



The Capital Star

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Sacramento Section – December 2018



President's Message

To: My Fellow Members/Friends:

We had a busy 4th Quarter of 2018 with a hosted lunch for our members in October, the inaugural President's Drive in November, a general membership meeting, and our Holiday Gala Dinner in December.

All of these events were arranged within a week by various very experienced volunteer members. Thanks to Bill Brandt for the October luncheon at Club Pheasant, my wife Nancy for assisting with the routing of the President's Drive, Von Housen Mercedes of Rocklin for usage of their conference room and Bobbie Wiesner with help from husband, our Treasurer – Don, for taking charge of our Holiday Dinner at the Marriott.

The October "State of the Section" luncheon was to inform the membership of changes to the leadership and the active direction of our Section will be taking in the future and concluded with the election of our 2019 Board:

President – Creighton Fong

Vice President – Michael Proctor

Secretary – Bobbie Wiesner

Treasurer – Pamela Janssen

In addition, our members were introduced to our new Regional Director, Lance Taylor-Warren and also MBCA National Vice President, Steve Ross.



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Upcoming Events:

January 6 – FSD Amador County
Feb 3 – FSD - Winters
March 2 – Member’s dinner Mtg
March or Apr – drive to Daffodil Hill

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Our President’s Drive was a sixteen car caravan that concluded it’s 70 mile drive through Placer County’s Wine and Mandarin Orange Trails with a post Oktoberfest celebration at Kathrin’s Biergarten in Rocklin and its authentic German food and drink. Highlighting and completing the day was a visit by two surprise German guests – two brand new Mercedes – including a SLS AMG, not from “Across the Pond”– but from Von Housen – Across the Street!

At our membership meeting at MB of Rocklin, members volunteering at/after the meeting to assist in the Section now include: Historian – Allen Wrenn, Roadmasters – Tony Furano and Ron Bledsoe and Membership Liaison – Tom Hopkins. Our Section still needs a member(s) to help in the following areas; Social/Activities Director, Membership, Communications and Photographer/Videographer. In addition, Allen, Tony/Ron and Tom will gladly welcome any member(s) that want to assist, the more the merrier! Please contact them or let me know if interested. Additionally, Allen Wrenn proposed that our Section make a \$1,000 donation to the American Red Cross to assist our neighbors in surviving the tragedy they encountered in the last month – and was passed.

The attendance at Holiday Gala was below expectations – why? As many of you may know from experience, the booking of a banquet usually includes a guaranteed dollar amount to be spent in order not to be penalized in some manner or some funds being forfeited. As in past years, the Section has subsidized the Holiday Event with funds from the Treasury. The amount of this year’s subsidy was, even though less than in prior years, still a substantial amount. As we were unable to meet the full amount of the guaranteed minimum, we negotiated with the venue to have our Section fulfill the remainder of the guarantee with



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a lunch or dinner in 2019. The low attendance, however, led to many conversations and a great time with members getting to know each other on a one to one basis. Among those attending the dinner were Ted and Elaine Bonnington - Charter Members of our Section. Section Business included the formal introduction of 2019's Board and voluntary committee chairmans and the presentation of 2018 Section Member of the Year Award to Bill Brandt. The Board also recognized members in attendance that were celebrating milestone years of membership with MBCA – see accompanying article.

Happy New Year - 2019 will be our Section's 50th Anniversary. In going through boxes of what remains of our Section's past were copies of pre-Bill Brandt's issues of our Capitol Star. In reading these I learned a lot about the history of our Section. All these items are now in possession of our Historian, Allen. If any member has anything related to the past years of our club – don't throw it away, let Allen know as possibly what you have may be the only copy still in existence or a better condition and needed for our archives. We will be highlighting our past 49 years in our Newsletter and also on our MBCA Website with Allen including articles and pictures of our 49 years of drives, dinners, events and other facts related to our past. So, what should our Club do to celebrate our Golden Anniversary? Perhaps we can get into our Mercedes "Time Machine" and repeat one or more of those 50 year old drives/overnighters and/or have dinner again at one many restaurants frequented over the years, albeit some of the roads have changed and some of the businesses may no longer in business such as The Flying Lady in Morgan Hill.

Our 2019 Calendar of Events is still a work in process, including various 50th Year Events and conclude with a Gala Celebration Event. Following are our events that have been finalized, including our First Sunday Drive:

- January: FSD on January 6 to Amador County
- February: FSD on February 3 to Winters (Yes, this is Super Bowl Sunday, but kickoff time, even though not announced yet, will be in the late afternoon. Does anyone want to host a Super Bowl Party after the FSD?)
BofD Meeting - Wednesday, Feb 6 (Note: Open to all Sacramento Section members.)
- March: Saturday, March 2 – Member's Dinner Meeting – location to be determined. We will be taking a Group & Individual Pictures, possibly with our cars to update our MBCA Website. Additionally, we may have a brief introduction on how to maneuver around our MBCA Website.
- March/April: Drive to Daffodil Hill – may be during the week



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- April/May: Possible Regional Event (Mystery Tour?) led by Lance Taylor-Warren, Regional Director
June: Saturday, June 15 - Wine destination drive led by President/1st Lady to Judd's Hill in Napa for a Private Wine Seminar—see article and reservation form (limited to 20).
November: Saturday, November 15 – 2nd Annual President's Drive

Please note that members may want to check our Section's MBCA Website more frequently to keep current with announcements of events, reviews and pictures of our drives/events and our Newsletters (see article on "Our Capitol Star" relating to future electronic only versions of our Newsletter.) Remember, all members can make postings to our MBCA Website in the Events section of the website and can also make applicable changes to their profile including adding an Associate Member.

Let's Make It Happen in 2019 and Drive to Celebrate - 50 Years!!

Creighton

First Sunday Drive February 3rd 2019



Meeting at Starbucks 505 Davis Street. Vacaville, CA 95688. We will depart promptly at 10am so arrive early for tire kicking and catching up. Our drive will take us on some back roads we have traveled before but in the opposite direction than normal. The drive is just about 60 miles from the start to our finish in the little town of Winters, Ca. Here we will have a no host lunch at the restaurant of your choice. The selection includes The Putah Creek Cafe, Ocean Restaurant (Chinese), Tomats California Cuisine, Preserve Bar & Eatery, Ficelle (Mexican) and more. Bring your favorite or most reliable Mercedes and join us for some winter time wandering.

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