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AMADOR POKER RALLY Aug. 25

Deadline August 18

Here is your personal invitation to join us for the **AMADOR POKER RALLY on Aug 25.**

Wine lovers will enjoy the special vintages at the wineries, gardeners will be inspired by the gardens and nursery at the flower farm, and all will enjoy lunch at the Gold Vine Grill in Somerset.

We begin at 9:30 a.m. at **Starbucks in the Marketplace in El Dorado Hills.** (East Highway 50 to Latrobe Rd. Exit right and prepare for an immediate left into the Marketplace. Enter and go LEFT at Post Road, LEFT at Valero Station and LEFT at stop sign. Starbucks on the left at corner.)

Come early if you want a snack at Starbucks (lunch at 1:30). You will be given game rules and driving directions.

We would like to leave at 10. We will end the rally with **lunch in Somerset** where prizes will be awarded to the winner {and Loser}. The restaurant needs a head count and menu choices.

NO MONEY DUE NOW, PAY AT RESTAURANT. Please check out the menu below and phone/email Sandy or Barbara with your selection. **THIS IS A FIXED PRICE MENU (\$15.00 all-inclusive; beer and wine extra) . LET US KNOW BY AUG. 18!!!**

GOLD VINE GRILL

(All sandwiches served w/ soup, salad or fries)

1. Chicken Salad Sandwich on Croissant
 2. Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich x/Pesto Mayonnaise
 3. Omo Burger 1/3 lb Beef Patty w/Swiss Cheese and Mushrooms
 4. Philly Steak Sandwich on a French Roll
 5. Veggie Burger
- Entree Salad (does not include side dish)

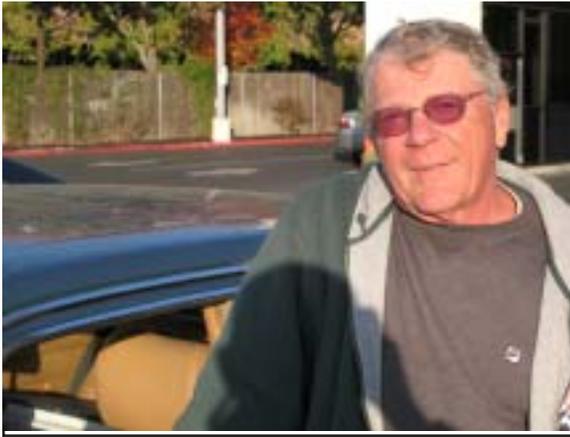
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President's Message

by: Tony Otis

It is my privilege to introduce to you our section's new secretary, Anisha Harper. Anisha has been a member of MBCA for three years. She and her partner Dan (our Tri-Star Traffic Dan), have been on numerous First Sunday Drives and enjoy the Mercedes-Benz experience in their CLK 350 Cabriolet. Anisha manages our Facebook page, keeping things up-to-date and informative. We welcome her aboard. Her talents and hard work will be an asset to our section. In our efforts to retain

current members and attract new members we plan

to use electronic media to the utmost. Most of you already know and use our website and Facebook offerings and these will expand. Online event registration is next. We have a group of talented people who want you to get the most out of your section membership.

We need more advertisers who can provide us with goods and services we and our cars can use. Any ideas or prospects? Please let us know.

A special thanks to Hank and Julie Pezzetti, for their hard work arranging the

Sonora Theatre trip and the Bodega Bay ride. Thanks also to F.S.D. Brandt for his endless reconnaissance of routes.

Tony

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Tri Star Traffic By Dan It's a Myth !

I decided to take a departure this month from the "so serious" kind of article and mention some of the more funny myths that are related to driving. This is good stuff because at some point it was a concern enough for someone that it was actually considered.

1. It is not illegal to drive without shoes and socks.
2. It is not illegal to drive without pants.
3. It is not illegal to use your left foot if your right is in a cast.
4. It is not illegal to not have gloves in the glove box.
5. It is not illegal to go out in the rain in your socks. Wait a minute, I have to recover from laughing!

Ok, continuing.

6. No, the dog does not need a seatbelt.
7. And, the dog is not required to ride in the back because there is an airbag up front. Ohhh. That was a good one. Still laughing!
8. You can't rotate the air in your tires (from front to back, maybe from side to side).
9. The "Flux Capacitor" is not real.
10. The "flow of traffic" is not the speed limit.

These are my top ten. I'm sure you have some good ones too.

As always, please send your questions about traffic law, enforcement philosophies, etc. I can settle bets not court cases.

Thanks,
Dan

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Last Month's FSD - Auburn Wine Country

Saturday August 11th 12:30-3pm
MBCA Sacramento Section event in Davis,CA
Visit to the Wendell Jacob music room

On an unassuming street near the UC Davis campus, Mr. Wendell Jacob has a music room, recently built as a large separate building adjacent to the original 1928 house that he grew up in. He built this room to house his collection of unusual keyboard instruments, the centerpiece being the Möller theatre pipe organ originally installed in the lobby mezzanine of San Francisco's famous and long-lost Fox Theatre of Market Street. Unlike a church organ, the theatre organ was originally designed to accompany silent films and re-create orchestral sounds and sound effects with its thousands of pipes, bells, and percussions. There is also a Wurlitzer Band Organ, a Hammond B3, baby grand piano, and some surprises! Mr. Jacob, our host for the afternoon, will give an entertaining tour and demonstration of these instruments in his private music room, and new Sacramento Section MBCA member Jim Jordan will play some selections for us. Do you play? Want to try playing a theatre organ? If you prefer, just listen and enjoy. You'll have that chance at this exclusive event just for MBCA members only. We'll meet at the Starbucks Coffee in West Sacramento (2155 Town Center Plaza, West Sacramento, CA 95691, the shopping center with the Pheasant Club) and depart at 12:30p on a short caravan to Davis. Maps to the Jacob residence will be provided at Starbucks prior to the departure of the caravan. This event is free of charge, and is the first event prepared for the Sacramento Section by your new Vice President and Activities Chair, Matías Bombal.



*Jim Jordan at the console of
the San Francisco Fox Theatre Möller lobby organ, now
installed in Davis, California in the private music room of
Wendell Jacob.*

Sacramento Section's Cento Trenta Sette Miglia

OK, this isn't as exotic sounding a name as Italy's famous Mille Miglia (1000 mile) race, but driving this today, from Davis CA to Bodega Bay using no freeways, reminded me of that famous race that Sir Stirling Moss and Denis Jenkinson so dominated in 1955 with their 300SLR. In that race, Moss' navigator, Denis "Jenks" Jenkinson, took a lot of navigation notes – 18 feet worth - on a device that looked like a roll of toilet paper. Moss literally put his life in the hands of Jenks as he was driving 180MPH and Jenks, while rolling the notes, is telling him where the upcoming curves are.

That race, of course, is part of the Mercedes-Benz legend as Moss beat the 3rd place Ferrari by almost 40 minutes. He even beat the great Juan Fangio in another 300SLR. So, if you are still reading this you are asking *"what does this possibly have to do with our drive to Bodega Bay?"* Well, our tour host Hank Pezzetti, test drives prototype cars for "another" manufacturer who has a facility in Sacramento. They want their cars to have a workout. Not a "simple drive on the Interstate" for 8 hours a day, but stops, starts, curves, straights...

Hank mapped out this course a few years ago and it is fantastic in that it takes all back roads – and a few 2 laned highways – all the way to the coast – 137 miles. *Cento Trenta Sette Miglia*. Some of these turns are on such off-the-way roads that Hank took the time to map put each turn - to the 1/10th of a mile. Just set your trip odometer to zero – at our starting place in West Sacramento – and the entire drive is mapped out to the tenth of a mile!

During times our caravan was broken my own "Jenks" – friend Corky Russell – was reading the upcoming turn as I was telling her my odometer reading. **Next Turn Left - Pleasant Valley Road - 33.3**. While we weren't able to hit 180 on the public roads my thoughts on the write up for this trip brought me back to that famous race so important in Mercedes-Benz history. My thanks to Hank and Julie Pezzetti not only for the effort they took in making these navigation notes, but leading us today as they had another commitment they had to attend back in Sacramento at 3PM. *wlb*

**A VISIT TO BIG SPRINGS GARDENS
SEPTEMBER 8, 2012
Deadline August 27**

The Home & Garden supplement to The Sacramento Bee (6/30/12) began a feature article with these words: “**Painters and photographers are making the long trek up Highway 49 again this summer to capture one perfect moment, maybe more.**” They are referring to the destination of our September 8 drive; Big Springs Gardens, located a short distance east of Sierra City.

Our drive will be about 2 hours, 20 minutes, mostly along Highway 49 north of Auburn. After our drive we will have lunch at Big Springs Gardens, then will be free to tour the 30 surrounding acres.

There is still time to submit your reservation for the event. **We have to provide a firm count of attendees by August 27.** After that date refunds cannot be made for cancellations unless someone steps up with a late reservation request.

Our meeting place will be in Loomis just off I-80. Use Exit 110, Horseshoe Bar Road, go to the Raley’s shopping center on the north side of I-80. We will meet at the Starbuck’s Café. Our departure time will be 9:10 AM. Come early, have coffee and snacks and visit with other attendees before we hit the road.

If you have questions give me a call at 916-988-0225

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Thanks Craig for the great job!

Bill Brandt

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