



San Francisco Bay Area Section, Mercedes-Benz Club of America  
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### USS Hornet Museum Tour

June 22, 2019 10:00 a.m.



The SFBA MB Club is proud to offer an informative and exciting docent-led group tour of the historic USS Hornet aircraft carrier, now permanently docked at the former Alameda Naval Air Station. Historically, the Hornet (CV-12) is the 8th US Naval craft to be named Hornet; she was put into service in 1943 and served in the WW2 South Pacific campaigns, include the Palau, Truk, New Guinea and Marinas Islands battles. After WW2 she was re-activated for the Korean War, and in the 1960's was the carrier that recovered the Apollo 11 and 12 astronauts after they returned from the moon. Designated as a National Historic Landmark, she features many WW2 and later static aircraft displays, along with exhibits from the Apollo NASA moon program.

We will tour the flight deck, hangar deck, and first deck with a docent; the tour usually lasts 2-3 hours, but members are welcome to stay on and explore exhibits at leisure. Lunch afterwards will be on your own; there are hotdogs and hamburgers etc. available at a concession stand on the Hanger Deck, but there are several nice restaurants including a couple of brew-houses nearby on the base and in the city of Alameda.

The address of the museum is 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3, Alameda Point, Alameda CA 94501; there is unlimited free parking nearby the ship. We will all meet as a group at the foot of the gangway at 10am. As it is an actual naval vessel, the access is by a steep gangway; throughout the ship are ladders, low overhangs, and high thresholds; wheelchair access is extremely limited.

Cost is \$15 p/p. Register at [motorsportreg.com](http://motorsportreg.com)

For further Hornet information, visit website: [www.uss-hornet.org](http://www.uss-hornet.org)

Tour Organizer: Dr. Barton Lane, [blane@stanford.edu](mailto:blane@stanford.edu) 650-888-8952



Our holiday party has been scheduled for **Saturday, December 7** at the Blackhawk Museum. It will be brunch with bottomless champagne. This party was a huge success the last time we were there in 2017.

Gloria Loventhal has secured the venue and negotiated the catering contract, but we need a volunteer to take over the planning. Please contact Mikey (619-734-1529) if you are willing to step up!



Hello everyone,  
Well June, 2019 is here, we are half way thru this fantastic year...

Mercedes-Benz is building more cars and faster cars. The Mercedes-AMG GT 4-Door is already pretty fast, but Mercedes may be planning an even faster version. Auto-car reports that the GT 4-Door will get a plug-in hybrid powertrain anchored by a twin-turbocharged V8 that makes an impressive 805hp that is eight hundred and five horsepower. The British magazine published purported spy photos of this car, expected to be dubbed Mercedes-AMG GT 73 4Matic, undergoing testing. AMG may have other high-performance plug-in hybrids in the pipeline as well. The plug-in hybrid powertrain could be a production version of the one used in the original GT concept from the 2017 Geneva Motor Show, according to Auto-car. That car married a plug-in hybrid system with the 4.0-liter twin-turbocharged V8 used in numerous current Mercedes-AMG models. It also had all-wheel drive (4Matic, in Mercedes speak) so the production version will likely have that, too. Auto-car predicts an electric-only range of 31 miles, based on European testing only, US models could go longer but it's used for boost mostly, not driving electrically. Mercedes trademarked three "73" model names - G73, GLS73, and S73 - in Europe in 2017, and Canada and 2018, notes Auto blog. That means additional models could be slated to get the 805-hp plug-in hybrid powertrain after the AMG GT 4-Door. Mercedes may also use that powertrain in the next-generation SL, according to Auto blog. Mercedes fans know that the automaker previously used the "73" designation for the R129-generation SL73 AMG, which was produced from 1999 to 2001 and boasted a 7.3-liter V12 (this was back when Mercedes model names corresponded to engine displacement). That engine was also used in the Pagani Zonda supercar. The Pagani Zonda is a mid-engine sports car produced by the Italian sports car manufacturer Pagani. It debuted at the 1999 Geneva Motor Show, and production ended in 2019 with the Zonda Zun. The addition of "73" plug-in hybrid models to the lineup would add yet another layer to the Mercedes-AMG hierarchy. In recent times, AMG has mostly moved down market with entry-level "43" variants, the "53" mild-hybrid models, and two tiers of compact performance models. But powerful plug-in hybrids would pull AMG back in the other direction, and bring it back to its roots of prioritizing Big Bonkers power above all else.



I have not heard the final numbers yet, but I'm very certain the club has been gaining members, and we are holding fast as a productive and financially fit club. Hope to see many of you at the next general meeting at Vittorio's in San Carlos on July 28. Please feel free to come and voice your opinion on club matters. We welcome all our members to our meetings and have had great turn out this year.

And be sure to make this your best day yet!

Mikey V.

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**First Sunday Drive**  
**July 7**  
**Save the Date**

**Legends of the Autobahn**





For our July First Sunday Drive we will repeat an old favorite, a drive in the Delta which will take us on two short and free water rides - the Delta Ferries - connecting islands in the region...no Dramamine required.

We will end our drive in the historic Chinese community of Locke with lunch at Al The Wop's dive.

To get to the ferries, we'll start at a coffee shop in Concord, and travel over Marsh Creek road through the town of Clayton and around Mt. Diablo and then on to and across the Antioch bridge and then along the River Road paralleling the Sacramento River. More details later, but be sure to save the date...this drive has met with rave reviews in the past, and the weather and views promise to be outstanding!

### 2019 Events Calendar

Month	Date	Event	Who	Type
June	22	USS Hornet	Barton	Social, Ed.
July	28	Board Meeting		
		Detailing Your Car	Doug & Sydney	Technical
	21	Hillsborough Concours		Social
August	16	Legends of the Autobahn		Driving, Tech.
	16	Monterey Yacht Club Dinner		Social
September	TBD	Napa Wine Tasting	Mikey	Social
	TBD	Chocolate Factory Tour	Harry	Social, Ed.
October	27	Planning Meeting		
	TBD	Oktoberfest	Sandy	Social
November	TBD	Technical	Mikey	Technical
December	7	Holiday Party		Social

### 2019 First Sunday Drive Schedule

Month	Who	Where
July	Bill Manson	TBD
August	Sally & Mark	TBD
September	Marshall	TBD
October	Carol & Darby	Davenport
November	Mikey	TBD

### Welcome New Members

Robert Dimayuga, Pleasanton  
 Philippe do Carmo, Pleasanton  
 Philip Hotchkiss, San Carlos  
 William Kopper, Walnut Creek  
 Sebastien Leprince, San Mateo  
 Madan Menon, Santa Clara  
 John Reininga, Healdsburg  
 Coastal Triathlon, Golden

Legends of the Autobahn, the all-German Concours, returns to Monterey Car Week on August 16<sup>th</sup>. San Francisco Bay Area section members are invited to display a Mercedes-Benz at this must-see event! For 2019, the Mercedes-Benz Club of America celebrates 30 years of the R129 models and 125 years of Mercedes-Benz motorsports.

Legends of the Autobahn will this year welcome RADwood-the car show that blends period correct dress with automotive awesomeness. RADwood will bring its unique style and host a large corral at Legend's that is open to all European cars and bikes from 1980-1999 that capture the essence of a bodacious era.

SF Bay Area Section Corral: A display corral has been added for SF Bay Area Section members! To sign up, select Display Corral, and then the SF Bay Section Corral during registration. As with previous events, Legends of the Autobahn event also features a judged Concours and a Silver Star Preservation class.

To register your Mercedes-Benz, visit <https://mbca.org/legends>

**Volunteers Needed! Become a volunteer at Legends and you will receive a complimentary lunch and official Legends T-shirt!** We need 8 volunteers to assist with set up, registration, field placement, and scoring. See below for details:

- **Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup>:**
  - **Field Set up, Noon to 3PM.** Help mark off the show field and set up the MBCA Club Tent. Box lunch provided.
  - **Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>:**
    - **Front Gate Check in, 6AM-9AM:** Provide wrist bands to car owners as they enter the golf club and direct them to the registration area.
    - **Registration Table, 6AM-9AM:** Pass out registration packets to MBCA members as they enter the show field.
    - **Field Placement, 6AM-9AM:** Direct Classic Mercedes-Benz vehicles onto the show field.
    - **Scoring, 11AM-1PM:** Assist our Chief Judge with tabulation of score sheets and running score sheets from show field to scoring room.

Are you able to volunteer? Contact Allen Stephens at [allen.c.stephens@gmail.com](mailto:allen.c.stephens@gmail.com) or 503-708-0397

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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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### Other Events of Interest



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### 1991 560SEC



1991 Mercedes 560SEC, Smoke Silver/Parchment, 54,000 miles on odometer but the actual mileage may be more, second or third owner according to the person from whom I purchased it, exterior is a 9, interior is a 9.5, late car with traction control, all maintenance up to date, climate control converted to 143a and has new AC compressor and lines, everything works as new. Runs and drives great. New Michelins. Always garaged during the three years of my ownership. Robert Hynote, [hynote@msn.com](mailto:hynote@msn.com), 707-294-7822. Located in Napa. Call or email for pictures. \$15,000 OBO.

### Our Website

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- Upcoming Events
- How to Get Involved
- Members Recommend Non-club Events
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