler@hotmail.com](mailto:gtbuechler@hotmail.com)

# Shape of Speed Recap

By David Abarr, Portland Section



The 1938 Talbot-Lago T-150-C-SS Pictured Designed by Figoni & Falaschi one of 12 built

A gorgeous June day in downtown Portland greeted Portland section members. We were treated to a Ken Gross curated exhibit of the 1930's most iconic examples of streamlined art-deco inspired cars. Everyone in attendance was amazed at these works of art. The not-to-miss exhibit at the Portland Art museum runs through September 16th. Go [here](#) for a special discount on advanced tickets.

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By David Abarr, Portland Section

**WHAT:**

Germanpalooza sponsored by Heckmann & Thiemann Motors and presented by BMW CCA

A festival celebrating German brand automobiles! Expanding the Rose City Bug In to include all Volkswagen, Audi, BMW, Mercedes and Porsche vehicles, their enthusiasts and car club members! Car show, swap meet, 1/2 track day and drag racing too! German food and Beer of course!

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 4, 2018: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

**WHERE:** Portland International Raceway

**Pricing:**

Vendor & Swap Meet Booths \$35, which includes 20' x 20' space and one admission (gates open at 7:30am for set up). *We will offer a free space for members. More to come.*

Friday Night Camping for vendors, swappers ONLY \$30 includes 1 G.A. FOR Friday Late Night Drags Additional persons \$9 each.

Show & Shine Car Show and People's Choice Award: \$35, which includes one car entry and one-person admission (gates open 8:00 am for placement)

1/2 Track Day (9:00-12:30 - gates open 8:00 am to enter South Paddock) German cars only. Registration link coming soon. \$150 per entry 60 spots are first come.

1/2 day 1/4 mile Drag Racing (1:30 – 4:30) tech cards German cars only. \$50 for P1 Class: ET times 7. .99 \$40 for P2 Class: ET times 14.00 – Slower \$35 for Open Class/Test & Tune

*Drag Racing participants should be on site no later than Noon to get through tech*

*Special Offer: All drag racing tech cards purchased for Germanpalooza are good for Late Night Drags Saturday night 5:30 – 10:00 pm. They include Admission for the driver. Additional persons, \$9*

Spectator Tickets:

\$15 Adults (13 and older)

\$6 for kids 6-12

FREE for 5-years and younger

Free parking.

**Ticket Sales Coming Soon.**

**Evergreen Aviation Recap**



A nice day in April was had at the Evergreen Museum with the Oregon Jaguar Owners Club in attendance as well. Seeing the WW2 planes and the mighty spruce Goose in person is very impressive. The jab club brought an impressive array of cars from a E Type, XJS 6.0 V12 to the new F Type. The docent lead tour was very good with details on each plane along the way. A highlight for the club was the Messerschmitt Bf 109G-10. Thanks to Paul Pietrowski for arranging this great weekend.

# Annual Regional Show & Shine

By Debbie Ward Seattle Section

It's that time of year again to join fellow **Mercedes-Benz Club** members for our **Annual Regional Show & Shine**. Once again, this event will be held at the beautiful **Nile Golf & Country Club**, located just north of Seattle. Polish up your favorite Mercedes and sign up for the largest display of Mercedes-Benz owned by MBCA regional members, in the northwest. This event offers **People's Choice** voting with awards and trophies, local dealer and vendor displays, door prizes and an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win donated gift items. The proceeds will benefit our charity of the year.

## Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – Mountlake Terrace

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

**Buffet Lunch Reservation:** Now is the time to reserve a **Western "Roundup" BBQ** lunch by NW Signature Events & Catering. Lunch includes Smoked Tri-Tip, Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Baked Mac & Cheese, Pineapple Corn Muffins with Honey Butter, Ranch Style Pasta Salad, Traditional Coleslaw, Watermelon Wedges, and Lemonade. Please reserve your lunch as only a small number of lunches will be available for purchase the day of the event. The cost for lunch is \$20 per person which includes gratuities and taxes.

**Car Registration Fees:** \$10 for registration of your first car & \$5 for registration for each additional car you place in the show.

**Due Date:** Registration and payment for both the lunch and car registration, are due by **Wednesday, August 8, 2018** so that we can have your registration packet ready and are able to provide the caterers with a lunch count.

### Schedule of Events:

10 AM to 11:30 AM	Benzes 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	Announcements, Door Prizes & Awards

**Charity of the Year:** Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win donated items to support our selected charity of the year, the **Treehouse for Kids**. Treehouse invests in the lives of young people who have faced the deep wounds from a crisis of parenting, by helping them to secure the essential education, basic material needs and social experiences they equally deserve. Their website is [www.treehouseforkids.org](http://www.treehouseforkids.org) for more information.

**Contact:** If you have questions, a raffle item to donate and/or are willing to volunteer to help the day of the event, please contact Debbie Ward at [jazznlady@comcast.net](mailto:jazznlady@comcast.net) or (253) 278-2314.

**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 – 44<sup>th</sup> 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 \$227 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 offer a continental breakfast with rates starting at \$140 per night. Contact them directly at (425) 775-7447 for reservations. Both hotels are pet friendly.

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 the club's most well attended. We look forward to meeting and greeting members from throughout the Northwest Region, including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, British Columbia, Vancouver Island and Alberta! Non-MBCA members are also welcome to display their cars, although they will not be eligible for the People's Choice Awards. See you there!!

### Regional Seattle Section Show & Shine Registration

**Sunday, August 12, 2018** ●

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of BBQ Lunches at \$20: \_\_\_\_\_

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

1.) \_\_\_\_\_ 2.) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **MBCA Seattle Section**. Please RSVP by **August 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mail to: MBCA C/O Debbie Ward, 10711 NE 25<sup>th</sup> ST., Bellevue, WA 98004-2227**

# Concours Prep Recap

By David Abarr, Portland Section



Jeff Wong, Ann-Marie and Eric Bergstedt from the Orange County, California MBCA section at Mercedes-Benz of Wilsonville.

Portland section members were treated to a very informational seminar on prepping your car for a concours event by multiple class and showing winning owner Jeff Wong. We were able to inspect Scott Noakes newly acquired 190SL in the main showroom of the dealer to help prepare it for Forrest Grove and beyond. We hope to offer more tech session like this in the future. Anyone wishing to see the power point of this seminar please contact me.



## September Board Meeting

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