



San Francisco Bay Area Section, Mercedes-Benz Club of America
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March 2018 e-mail edition

California Coast Drive to Big Sur and Point Sur Light Station



Celebrate spring along the beautiful California coastline starting in Carmel with a group drive of Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts down to Point Sur Light Station.

On April 22nd at 10:00am, we'll all meet at Starbucks located at 3650 Rio Road in Carmel-By-The Sea, where we can gather and prepare for our adventure. At 10:30am, we'll leave for the first part of our day heading down Highway 1 to our first destination, Nepenthe Restaurant located at 48510 Highway One in Big Sur. If you've never been, then just the dining experience with the unobstructed breathtaking views of the coast and the Pacific Ocean is worth the drive down to Big Sur. There are several restaurants to explore perched along the cliffside. We estimate our arrival time to be at about 11:30 a.m. and plan to leave no later than 1:30 p.m., so we can have a relaxing lunch and enjoy the ambience. There is adequate parking at both Starbucks and Nepenthe.

Next, we'll make our way to the Point Sur Light Station, located at Point Sur State Historic Park, which is 15 minutes back towards Carmel, where we will be provided with a private three-hour tour starting at 2:00 p.m. led by two docents. We will be provided with the rich and colorful history of the lighthouse, which was built in 1889. It was a very isolated place back then. The only way to get there was a full day's horseback ride from Monterey. It was so remote of a location that supplies were brought in by ship every couple of months rather than by horse and buggy. It wasn't until 1937 when Highway 1 was built, that you could access it by automobile. There have been 15 known shipwrecks at that location. Who knows, you may even see a ghost or two while you walk amongst the original buildings built back in 1889.

The cost of the Light Station tour is only \$20.00 per person. [Click here to register](#). Sign up soon, as I'll need to let the docents know how many will be attending the tour. The last day to register is April 7th, as I need to let them know by April 8th. The lunch at Nepenthe is no host.

Remember, the weather can be unpredictable in April, so dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes, as there will be a lot of stairs and uphill climbing. No pets are allowed.

My cell phone # is 831-626-9250 in case you need to get a hold of me while we are on our days outing.





60th Anniversary Celebration!

join us

Please join us as we celebrate the
60th Anniversary of the
San Francisco Bay Area Section
Mercedes-Benz Club of America

Saturday, May 12, 2018
4:00-6:30 PM
Cocktail Reception
Mercedes Benz of Marin
540 Francisco Blvd. West
San Rafael, CA 94901
RSVP by April 22, 2018

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Please join us as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the San Francisco Bay Area Mercedes-Benz Club of America. Our section was chartered on May 12, 1958 and has been going strong for 60 years. Mercedes-Benz of Marin has partnered with us, and will be hosting a cocktail party reception from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at their dealership located at 540 Francisco Blvd. West in San Rafael. They are going all out for us! We'll have select member vehicles displayed in the showroom and other locations around the dealership. The Board will be presenting members that attend with their anniversary pins based on 5-year intervals. You'll receive notification ahead of time if you are receiving a pin. It will be an elegant event not to be missed. Wash and wax that Mercedes-Benz, put on your cocktail attire, and reserve 1 of the 75 available spots on [MotorsportReg](#). It's a perfect opportunity to reminisce and make new memories with friends. There is no charge for members as this is a section-sponsored event. See you there!

First Sunday Drive



Message
from the
President



Please note that April's FSD will be on the second Sunday of the month (4/8) because of Easter (4/1) and in order to avoid April Fool's! We don't want to be on the receiving end of any pranks in our convoy!

April's First Sunday Drive will take us from San Jose down to Seascap, through some beautiful smooth and sweeping roads. On the way, we will stop by the Calero and Uvas reservoirs to absorb the idyllic views and snap some panoramic pictures. This promises to be one of those top down or all windows and sunroof open drives, twisting and turning through country roads. We'll know we're getting closer to the Seascap resort once we start smelling the ocean breeze!

We have the option of making a reservation at the resort for a lunch, but need to gather a headcount a couple of weeks beforehand. If you're interested, please contact our FSD leader at danjcarpenter@yahoo.com. Start location to be announced.



2018 First Sunday Drives (FSD)

Month	Leader	Location	Region
April	Dan Carpenter	Seascap	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		

2018 Events

Month	Event	Leader	Type
April	Camel, 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
August	Woodside Horse Show	Chris Barker	Social
August	Camel Mission Classic	David Sears	Technical
September	Legends of the Autobahn	Sandor Drobilisch	Driving & Educational
October	Mt. Hamilton	Sandor Drobilisch	Social
October	Oktobfest - Dinner at Germania	Sandor Drobilisch	Social
November	Technical	Neff Castro	Technical
November	Travis AFB	Sassan & Kouroush Behnam	Educational

I want to thank our event leader, Dr. Barton Lane, for organizing the Mare Island tour. 24

Mercedes-Benz section members and 3 Studebaker Car Club members signed up for the event. It was a cold brisk morning and everyone was bundled up, but enjoyed learning about the history of Mare Island as we toured various points of interest. A whole day could be spent browsing through the museum.

We soon will have another very exciting event coming up this spring on April 22nd starting in Carmel-By-The-Sea and continuing down the California coastline to Big Sur for lunch at Nepenthe and a private tour of the Lighthouse Station at Point Sur State Park. You won't want to miss this event. What better way than to start the spring season with a drive the coast in your favorite Benz.

Our section's 60th Anniversary is on May 12th, and we'll be celebrating with a Cocktail Party at Mercedes-Benz of Marin. You won't want to miss this event!

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



This is St. Peter's Chapel at Mare Island. Barton Lane organized a great event for SFBA Mercedes and Studebaker Club members. Along with a dozen or so Benz's there were three classic Studies - an Avanti, a Commander and a red pickup truck (fitting because Studebaker was a wagon maker long before autos appeared).

In addition to the fabulous Tiffany stained glass in the chapel, we saw the 1900 life style at the cavernous Admiral's House.

Our tour guide Lou, a retired Navy officer, obviously enjoyed sharing his vast store of historical knowledge. Thank you, Barton!





Welcome New Members

- Rudy Albrecht, San Jose
- Bill Maker, Santa Rosa
- Eric Byrnes, Half Moon Bay
- Mark Davis, Walnut Creek
- Mark Dellamon, San Carlos
- Michael Furlong, Glen Ellen
- Na Li, Danville
- Andrew Mrozek, San Jose
- Evan Shahin, San Jose
- John Trefielo, Hollister



March FSD

For 90 years the Academy Awards has maintained its annual traditions with Celebrities walking on the Red Carpet, Pre and Post Parties and the ultimate achievement, winning an Oscar.

The San Francisco Bay Area Section had its own Oscar First Sunday Drive on March 4th. Attending members experienced a "Red Carpet" moment as their photos were taken on the Red Carpet with an Oscar in hand next to their Mercedes. After all of the Red Carpet madness subsided, these "Stars" slipped behind the wheel of their Mercedes and began exploring various film locations from the Golden Age of Hollywood through the Present as they traversed various San Francisco neighborhoods. It appeared that by end of this drive, everyone was ready for his or her "close up." Mr. Demille, where are you?

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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Sausalito



Canepa Cars and Coffee
Second Saturday Each Month
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Scotts Valley

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