



# Der Drei-Eck-Wanderer

## MBCA Central Coast Section

March - April 2013

### RANDOM THOUGHTS

He who laughs last...thinks slowest

Light travels faster than sound. That is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Change is inevitable...except from a vending machine.

If the shoe fits...get another one just like it.

Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries

The 50-50-90 Rule: Any time you have a 50/50 chance of getting something right, there is a 90% probability you will get it wrong.

Nothing is foolproof...to a sufficiently talented fool.

The things that come to those who wait...may be the things left by those who got there first.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong.  
A tax is a fine for doing well.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish...and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.

### Regional Director's Message

A few months back I met for the second time with the Presidents of the Region's Sections. We decided to embark on a program that will encourage members to participate in activities sponsored by Sections in the Region other than their own. I believe this is a great way to expand a member's Club enjoyment as well as a way for them to meet other members. You have a couple opportunities to do this in the coming months.

In June your very own President Creighton will be conducting a Mystery Trip. As this is being written there are still spaces available to participate in that event. Members from other Sections in the Region are being encouraged to join in the fun.

Another Regional event is planned for the first weekend in October, with it being sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Area Section. This event is their Sierra Nevada Rally. Details are still being developed, but look forward to having another fun experience of driving and socializing.

At the National level, look forward to some changes. One will be the way National Events are conducted. President Steve Dierks is working with a consultant to develop new ideas. The consultant will be contacting a sampling of 3,000 members to get their response. If you are selected for this please give them your honest opinions. This will be your opportunity to influence the future of MBCA.

Another suggested change to anticipate is the idea of having tiered memberships. This could possibly provide for Youth Memberships at a discounted fee, and would probably be a good way to entice a younger group to later become regular members.

As you are reading this, another change has probably already been put in place. MBUSA has previously offered members a discount of \$1,000 on the purchase of a new Mercedes-Benz. Effective March 31 that offer was to be reduced to \$500.

Until next time, enjoy those Star Cars.

RD Allen

## VALLEY RALLY

March 16, six cars from the **Central Coast Section** tried to keep up with the antics of rally masters Rich and Mary Nohr for the Valley Rally thru the Central Coast with a great lunch in Solvang at the Nohr's estate. A timed event, at the speed limit, with questions to answer along the way kept the driver and navigator busy. Some showed up to early, some to late, some not at all. It was a fun event, complex but challenging. After a two hour plus drive participants were eager to relax on the patio enjoying burgers and great companionship among our members, some long-timers and some newcomers. *Mary Nohr*



AMY KARDEL RECEIVES MERCEDES WINE FOR ATTENDING HER FIRST EVENT.

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**REGION MYSTERY TRIP UPDATE**  
**JUNE 7-9, 2013**

The caravan is forming up, and we now have 15 potential vehicles (\$100 deposit received, based on cancellation by May 11), which will probably be our limit. If you are still interested in participating, please remit your deposit, and you will be put on the cancellation list.

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2013 CALENDAR OF SECTION EVENTS

May 18 - Technical Session (Hamilton)

June 7-9 - Region Mystery Trip (Decker)

July 20 - Picture Rally (Grunwald)

September 7 - Oktoberfest (Amsel/Agon)

October 19 - Parkfield Rally (Sirkin)

November 16 - Annual Events Planning Meeting (Decker)

December 7 - Christmas Dinner (Decker)

**Membership Anniversaries**

:Horst Amsel - 7 years	:Dick Morrow - 8 years
:Rich Atkinson - 1 year	:Richard Nohr - 22 years
:Fred Beaton - 6 years	:Fred Pratt - 10 years
:Grant Berkeffld - 4 years	:Abbey Silverstone - 9 years
:Gary Flanagan - 24 years	:William Swansiger - 2 years
:William Kirchhoff - 6 years	:Brian Wampler - 7 years

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Charlie Alfano

Stewart Kreiss

Darlene Stacy

**TECHNICAL SESSION (AND DRIVE)  
SATURDAY, MAY 18  
9:30 - 12:00**

Dennis Hamilton will be holding this session at his home, where he has a 2400 sq-ft maintenance shop with a car lift, which you are welcome to use. He is restoring a 1980 280si, which has been completely dismantled, with the body prepped for paint. He will have a variety “stuff” to look at and discuss. In addition, Bob Blair will be talking about fluids, and providing us with “Dr. Bob’s Timely Tips.”

Elaborating on the “and drive” portion of our session, Dennis has suggested that we all assemble at 9:30 on Vineyard Drive, at Hwy 46, next to the Donati Family Vineyard. He will meet us there (driving his gold 1985 280SL), and lead our caravan thru the beautiful countryside to his home near Lake Nacimiento, about 18 miles away. Dennis’ cell is 805.674.4776.

At the completion of our session, those interested can join us in the Paso Robles area for lunch at a yet to be determined restaurant. Any suggestions will be appreciated. Please include your interest in lunch in your response.

RESPOND TO DENNIS AT [dhamilton12@wildblue.net](mailto:dhamilton12@wildblue.net) OR BY PHONE BY **SATURDAY, MAY 11.**

**MBCA CENTRAL COAST SECTION WEBSITE**

Don’t forget to check-out our website at <http://centralcoast.mbca.org>. The site is under construction and modification, as the current website manager continues attempting to master the procedures required without destroying it. We are currently looking for a volunteer to take over the responsibility of website manager.

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