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Message from the President

I want to thank our event leader, Sally Hinds, for starting off 2018 with a great event. Sally arranged for a tour of Moffett Field and 39 members signed up for the event. Most attending were local section members, but it even attracted the attention of our Immediate Past Western Regional Director, Allen Wrenn who is a member of the Sacramento Section. Everyone enjoyed learning about the history of Moffett Field and how it played an important role in aviation and our national defense. There were many interesting old photos, uniforms, rations and even a simulator that you could sit and have your photos taken.

This month, Dr. Barton Lane, is leading our section event at Mare Island on February 24th. We have had members sign up for this event already, so don't wait. Let's see if we can exceed January's sign up. There will be docent-led tours. The guided tour starts at St. Peter's Chapel, a wooden church that is the oldest naval chapel in the western US, and has 25 Tiffany spectacular stained glass windows. After that, the tour goes to the Admiral's House, a beautiful mansion used by the many Commandants of Mare Island when it was a major naval base. From there, we return to the Museum for a guided tour. (We can walk to most of these spots but if the weather is inclement, we will drive.) Although this ends the official 3-hour tour, further options include a visit to a WW2 Landing Support Craft (LCS), which served in Okinawa, docked nearby, and a self-guided driving tour of the rest of the island. There is a fine nature preserve with great bay views, and many photo opportunities for the club's cars. Imagine all of this local history for only \$20.00 per person. So, don't wait and go to [MotorsportReg](#) now and sign up.

2018 First Sunday Drives (FSD)

Month	Leader	Location	Region
March	Lou Piccinini	SF Movie Tour	San Francisco
April	Dan Carpenter	Seascape	South Bay
May	Chris Barker		
June	Sally Hinds		
July	Derek Nazarbegian	Redwoods	South Bay
August	Barton Lane		
September	Doug Storkovich	Marin Cheese Tour	East Bay
October	Sassan & Kouroush	Big Basin	South Bay
November	TBD		
December	No FSD due to Holiday Party		

March 4, 2018 First Sunday Drive San Francisco Movie Tour



What better way to celebrate the 90th Academy Awards on March 4th, but to tour San Francisco's movie locations. San Francisco has a rich history of being used as a backdrop over the years. We'll explore movie locations from the golden age of Hollywood to the present as we traverse various San Francisco districts. You may

2018 Events

Month	Event	Leader	Type
February	Mare Island	Barton Lane	Driving
March	To be announced		
April	Carmel, Lighthouse Tour, and Big Sur	Jim Goodacre	Driving

May	60th anniversary Show & Shine (May 12th)	Executive Board	Social
June	Monterey Winery Tour Weekend: Hotel Abrago, dinner at hotel, presentation, history of wineries, light breakfast Sunday morning, and visit several wineries	Doug Storkovich	Driving
July	Duarte Garage & Carnegie Museum	Sally Hinds	Educational
	Woodside Horse Show	Chris Barker	Social
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	Technical Travis AFB	Neff Castro Sassan & Kouroush Behnam	Technical Educational
December	Holiday Party	Executive Board	Social

have heard of all or some of these movies and even remember seeing them and others not. So dress the part and slip behind the wheel of your Mercedes-Benz and you'll be the star exploring the different locations. You never know where the next movie is being filmed. And, who knows, there may be a red carpet and an Oscar waiting!

We all know that parking in San Francisco is scarce at best, especially on the weekends. So, the meeting point will not be in the usual manner of a Starbucks or Peet's parking lot. Instead, you'll first need to pickup your coffee and breakfast snacks before we meet. There's a Starbucks, a Peet's Coffee and Noah's Bagels on Chestnut St. between Mallorca and Pierce Sts. in the Marina District, not far from our meeting point. Once you have your caffeine fix, we'll meet at the Marina Greens parking lot off Marina Blvd at 9:00 - 9:45 AM, so we are ready to depart at 10:00 AM. Once the drive begins, there won't be any rest stops as we will be driving mostly through residential areas. Also, we will do our best to caravan, however with stops signs, lights and city traffic, it may not always be possible but we'll meet at the ending point. Detailed movie locations and directions will be provided before the start of the drive.

At the conclusion of the tour in the Noe Valley district, feel free to find other members and explore local restaurants in that neighborhood or any other areas of San Francisco that intrigue you. Here are a few local restaurants.

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Regent Thai Restaurant
1700 Church St, San Francisco, CA 94131
(415) 643-5893

Eric's Restaurant - Chinese
1500 Church St, San Francisco, CA 94131
(415) 282-0919

Welcome New Members

Henry Bandet, Atherton
Louis Bokma, San Jose
Robert Keller, Orinda
Joe McCloud, Fremont
Greg Smith, Los Gatos
Janet Welter, Walnut Creek



Historic and Undiscovered Mare Island - The first United States Navy base Established on the Pacific Ocean.



This will be a joint event with the Studebaker Car Club, as our Vice-President, Dr. Barton Lane, is not only a Mercedes-Benz enthusiast, but also a member of the Studebaker Car Club. He is passionate about his vintage 1955 Studebaker Commander. Which marque will he drive to the event? The only way to find out is to register and attend!

On Saturday, February 24th at 10:00 a.m., we'll meet in front of the Mare Island Historic Park Museum (MIHPF), 1100 Railroad Avenue, (Mare Island is officially in Vallejo for the GPS), for a docent-led tour. After we meet there and register at the Museum, the guided tour starts at nearby St. Peter's Chapel. This wooden church is the oldest Naval chapel in the western US, and has 25 Tiffany spectacular stained glass windows. After that, the tour goes to the Admiral's House, a beautiful mansion used by the many Commandants of Mare Island when it was a major Naval base. From there, we return to the Museum for a guided tour. (We can walk to most of these spots but if the weather is inclement, we will drive.) Although this ends the official 3-hour tour, further options include a visit to a WW2 Landing Support Craft (LCS), which served in Okinawa, docked nearby, and a self-guided driving tour of the rest of the island. There is a fine nature preserve with great bay views, and many photo opportunities for the club's cars. Imagine all of this local history for only \$20.00 per person.

Your suggestions for club activities are always welcome!

Please feel free to contact your Officers to talk about any club-related matter!

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After the official guided tour ends, there are several no host lunch options. Those wishing to stay and continue with additional self-guided tours may want to bring a picnic lunch as the museum has indoor seating available. For those that wish to explore the many good restaurants over the bridge from Mare Island, there are several recommended restaurants that are quite good.

Sardine Can, 1 Harbor Way, Vallejo (seafood)
Zio Fraedo's, 23 Harbor Way, Vallejo (Italian)
Front Room at The Wharf, 295 Mare Island Way, Vallejo (American, waterfront views)

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