



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

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August 2021



From Our President

Participation

Since February, the number of people coming to the events has increased drastically; In the beginning, we started from less than ten people. Now, we have more than 40 participants in each event. I wanted to thank many new members who have joined the club, and many familiar faces who have continued come out and support our events; your participations are the core value of this section.

I'd like to point out that we live in one of the most beautiful places in the country. Mild weather all season long, full of natural resources – mountains and beaches, and fine restaurants for all of us to enjoy within a driving distance in our proudly owned **Mercedes-Benz**.

In the first quarter of this year, we started with one event each month. In the second quarter, we added more activities to meet the demand for our active members to enjoy. Now, as we're in the second half of the year, two events every month should be set as a standard. Each month, our members can expect; a First Sunday Drive, this event is open to the public, and a Members-only event, in which the registration is required.

This year, we had two board meetings that were held virtually. On August 21st, we will have our first face-to-face board meeting. This meeting will be held at Peter's Café in Millbrae. It is open to the SFBA members and associate members; you're invited to join us. Please [click here](#) for details and to register.

A reminder - Safety is our top priority for each of our drives and events. The number of participants has increased drastically at each event, and it is getting quite difficult to have a caravan of **Mercedes-Benz** lined up on the road. In each of our drive or event, the leader or the organizer will have the printouts. In the printouts, you'll have a list of the destinations with addresses. Please enter these destinations in your GPSs, or the Googlemaps in your smartphone devices. The destinations will be where we will regroup in case of a turn missed or a long wait in a signal light. So, remember, drive safe, relax, and enjoy the scenery in the comfort of your **Mercedes-Benz**.



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(for additional photos, click here)

Coming: First Sunday Drive

August 1, 2021 Marin Cheese Tour - say cheese!

[Click here for details](#)



Upcoming Members-only Event

Board Meeting, Open to All Members

**Peter's Cafe - 10 El Camino Real, Millbrae
Saturday, August 21, 2021**

Lunch 12:00 - 2:00

Meeting 2:00 to 4:00

To register - [Click here](#)



Events you might be interested in
Annual Member Appreciation Holiday Banquet

Saturday, December 4th, 2021

10:00AM-3:00PM

Casa Bella, Sunol, California
Please register early and save!
[Click here to Register](#)



MONTEREY CAR WEEK, August 6 -15



Mid-August Automobile Nirvana?

If you want to experience *automobile nirvana* (not the rock group), go to Monterey-Carmel for the mid-August weekend. There is NOTHING like it. Here's the line-up summary.

- Thursday, August 12, Pebble Beach Tour D'Elegance
- Thursday, August 12 thru Sunday, August 15, Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion
- Saturday, August 14, Legends of the Autobahn
- Saturday, August 14, Concorso Italiano
- Sunday, August 15, Pebble Beach Concours, D'Elegance
- Friday, August 13 thru Saturday, August 14, Gooding Pebble Beach Auctions
- Thursday, August 12 thru Sunday, August 15, Mecum Car Auctions

Let's start with the granddaddy of them all, Pebble Beach, probably the premier concours in the U.S., now in its 71st year. If you have never been,

you might put this on your bucket list, albeit an expensive bucket now, like \$400 per head. The first time I went, in the 1980s, tix were \$40. The cars come from collectors around the world, including regulars Jay Leno and Ralph Lauren. Jay is very gracious, signs lots of autographs. The 1920s-1930s cars, the golden age of custom coach building, are astounding. If 400 bucks is out of your price range (it is for me, now), you can see many of these cars on Thursday, parading through Carmel and along the 17 mile drive, for free. Just stand along the route. For details on the Concours and the Tour, check out the website, pebblebeachconcours.net.



MBs at Pebble Beach

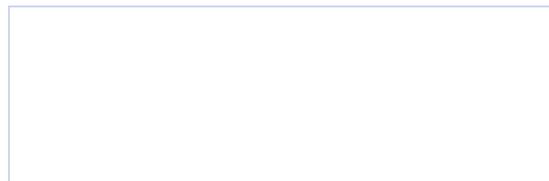
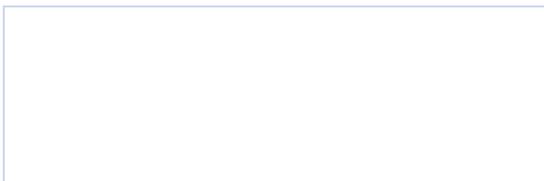


1939 540K Special Roadster

Concorso Italiano and Legends of the Autobahn

Would you like to see almost 1000 Italian cars all in one place? And all working! Maybe 300 or so Ferraris (of all vintages), 50-100 Lamborghinis (including #1, 1964), Maseratis, Alfa Romeos, Fiats, Iso Griffos, Bizzerrinis, and more. I'm a former Alfisti, so my wife and I were Concorso regulars for many years. She liked the Italian fashion show, clothing that is. Concorso details at concorso.com

Unfortunately Concorso and Legends are on the same day. They used to be on different days, Friday and Saturday, then someone got the bright idea to make them conflict. Thanks. Legends of the Autobahn is our own little (but growing) Deutsche collection of Mercedes, Audis, and BMWs. This year the event is in Carmel Valley Village, not the golf course next to Laguna Seca Raceway, the usual venue. Details and tickets at legendsoftheautobahn.com. I would recommend getting "display" tickets, \$75 + \$15 GA (per vehicle with 2 occupants) so you can park in the Mercedes corral. I shall be attending, so maybe see you there, albeit I shall be parking in the BMW corral this time. We take turns. If you want to compete, i.e. be judged in your class, you need "Concours" tix for \$125 per vehicle. I think you can even attend for free and just purchase non-corral parking.





1953 Alfa Romeo Bertone BAT Mobile (Berlina Aerodinamica Technica) concept car. Those Italians !!



Concorso: 1970 Maserati concept car

Those Italians !!

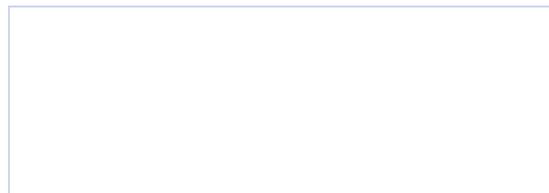
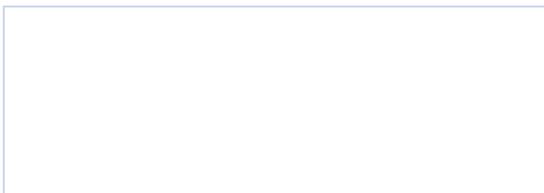


Legends: The Old ...



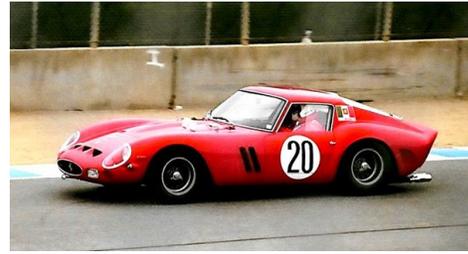
and The New

The Monterey Sports Reunion is vintage racing at its best, possibly exceeded only by the Goodwood Festival of Speed in Britain, but you can drive to Monterey. Besides historic cars, there are famous, historic drivers who have attended over the years and mingled, including Juan Manuel Fangio (5 time F1 Grand Prix champion in the 1950s, with Alfa Romeo, Maserati, Mercedes, and Lancia-Ferrari), Nicki Lauda (3X F1 champ with Ferrari and McLaren) and Sir Stirling Moss. Fangio even did a parade lap, at speed, in his 1951 Alfa P3 GP car. You may see some (multi) million dollar historics letting it out on the track, just as they did in their heyday. Kudos to the collectors who participate and share this automotive art/history. Some are financed teams, and some are single owner/mechanic/drivers. There is no serious money to be made by the participants. Ticket and parking info at WeatherTechRaceway.com. There are several packages available for single or multi-day attendance. There is a Mercedes corral, *pardner*. If you find the website details a little confusing (it is), call the ticket office.





Laguna Seca: The Corkscrew



A real 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO at speed. Maybe not likely to see the GTO on track again, now worth \$38M.

Auctions

Do you have real money to burn, like getting your own classic? Well, then the car auctions are for you. Or if you want to live vicariously, you can get spectator tix for Mecum, at the Monterey Hyatt. We used to attend regularly, and my wife would hold my arms down during the bidding. That was fun. Seriously, if you're in the market, I would not recommend Monterey auctions, nor Scottsdale in January. Too much idle money around these locales. Investigate your car clubs or the Mecum auctions in Oklahoma and Florida.

Well, I hope some of you get down to Monterey for one or more of these events, this year or next. As I said, "automobile nirvana." Make your plans in advance. Hotels are at their all time premium for this weekend and typically want a 3 day stay, IF you can even find a vacancy somewhere. I had a regular place, a lovely Victorian BNB in Pacific Grove, that I booked every year, a year in advance. You might also try the coastal towns going North, like Seaside, or do a one day trip and either drive home, or spend the night in Santa Cruz or San Jose. Whatever you may do, these are VERY special events.

Joel Camarda

Sonoma, CA (i.e. Paradise)

SONOMA RACEWAY

RACECAR RIDES AND CHILDREN'S CHARITIES EVENT

October 1,2,3 2021

[Click here for details and agenda](#)



BENEFITING THE SONOMA CHAPTER OF THE SPEEDWAY CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

The Charity Challenge, Sonoma Raceway Oct. 1-3 2021

Spectators are FREE!

**WE RACE FOR FUN, BUT
SOMETIMES FOR A CAUSE**

RACE CAR RIDES

FOR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS STARTING AT \$75 TAKE A THRILLING 3 LAP RIDE IN A HISTORIC RACE CAR AROUND SONOMA RACEWAY. YOU NEED TO BE OVER 16, WEARING LONG-SLEEVED SHIRT OR JACKET, LONG TROUSERS, AND CLOSED-TOED SHOES. RIDES ARE SCHEDULED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS EACH DAY. COME TO THE MAIN REGISTRATION BUILDING ON THE NORTH END OF THE GARAGES TO SIGN UP AND *PLEASE* SIGN UP EARLY TO BE SURE TO GET THE CAR OF YOUR DREAMS.

[Click here for Charity Challenge Site](#)

Stay tuned. More information to come about possible SFBA MBCA participation in this event.

MBCA Event Reports SFBA at Canepas



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FIRST SUNDAY DRIVE July 10, 2021

Pescadero Creek



Donation Goal	\$4,000.00
Current Donation	\$3,220.00
% Reached	81%
Our DONORS	
Krista and Jerry	\$300.00
Janet Welter	\$500.00
Howard Davis	\$50.00
Glenn Loo	\$100.00
Garth Norton	\$250.00
Ferris Lewald	\$1,000.00
Anonymous	\$20.00
Barton & Nadine	\$500.00
John Goode	\$500.00



Meeting our Targets - We're almost there. Needs a little push!

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Event Calendar 2021

Zone	Dates	Events	Organizers
East Bay	February 7th FSD	Mountain View to Blackhawk - Danville	John Goode
North Bay	March 7th FSD	Lake Berryessa	Tim Bonifay
Reno	March 26th - 28th (Fri-Sun)	Reno Overnight Road Trip (Sections) - Calling all 4Matics	John Goode
East Bay	April 18th (Sunday)	Grand Island Mansion	Doug and Sydney
Sunol	April 25th (Sunday)	Unofficial M-B Classics and Coffee - Pilot run	Philippe/John Goode
Fort Bragg	May 8th-9th (Sat-Sun)	Napa/Skunk Train/HWY 1 Overnight Road Trip - Calling all Convertibles	John Goode
Burlingame	May 16 (Sunday)	M-B Classics and Coffee Members-only event (Zone 2)	John O'Brien/John Goode
East Bay	June 6th FSD	Lafayette to Niles through the East Bay hills and regional parks	Dr. and Mrs. Lane
Palo Alto	July 11 (Second Sunday)	Pescadero Creek through Redwoods	Carol and Darby
Scotts Valley	July 24 (Saturday)	The Canepa Motorsport Museum	Ty McConney
North Bay	August 1st (Sunday)	Marin Cheese Factory	Eva Schlosser
Millbrae	August 21 (Saturday)	Board/Members meeting - Peter's Café - event planning	The Board/Members
Danville	September 5th (Sunday)	Danville - Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve - Pleasanton?	Philippe/John Goode
Oakland	September 12th (Sunday)	Open Cockpit Days - Oakland Aviation Museum	Announcement only
Sonoma	October 3rd FSD/Event	Sonoma Raceway (Planning stage)	Joel Camarad/David Sears
Southbay	October 23rd (Saturday)	Oktoberfest Dinner at Teske's Germania	Sandor
TBA?	November 7th FSD	Route in progress (Last FSD of the year)	Adam Quintillan
East Bay	December 4th (Saturday)	Casa Bella in Sunol - Member Appreciation Holiday Banquet	The Board
	Subjected to update monthly		



Welcome New Members

Robert McClellan, Woodside
 Willie Lincoln, Lucerne
 Donald Chan, San Jose
 Patrick O'Brien, Petaluma
 Mary Sue Albanese, San Jose
 Peter Fiedler, San Jose
 Eric Eng, Oakland
 Justin Peters, San Francisco
 Simon Luong, Morgan Hill
 Brandon Wong, San Jose
 Philip Young, Saratoga
 Jimmy Cheng, Taiwan
 Paul Godfrey, Snowmass Village
 R Murphy, Watsonville
 Gregory Wilson, Santa Rosa
 Ylisa Sanford, Santa Rosa
 Gene Edwards, Santa Cruz
 Terrie Duimstra, Santa Cruz
 Karine Mallet, Mill Valley
 George Lang, Kentfield
 Peter Wu, Oakland
 Arthur Lorenzini, Walnut Creek
 Roby Jacob, Pleasanton
 Austin Bowker, Napa
 Kathryn DeSilva, Lafayette
 Howard Hoover, Lafayette



Anniversaries

15 Years

Michael Sham, San Francisco

10 Years

Stephanie Ager Kirz, Carmel
 Frank Desimone, Paso Robles
 Edmond Bedrossian, San Francisco
 Russ Britschgi, Campbell

5 Years

Sassan Behnam, Monte Sereno
 Frank DeTurris, San Jose
 Wendy Hromada, Fairfax
 Rob Colwell, Los Altos Hills

Salvatore Bruno, Fremont
Bill Sullivan, Concord
Cynthia Lohr, San Francisco
Robin Gianattassio-Malle, San Francisco
Irvin Ungar, Burlingame
Douglas Voorhies, Pacific Grove
Jody Elliott, Monterey
David Watersun, Big Sur
Pochi Huang, Taiwan

Anniversaries

For those that were not acknowledged last year

36 Years

Tracy Storer, San Francisco

21 Years

Marilyn Drews, San Mateo
Clifford Sennello, Petaluma

16 Years

Scott Laidlaw, Pleasant Hill
Robert Ernst, Camel

11 Years

Edward Barber, Belvedere
Kurt Oppenheimer, San Luis Obispo
Wolfgang Lochner, Sunnyvale
J Baker, San Luis Obispo
David Ricardo, Los Gatos

6 Years

Michael Philippi, Monterey
Charles Saylor, Walnut Creek
Wilson Tam, South San Francisco

New Members and Their Mercedes-Benz



Carol Goodrich - "Good as Gold"
I purchased my 2006 CL500 5 years ago, I have always admired the sleek design of this coupe. I do not spy many of this particular model on the road and especially not the desert gold color that I drive. I chose the personalized plates of GDAZGLD because my mother in law always replied, " Good as Gold" when I asked her how our twin sons

behaved after watching them.

Mark Essman -The Marin Man

I got into Mercedes long ago when I helped my neighbor restore his 190SL. Since then I have been hooked, but now only go for the AMG versions. I still like comfort, but performance has been part of my life since my drag racing days, so I focus on AMG's as IMHO, they offer the best bang for the buck. Right now, I own a 2009 SL63 and a 2006 C55 both modified. I just sold my 2008 CLK Black Series and am shopping for another at some point.

FYI, I do hope to be able to join the Cheese ride here in Marin County in August, and I work for the Marin Convention and Visitors Bureau. All of the cheese makers are members of ours and I know all of the Marin backroads very well, so if you need any assistance with the logistics of that drive, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if needed.



Kirk Common – 2011 E350 Cabriolet – Approved by Grandchildren



My car, 2011 E350 cabriolet. The why, Nelly, next to me in photo 2, it's a bit more than that but mostly. I always wanted an SL but... Gemma & Siena, my 5-year-old grandchildren will enjoy the back seat too.

Classified

1966 200D [Click picture for details](#)



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