



# Der Drei-Eck-Wanderer

**MBCA Central Coast Section**

**November - December 2013**

## **CAR BUFF STUFF**

The first official White House car was a 1909 White Steamer.

The first drive-in restaurant, Royce Haley's Pig Stand, opened in Dallas in 1921.

The 1904 Thomas Flyer was the first convertible - it had a removable hard top.

The 1925 Ford Model T Runabout sold for \$260.

The 1915 Packard offered the first V12 engine, a Twin-Six.

Cadillac introduced the first electric sunroof in 1969.

The 1907 Thomas sported the largest 4 cylinder engine - 571 cubic inch (9.2 liter).

The 1947 Packard was the first car to use power seats.

The Olds 4-4-2 stood for 4 barrel carburetor, 4 speed transmission and dual exhaust.

Ford, who made the first pickup trucks, shipped them to dealers in crates that the new owners had to assemble using the crates as beds of the trucks. The new owners had to go to the dealers to get them, thus they had to "pick-up" the trucks. Now you know the "rest of the story."

## **President's Message**

*Again the year has rushed to it's rapid conclusion, and I hope that you all accomplished the goals you established at this time last year.*

*We can look back on the wonderful outings many of us enjoyed throughout the year. These included: the Garage Tour (Blairs); Membership Appreciation Evening (Deckers); Solvang Driving Event (Nohrs); Region Mystery Trip (Deckers); the always popular Picture Rally (Gary & Connie); our annual Oktoberfest celebration (Amsels/Agons); and finally, our Christmas Dinner (Deckers/Krugers) (details herein).*

*It has been an honor for me, and my wife Joan, to have served as president and vice president, respectively of our MBCA Central Coast Section for the past while. I will continue as Newsletter Editor and Membership Chairman, and look forward to your support of our mostly new board members for 2014.*

*Our new president Brian Wampler, moves from his excellent job as secretary. Supporting him as vice president will be Lee Agon, with Amy Kardel serving as our new secretary. As she has done so effectively, treasurer Eileen Blair will continue to juggle the numbers.*

***I wish you all a Happy & Joyous New Year!***

*Creighton*

# CHRISTMAS THEATER/DINNER

Our Christmas celebration began at The Great American Melodrama & Vaudeville in Oceano where we attended the matinee performance of The Holiday Extravaganza. An enjoyable dinner followed at the Rooster Creek Tavern in Arroyo Grande. Many thanks to Sally Kruger for an excellent choice of venue.

Unfortunately, our official photographer was not in attendance, so your president attempted to capture the evenings activities with minimal success. Perhaps it's time to buy a better camera. Oh well, the following photos are certainly better than none at all.



Horst receives Member of the Year Award

## **REGION MYSTERY TRIP** **APRIL 4-6, 2014**

The MT, **open to all sections in the region**, will start with an *optional* kickoff dinner Thursday, April 3 at the point of origin, which will probably be Lemoore, CA. Previous MT's have started at 8am Friday, and concluded over the awards lunch Sunday.

The origination point will be the only substantive information provided, as this will be a true mystery. The cost is typically about \$600/couple, which includes all meals, lodging, admission to venues, etc. The kickoff dinner, and any lodging associated therewith, is not included. This is a real driving event and we expect to cover 400-600 miles. If you have any questions, please contact our MT leader, Darlene Stacey (559.386.0101 or 559.905.0101).

For many reasons, too many to enumerate here, **CB radios are mandatory**. If you need one, they are available at Radio Shack from \$40-\$80. Also, we have an extra ones available from past participants, if required.

To make it fair to all interested parties, we ask for a \$100/couple deposit, **refundable through March 22**, to add your names to the list on a first received basis. Send your checks, **payable to MBCA Central Coast**, as follows:

Creighton Decker  
430 Fresno Avenue  
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## **2013 MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER**

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

This is a rerun of our 2011, '12 & '13 Member Appreciation Dinners. We have decided to return to the scene again because it appeared to be enjoyable for all attendees, and when you find a good thing going it is probably time to capitalize on it.

Where: The 10th Street Grill (<http://www.10thstreetgrill.com/>)

Location: 2011-10th Street, Los Osos

Phone: 528.2011

When: 7:00

Your cost: only \$25/person (balance subsidized by our treasury). If you would like to bring you own bottle of wine, the corkage fee is a very reasonable \$5/bottle.

Menu: Soup or Salad; choice of several entrees; and dessert.

The 10th Street Grill is about 10 minutes from our home and, as we did last year, Joan and I will be hosting hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine starting at 5:45. You will be able to find us at 430 Fresno Avenue, Morro Bay 93442 (771.8323).

Please mail a check to our aforementioned address, payable to MBCA Central Coast, to arrive by **Tuesday, January 21.**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Even though this is a member appreciation event, if you would like to invite potential members to participate, they would be welcome to join us. MBCA overall is looking for growth, and this would be a good opportunity enhance our section with some new members with new ideas.

Shasta-Trinity Run  
June 6-8, 2014

This is the first notice of an event that will occur in June. We want to get this early word to you so the date is on your calendar, and in a month or so you can send in your reservation.

The Sacramento Section will host the event, with an invitation being extended to all other Sections in the Western Region. Our Western Region Director Allen Wrenn is doing the planning and will lead the drive. He has put together many events for the Club over his 47 years as a member of MBCA, and he promises an interesting three days of driving.

This June event will take place in the far Northern part of California. Allen is calling the event The Shasta-Trinity Run. Yes, we will be driving in those Counties, but in others also.

This event will be conducted as a Mystery Trip, inasmuch as the participants will not know where they are going, what they will be doing or where they will be staying. Unlike some Mystery Trips, we will not need to use CB radios for instructions. We will be given cryptic written instructions, and we will be driving follow-the-leader style. Our drive will not be a competitive event, just some fun driving over roads you probably have never been on.

Our route will begin Friday morning in Woodland (west of Sacramento) and will end Sunday afternoon about 75 miles north of downtown Sacramento. Over the course of three days we will cover almost 600 miles, with much of it being on curvy back roads, all on State Highways or County Roads.

So, is your adventuresome driving appetite wetted? We hope so. Look for more details in our next issue.

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Welcome new members:

**Carol Geran - Santa Ynez**

**Jeff Halfpenny - Pismo Beach**

**Pamela Stableford - Los Olivos**

## Member Anniversaries

Bob Blair - 21 years

William Brown - 18 years

Frank Fratto - 22 years

Fred Grossi - 11 years

David Jones - 4 years

John Lofgren - 11 years

Gregg Smith - 4 years

Ernie Schuessler - 2 years

Ashe Wahba - 6 years



## Upcoming Events

January 25 - Member Appreciation Dinner - Decker

February 22 - Star Automotive Tech Event - Wampler

March ?? - Alfano Motorcars Grand Opening - Alfano

April 4-6 - Region Mystery Trip - Stacey

May 10 - Alfano Motorcars Event - Alfano

June 6-8 - Shasta-Trinity Run - Wrenn

June 8 - SLO Car Show (Madonna Expo)

July 12 - Picture Rally - Decker

August 23 - San Simeon Rally - Leamon

September 17 - Oktoberfest - Grunwald

October 12 - Justin Winery Tasting - Leamon & Agon

November 15 - Annual Planning Meeting - Wampler

December 6 - Christmas Party - Wampler

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