

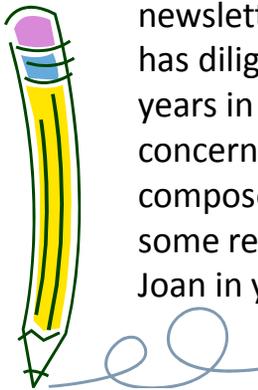


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MBCA Central Coast Section Newsletter March-April, 2014

Editors Note:



Many of you personally know our newsletter editor, Creighton Decker. He has diligently served our section the last 4 years in many areas. Due to health concerns, Creighton asked me to compose this newsletter while he enjoys some rest. Please keep Creighton and Joan in your thoughts and prayers. -Brian



Upcoming Events You Don't Want To Miss:

May 10 – MB Dealership Event – Audrey Alfano 805/543-5752

June 6-8 - Shasta-Trinity Run – Allen Wrenn 916/988-0225

June 8 - SLO Concours – Rich Leamon 805/771-8587

July 12 - Picture Rally – Wampler 805/704-0950

August 23 - San Simeon Rally – Rich Leamon 805/771-8587

September 27 - Oktoberfest - Grunwald

October 12 - Justin Winery Tasting - Leamon / Agon

November 15 - Annual Planning Meeting – Wampler

December 6 - Christmas Party - Wampler



Event Notes:

No RSVP is required for the Alfano Motorcars event, 9-11am.

The June Shasta-Trinity Run is a Western Region Event.

Volunteers are still being sought for the SLO Concours.



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President's Message:

Our section finally received some much needed rain! It is great to see our green landscapes growing again. Also, it is great to see our MBCA Central Coast Section growing! Seven new members joined us during the first calendar-quarter of 2014. **Welcome new members!** Please consider participating in our Central Coast Section events. You can “get plugged in” to events by referencing the Calendar of Events in this newsletter or by “Liking” our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CCMBCA.

Speaking of membership, our Section has 76 members now, roughly an **18% growth in just over a year!** Thank you for sharing applications with other Mercedes-Benz lovers and welcoming first-event attendees when they participate. I'm also happy to report that our local Mercedes-Benz Dealership owners, Charlie & Audrey Alfano, have placed a “Benefits of Membership” display board and MBCA applications in their reception area. All of us working together can build our section membership!

Our summer events are nearing quickly!



- Member Rich Leamon is overseeing our section's participation in this year's **San Luis Obispo Concours** at the Madonna Expo Center on **June 8th**. You can contact Rich at 805/771-8587 to volunteer or gain further information. “Mercedes” is one of the two features marks at this year's SLO Concours!
- We will conduct a “**Picture Rally**” on **July 12th**. This event has become a favorite of our members! The rally starts by meeting at the designated starting point to receive the Pictures and driving route information. The contestants' then drive their Mercedes-Benz along the route while looking for the information missing from the pictures they received at sign-in. The winner is the contestant with the most correct answers. There are also a couple of tie-breakers, but I'll let the event host tell you about those when you sign in.
- **August** also has another great day of **Rally Driving on the 23rd**. This event will be conducted in more of a traditional rally fashion, so you can benefit from participating in both of our summer driving events!

In ihrem Dienst,

Brian Wampler – Section President





Mystery Trip Report

The Mystery Tour on April 4-6, a Regional event sponsored by the Central Coast Section, included 29 intrepid members including our Regional Director Allen Wrenn.

We departed Friday morning from Lemoore, CA for a 3 day mystery adventure, never knowing where we would end up or what we would see. Only our fearless leaders, Darlene Stacey and Scott Davis, knew our destination.

We visited 13 venues including a thoroughbred horse ranch, Chevron solar to steam demonstration plant, a waste recycling plant, a taxidermy collection, a dairy farm, a garlic packing facility, the Coalinga Museum, a Japanese culture center with a 500 year old bonsai, an experimental aircraft builder, and we even prospected for the gem Bentonite.

With CB radios and our tail gunner, Ken Johnson, no one got separated from the group.

What a great adventure!

Thank you, Darlene, for creating such a great event!

Submitted by: Mary Nohr



Concours Judging School—June 2014

by Richard Simonds, Concours d'Elegance Judging School Instructor

What: Judging School for MBCA Concours d'Elegance

When: Saturday, June 21, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (including lunch)

Where: Park Avenue Motors / 3241 Park Blvd / Palo Alto, CA 94306

Cost: \$20 per person for judging supplies and lunch

Members who appreciate the fine design and excellent engineering of an automobile are invited to attend an MBCA Judging School offered in Palo Alto. 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 are two MBCA Concours d'Elegance coming up this summer: Forest Grove Concours in Portland (July 20, 2014) and Legends of the Autobahn in Monterey (August 15, 2014). Trained judges are invited to judge at either—or both—shows.

At our judging school we first get information about judging (PowerPoint presentation and Judge's Guide), then we practice judging a variety of cars, 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 lunch into that whole experience, too.

Please sign-up at MotorSportReg.com using the following link:

<http://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/event.advert/uidEvent/B791AD1B-BF15-A3FE-60CE2748496E3915>

We start assembling at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and treats; judging school starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Contact me if you have any questions or comments: Richard Simonds / rsimonds@pacbell.net or 650-722-0299.

DIRECTIONS to Park Avenue Motors, Palo Alto:

From CA-101: Exit at Embarcadero Road/Oregon Expressway following signs for Oregon Expressway West. After ~2 miles, exit right at Birch Street (sign for "Business District"). Turn right on Sheridan (sign for "Train Station"). Turn right at Stop sign onto Park Boulevard. Park Avenue Motors is ~1/2 mile on your right.

From I-280: Exit at Page Mill Road East and drive ~3.1 miles. After you cross El Camino Real, bear right going straight-ahead (when the main road goes under the overpass). At the Stop sign turn right onto Park Boulevard. Park Avenue Motors is ~1/2 mile on your right.



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4 ADDITIONAL EVENTS *to enjoy*

WELCOME RECEPTION

Friday, June 6
6:30-9:30 p.m.

Kick off the weekend with friends against the backdrop of rolling hills and vineyards. Enjoy live music and fine local boutique wines and beer along with delectable hor d'oeuvres made from local choice ingredients.

SAN LUIS OBISPO CONCOURS RALLY

Saturday, June 7 | 9 a.m. start

The Rally begins at the Madonna Inn and will complete in downtown SLO just in time for lunch. With a serene tour through roads and rolling countryside, it's the perfect way to enjoy the weather and scenery of California's Central Coast.

DINNER AND AUCTION

Saturday, June 7
6-10 p.m.

Join us for an evening of fine cuisine and wines, live and silent auction, live music and dancing, and take in a breathtaking Central Coast sunset at the San Luis Obispo Country Club.

SLO CONCOURS MAIN EVENT

Sunday, June 8 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Exclusive viewing of cars, motorcycles, travel trailers and bicycles: this is your chance to see unique and classic vehicles along with food, wine and beer, merchant vendors and displays for auto enthusiasts and families. The Connoisseur Tent at the Main Event offers VIP treatment and front row view to the procession of the award winners. *Connoisseur Tent space is limited.*

This event is partly funded through the efforts of the City of San Luis Obispo Tourism Business Improvement District and Community Promotions Program.



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Western Region Event



Shasta-Trinity Run *June 6-8, 2014*



The route for this Regional Event is a Mystery; participants will not know where they are going until they head down the road with cryptic instructions and they are following the leader. The drive will be through the mountains of Northern California, largely in Shasta and Trinity Counties, for a total of about 600 miles. Many of those miles will be along National Scenic Byways.

Our route has been planned for several months, lodging arrangements have been taken care, stops along the way have been planned and details with meal providers have been finalized. With this being an official Regional Event we will benefit from a subsidy provided by the National Club. This means participants will have a discounted experience. The total weekend price for couples is \$565, and the cost for a single is \$395. This includes all meals, lodging and admissions. This event is being hosted by the Sacramento Section, with planning being done by Western Region Director Allen Wrenn. All Sections in the Region are invited to participate and to share in the thrill of driving along some highways and byways that seem to have been designed for driving our Mercedes-Benzes.

The meeting place to begin the three-day tour is in Woodland, west of Sacramento, and our ending point will be about 75 miles north of downtown Sacramento. **Registration for the event is being done through the on-line service MotorSportReg.com. The registration site has additional details about our meeting time and place as well as other information.**

Contact: Western Region Director - Allen Wrenn 916/988-0225





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MBCA Central Coast Section

May 10th, 2014 - 9am to 11am



Mercedes-Benz Club of America - Central Coast Section Members are invited to attend a special Section **Members Only Event** being held at Alfano Motorcars on **May 10th from 9am to 11am.**

No RSVP is required for this "Open House & Demos" event. This is your opportunity to meet Charlie & Audrey Alfano, owners of our section's only authorized Mercedes-Benz dealership; view their newly remodeled facility; enjoy a continental breakfast; and examine the newest Mercedes-Benz models.

Alfano Motorcars is located at 1423 Calle Joaquin in San Luis Obispo. Your event contact is Audrey Alfano at 805/543-5752