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Lost & Found!

Please contact [Rich & Saron Pescatore](#) if you may have left your sunglasses at their home when attending our Annual Planning meeting in October. Also, Sharon is thankful for the spoon left behind too, but if you want to return it to your collection, please give her a call!





Christmas Luncheon Party!

Join us for our 2016 Christmas Party! This event has been highly rated by our membership for over three decades! You'll regret not attending, meeting your fellow members, and taking home one of the outlandish gifts from the exchange! Bring your car to show in the parking lot!

Sunday 12:30pm

December 18th, 2016

San Luis Obispo Country Club

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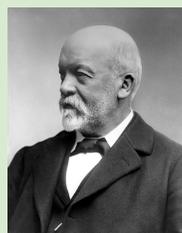
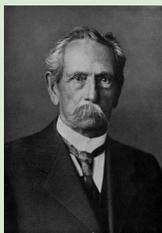
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[Our Section on the Web!](#)



R-L; Karl Benz, 1886 Patentwagen, Gottlieb Daimler

President's Message

Rich and I recently drove to El Dorado Hills, Ca for a Mercedes Benz Leadership Conference hosted by Allen Wrenn, Director of Western Region. The meeting was great because we met some of the officers of various sections in our region, learned about getting and retaining new members, and more. We made a trip of it going to Monterey to see friends, then Palo Alto to attend a 20-year reunion at the old Ford Aerospace (now SSL), and then on to El Dorado Hills near Sacramento. We shared the driving, but the whole way all I could think of is, I want a Mercedes Benz autonomous car! I know, there are a million problems to be solved until it's viable but I'm ready NOW. I won't miss the stopping and starting in grid locked California freeways, or the long, boring driving in the hills away from the big cities. When I drive, I can't look out the window and sight-see, I can't read, or let my mind wander. I must be in the now, focused, ready to brake or turn or well, drive. On top of that as I get older, my reflexes just aren't as sharp, nor is my eyesight. Like I tell my husband, "The old gray mare, she ain't what she used to be!"

Look Mom, no hands! Mercedes started work on the autonomous car (or living space) in 1994 as explained in their video at [MB autonomous-driving](#). The new 2017 Mercedes-Benz E-Class has a semi-autonomous Drive Pilot system (below on left), that while not perfect, will most of the time make driving a breeze. You must check in at least once a minute by grabbing the steering wheel, and remaining vigilant and ready to take if the computer malfunctions. The Mercedes-Benz F 015 Luxury in Motion is a 2030+ research vehicle (below on right) that "Above and beyond its mobility function, this scenario perceives the motor car as a private retreat that additionally offers an important added value for society at large."



According to [fastcompany](#) in a recent study, "Emerging Technologies: Autonomous Cars—Not If, But When," IHS Automotive forecasts that "the price for the self-driving technology will add between \$7,000 and \$10,000 to a car's sticker price in 2025, a figure that will drop to around \$5,000 in 2030 and about \$3,000 in 2035, the year when the report says most self-driving vehicles will be operated completely independent from a human occupant's control." IHS predicts "that annual autonomous vehicle sales between 2025 and 2035 will jump from 230,000 to 11.8 million. That's about 9% of all the world's auto sales in 2035. Seven million of those 11.8 million vehicles will rely on a mix of driver input and autonomous control, with the remaining 4.8 million vehicles relying entirely on computers to get around. Combined with vehicles from previous model years, IHS also forecasts that there will be 54 million autonomous vehicles on the road by 2035. When will sales of autonomous cars outnumber those of conventional cars? IHS expects this tipping point to occur by 2050. By then, IHS says the majority of vehicles sold and those in use are likely to be autonomous, with conventional vehicles becoming increasingly rare."

I hope they hurry up! The sooner the better for me. ~Yvonne

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**Save
These
Dates!**



**Come
Join
Us!**

Events Calendar:

December 2016

[Christmas Party Luncheon - Sunday, 18th, 12:30pm](#)

Contact: Phil & Kathy Keys (805) 547-1715

January 2017

[Garage Tour - New Year's Day](#)

Contact: Bob Blair (805) 489-9171

February 11, 2017

[Membership Appreciation Rally & Luncheon](#)

Contact: Sally Kruger (805) 544-2002

No 2017 Regional Events Listed at Publication

***To host or suggest an event, please contact
Rich Leamon, our Activities Chairperson.
(805) 771-8587***



Marrgo & Gennaro (L & R Outer)
Gary Grunwald (Left Center)
President Yvonne (Right Center)



Rich Pescatore
"Chef Extraordinaire"



"Mingling Members"
Enjoying the Food!

2016 Annual Corporate and



Planning Meeting

Reported by Sharon Pescatore

Our Annual Planning Meeting was held Sunday, October 9, 2016 at Rich and Sharon Pescatore's home in Edna Valley. The meeting was attended by 27 members. Marrgo and Gennaro Rosato have joined our section and we would like to thank them for their membership. They are owners of Gennaro's Grill and Garden on Marsh St. in SLO as well as Sienna Home Boutique on Bridge Street in the Village of Arroyo Grande. Welcome Marrgo and Gennaro!

Following our meeting, Rich served a BBQ tri-tip luncheon. Meat, sausage and garlic bread were donated to the club by Rich and Sharon. In addition, appetizers were brought by Kat and Ed Wetzel and Phil and Kathy Keyes. We also enjoyed a lovely salad full of goodies by Sally and Gene Kruger and spicey (but not too) beans by Yvonne and Rich Leamon. To top all that off, Audrey and Charlie Alfano brought a fabulous chocolate cake!

Charlie Alfano served as auctioneer for 2 cooked tri-tips with beans and a basket full of pomegranates bringing in \$\$ for the club. This, along with donations added to our treasury.

Thank you all for your help in a great cleanup effort! ~Sharon



Mullin Museum

Aug 27, 2016

17 MBCA members enjoyed a morning private tour at the Mullin Automotive Museum in Oxnard, CA which includes cars from the Brass era (1905-1915) to WWII.

The core of the collection is French Coach cars from the 30's. On display are many of Mr. Mullin's vintage race cars that he has driven in races and rallies all over the world. After our tour we

had lunch at Cafe Zack in Ventura, opening just to accommodate our group for a private meal. The food was fantastic and everyone loved the museum.

Great food and Great cars!
What a day! ~Mary Nohr



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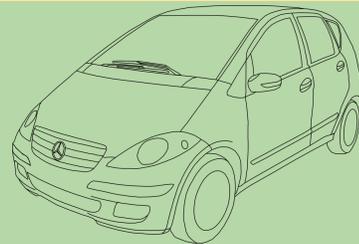
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Event Hosts!



Please read and print the above forms!

Please contact our [Activities Chairperson](#)

If you need assistance hosting an event.

Members,

Please read and review our Annual Corporate and Planning Meeting Minutes. Contact [President Yvonne](#) if you should have any questions.



[October 2016 Planning Meeting Minutes](#)

Proposed 2017 Section Events

- January 1st - Garage Tour 9am 1/1/17 - meet at OSH in AG- Bob Blair, not a MB club event.
- February 11- Rally and Membership appreciation - Rich Leamon rally; Sally Kruger - Lunch
- March 11 - Caravan, wine tasting and lunch at Cass winery in Paso - Rich Leamon
- April 22 - Trip to Peterson's museum in LA - Steve & Kathleen Graves
- May 20 - Picture rally - Brian Wampler
- August - perhaps no event. Pebble Beach is Aug 13-20
- September 23 - Oktoberfest- Gary Grunwald
- October 28 - Planning meeting - Bob and Eileen Blair
- December - Christmas party - Phil Keys; Audrey Alfano - Date to be announced.

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