



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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**The fall is here! It is amazing how time flies and how many enjoyable events we have done the past nine months. Q4 might be hectic for most of us with the holidays coming up; however, we're not skipping a beat on our activities for the rest of the year. In October, we will have two exciting events - Sonoma Vintage Car Races, chanting on the sideline for the racers zooming by, and supporting the Speedway Children's Charities at the same time. We certainly can't miss the Oktoberfest festivity as we're all driving the fine German-designed**

**Mercedes-Benz vehicles. Please come and enjoy great beer, delicious food, socialize with amazing friends in a casual dining atmosphere at Harry's Hofbrau.**

**In November, Adam Quintilian will be leading our last FSD of the year. Adam joined the section recently and he is very energetic, active, and supportive of our events. The November FSD will be his first leading; he emailed me and asked what to do if rains. I replied, no worries, our members will show up, rain or shine!**

**December 4th will be our big day - we've approximately 40 members, family, and friends who have signed up at this time. Our goal is to reach 100 guests or more for this big event; I have no doubt we will reach that number of guests before the registration closes at the end of November. Besides the abundant food and drinks in a banquet buffet style, we will be making announcements and presenting 5-year anniversary pins (intervals from 2020 and 2021) in person for the section members who are active and have attended the banquet and other exciting programs. Wouldn't it be great to finish the year and celebrate with our section friends and family on this big day?**

**I want to personally thank our members for supporting our section with their generous donations; we're just shy of \$300 before reaching our donation goal of \$4,000. Thank from the bottom of my heart to all who donated, volunteered, and/or participated in our members-only events. Looking back, we've accomplished so much together with so little time – Thank you!**

## **October 1,2,3**

### **SONOMA RACEWAY**

#### **HISTORIC RACES, RACECAR RIDES AND CHILDREN'S CHARITIES EVENT**

**October 1,2,3 2021**

**First Sunday Drive from Burlingame to Sonoma Oct 3**



**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.

First Sunday Drivers will meet in Burlingame for the drive to Sonoma.

[Click Here for Details and Registration](#)

[Click here for Charity Challenge Site](#)

## October 23rd, Oktoberfest, 5:00 to 8:00 pm



We will have our private lounge at **Harry's Hofbrau at Redwood City**, no RSVP, no host dinner, and Bavarian attire is optional!

Good food, great beer, and socializing with fantastic SFBA members...

**No need to say more!**

## 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](#)



## FSD September 2021 Camino Tassajara



Der 5. September war ein herrlicher Tag für die Mercedes-Fahrt, obwohl es etwas heiß war. Since we are driving German Mercedes cars, I thought I would begin in German. However, for those who are language challenged, here it is in English: “The 5th of September was a splendid day for the Mercedes drive, although it was rather hot.” The drive was superbly organized by Philippe Do Carmo, who drove his magnificent 1967 250S Mercedes, similar to the one I once owned. Forty persons and four dogs came in thirty automobiles, most of which were Mercedes, ranging from the 250 S to a C63S AMG Twin Turbo and lots in between including my CLK55 AMG. Even so, we were joined by several non-Mercedes autos, which included a beautifully restored 1957 Ford Thunderbird, a couple of hot Corvettes, and, lo and behold, a Lamborghini Gallardo. Philippe’s tour took us through Danville and the backcountry of the East Bay to Pleasanton over some very hilly and windy bucolic roads, before making a stop midpoint at Las Positas College for a group photo. Fortunately, we were all provided with driving instructions complete with mileage. This was very important as many of us were stopped by red lights on the way and the leaders were no longer visible. From the college, we proceeded to Pleasanton where Philippe introduced us to an excellent Japanese restaurant for lunch and a marvelous patisserie for coffee and their special pastries afterward. It was a fun day with great participation. -by David Meinhardt

[Click here for Album](#)

# Visit to Scott Grundfor Restorations

## Classic Mercedes Restoration Shop in Arroyo Grande



Scott Grundfor Restorations is a world class shop that has produced many masterpiece restorations of Mercedes classics over the years. Check the July/August 2010 edition of the Star for an in-depth article on a 540K restoration they did.

I have always been curious about a restoration shop in rural Arroyo Grande, so on a recent trip to Southern California we gave them a call and received a gracious invitation from Drew Grundfor to stop by for a visit. What we found was not only a world class restoration shop, but a beautiful sanctuary for orphaned horses, and winery producing a first-class Shiraz. The album linked below shows just a fraction of the notable and unique Mercedes in their shop, and we have an invitation to return in the future. - David Sears



[For additional photos, click here.](#)

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



## Event Calendar 2021

Dates	Events	Organizers
February 7th FSD	Mountain View to Blackhawk - Danville	John Goode
March 7th FSD	Lake Berryessa	Tim Bonifay
March 26th - 28th (Fri-Sun)	<b>Reno Overnight Road Trip (Sections) - Calling all 4Matics</b>	John Goode
April 18th (Sunday)	Grand Island Mansion	Doug and Sydney
April 25th (Sunday)	Unofficial M-B Classics and Coffee - Pilot run	Philippe/John Goode
May 8th-9th (Sat-Sun)	<b>Napa/Skunk Train/HWY 1 Overnight Road Trip - Calling all Convertibles</b>	John Goode
May 16 (Sunday)	M-B Classics and Coffee Members-only event (Zone 2)	John O'Brien/John Goode
June 6th FSD	Lafayette to Niles through the East Bay hills and regional parks	Dr. and Mrs. Lane
July 11 (Second Sunday)	Pescadero Creek through Redwoods	Carol and Darby
July 24 (Saturday)	The Canepa Motorsport Museum	Ty McConney
August 1st (Sunday)	Marin Cheese Factory	Doug and Sydney
<b>August 21 (Saturday)</b>	<b>Board/Members meeting - Peter's Café - events planning</b>	<b>The Board/Members</b>
September 5th (Sunday)	Danville - Camino Tassajara - Pleasanton	Philippe Do Carmo
October 3rd FSD/Event	Sonoma Raceway	Joel Camarad
October 23rd (Saturday)	Oktoberfest Dinner at Harry's Hofbrau (Private Room)	Sandor Drobilisch
November 7th FSD	Route in progress (Last FSD of the year)	Adam Quintillan
<b>December 4th (Saturday)</b>	<b>Casa Bella in Sunol -Member Appreciation Holiday Banquet</b>	<b>The Board</b>

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### Welcome New Members

Paul Clark, Fremont  
 Mark Guilday, Pleasant Hill  
 Timothy Silva, San Francisco  
 JN Piszczek, Vallejo  
 Froilan Mercado, Gillroy  
 Hsintai Lin, Carmel



### Anniversaries

#### 35 Years

George Hansen, Walnut Creek  
 James Williams. Corral De Tierra

### 30 Years

Claudius Anwander, Zurich

### 25 Years

Stephen Brown, Tiburon

### 20 Years

Omy Ronquillo Fremont

### 15 Years

David Mehlhoff, San Jose

### 10 Years

Raymond Green, Benicia

Stephen Gross, Discovery Bay

### 5 Years

Dario Lacerda, Campbell

Wayne Renken, San Jose

## New Members and Their Mercedes-Benz

### Frank Deturris

A nice looking and reliable (310,000 miles and going...) 560 SEC by my side!



### Peter Fiedler, R107 500SL-Inherited by Admiration!

The above picture is me, Peter Fiedler from San Jose, Ca. and my German "panzerwagen" I am a new member at the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. I am originally from Germany and came 2014 to US about a beautiful Lady, which is now my wife.

I was born and raised in a small Village near Böblingen, the Mercedes Benz City. About half of the People from my small town was working for the Mercedes Benz Company, the other half for the Robert Bosch GmbH. I started my Career at the Bosch Company, and later I was an electrical engineer.

When I came to US, I met a very nice guy, and we became close Friends. This

friend had a very nice Mercedes Benz R107 500SL German Version in his Garage. When I saw this car, I immediately fall in love with this amazing piece of German engineers artwork. I was helping my friend Bill a lot to remodel his house, and after some time he said: you are so amazed by this German car, I give it to you as a gift. This is in short the Story, how I got my dream car.

## Gary Pieroni – Back to the Future - 1981 240D



I admired and wanted a Mercedes Benz 240D since I was in high school. Unfortunately, it was way too expensive to be my first car at the time. I knew that the 240D was recognized as the standard for all other contemporary diesel passenger cars given its mechanical robustness, legendary reliability, sports-car handling, and absolute ride comfort. I also liked its “solid” chiseled look and getting excellent gas mileage was

everything back then.

Fast forward 41 years later and I am at Legends of the Autobahn for the first time in Carmel Valley. ...[\(Click here to download article.\)](#)

## Coming Soon Mercedes All-Electric E-Class Sedan

by Ali Turner, **Sierra Nevada Section**, Reporter for the Automotive Industry



Mercedes®-Benz is charging up, excuse the pun, to release a new all-electric sedan called the EQE. Spy shots show that it will be slightly smaller than the current Mercedes-Benz E-class sedan, and will act as the electric counterpart to the gas-powered model. As we reported in late 2020, the new E-class line is

part of the German luxury carmaker's plan to more fully embrace the electrification of its fleet.

In April 2021, we were given a glimpse of the EQE when Mercedes took it for test laps around the Nürburgring. More recently, however, anxious automotive reporters were given more intelligence as Mercedes has released a new video that shows the EQE back at the German track for further testing.

The EQE will have two electric motors, located in the front and back, which will enable all-wheel drive, as well as different battery size options. While we don't know the specifics yet, we can imagine that the all-electric powertrain will be similar to the Mercedes-Benz EQC, which generates 403 horsepower and 564 lb.-ft. of torque. Being that it's similar to its EQC sibling, the EQE will likely be faster, and could perhaps go from zero to 60 mph in less than five seconds.

Mercedes employs a flat, platform-type architecture for the EQE, which will also be adapted for future vehicles of all sizes. The EQE will have some standard touches, such as a traditional trunk lid with an integrated brake light. Also, we can expect the EQE body to have a smooth, closed-off grill, sleek lighting elements, and aerodynamic bumpers. The interior cabin will resemble a Mercedes S-Class, so comfort will not be spared.

As if we were not already excited about the Mercedes EQE, there have also been patents filed in Europe, which hint at an AMG version of the electric sedan. These trademarks have the monikers of EQE 43, EQE 53, and EQE 63, and new spy shots have officially hit the internet. The AMG-tuned prototype show the electric sedan to be quite similar to its non-AMG counterpart, except for orange brake calipers, chunky wheels, and typical AMG front fascia. The perforated and ventilated front discs also hint at a more powerful powertrain, rumored to deliver more than 500 horsepower.

The EQE is based on the same dedicated EV platform found in the Mercedes EQS, which allows the driver to add around 150 miles of charging in 15 minutes. Just like with the EQS, AMG plans to add its own wiring harness to the EQE. AMG will also outfit the vehicle with its own tuning for the suspension and brakes, including an AMG-exclusive brake energy recovery system that is modeled after F1 vehicles. Called i-Booster, this system will combine energy recovery with hydraulic braking to ensure a predictable brake feel on the road.

As usual, Mercedes-AMG are tight-lipped about the performance version, but we hope to learn more as we get closer to the EQE's release date. We expect the new EQE to arrive in American showrooms in late 2022, but hopefully Mercedes will provide more details soon when it is debuted at the Frankfurt Auto Show in September. The AMG version might not arrive until the following summer, making it a 2023 model. Similarly, we aren't positive on what the price tag will be, but interested consumers can expect to put down around \$65,000 when it goes on sale. •••

**[Click here for Mercedes EQE video](#)**

## **Classified**

**Do you have a Mercedes-Benz you would like to sell to an appreciative**

buyer?

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