



San Francisco Bay Area Section, Mercedes-Benz Club of America
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SOS - Serve Our Section



Lou Piccinini, our section President and Sally Hinds our section Secretary, have decided not to run for re-election this coming year. Therefore, we have a wonderful opportunity to recruit new members as Officers and Directors at Large. If you are interested in serving as an officer or Director at Large, our election will be held in November. Please submit your name for consideration to the nomination committee by September 1st. See below for specifics. Lou and Sally's term ends December 31st.

Our section depends on volunteers for all the different activities including social, educational, technical, charity and driving. These could not be done without our members volunteering to assist in our program activities and serving on the Board.

Lou, as immediate past president will remain on the board and Gloria Loventhal, as past president, will no longer serve.

If you are interested in running as an officer in the President or Secretary role, please contact Denise Sheehan at - denisesheehan@gmail.com or Gloria Loventhal, nominations committee chair at glorialov@gmail.com or call Gloria at 408-823-6400 by September 1st. We are happy to talk with you about their roles and responsibilities and how we share in the work load so no one is overwhelmed.

We really do have fun, try it!

Kaiser Permanente presents

Heart Wheels Car Show
 On behalf of the American Heart Association

WHEN: September 22, 2018
 TIME: 10:00am - 1:00pm
 WHERE: Kaiser Permanente, 250 Hospital Parkway San Jose CA 95119

Message from the President

At our July Board Meeting, one of our agenda items was the upcoming election for new Officers in 2019. Our section leadership is made up of volunteer members keeping our section alive and vibrant. We are constantly searching for people with new ideas, as that is what has kept our section going strong for the past 60 years. As you'll recall, our section celebrated its 60th Anniversary this past May 12th. We've been fortunate that many of our Officers have remained active in their positions for several years. However, the time has come for me to pass the baton to a new President for 2019. It wasn't an easy decision. In addition, Sally Hinds, our Secretary, needs to move on after 3 years in that position. Therefore, we have 2 positions that will need to be filled for 2019.

I've enjoyed my time on the Board, initially as Treasurer for 3 years, briefly as Vice President, and for the past 3 years as President. It's been a pleasure working with all the Board Members on a variety of events, First Sunday Drives, a monthly newsletter, and our website. This is a good time to remind you that it's your club, not just the

Fundraising to support cardiovascular research and educational programs for the Bay Area.



*Free admission for the spectators

Online registration:
www.heart.org/kpcarshow

VENDORS \$60.00
CARS \$25.00

*Instruction will be provided after the registration

Day of the Event Registration:

VENDORS \$70.00
CARS \$35.00

Vehicle must be checked in and parked by 0930!

For inquiries:

Tom Jones - 408.460.2421
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Kaiser Hospital is holding their 2nd annual "Heart Wheels Car Show" on behalf of the American Heart Association September 22nd from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The car show will be at the Kaiser Hospital parking lot located at 250 Hospital Parkway (Santa Teresa & Cottle Rd.) in San Jose, CA. They have reached out to us and are interested in our members displaying their cars. There will be Vendors, a Farmer's Market, Music and People's Choice Awards presented. As this is a fundraising event, the nominal entrance fee will go to cardiovascular research and educational programs for the Bay Area. They are anticipating at least 150 cars of all makes and models. Let's try and have our section have the most cars entered of any other marquet! It's for a worthy cause.

The online registration form is attached. If you attend, they have asked that you arrive at 9:00 am for set up so all cars are in place when the car show opens to the public at 10:00 am. So, wash and wax that beautiful Benz and proudly represent our section at this event. Pack your picnic basket with your favorite foods and drinks, or try something new and different from the adjacent Farmer's Market, but come and relax and admire all the beautiful cars.

Register at www.heart.org/kpcarshow

2018 First Sunday Drives (FSD)

Month	Leader	Location	Region
September	Doug Storkovich	Marin Cheese Tour	East Bay
October	Sassan & Kouroush	Big Basin	South Bay
November	TBD		
December	No FSD due to Holiday Party		

2018 Events

Month	Event	Leader	Type
August	Carmel Mission Classic Legends of the Autobahn	David Sears	Technical
September	Mt. Hamilton	Sandor Drobilisch	Driving & Educational
October	Oktoberfest - Dinner at Germania	Sandor Drobilisch	Social
November	Travis AFB	Sassan & Kouroush Behnam	Educational
December	Holiday Party	Executive Board	Social

Welcome New Members

Regina Drysdale, Santa Cruz
Keith Grossman, Diablo
William Howard, Danville
Patrick Hung, Aptos
Sneha Kolar, Salinas
Rondolf Moreno, Monterey
Rebecca Paul, Tiburon
David Rose, San Francisco
Ed Schneider, Piedmont
Phil Segundo, Livermore
Richard Soares, Monterey
Braden Sterling, Carmel
Michael Stevenson, Oakland
Robert Yeager, Oakland



Board's. Don't be shy about bringing your ideas forward. It's fun and rewarding friendships are made. Please take a moment and consider serving on our Board. If you're interested in taking on a fun and rewarding position, please submit your name as a candidate for 2019 by September 1st.

I want to extend my sincerest thanks to the San Francisco Bay Area Section for the honor and privilege of allowing me to serve as the section President. I look forward to seeing you all at upcoming events and drives!

Thanks,

Lou

The Great Marin Cheese Tour III First Sunday Drive - September 2



We will meet at the Starbucks in the Terra Linda / Safeway shopping center - 260 Northgate Dr, San Rafael, CA 94903 between 0900-0945hrs for coffee and meet new and old friends. We'll start the sign ins at 0945hrs and a prompt departure from the parking lot at 1000hrs at north end of the center's parking lot, after the stop light, it will be north (left turn) on to Las Gallinas Ave, then we are off to our FSD adventure ... please be aware of bicyclist and cows along the way!

Marin has been famous for cheese since 1865. Today we're going to visit a few of the most famous cheese producers and drive some of the most beautiful roads in California at the same time. Enjoy the summer scenery, drive through the magnificent redwood trees on Lucas Valley Road, then rolling hills as we turn (left) onto Nicasio Valley Road heading north toward our first stop.

Nicasio Valley Cheese Company
<http://www.nicasiocheese.com/>
5300 Nicasio Valley Road
Nicasio, CA

(Just past the town of Nicasio on the right side of the road.)

The La Franchi family enjoyed their traditional cheeses of their Swiss homeland and dreamed of making their own. Their organic dairy was the perfect resource to enable them to pay homage to their heritage.

We then continue north on Nicasio Valley Road to Pt. Reyes - Petaluma Rd., a right turn heading east, we will shortly arrive at our second stop.

Marin French Cheese Company
<http://www.marinfrenchcheese.com/>
7510 Pt Reyes Petaluma Rd
Petaluma, CA 94952

(Left side of road, about 10-15 min travel time from last stop)

The oldest continuously operating cheese factory in America! Marin French has specialized in hand made Brie and Camembert since 1865. In 2005 it was the first American producer to best France in international competitions.

We then continue (left turn) east on Pt. Reyes - Petaluma Rd (for 10 minutes) where we make a left turn on to Hicks Valley Road. Rolling hills, winding turns, great vistas lead us to the Marshall - Petaluma Rd. A left turn heads MBZ's west towards Marshall and Highway #1. A left turn onto Highway #1 heads us south down the Tomales Bay water views and our final destination, The Cow Girl Creamery at Point Reyes Station.

Cowgirl Creamery
<http://www.cowgirlcreamery.com/>
80 4th Street
Point Reyes Station, CA

In 1997, Sue Conley and Peggy Smith built a small creamery in downtown Point Reyes Station and began making handcrafted cheese with local organic milk. They now produce three fresh and six aged cheeses.

While this is the end of our tour, it will be time for a later lunch with many great restaurants to choose from, or find a picnic table outside of the creamery and enjoy your selection of many cheeses that you have purchased! Thank you for your participation.

Questions: 510.912.1838 or 415.264.8773





Your suggestions for club activities are always welcome!
Please feel free to contact your Officers to talk about any club-related matter!

Visit our club website for up-to-date information on club events.

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Other Events of Interest



Patrick Ottis's 1934 Alfa Romeo 8C 2300
WELCOME TO FIRST SATURDAY
BISCOTTI & CARS

Biscotti and Cars
First Saturday Each Month
Sausalito



Wings of History Museum - July 21st



Thirteen people attend our section's July event at the Wings of History Museum in San Martin. The day began with lunch under the newly constructed picnic pergola. As the first group to use it, we're happy to report that it made for a lovely shaded spot to enjoy lunch. Susan Talbot, a museum volunteer, was our docent for the day and really made the museum come alive for us. A pilot, Ms. Talbot was able to answer all of our questions and regale us with both technical information and interesting anecdotes about the various aircraft. The first hanger included aerobatic planes, gliders, and Bowlus'. In addition, there are numerous flight-ready planes on display.

Next, we went visited The Ole Fahlin Memorial Propeller Shop. Ole was a pioneer in the design and manufacture of wooden propellers beginning in the 1920s. The group listened intently as Ms. Talbot talked about the process that goes into building a propeller, from carefully selecting the wood, to gluing and clamping the pieces, to shaping it to exacting specifications. Although on the museum grounds, the propeller shop is a working shop, currently manufacturing and repairing propellers. The next stop on our tour was a hangar containing a full-sized replica of Orville and Wilbur Wright's plane the Wright Flyer and other exhibits. The final stop on our tour was the restoration shop. Thanks to the Wings of History Museum and Ms. Talbot for a wonderful day!



August First Sunday Drive Report



Our August First Sunday Drive was a well-attended event with over 15 cars showing up at the starting location, a Starbuck's in Fremont. Coffee in hand, people had an opportunity to check out each other's cars, catch up with old friends and make new ones, and admire a new Diamond Silver C300 recently purchased by one of our Club members. Next, we headed down Highway 84 towards Sunol, winding along the tree-lined road past canyons, train tracks, and the Niles Canyon Railway. Our first stop was Alden Lane Nursery. Everyone enjoyed their time wandering through the flowers, checking out the decorative pond, and stopping to "smell the roses." The Alden Lane gift shop appeared to be a big hit judging by the glass pumpkins, Fall decor, and a Venus Fly Trap spied among various purchases.

Next, we took a short drive to Concannon Winery, America's oldest, ongoing winery under the same family label. Some of us shared, others enjoyed wine tasting, while small groups took advantage of the tables on the sunny



Canepa Cars and Coffee
 Second Saturday Each Month
 April to October
 Scotts Valley

Some of us stopped, others enjoyed wine tasting, while small groups took advantage of the tables on the sunny patio to enjoy the beautiful summer weather. Soon our caravan took off on a spirited drive through the rolling, grassy hills of Livermore, giving us a view of barns, cows, and hawks. Just after noon, we rolled into Blackhawk Plaza, our final destination. Although the drive was "officially" over, that didn't stop this group! A number of us enjoyed Mexican food and margaritas at The Prickly Pear Cantina. Others went to various restaurants in the plaza, including the Blackhawk Grille, Draeger's Deli, and The Little Pear. Later, many of us enjoyed some shopping, exchanged email addresses with new friends, and talked about next month's First Sunday Drive. Thanks to everyone who showed up and helped us have another successful FSD!



Our Website

Check it out at: sfba.mbca.org

- Upcoming Events
- How to Get Involved
- Members Recommend Non-club Events
- Mercedes Trivia
- And More!

MBCA Concours Judging School



For Sale

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We held a Judging School for MBCA Concours d'Elegance on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at Autobahn Motors in Belmont, CA. It was a very successful event, with 22 MBCA members receiving their certification as a MBCA Concours d'Elegance Judge. We were honored to have in attendance Gene Jurick, MBCA National President. Gene addressed the group and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to meet local MBCA members and participate in the Judging School.

Autobahn Motors, a Mercedes dealership in Belmont completed construction of its new facility just six months ago. It was a treat for us to conduct our training at this new facility. In addition to a state-of-the-art training center, we were also able to use their new car delivery space in their showroom to conduct our hands-on portion of the training. A much appreciated thank you to Autobahn Motors!

This year we were very fortunate to have three Concours d'Elegance Judging School instructors conduct the training, Jon Bernardi, Richard Simonds, and Sam Mazzola. Much appreciation goes out to them for their time and dedication. The training began with a classroom presentation and discussion on how Mercedes-Benz vehicles are judged in a MBCA car show. It covered proper etiquette for both judges and entrants. In addition, it went into detail on what to look for when judging a vehicle, focusing on the interior, exterior, chrome/trim, chassis, and engine. The classroom portion of the training ended with a discussion on scoring and instructions on how to score for authenticity, condition, and cleanliness.

In the afternoon, participants were given an opportunity to practice what they learned. We had five vintage Mercedes vehicles for them to apply their recently acquired skills and practice judging hands-on. This proved to be a valuable experience by all that attended.

Upon completion of the training, the participants received certificates certifying each as a MBCA Concours d'Elegance Judge. All newly trained judges were invited to judge at the 2018 Legends of the Autobahn in Monterey on August 24, 2018.