



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

Hulking three-row SUVs are a product of America, a huge shiny mirror that reflects all of our excesses and immodesties. Several classic big utility vehicles-the Cadillac Escalade and the Lincoln Navigator among them-are, fittingly, produced by Detroit carmakers. But foreign companies have been studying the art of the luxury hauler, and the Mercedes-Benz GLS-class proves that those efforts are paying off. The 2019 Mercedes-Benz GLS-class is a stylish, spacious, and dynamically sound take on a family SUV. It may not have as much cargo space as a GMC Yukon XL, but there's no denying the touch of glamour that a three-pointed star brings to a vehicle. The GLS-class feels much smaller than its size on the road; it's surprisingly quick and nimble, and, unlike many others in the class, it isn't onerous to park. Those are the qualities that helped the GLS claim another 10 Best Trucks and SUVs award, and since it's virtually unchanged for 2019, it remains at the top of the class. An all-new GLS-class will hit the market before the end of the year as a 2020 model.

In an effort to drive September MY19 GLS450 sales, Fleet Operations is excited to announce a new program with Costco. Members of Costco are eligible to generate a certificate allowing them to receive a \$5,500 discount along with a \$1,500 Costco "Shop Card" with the purchase a 2019 GLS 450 SUV. The certificate must be generated by 9/30/2019 and may be redeemed until 10/31/2019.

You must be a Costco Member. You do not have to be a MBCA Member. So your friends and family qualify for the program also, just a note to let everyone know that there is a great deal of money to be saved at Mercedes Benz this year. I hope everyone has a great October and has a wonderful Halloween.

I will look forward to seeing everyone at the Board Meeting. I will be in the Philippines from Oct. 1 thru Oct. 14th so if I don't get back to you please call the appropriate person in charge. See the directory. Thank you all for being Loyal to our Brand and remember "The Best or Nothing".

Michael Vasquez
President

First Sunday Drive October 6 - Davenport



History of the town of Davenport

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A whaling captain named John Pope Davenport settled at El Jarro Point, about half a mile from today's town, in 1867. Davenport built a 400-foot wharf at the mouth of Agua Puerca Creek ("aguja puerca" translates to "muddy water"). This wharf was built to load the lumber brought down from the hills for shipment to Santa Cruz. A small village grew up around the port and was known as Davenport Landing. The local post office began operations in 1874.

Today the little town of Davenport has three restaurants, two art galleries and the Bonny Doon wine tasting room. A beautiful century old Catholic church, ST Vincent de Paul is around the corner and up the road from our destination, the Davenport Roadhouse (inn and restaurant). Our journey should take between 2 and 2.5 hours.

To get started let us:

Meet outside of the STARBUCKS, 80 Cabrillo Highway (Highway 1), Half Moon Bay, (next door to Subway) in a little shopping center at the intersection of Hwy 92 and Hwy 1, meet in time to depart at 10 a.m., Sunday, October 6th, 2019 to drive along curving roads dappled with sunshine filtering through majestic Redwoods.

We will head out, EAST on HWY 92, for six miles, to SKYLINE BLVD (HWY 35), and then turn RIGHT, heading SOUTH on SKYLINE BLVD (HWY 35), for twenty miles to HWY 9.

At HWY 9, we will turn RIGHT, SOUTH toward SANTA CRUZ, for twenty miles passing through the little town of BOULDER CREEK, with a possible pit stop at COFFEE 9 café in the quaint village of BEN LOMOND. The parking lot is unpaved but there is also parking along the street.

Motoring on to FELTON, we will turn RIGHT at the Chevron Station on to FELTON EMPIRE ROAD (which will turn into ICE CREAM GRADE), for six miles, turning LEFT at the "T" intersection, PINE FLAT ROAD. PINE FLAT ROAD becomes BONNY DOON ROAD. Follow that to the coast, going straight across EMPIRE GRADE ROAD, approximately twelve miles to HWY 1.

We will turn RIGHT onto HWY 1, for another mile or so to the town of DAVENPORT. The DAVENPORT ROADHOUSE (www.davenportroadhouse.com) is on the right. There is parking behind the roadhouse, as well as, next to it in the SLOW COAST lot. Or along the residential streets. A gift shop and saloon are on the premises.

Other dining options in town:

CEMITAS 1, 500 Cabrillo Hwy (Hwy 1) Mexican cuisine. www.cemitas1.com

WHALE CITY BAKERY, 490 Cabrillo Hwy (Hwy 1) American Bistro. www.whalecitybakery.com

If you are heading home northbound you can turn right onto Hwy 1 from the restaurant and stay on that all the way to SF.

POINTS OF INTEREST HEADED NORTH:

Ano Nuevo State Park - Elephant Seal Viewing - left side of Hwy 1, 11 miles north of Davenport.

Highway One Brewing Company - right side, bottom of a grade, 16 miles from Davenport, a dining option.

Pigeon Point Lighthouse - left side of Hwy 1, 17 miles from Davenport.

The funky little town of Pescadero -after 23 miles turn right and travel 2 miles east of Hwy 1

Arata's fun and challenging Corn Maze- right side, 32 miles north of Davenport.

Bob's Produce Road Stand, locally sourced and some organic produce - right side, 33 miles from Davenport.

And before you know it you are back in Half Moon Bay at our point of origin.

MBCA Central Cal Section MYSTERY TOUR NOVEMBER 1st - 3rd, 2019 ? ? ?

For those who have not been on one before, the trips are all different and a lot of fun. For those that have been on one or more of these events, they know that the slots go quickly, since it is limited to 15 cars/30 participants.

A working CB radio is required, so the group can keep in touch, and the banter between the cars is interesting.

The cost of the trip is \$650 per couple. It will cover all costs for the 3 days. Two nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, all events, venues, and entrance fees.

We need a deposit of \$150 ASAP no later than October 1st in order to hold the rooms. We will need the remaining \$500 no later than October 15th to let the restaurants and venues know the final count. Please mail checks (made out to MBZ Club Central California Section) to Kathryn Spilivo, 4800 N Van Ness Blvd., Fresno CA 93704.

There will be a no-host Pre-Mystery Tour Dinner on Thursday, November 31st, at Sequoia Brewing Restaurant, 1188 E Champlain Dr (at Perrin Ave) at 6:00 pm in the Woodshed annex.

We will meet at Starbucks at 7010 N Marks Ave, Fresno at 7:00 am on Friday, November 1st.

If you have any questions, call or e-mail Kathryn (559-289-0578) [kaspliv@gmail.com](mailto:kaspiliv@gmail.com) or Mike (559-916-0715) mspliv@gmail.com

This is an approved Western Region event.

OCTOBERFEST



2019 Events Calendar

Month	Date	Event	Who	Type
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October 6, 2019

3:00 PM - ???

Month	Date	Event	Who	Type
September	20	Napa Wine Tasting	Eva	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

3.00 P.M. - 7:15
Harry's Hofbrau
1909 El Camino Real
Redwood City

Welcome New Members

Ray Chu, San Francisco
Al Johansen, Novato
James Mahern, Vallejo
Harry Parashis, Carmel
Jay Parashis, Redwood City
Leonard Repond, San Leandro
Izaiah Tilton, San Jose



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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2019 First Sunday Drive Schedule

Month	Who	Where
October	Carol & Darby	Davenport
November	Mikey	TBD

For Sale

2011 E550 Wheels



Set of 4 stock wheels from a 2011 E Convertible 550. These appear to be almost new as the original owner switched over to some custom wheels. They appear to be 18 inch. The stamp on the inside of the wheels is 85J X 18 H 2. There is another stamp: SL 2115. Made in Italy ... also stamped. Look perfect.

Best offer. Joe Webb 650-851-8284. Woodside, California

1983 300D



Blue/Tan, 165K miles

The car runs and drives perfectly and has no rust. This is probably one of the only single-owner 300D's you can still find - my grandfather purchased the car new in 1983 and I inherited it from him a few years ago. I have records going back to the original purchase, the car has never been in an accident, and it's been housed in a covered garage its entire life. In the past 9 months I've changed the oil, installed new fuel filters and injector hoses, replaced the brakes, and put in a brand new audio system. The tires are also in great shape. The exterior and interior are both in excellent condition. There is a small dent in the back right door - this will be fixed by the time I sell the car. The paint on the trunk is also a bit aged. This 300D features the highest European trimmed leather interior, climate control A/C, heat, power sunroof, power windows, and power side mirror. The turbo and engine perform smoothly as well as the transmission which shifts seamlessly. With only 165k meticulously maintained miles, she has the potential to drive north of 500k miles and beyond with regular maintenance. These cars are legendary for this. [You can see more photos here.](#)

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1979 450SL



Other Events of Interest





Biscotti and Cars
First Saturday Each Month
Sausalito



1979 Mercedes Benz 450 SL Roadster All original silver exterior, black interior, black soft top in perfect condition. California garaged car, non smoker, driven regularly, a real cruiser, good condition overall. V8 engine, 3 speed auto transmission, cruise control. Mechanically well maintained original vehicle, all services performed by MBZ mechanics. Clean title w/smog certificate, manuals, tools, spare tire and service records available. Newer tires, new AC/Heater, Pioneer CD, tape, radio. Updated wheel rims, new brake discs & rotors, water pump and power steering pump. Driver window and Master lock system disabled, original keys lock car and trunk. Original leather seats are worn. Millage odometer at 87750, actual mileage estimated at 115,000 VIN 10704412052526 \$5000 or best offer. [Click here for more photos.](#)

Call 831-662-2804, or email gpaul@got.net for more info and photos

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