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Bill Brandt

It's "39 Steps" in East Sonora Saturday, June 23

This year we have decided to change our venue to East Sonora rather than Columbia. There had been too many problems with our luncheons since the closing on the City Hotel dining room. I know some of you will say that it is now open again, but, look who the new owner is. The notorious owner of Black Bart's, need I say more.

We will again meet at the **Old Sloughhouse parking lot on Hwy 16 (Jackson Hwy) at 8:15 AM for a 9:00 AM departure.** You say why so early, good question. The more you do this run the more you try to fine tune it a little better. In the past we have had to rush our lunch in order to get to the theater for the 2PM show. East Sonora is further away than Columbia and we do enjoy the ride through the hills. The trip according to Google will take approx two hours. It should give time for a leisurely ride and time to enjoy the sights of Sonora before lunch.

I have set lunch for noon which should give use plenty of time to avoid any gastric problems. **Lunch will be at the Peppery Gar & Brill (not a typo) 13494 Mono Way Sonora, CA 95370 (209) 533-9033 lunch will be on your own tab.** The tickets for the play are @ \$28.00 per person, it is worth it. **See the coupon on page 4 in the newsletter, Act fast (Now) there is not much time.**

The show we are seeing is by the renowned Alfred Hitchcock and purports to be a very funny play. I know he is not supposed to be a funny man but I can tell you his plots twists are where they belong. I have included a review from the post that I absconded from the web site.

"Cross a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, whirl it up with giddy comedy and wildly invented theatrical stagecraft and you have The 39 Steps, a fast and frothy whodunit that celebrates the magic of theater. When a beautiful and mysterious woman is murdered, the suave hero is falsely accused and pursued across the country in an unforgettable evening of pure comedic pleasure. More than 150 characters brought to life by a cast of just four brilliant comedic actors. This award-winning treat kept audiences rolling on Broadway for over three years. "The most entertaining show on Broadway. — NY Post"



President's Message

by: Tony Otis

Hello summer. It is great to have you back again. We have just come back from our FSD to the Delta. A good turnout, and a good lunch at Moore's Riverboat, was had by all. Two weeks ago, our trip to Filoli, although sparsely attended, was hugely entertaining. It's a wonderful destination to see how the well-to-do lived in another time. Too bad we

missed those times in person. Speaking of the past, I see there is a new movie out called *The Chernobyl Diaries*. This brought back some of my own past memories.

In 1986 my mom was a chaperone for a group of high-schoolers who were visiting the former Soviet Union. She had been doing this for several years and the kids who went knew by this time that Levis were a hot item over there. They'd pack their suit cases with them and sell them to the hotel and restaurant employees. The KGB was on to this but let it slide (for a free pair no doubt). Watch the PBS special, *The West and the Rest*, for some insight into Western dress and its spread to the rest of the world.

From Moscow to Saint Petersburg to Kiev they went and then **KA-BOOM**, Chernobyl exploded. We saw it all on the news here, but had no word from the group. They were only seventy miles away and things seemed very unclear as to what was happening. At this point, as I was mowing the lawn on my Long Island North Shore Gold Coast Filoli, I thought; I should sell T-shirts to the returnees should there be any. I went to the local T-shirt printer and ordered up a selection of sizes in Russian Red and Nuclear Blue. We then heard from my sister, who was also on the trip, that the organizer, Finnair, had rescued all of the Americans from Kiev and was flying them to Helsinki and then to New York the next day. I put a rush on the T-shirt order. On my way to JFK the next day, I stopped at the shop to pick up my order. A shirt was proudly unfurled on the counter, and to my astonishment the "R" was left out of Chernobyl. What to do? A voice from the back room said, "Take a dollar off each shirt." **SOLD!**



And so I was off to the International Arrivals Building at JFK. It was crowded. Lots of friends and relatives waiting for their loved ones. Lots of press too. The new CNN also. I stood there with my big box of shirts. I had one of the T-shirts on under a flannel shirt. I removed the flannel, and a voice called out, "Hey, look at this guy!" Lights, cameras, action all in my face. Interviews, speeches, it was as if I had dynamite strapped around me. Shortly thereafter the plane landed, the passengers entered the room. Hugs, kisses, and tears for all involved. The T-shirts sold like cold Borscht on a hot day. The kids who bought shirts were thrilled. Everyone seemed to be in good spirits and health (nobody was glowing), but the clocks at my mom's house started to run fast for some reason. And nobody ever noticed the missing "R". That's my stoy and I'm sticking to it. Tony.

Tony

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Tri Star Traffic By Dan

Because I had forgotten Hank's June Date for the Sonora Event, Your's Truly had given Dan no time to Prepare a column this month - so I will tell you about July's event. He'll be back next issue - send him your questions! wlb

Bodega Bay Drive July 14

During one of my jobs testing prototype cars I get to experience some unusual roads in Northern California. This will be a ride to Bodega Bay that does not include major highways. It will be mostly back roads, up and down hills, and around mountain curves.

The scenery is beautiful, you may get a glimpse of it, but your passengers or partner will love it. The driver will get the thrill of the drive and the adrenaline to go along with it. I do not mean to scare you away, but this is the chance to drive the way most of us do not do any longer, this will be strictly **Fun**, and notice the capital.

We will be meeting at the **LaBou Restaurant, 849 Jefferson Blvd in West Sacramento** around **8:30 AM**. It is just off highway 50/80. You may want to get there earlier if you would like to get breakfast before we leave. I would like to depart at 9 AM. I will have handouts of the route for those that will get separated, and it will happen. The trip will take about 3.5 hours, and lunch will be no-host at Bodega Bay.

One more thing: **Bring a jacket or sweater! last time we about froze at the outdoor restaurant!**

More next issue....

Hank Pezzetti



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A Regional Trip To Tahoe....Oct 6-7, 2012

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We're planning a regional rally in the Tahoe area for the first weekend in October, starting with a reception Friday evening, a rally and award banquet Saturday, and drives home Sunday.

More details coming. Save the date.

Jack Weir

Bay Area Mansions; Hi Tech Restaurants and A Thanks for Daimler's Foresight

On May 19th the Sacramento Section had a drive to Filoli Mansion, a site known for its gardens, and as a set for movie and TV series production. Although for most of us this was our second drive there in as many years and despite that I learned a few new things about it.

After the 1906 earthquake, a lot of wealthy San Franciscans decided to move a bit further south down the Peninsula – only 30 miles or so. One of these families was the Bourne family who started their fortune in the California Gold Rush

In 1937, the Roths sold the estate with its 600+ acres to the founder of the Matson shipping lines, Wm Roth.

While the mansion is impressive – you would know it from watching the TV series *Dynasty* or *Heaven Can Wait*.

However its crown jewel is really its multi-themed gardens, easily a dozen.

After our visit, we had lunch at Buck's restaurant, where "Larry and Sergey" had lunch and, decided to form their own company with the strange name of Google. I had an interesting conversation with our server, who said that some high-tech titans regularly come in here. And to Daimler's foresight? Apparently one of our participants, Ric & Alice Collins, had a small bolt that finally, after 15 years, fell off some fascia underneath their SL. The MB-supplied tool kit saved the day! Our thanks to Tony Otis for arranging this.

Bill Brandt



39 Steps" in East Sonora

Saturday, June 23 8:15 AM

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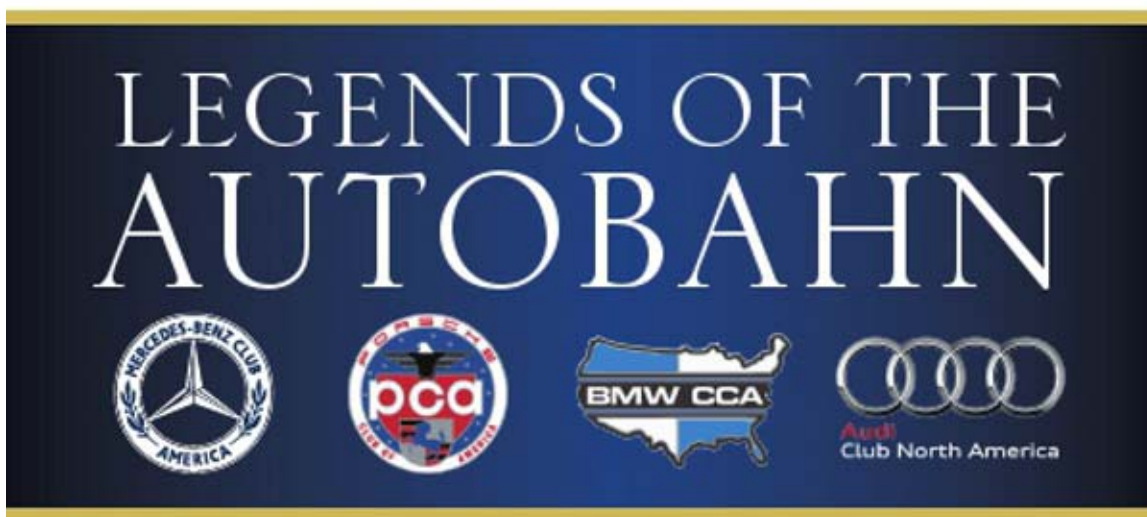
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LEGENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN 2012 ELEVATES “WOW” FACTOR

Participants at Legends of the Autobahn 2012 can expect to see several new and novel things:

- More special displays of classic Mercedes-Benz cars
- German travel book give-away to all registrants
- Drawings for a free MBCA membership
- New event signage
- New “Join and Show” tent for those who join MBCA that day
- Addition of Audi Club North America as the 4th German marque

This year four German car clubs—MBCA, BMW Car Club of America, Porsche Club of America, and Audi Club North America—are co-hosts of “one of the most charming events of the Monterey Classic Car Week.”

MBCA invites you to be part of the excitement at Legends of the Autobahn 2012, on Friday, August 17. Held on the greens of the Rancho Cañada Golf Club in Carmel Valley, California, Legends attracted an audience of thousands to view nearly 500 cars on display in 2011.

Building on two very successful years and in only its third year, Legends of the Autobahn is now one of the “must see” attractions of the world-renowned Monterey Classic Car Week. Rancho Cañada Golf Club—just a few miles from the beautiful Pacific coastline and the breathtaking Pebble Beach—provides a stunning backdrop to view German vehicles of all ages. In addition to mingling among these precision cars, there will be food, displays, club booths, and a Spaten Biergarten.

For those interested in entering the MBCA Concours in one of six judged classes for 1992 and older vehicles, a \$60 entry fee will apply, and to display any vintage in the corral, \$30. A gourmet buffet lunch and event polo shirts are optional purchases. The discounted “early bird” registration deadline is August 1, and all registration closes on August 10. For spectators, there is a nominal donation at the neighboring church parking lot.

To register, go to www.motorsportreg.com. Scroll down to “August 17” then to “MBCA—Legends of the Autobahn” (not BMWCCA or PCA). Your registration will go directly to MBCA. You can also check www.legendsoftheautobahn.org for up-to-the-minute details and a link to the registration website. Plan to attend Legends of the Autobahn 2012, make your travel plans now, and get ready for some big fun and great cars! We'll see you in August in Carmel Valley.

For additional information, contact Laura Simonds, (650) 592-7613, simondsl@pacbell.net.

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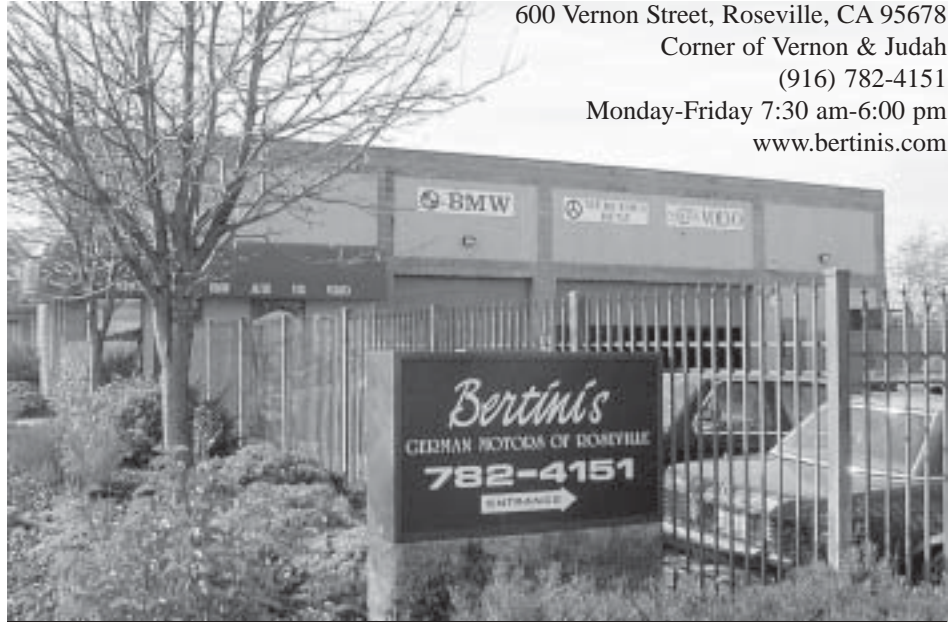
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