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And Then There Were Three Mercedes In the Stable

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Our intent is not to blow our horn that we now have three Mercedes-Benz to divide our driving pleasure among since there are many MBCA/SFBA Section members who currently own or have owned many more.

Twenty-four years ago when JuliAnn and I purchased our first Mercedes, a 1991 350 SD, we never anticipated that one day we would own more than one at a time. Well, that changed on August 2, when we acquired a new 2014 ML 350. Since our "stable" can only accommodate two vehicles at a time, our 1996 E 300 Diesel has been relegated to the driveway to keep our 1991 420 SEL

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company (they are covered when not in use). But you ask, does the ML have the entire garage to itself? Not that she doesn't deserve it, but no, she shares it with our non-Mercedes, a spiffy little 2002 Honda S2000. I'm sure the Honda feels pretty darn good about not losing her indoor lodging.

It used to be very simple to learn how to operate all the fancy gadgets that came with our new vehicles such as cassette and cd players; cruise control; Bluetooth interface; MP3 and so on. Well, our fun is just beginning since there is a huge gap between our "newest" old Mercedes and our ML. COMMAND here we come! I have already spent three hours with her going through the printed manual and the operational instructions loaded on the hard drive and have come to the conclusion that I will probably need to live with her for several days to be able to absorb all of the wonderful features that Mercedes has to offer. JuliAnn has yet to experience this. Poor JuliAnn.

Seriously, though, we are both looking forward to learning what our new ML has to offer with the options that came with her. The one option that we did not have to read about out of the gate is the blind spot and lane keeping assist. Every new vehicle should have this feature!

Over the years, we have owned several marques including Volvo, Audi, Peugeot, and Nissan. For us, Mercedes will always be our vehicle of choice period! We will probably never own a vintage Mercedes, unless our 420 SEL or E 300 D ever reach that status. That's okay if they don't since we truly appreciate the ones we own or have owned.

One final comment. The ML is really JuliAnn's Mercedes. I just hope she lets me drive it from time-to-time.

Upcoming Activities

September 7 **First Sunday Drive**
September 20 **Blues, BBQ, and Benz**
October 5 **First Sunday Drive**



[Holiday by the Bay](#)
Santa Cruz
December 6

Classified

FOR SALE:

1973 450SL Parts

1985 300TD Wagon



1958 220S Cabriolet



2001 ML320



October 25 **Oktoberfest at Autobahn Motors**
October 26 **Annual Planning Session/Board Meeting**
December 6 **Holiday by the Bay, Mix and Mingle**

Mercedes History and Trivia



Silver Arrows

"...working through the night they produced racers with no paint at all..."

Mr. Perfection

"...the most telling example of his demand for overall excellence ... is his famous "butter test"..."

What's in a Number?

"For marketing reasons... these companies have decided that they cannot introduce newer models with smaller numbers."

2004 500E Sedan



2002 500SL



2009 SL63 AMG



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