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The MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB of America • Sacramento Section Jan-Feb 2004

Sacramento Section Hiller Aviation Museum Tour
Saturday, February 21, 2004

Calendar Of Events

February 21, 2004

Hiller Aero Museum
Inger Bisson

March 2004

No Host Dinner

April 2004

Filoli Gardens (Woodside CA)

May 2004

Uncorked Rally III
Tom & Inga Bourdon
(707) 864-0567

June 2004

No Host Dinner

July 2004

Tahoe Motor Rally
Hank & Anne Pezzetti
(916) 687-4792

August 2004

No Host Dinner

September 2004

San Simeon Overnight
Bill Brandt
(916) 399-1736

October 2004

No Host Dinner

November 2004

Planning Meeting & Fall Fest
Kevin & Gloria McKnight
(916) 721-1579

December 2004

Christmas Party

This all day tour promises to exceed your expectations! The collection is dedicated to man's concept of flight: past, present and future. We will have a docent guide us though the displays covering our pursuits to fly from 1869 to the present.

Meet at the Chevron station at the last exit leaving Sacramento. Take I80 west towards San Francisco – exit on Enterprise Blvd. & West Capitol Ave (2nd exit after Harbor Blvd). Pull into the Chevron station, veer right, as there is a lot of open “trucking” space there where we can meet. Rendezvous at 9:30 AM, tour will leave at **10 PM sharp**.

Our first destination will be lunch at noon – Dominics @ Poplar Creek Restaurant, 1700 Coyote Point Drive, San Mateo. Phone (650) 522-7525.

Directions to the restaurant: I80 over the Bay Bridge, south on 101 to Poplar Ave exit. Right on North Humbolt – then right on Peninsula Ave back over 101. Make 2 left turns following signs to Coyote Pt. Drive to the restaurant and golf course.

After lunch we'll make our way to the museum located at 601 Skyway Road @ San Carlos Airport (650) 654-0200. Proceed south on 101, exit Holly St/Redwood Shores Parkway. Go east on Redwood Shores Pkwy and right again on Skyway Pkwy. We plan on starting the tour around 2:00PM.

Cost of the lunch *and* tour is **only \$19.00!** Your club is subsidizing this cost.

To join us use the enclosed coupon and mail to me by Monday, February 16.

Inger Bisson

Barbeque Eaters Wanted!

Sunday, March 21, 2004 @ 6:00 PM

Those of you who missed the Sunday dinner at the Back Forty Texas BBQ on January 18th really missed some fine food and lots of it. We had 15 members there and everyone raved about the taste, the portions and the reasonable cost. In fact it was suggested that we repeat the visit so more people would have the opportunity. So that we are going to do.

And we are going to sweeten the pot. The cost to you will be **only \$10** per person and the Club will pick up the balance. And we will have a bonus; John DuPriest, being from Texas, is a student of the history of the Texas Rangers. We are talking about the world famous, 175 year-old frontier police not the baseball team. (Remember; “One riot, one Ranger?”) So John will give us a short talk and bring some artifacts. And you can devour a mountain of ribs or chicken or hot links or prime rib in the meantime. Directions in the coupon.



President's Message

by: Bill Brandt

2003 just passed – I hope you all missed the flu! I suppose it could be said that Sacramento is polarized between those who religiously take annual flu shots and those who don't.

I am among the latter, believing that whatever is in the vaccine is for a strain that won't come. I base this observation on some experience!

Thanks to **Sandy Reese**, I managed to miss the flu and attend our Christmas Party. She gave me a remedy passed down from her late husband, **John Reese**. Sandy gave me John's recipe for a hot toddy.

John Reese's Hot Toddy: Take some lemon juice, hot tea and add a bit of bourbon.

I heated the tea in the microwave and felt it wasn't hot enough so I just drank the bourbon.

It kept all those viruses at bay and I was able to attend **Carolyn & Gary Twing's** wonderful event at the historic Holbrooke Hotel. I'll have a report on that event for the next issue.

You may notice that the newsletter has changed schedule. The reason is that this year you will be getting 6 issues – no more than 8. For me to do this on a monthly basis was getting to be a bit too much. I will time these to give you at least a month's notice for the upcoming major event. That has always been the major reason for the newsletter.

Since I am cutting down the number of issues I feel it's only fair to reduce the fee to our advertisers, who have all been so loyal & generous to us for many years.

Speaking of events – 2 are coming up. For several years, I have

thought of bringing the Section to the **Hiller Aviation Museum** in San Carlos. I've never been there but the San Francisco Section has been there 2 or 3 times just in the last 4 years, so it must be pretty good!

Inger Bisson graciously volunteered to host an event here, so mark your calendar for **February 21st**.

If you didn't attend the informal dinner at the **Back Forty Texas BBQ** January 18th, you missed an evening of good conversation and good food. And since we have some money in the treasury, we'll subsidize a portion of your dinner in March if you want to attend. Mark your calendar for **March 21st**. By the way, don't do as I did last time and drive down Auburn Blvd 5 miles! The restaurant is right next to I80.

See you February 21st!

Bill

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Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month.

Deadline for changes to articles or ads is approximately the 26th of each month.

Casa De Los Ninos Report

For the last few years, members of the Sacramento Section have shown their generosity at our Christmas Party by donating toys and supplies to the Sacramento Children's Home.

Our roving reporter, Sandy Reese, gives a report.

On Friday morning, Jan. 16th. at 9AM I represented the Club at a "Thank You" breakfast held at the Casa Garden Restaurant. All present were presented with Certificates of Appreciation and a token gift. We were informed that, this year, because of our generosity more than 2,011 children both on campus and in the community were treated to a very happy Christmas. Also, over 100 children were able to enjoy a few "snow" days in the Sierra playing in the snow. For many it was the first time that they were able to do that. Without our collected help, this would not have been possible.

The Crisis Nurseries, which cares for over 60 children from newborns to 5yrs of age, was able to meet the need for care because of our caring.

Sandy Reese

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Barbeque Eaters Reservation Form - in our hands by March 17th

Event day: Sunday, March 21, 2004 @ 6:00 PM

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Name(s) _____ E-Mail: _____
Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Make following selection for each person

Number of persons ___ x \$10.00 = Total of \$ _____ enclosed.

Complete this slip and enclose it with a check for the total amount to:

"Mercedes-Benz Club – Sacramento" and mail to; **John DuPriest, PO Box 121, Penryn, CA 95663**

Directions: 1201 Orlando Ave, Roseville. Orlando is the frontage road off of Auburn Blvd at Inter state-80. Auburn becomes Riverside on the north side of I-80. Stay on the south side, pardner!

Questions?: 916/933-2185 E-mail:john@dupriest.com

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Names _____ Phone _____ No Attending _____
\$19.00/per person Amount Enclosed _____

Entree choices:

_____ ***Insalata Della Casa*** - Hearts of Romaine, Roma tomatoes, parmesan & cheddar cheese tossed in Dominic's special house parmesan dressing and char broiled chicken breast.

_____ ***Bistecca Anonio*** - New York Steak marinated in special recipe & spices, served with garlic parmesean fries.

_____ ***Calamari Pecorino*** (Abaloni Style) Calamari steaks with special breading and vermicelli rice pilaf

Note: ***This price is only possible with our section's subsidy!***

Please make your checks payable to; **MBCA Sacramento Section and send to:
Inger Bisson, 701 Hawkcrest Circle, Sacramento, CA 95835**

Any questions call **Inger @ (916) 419-8762** or **709-1945** Reserve now as reservation deadline is February 16.

Sacramento Section Member of the Year

The last few years it has been my pleasure to surprise these recipients – call it an almost perverse pleasure, in giving this award the at our annual Christmas Party.

We've always picked members who have always worked to help the Section – members who sometimes think they work “under the radar” and didn't realize they were being noticed!

Last year we picked such a member – Sandy Reese.

This year we picked Joyce Dupriest. While husband John has many times been a high profile supporter – just last year he was responsible for arranging the speakers at StarTech on a tight budget – no easy job – wife Joyce has always done whatever it took to make an event work.

For StarTech alone she was the Registrar – not to mention all the things she has done for the Section in years past.

So the 2003 Section Member of the Year Award was awarded to Joyce Dupriest at our annual Christmas Party. Joyce was surprised and it was a well-deserved recognition.



Bill Brandt

Bill Brandt Receives “Officer-of-the-Year” Award By Richard Simonds, National President

Bill Brandt received the Western regional “Officer-of-the-Year” Award for 2004 from former Western Regional Director, Richard Simonds, at the Sacramento Section Holiday party on December 19th. Bill was nominated for this honor by several of his peers as well as from a Sacramento Section member. For the past 4 years Bill has faithfully served as both president and newsletter editor for the Sacramento Section. Further, he has worked with several people in the Section to host the National Board Meeting and StarTech 2003 last April. Bill has agreed to serve another term as president and to continue as editor of *The Capitol Star*. His loyalty and commitment to the Section is exemplary. This award recognizes his dedication.

Now, before Bill reaches “burnout” stage, will someone else step forward to fill the position of Sacramento Section president for 2005? I ask, as your National President, because the health of every section lies in having members who are willing to work on behalf of the section. Bill has generously served all of you. I believe he would benefit from some relief as president, even as he continues as newsletter editor. However, it would also be nice to have someone who loves publishing to be the newsletter editor, too.

Thanks to everyone in the Sacramento Section for maintaining a strong and active section. Keep up the good work. I'm proud to be your National President and past Western Regional Director.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Simonds



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