



# The Capital Star

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Aleta Carpenter  
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## Paramount Theatre Tour Saturday June 27, 2015

Registration opens May 10<sup>th</sup>

The Sacramento Section returns to the historic Paramount Theatre in Oakland for an encore tour of the 1931 National Historic Landmark, which was one of the big hits in last year's MBCA event schedule. The tour starts promptly at 1 pm. no one will be admitted late. \$25 per person, limit ONLY 40 guests.

For Mercedes-Benz Club of America - Sacramento Section and MBCA San Francisco Bay Area members and guests only! Register and pay in advance at [Motorsportreg.com](http://Motorsportreg.com)

Link to registration: [http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/mbca-vip-paramount-theatre-tour-of-arts-sacramento-778644#.VURUY\\_IVhHw](http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/mbca-vip-paramount-theatre-tour-of-arts-sacramento-778644#.VURUY_IVhHw)

The Paramount theatre is one of the finest showplaces of the nation and the leading example of Moderne Art-Deco design. The 3,000 seat movie palace opened in 1931, and remains a significant National Historic Landmark and an architectural marvel. Public tours are given twice monthly, but we have arranged for a private tour for just MBCA members only at 1pm that will last about 1 and 1/2 hours. Matías Bombal, our president, is a former employee of this theatre, and with his associates you will have a tour of this historic structure that the regular tours will never equal, including a rare chance to hear the theatre's "Mighty" Wurlitzer theatre pipe organ in person. Parking: Telegraph Plaza Garage—Entrance located on Telegraph Ave. between 21st & 22nd Streets: Sat. Hours 8am - 6pm \$2 per hour, max. \$10/day. See the photo of the parking lot here so you'll know what to look for when you arrive.

The Paramount Theatre of the Arts is located at 2025 Broadway, Oakland. We will meet June 27th at the theatre's carriage entrance at 12:45p on 21st street near Broadway for the tour. Only 40 people total allowed on this tour. Registration is open to Mercedes Benz Club of America members/spouses-partners/guests only, until the time that 40 have registered, our total person limit for this event. The Paramount Theatre is a large movie palace that has a lobby that goes up four stories, and there are NO elevators. Wear comfortable shoes for ascending several flights of stairs. Cameras welcome.

Learn about the restoration of this theatre 40 years ago:  
<http://youtu.be/Ry8kJuoT5Ac>

# President's Message

Matias A. Bombal



What excitement is mine in sharing with you this, our NEW newsletter for our Sacramento Section! This is the hard work of Rhonda and Dennis Harrigan, and we've been planning it for some time. As our club evolves we are thrilled that our officers have stepped up to the plate to take the responsibility of infusing new energy into our club. As I write these words it is important to know that it would not have been at all possible without the pioneering pathway made by our loyal members of many years, supporting the club for decades. I have much to learn from their example and I look to them constantly for advice and nuggets of experience and appreciate their continued loyalty and support.

It seems there's not been a president's message since Bill Brandt was president himself that did not offer thanks to him for his organizational skills, FSD's or the publishing of the club's newsletter, and I continue to do so in this message, for he has stalwartly published the newsletter for years for us. As we grow and evolve, it's time, and only just, to lighten some of Bill's burden. He's more than just given at the office, he gives and gives and gives! Effective this newsletter, he now is the official FSD Coordinator. As coordinator, he will be the go to person to assist YOU in planning First Sunday Drives for our club. He's done it long enough to know how help you in coordinating a drive, and we look to our members to suggest, plan and implement FSD's. Our regional director, Allen Wrenn, set the example for us, taking an intimate group for a splendid spin for the April Easter FSD, from El Dorado Hills to Placerville, the first of these drives not planned by Bill but coordinated through him for our club. Thanks Allen, for stepping up to the plate. Please connect with Bill Brant, his contact info is in this newsletter, with your ideas and commitment to volunteer and organize a drive for your fellow members.

I was delighted that many turned out for our tour of the State Capitol, my thanks to Vito Sgromo, State Building Manager for arranging that for our club and participating. Bill Brant's March FSD to Rio Vista offered us a chance to see Michael Morris' new to him 220S, and it was fun from my "Eva" a 1959 model of the same car to snuggle together with the other 220S whilst we had lunch. Vice president Anisha Harper's event at Mercedes-Benz of Sacramento on April 4th was well attended by interested members in learning the features of the safety tech that the latest models offer. Thanks to Anisha and Mercedes-Benz of Sacramento!

We have fun stuff forthcoming, like our next big event, on June 27 at the Paramount Theatre please register at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com). We share this event with San Francisco, so register NOW. More details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Until I see you again in person, happy motoring with your lucky star on all roads!

-Matías A. Bombal

## British Columbia Section Vice President Visits Sacramento Section



Our new President, Matías Bombal, started work right away on January 1st by hosting Sean Clark of Vancouver, the President of the British Columbia Section of the MBCA, to some Sacramento Section hospitality. During lunch at Ernesto's in downtown Sacramento, they shared ideas of what is working well in both sections and discussed new ideas. Then, they toured Sacramento, and Matías turned the wheel of "Eva" over to Sean in a gesture of goodwill between our sections. Sean opened up the throttle for a good section of the Garden Highway. The two visited the State Capitol building, the historic Julia Morgan House, Mercedes-Benz of Sacramento, East Sacramento and the confluence of the Sacramento and American rivers. Mr. Clark reached out to us via our Sacramento Section Facebook page, and sent this note to us after he and his wife returned to Vancouver:

*My wife and I have just returned to Canada from yet another enjoyable visit to Northern California. Looking back, I must tell you that the highlight was New Year's Day in beautiful Sacramento. What a fortunate happenstance that we should connect through our MBCA Section Facebook pages. Pure serendipity!*

*Thank you for inviting me to meet your members, and the wonderful personal tour of Sacramento. Your city is aesthetically lovely, but I enjoyed it all the more as I was introduced to the architecture and the history underlying its character and graceful elegance.*

*It seems to me, that not only do MBCA members have a common love of our cars, but we share an appreciation for many other finer accomplishments of life. A prominent member remarked to me very recently, that wherever they encounter other MBCA members, they are of an open, friendly, and gracious character. Certainly, I have found that of our Regional events, and I encourage more of them.*

*I further wish to say, it was a particular honour, and a thrill to me, to have the opportunity to sit behind the wheel, as "Eva" swept us along the streets of Sacramento, a well-mannered, well-bred lady!*

*Thank you, once again for your own generous hospitality, and that of your Section. I look forward to another meeting.*

*Kind Regards,  
Sean Clark,  
President, British Columbia Section MBCA*



## Tri Star Traffic By: Officer Dan

Have you ever wondered what happens *after* you get a ticket? Let's say you were enjoying the speed that your fine German machine can achieve and the next thing you know you are signing a ticket on the side of the road. What a jolt back to reality that was. You receive one copy, the law enforcement agency keeps one, and the top copy that was actually signed is sent to the court.

Usually, and depending on which County you live in, within four to six weeks you should receive a notice in the mail that has instructions about how to take care of the ticket. Because this example is a moving violation, you would have a few options. You can just pay the fine by mail or online, contest it by writing your side of the story (this is known as a Trial by Declaration), or request a court trial. A court trial might sound intimidating, but there is no jury and usually the trial is just you and the officer in front of the judge for a few minutes.

No matter what process you choose, I always recommend that people attend traffic school. Traffic school can be completed online and is fairly convenient for what the pay-off is-- no point on your record and your insurance rates won't go up. However, you can only do traffic school no more than every 18 months for each ticket. There are a few instances where you cannot do traffic school to mask the point from your insurance company; a DUI, speeding 25plus over the limit, 100mph or more, or exhibition of speed. It's just a process that anyone can get through with a little patience and humility. Fortunately, the State provides a process where everyone can have that DMV point kept off of their record- you just have to take care of the ticket first.

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San Luis Obispo Concours  
May 31, 2015  
San Luis Obispo California



**MBCA Central Coast Hospitality Tent – 2014 San Luis Obispo Concours**

Join the Central Coast Section in attending and supporting the San Luis Obispo Concours events benefiting the Hospice of San Luis Obispo County. Held on Sunday May 31, 2015, the Concourse provides a day of elegance and good times showcasing classic, exotic, powerful, unique and memorable vehicles. The Concourse is preceded by a Welcome Reception on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, the San Luis Concours Rally Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, and a Gala Winemaker's Dinner and Auction Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Central Coast Section will be hosting the MBCA hospitality tent during the Sunday Concourse. In addition to attending, there are opportunities for volunteering at these events. Contact Rich Leamon (Rich.Leamon@gmail.com 805 771-8587) for details.

Rich Leamon, Activities Chair  
Central Coast Section



**2014 San Luis Obispo Concours**



**2014 Class Winner**



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# STARTECH 2015

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## CINCINNATI, OHIO

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**StarTech 2015** is proud to announce it is being held in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 13-15. Like Mercedes, Cincinnati has a rich German heritage, and we hope to showcase that for the attendees at MBCA's biggest event of the year. We will present great technical lectures, and many learning experiences you will only receive at this event!

We will kick things off by hosting a Welcome Party sponsored by MBUSA at the Great American Ball Park's Mercedes Benz Diamond Club on Friday night. The Cincinnati Reds were the first professional Major League Baseball team, so it is only fitting we paired this venue with fans of the first automobile. We will have a great time in one of the newest ballparks to celebrate the kickoff of StarTech 2015.

We have partnered with the DoubleTree by Hilton Cincinnati Airport as our host hotel, and also the locations of the Saturday Technical Sessions and lectures. We have been given a special rate so book your hotel rooms by going to their website ([Click Here](#)) Rooms are \$110 a night.

We have speakers such as Pete Lesler, Tom Hansen, Joe Bernardi, Ted Gottfried, Pierre Hedary, Mary Nohr, Rick Drewrey, and many more. Topics will include the history of German automotive industry, silver star preservation, the classic center, insurance, what to look for in a concours level vehicle, and many more. To see a full list of speakers and topics please visit the StarTech website at <http://startech2015.mbca.org/>

Registration is open and can be found on the startech website, or by going here (<https://squareup.com/market/StarTech2015>). The full technical weekend costs \$225, and the social registration is \$130.

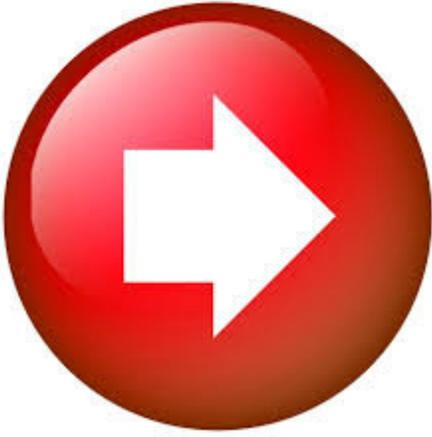
For those of you not interested in the full weekend, we also have 4 offsite events that showcase Cincinnati and its many gems. These can be found on the startech website by going here ([Click Here](#)). Our off-site events are highlighted by the Queen City Underground tour. This tour has been rated a top 5 walking tour in the country, and doesn't disappoint. This is a must see if you come to Cincinnati!

Saturday night we are planning a wonderful reception with great food, wonderful company, and possibly a keynote speaker from MBUSA.

As you can see StarTech 2015 has something for everyone, the only thing we will be missing is you. REGISTER TODAY!

Any questions, please email Peter Emslander at [MBCAStarTech2015@gmail.com](mailto:MBCAStarTech2015@gmail.com). For a Paper registration or to pay by check please call David or Kimberly Hagood at 513.404.8183.

We look forward to seeing you in June!



## Very Important News!!!!

This newsletter will be the last that most of you will receive by mail. We are going to an electronic version and will be delivering the newsletter by email. This will not only save time, but a large portion of our club's funds go to having the newsletter printed and mailed.

After surveying the other clubs in our region, we appear to be the last one to be mailing the newsletter.

Please ensure that we have your correct email address. If you are unsure, email it to: [sacmbca@gmail.com](mailto:sacmbca@gmail.com). If you do not have an email address, you can get a free one from [www.mail.google.com](http://www.mail.google.com). If you do not use a computer or email, please call Rhonda Harrigan @ (916) 416-9400. We will mail you a newsletter.

You don't want to miss out on future newsletters.



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