

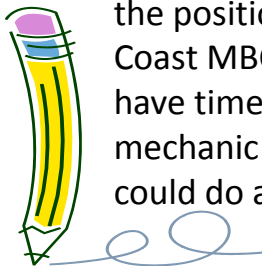


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MBCA Central Coast Section Newsletter May-June, 2014

Editors Note:



Greetings! I am seeking a member to step into the position of Newsletter Editor for our Central Coast MBCA Section. Please contact me if you have time & talent for such a task. Hey, if this mechanic can do it, I bet many of our members could do a wonderful job six times a year. -Brian

Help Needed!

Upcoming Events You Don't Want To Miss:

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

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

September 27 - Oktoberfest – Grunwald 805/929-2414

October 12 - Justin Winery Tasting – Leamon 805/771-8587

November 15 - Annual Planning Meeting – Wampler

December 6 - Christmas Party - Wampler



Mercedes-Benz Fun Facts (circa 1969...)

- Every Mercedes-Benz model carries disc brakes at all four wheels as standard equipment. Front and rear brake systems on all cars are separately activated; if one system somehow failed, the second would take over to stop you.
- The timeless body styling of all Mercedes-Benz models requires no annual changes. To Mercedes-Benz owners this means no unpleasant surprise every year at 'new car time'.



President's Message:

In May, our MBCA Central Coast Section said good-bye to a dear member and past-President. Creighton Decker served the MBCA, Cayucos Lion's Club, and other organizations throughout his life. He will be greatly missed but not forgotten in our hearts and memories. Many of our section members attended a recent celebration of his life, which was held at the Cayucos Veteran's Hall. Joan Decker asked me to express to our membership how grateful she is for the love and support our section has demonstrated to her and their sons.

On May 1st, our local Mercedes-Benz dealership (Alfano Motorcars) celebrated their Grand Opening, having completed an extensive 2-year in the making remodel of the former Kimball Motor Company facilities. On May 10th, our MBCA Section Members were invited to a "members only" open house, hosted by Charlie & Audrey Alfano themselves. Roughly 20 of our members were treated to a continental breakfast and presented with information on upcoming Mercedes-Benz models. Our visit concluded with a tour of the showroom and service department facilities. Thank you Charlie & Audrey!

On June 8th, our section participated in the San Luis Obispo Concours. Our section's involvement was coordinated by Rich Leamon, who did a great job of rallying our troops in support of this event. It was a beautiful sunny day to view the hundreds of vehicles on display. Our MBCA Section was provided an excellent display spot at the center of the "Mercedes Corral". Thank you to Rich and everyone who participated in this fundraiser for Hospice SLO.

Our next event is a **"Picture Rally"** on **July 12th**. This event has become a favorite of our members! The rally will start by meeting at Shell Beach Elementary School to receive the pictures and driving route information (\$10.00 suggested per vehicle entry). The contestants' will 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, with a couple of bonus "tie-breaker" questions. The rally will conclude in Orcutt, just south of Santa Maria, for a time of dining together and awards.

August 23rd will also be another great day of **Rally Driving**. This event will be conducted by Rich Leamon in more of a traditional rally fashion, so you can benefit from participating in both of our summer driving events!

Brian Wampler – Section President



SLO Concours Report

On June 10th, our section participated in the San Luis Obispo Concours. This annual high-end car show is a fundraiser benefit for Hospice SLO.

Our MBCA Central Coast Section was well represented, even though this event's date conflicted with our MBCA Western Region Shasta-Trinity event.

Rich Leamon coordinated roughly 12 of our members in volunteer service for the event. Thank you everyone!

Brian & Jami Wampler set up the official MBCA display materials in a tent the event planners provided in the center of the Mercedes-Benz display area. Many potential MBCA member contacts were made. Hopefully we will be adding to our roster soon!

Submitted by: Brian Wampler



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A "Bonus" Note from Brian Wampler:

I am sorry to announce that Jami & I had to close Star Automotive on May 15th, 2014. I cannot say much more at this time, but I can tell you the closure was the result of masonry cracking in the building in which we operated. Our two full-time employees, Dan & Dave, have accepted employment at Alfano Motorcars. If you should desire an Independent Service Provider, we recommend contacting Rizzoli's Automotive. We apologize for this situation and extend our heartfelt thanks to all of the Mercedes-Benz owners who have trusted us over the years.

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"Big moves are planned. Nicklaus Club-Monterey should make it an attractive venue."
Sports Cars Digest, 4.16.14

Concours d'Elegance
MBCA's "Competition of Elegance" is open to all Mercedes-Benz classes; 1994 model year and older. Vehicles are judged on a 100-point scoring system. Previous award winners range from a 1967 250SL to a 1988 560SEC.

Corral
Don't want your vehicle judged? Enter the MBCA corral where vehicles of ANY age are displayed for spectator viewing only.
Register for Concours or Corral at www.motorsportreg.com. Scroll to "August 15" then to "MBCA - Legends of the Autobahn"

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Friday, August 15, 2014, 9am-3pm
NEW Venue:
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For more information, go to www.legendsoftheautobahn.org and click on the MBCA logo or "Mercedes-Benz" or contact Laura Simonds at 650.592.7613 or simonds1@pacbell.net



Election Time!

It's that time of year again, when we elect MBCA National, Regional, and local Section Leaders. You should soon be receiving information from the NBO (National Business Office) regarding the national and regional positions being elected this fall. The NBO mailing will also include information on proposed MBCA bylaw changes for 2015.

Each local section is also required to publicize and conduct an election of officers and board members each year.

Our section has an upcoming officer vacancy for 2015 in the **Vice President** position. We also need Central Coast Section members to join our board as "**Membership Chairperson**", "**Webmaster**", and "**Newsletter Editor**".

All officer positions may be contested each year, so now is your chance to serve our MBCA Section as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer in 2015.

Please contact me, Brian Wampler, at 805/704-0950 or derwampler@yahoo.com if you desire to run for election for any officer or board position in our MBCA Central Coast Section. If two or more section members desire to serve in the same capacity, we will conduct an election in September/October.

Thank you for serving! -Brian



Accelerate Your Driving Skills at Heimatfest 2014!

October 3-5 | Birmingham, Alabama

- Helmet-up for high speed thrills and technical driving with Tracks Unlimited at Barber Motorsports Park – one of the most challenging and beautiful race courses in the world! (2.4 miles, 17-turns, Formula One-certified)*
- On Friday morning, October 3, be one of the first to see the production of the NEW C-Class at Mercedes-Benz US International – the only Mercedes-Benz production factory in North America (includes lunch in the MBUSI employee lunchroom)
- Tour the Barber Motorsports Museum – site of the world's largest collection of Motorcycles and Lotus Race Cars. Tour the Museum's (normally off-limits) vehicle restoration facilities on Friday, October 3
- Visit with old and new enthusiasts at social events Friday & Saturday nights

*Includes MBUSI in-car instructors. Classroom instruction for novice and beginner drivers; followed to driver experience. This will NOT be a timed or racing event; therefore all Mercedes-Benz makes/models are encouraged to participate.



Registration Fee: Registration for October 4 & 5 Advanced Driving Skills on the Barber track \$589
Rental helmets available

Register by 09.12.14: At www.msreg.com/TUBarber2014. Use discount code "MBCA"
Register with the Alabama Section for MBUSI Factory & Barber restoration tours plus Friday & Saturday social events

Good to Know: \$89/night @ Hampton Inn, Leeds, AL. Breakfast included.
Mention code "MBCA" @ 205.702.4141

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