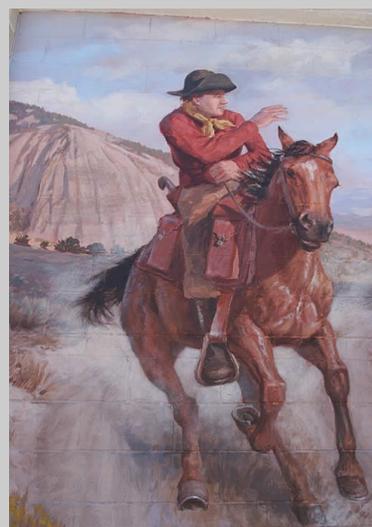




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## Ely Stampede Friday, June 2 - Sunday June 4



### Friday, June 2

We will gather at Hardman House Hotel in Carson City where a hospitality room will be available. Twenty standard rooms have been blocked; price will run \$75 for a standard room plus taxes. A free continental breakfast is included. (Participants will make their own room arrangements for this trip.)

### Saturday, June 3

The drive to Ely will start after breakfast (300 miles) on Highway 50, either in caravan or solo. There will be a lunch stop somewhere midway with potty stops as well.

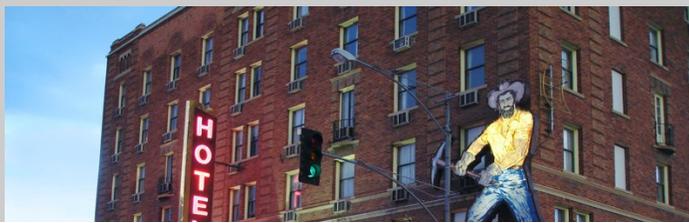
A hospitality reception will be held at the Nevada Hotel in Ely. Twenty standard rooms at \$60 plus tax have been blocked. We'll gather for dinner in a banquet room or the restaurant; prime rib or steak dinner is about \$20 plus wine, etc.

### Sunday, June 4

Drive officially ends Sunday, June 4. Various tourist sites are located nearby for those wishing to extend their stay; a caravan will leave after breakfast for the nine-hour drive back to the Bay Area.

The \$20 charge will cover refreshments, etc. [Register here.](#)

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- Friday, August 18th
- 9AM-3PM
- Nicklaus Club, 100 Pasadera Drive
- Monterey, California

Legends of the Autobahn® is an all-German marque Concours d'Elegance held at the prestigious Nicklaus Club-Monterey during Monterey, California's famed Pebble Beach Concours week. MBCA members are invited to enter their car in the judged Concours, the Silver Star Preservation Class, or the display-only corral.

In 2017, Legends of the Autobahn celebrates 50 Years of AMG with special classes dedicated to pre-merger and post-merger AMG. From the legendary Hammer to the new GT-S, spectators will be treated to an amazing display of rare high performance automobiles from Mercedes-Benz and AMG.

MBCA Members are invited to register at:  
<http://www.legendsoftheautobahn.org/>

**Volunteer at Legends!**

Be a volunteer at Legends of the Autobahn and receive an event polo shirt and boxed lunch!

Two volunteers are needed on Thursday August 17th to help mark the show field and set up the MBCA tent. Five volunteers are needed on Friday August 18th in four hour shifts - morning field placement of cars, and the afternoon trophy presentation. Contact Allen Stephens if you are interested in volunteering at 503-708-0397, or at [allen.c.stephens@gmail.com](mailto:allen.c.stephens@gmail.com)



**Upcoming Events**



First Sunday Drive - May 7, 2017

Join us as we tour Sonoma and Napa Valley with three incredible destinations. Spring is here and now is the time to take your Mercedes-Benz out for a beautiful drive through the main and back roads of wine country.

We'll begin our drive at Starbucks located in the Northgate Mall in San Rafael. After a wake up cup of coffee and mixing with fellow enthusiasts, we'll depart towards our first destination, The Olive Press and Jacuzzi Family Vineyards in Sonoma. As we pull into the parking lot, we'll approach a beautiful Tuscan Villa, making us feel as though we've been momentarily transported to Italy. At this destination, we'll be able to sample and purchase various infused olive oils and balsamic vinegars, tapenades or gourmet kitchen items at The Olive Press or walk to the opposite side of the entrance hall to Jacuzzi Family Vineyards and view their wines. Take a few minutes to tour the grounds and outdoor patio.

From here we'll proceed to our next destination, Wine Country Chocolates at Jack London Village in Glen Ellen. Here we'll be able to sample and purchase homemade chocolates that will surpass expectations. From wine infused truffles to traditional flavors, who wouldn't want to try at least one. We'll also be able to view the chocolate at work.



## Welcome New Members

Brett Alter, San Jose  
 Scott Dunlavey, Lafayette  
 Tone Esco, Salinas

Jerald Heisel, Carmel  
 Avon Kirkland, Berkeley  
 Douglas Norton, Lafayette  
 Michael Pickett, Alamo  
 Marja Schlosser, Fairfield  
 Sui Shieh, Los Altos  
 Jacob St John, San Jose  
 Heather Stretch, Diablo  
 John Weatherman, San Mateo



chocolatier at work.

As we leave Wine Country Chocolates, we'll continue through the back roads of wine county as we ascend Trinity Rd, curving its way up to the summit of the valley with beautiful views of the valley and tree covered areas. We'll turn onto the Oakville Grade, which will bring us to Hwy 29 in the Napa Valley to our final destination, Gott's Roadside in St. Helena for lunch. Mouth-watering gourmet burgers, fries and a full menu offering a variety of choices that should satisfy anyone's palate. [Click here for additional details.](#)



**What:** Automobile Photography Workshop: For Publication or Personal Use  
 Presented by Gary Anderson and Richard Simonds  
**When:** May 20, 2017 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Grant Park, 1575 Holt Ave., Los Altos  
**Cost:** \$25, includes morning coffee, orange juice and treats

If you are mystified about how to get really great images of cars to publish in your club newsletter, The Star, or for personal use, two professional photographers are leading a "hands-on workshop on automobile photography including discussion of technique, practice using your own camera, and a critique of technique." You will learn how to use your own equipment to improve the quality of your images through a combination of a PowerPoint presentation followed by practice and a review of your images. Be sure to bring your own digital camera, a connector cord or a media card (SD format) to transfer images to a computer.

- How to prepare for your images: Technical Camera Setup
  - How to capture your images: Composition and Light Control
  - How to process your images: Image Management/Editing and Printing including guidelines on getting high quality images for your newsletter or The Star
- 9:15 a.m. PowerPoint Presentation by Gary Anderson and Richard Simonds  
 10:15 a.m. Practice Session photographing two "classic" Mercedes-Benz vehicles in order to refine your camera techniques and composition  
 11:00 a.m. Review of selected images taken by participants (at your discretion)

What you need to bring:  
 Your digital camera (from Smartphone to Point & Shoot to DSLR and Owner's Manual if available)  
 Your interest in learning new techniques (from novice to advanced amateur)  
 Optional: Your tripod or speedlight/flash unit  
[Register here.](#)

### MBCA/SFBA 2017 Events

May		
7	First Sunday Drive Leaders: Loretta & Lou Piccinini	FSD
20	How to Photograph Your Car Organizers: Richard Simonds & Gary Anderson	Tech
	Concours Judging School Organizer: Richard Simonds	Tech
June		
2	First Sunday Drive - Ely, Nevada Leader: Jack Weir	FSD
17	Show & Shine - Checkered Flag Classics - 7743 Monterey St., Gilroy	Social
July		
2	First Sunday Drive Leader: TBD	FSD
15	Mechanic Session Nissi Motors - 135 Clara St., San Francisco Organizer: Andy Chan	Tech
23	MBCA/SFBA Board Meeting	Board Meeting
August		
6	First Sunday Drive Leaders: Sally Hinds & Marc Lehwald	FSD
18	Legends of Autobahn	National
18	After Legends Party - Tarp's Restaurant Organizer: Sandor Drobilisch	Social
September		
3	First Sunday Drive Leader: TBD	FSD
9	Parts Swap Meet - Nissi Motors in SF Organizer: Andy Chan	Tech
23	Night Tour of Alcatraz Organizers: Kara Pannu, Sandor Drobilisch	Social & Education
October		

1	First Sunday Drive Leader: Rico Bautista & Mike Vasquez	FSD
22	MBCA/SFBA Board Meeting & Planning Meeting	Board Meeting
November		
5	First Sunday Drive Leader: Geoff Paulsen	FSD
TBD	Open - Still Need an Event	
December		
3	Blackhawk Holiday Party Organizers: Gloria Loventhal & Lou Piccinini	Social



### Concours Judging School - May 2017

by Richard Simonds, Concours d'Elegance Judging School Instructor  
**What:** Judging School for MBCA Concours d'Elegance  
**When:** Saturday, May 20, 2017, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Grant Park, 1575 Holt Ave, Los Altos  
**Cost:** \$25 per person for judging supplies and afternoon snacks

Members who appreciate the fine design and excellent engineering of an automobile are invited to attend an MBCA Judging School offered in Los Altos. This school will provide you with the latest details about how we judge our Mercedes-Benz vehicles in an MBCA car show. Whether you are a judge who has already been trained and want a refresher course or are interested in becoming a judge for the first time, this course will prepare you to judge classic (show class) and contemporary (street class) Mercedes-Benz vehicles.

A SPECIAL NOTE TO FIRST TIME JUDGES: We will coach you, support you, and assign you to work with experienced judges while you build your own skills. This will let you experience the joy of assessing the cleanliness, condition, and originality of fine Mercedes-Benz vehicles. It's not all "technical" either, as we judge interiors and exteriors in addition to the engine and chassis. So, you can participate without being a "gearhead". In other words, women and non-technical men are very much invited to join us. We also have fun as a team working together and we help other members learn what they can do to improve their own Mercedes-Benz automobile for the next car show.

There is one big MBCA Concours d'Elegance coming up this summer: Legends of the Autobahn in Monterey (August 18, 2017). Trained judges are invited to judge at this show and any others where Mercedes-Benz is the featured marque and MBCA provides the judges.

At our judging school we first get information about judging (PowerPoint presentation and Judge's Guide), then we practice judging, and finally we gather back in the training room to discuss the experience, ask questions, and fine-tune our understandings about being a judge. We fit snacks into that whole experience, too.

[Register here.](#)



### Show & Shine

**What:** Show & Shine  
**When:** Saturday, June 17, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
**Where:** Checkered Flag Classics, 7743 Monterey St., Gilroy  
**Cost:** \$18 per car

Summer is almost here and how better to celebrate it than to wash, wax and detail your beautiful Mercedes-Benz, and participate in a Show & Shine sponsored by Checkered Flag Classics located at 7743 Monterey St. in Gilroy, on June 17th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Checkered Flag Classics is very excited to have us display our beautiful Benzes in front of the classic car showroom. Click on the link to their website and view all of the beautiful American and European vehicles

### Our Website

Check it out at: [sfba.mbca.org](http://sfba.mbca.org)

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

**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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Classic Car/Tech Event at Nissi Motors, San Francisco

**Date:** Saturday, July 15, 2017

**Time:** 9:30AM to 1PM

**Location:** 135 Clara Street, San Francisco, CA94107

**Host:** Andy Chan and Benny Lui

Have you ever thought of owning your own classic Mercedes Benz? Whether you're considering entering it in a Concours d'Elegance or for everyday use, you will be presented with guidance necessary to select the best example that would fit your criteria. Having been a multiple show winner, Andy Chan will present a series of his classic Mercedes-Benz vehicles that fit each of the following categories, namely, Concours, Collectors and Drivers condition. He will display these examples to demonstrate the various factors to consider prior to making your purchase keeping these categories in mind.

The event will then be followed by a tech session, which master technician, Benny Lui, will be open to discuss any electrical or mechanical mysteries that you might have with your Mercedes-Benz. He will point out some of the issues to be aware of when considering a used Mercedes-Benz by different model series. If time permits, participants may bring in his or her car for an instant diagnostic using various equipment at the shop to locate the root cause of the issue.

This will be a casual get together event for every Mercedes-Benz enthusiast to enjoy.

Light breakfast, coffee and drinks will be served.

Event fee \$10.00

[Register here.](#)

### For Sale



2000 S430 4-door Sedan



## Local Shops

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That said, there might be certain situations where a repair may not be covered. For example, if you or your mechanic replaced a belt improperly and your engine is damaged as a result, your manufacturer or dealer may deny responsibility for fixing the engine under the warranty. However, according to the FTC, the manufacturer or dealer must be able to demonstrate that it was the improper belt replacement — rather than some other defect — that caused the damage to your engine. The warranty would still be in effect for other parts of your car.



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