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The MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB of America • Sacramento Section January 2001

Calendar Of Events

January 2001

*Fones & Fajitas
Roseville, CA*

February 2001

*USS Hornet Aircraft Carrier
Alameda, CA*

April 2001

*National Automobile Museum
Reno, NV*

May 2001

*Rally
Tom & Inga Bourdon*

June 2001

*Shriners Concours
Bob Cottam*

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Ask Al!

Our Question this month is from Dale H. of Roseville, regarding his '99 E430.

QUESTION: Which is better to use, Mobil Oil or Synthetic Oil before 20,000 miles? Should the oil be changed every 5,000 or 6,000 miles, or should the oil be changed when the Flexible Service System Light comes on, which could be every 13,000 miles?

ANSWER: In response to Dale H.'s questions regarding his '99 E430: I have heard, though have no personal knowledge, that using synthetic oil early in the "life" of your vehicle will maintain its parts better than using non-synthetic oil. The oil should be changed according to the FSS indicator (light) to maintain the Mercedes Warranty. The official Mercedes position according to their website, is that the indicator light will come on between 10,000 and 20,000 miles, depending upon the driving conditions and the owner's driving style. Mercedes says that on an average, the light will come on at about 12,000 miles, so your vehicle is certainly within the proper mileage range. After the warranty period, you can change the oil more often if you prefer, which should keep your vehicle in better condition, for a longer period of time.

Happy Motoring, Dale, and continue to enjoy your E430!

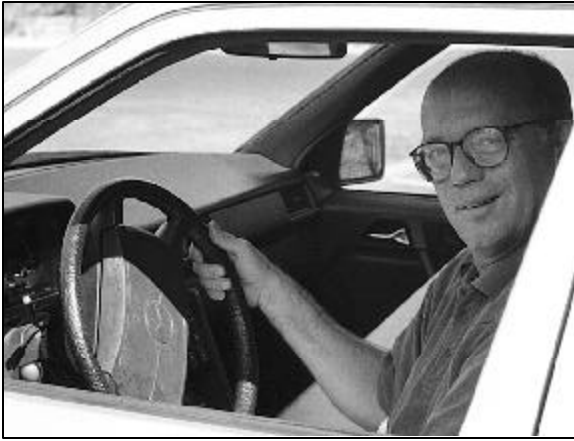
--Al

Each month, Al Angeloni will answer a section member's question about their Mercedes-Benz vehicle. You can submit your questions directly to Al at alrogangeloni@juno.com.

A Sad Note...

I was just informed that yesterday, January 1, 2001, Liz Sudtell passed away. I know I can speak for the entire Section when I say that Liz's company was always enjoyed, and she will be missed. She was a gracious and giving person. Our condolences go out to Henry...

-Bill Brandt



President's Message

by: Bill Brandt

Since January is the traditional time for the President to give the "State of the Union", and the Governor gives the "State of the State", I'll give the "State of the Section".

We have a good newsletter publisher and money in the treasury. Unfortunately 2 days ago I received some distressing news of the passing of one our long-term members. Our Sunshine Lady, Ginger Sanigar, had the sad task of selecting a floral arrangement and card. We tried to call as many of you as we could for the service January 6th.

You know, I am proud of the way so many of our members give of their time to help this Section. John Dupriest has kindly volunteered to serve as Secretary for this year. John and many others have certainly paid their dues over the years to insure that this club is active and vibrant. I'd like to thank Brent Fisher for the nice job he did for the previous 2 years.

Someone told me last night that he has been in other clubs where a small number of people always do all the work. These clubs eventually wither because the same people can't be expected to continually do all the work. In fact, that was the situation of the Cal Star Section, just to the south of us. It was officially dissolved December 31st.

Some of their members have transferred to our Section - I'd like to welcome you! One of these days I'd like to host an event either to Columbia or the train ride at Jamestown, so I will draw on your expertise!

Since all of our terms will expire the end of this year, I hope that some of you who haven't served will consider doing so. A strong club not only needs volunteers but new blood to stay vibrant. Over the coming months I will describe the duties of each office.

We have a few months still available for Section events. Several people have some ideas to fill these. I am glad to offer advice if you need it. At

November's planning meeting Bob Cottam even offered to dig into his file of past rallies of years ago - all the rally needs is a host. If you've ever planned an event then you know that 90% of the work is in the planning - and this has already been done.

John Dupriest is hosting an event January 20th to the Roseville Telephone Company Museum and a lunch at Cabo's Mexican Restaurant. The San Francisco Section had an event here and found seeing 100 years of technology fascinating!

February 24th I will be hosting an event to the aircraft carrier Hornet. I talked to the group tour people there and discovered that we didn't have a large enough group for them to bring it to Old Sacramento, so we'll meet in Alameda.

March? As of now it is not filled so if anyone wants to host an event let me know.

Bill

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Oktoberfest 2000

On a blustery rainy night 61 members and guests drove their trusty Mercedes into the foothills of California an hour away from Sacramento and further, to attend the Second Annual Oktoberfest hosted by Kevin and Gloria McKnight.

The event was held at Scheidel's, a Bavarian style restaurant on Alta Vista Drive in Grass Valley. Kevin and his brother Keith from Karlsruhe Germany have a German style band called 'Die Bruder aus Karlsruhe' (the brothers from Karlsruhe). They played traditional Oktoberfest type music including bier songs, polkas, some Latin, and oldie dance tunes.

We socialized and feasted on 'Sauerbraten and Rotkoll' and 'Chicken Cynthia'. Several of the guests were dressed in traditional German outfits.

I noticed that there were a couple of cars from the newer Mercedes line-up. There was an SLK and a couple of M-Class.

Thank you Kevin and Gloria for your continued efforts. May we be graced by you next year.

-Brent Fisher



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TEQUILA ROSE XXXV March 16-18, 2001

The San Diego Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America would like to invite you to attend Tequila Rose XXXV, being held March 16-18, 2001 at the Historic Mission Inn in Riverside, California. Today the Mission Inn occupies an entire city block in the heart of downtown Riverside, but it began humbly as a two-story, 12 room adobe boarding house, built in 1876 by Christopher Columbus Miller. The inn is one of California's oldest and most celebrated hotels, dating back to 1902 when Frank Miller began his first expansion. It is truly an awesome facility, and will be the home for our weekend adventure.

Frank Miller spent more than 30 years building and collecting this treasure. The finished project incorporated design elements from throughout the United States and several Mediterranean countries with particular influence from the California missions.

It is filled with more than \$5 million of antiques and artifacts! Over the years, the Mission Inn has hosted numerous dignitaries including five United State Presidents while in office, the marriage of former President Richard Nixon to Pat Nixon, and the honeymoon of Ronald and Nancy Reagan.

Upon your arrival on Friday, a totally unique room awaits you (no two rooms at the Mission Inn are alike. Friday evening we then gather for no-host cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Saturday morning we meet again for a hearty breakfast in our private meeting room. At this point, your Rallyemaster will provide instructions for the day's driving events.

Is it too early to contemplate the outcome of the rallye and gymkhana? After changing into something 'weekend-

elegant', we reconvene for a scrumptious dinner and to find out who won!!

Sunday morning we meet again for an early breakfast, so that those with a great driving distance can get an early start home. Some of our attendees may opt to go on the tour of the Mission Inn which takes about 1 1/2 hours and is an additional cost (see the reservation slip).

Due to the popularity of the Mission Inn, our reservation deadline is necessarily early - February 15, 2001.

We look forward to seeing you March 16!

Lois Wokoek
President, MBCA San Diego Section
Chair, Tequila Rose XXXV

Tequila Rose XXXV March 16-18 2001

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COST PER SINGLE: \$ 385.00
MENU SELECTION(s): () Roulade of Chicken
() Medallion of Pork Loin

Sunday Mission Inn Tour @ \$8.00 per person \$ _____

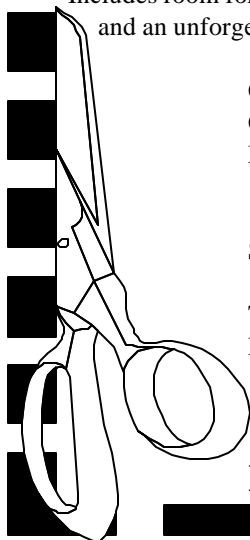
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to MBCA/San Diego Section and mail to:

Rudy Wokoek
1850 Fox Bridge Court
Fallbrook, CA 92028
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email: benzbak@yahoo.com

Reservation deadline is February 15, 2001.



Aircraft Carrier Hornet Feb 24, 2001

As we used to say in the Army, "LISTEN UP!!" I guess the Navy would say, "NOW HEAR THIS". A few months ago I joined the San Francisco Section to see this ship. We all had such a good time that I feel the Sacramento Section should also go!

This is the ship you always saw on TV when they were picking up the astronauts. You can see the quarantine area they used. Walk where the first moonwalkers walked when the helicopter picked them up...

This paltry price of \$16.50 will give you a day on this ship. Plus lunch! Docents will take you places that you want to go. Well, most places. The brig is still off limits. But there's the flight deck, hanger, engine room, sickbay, bridge...

Did you know that the temperature in the engine room was 140 degrees? You will have to take the engine room tour to see what sailors had to do to clean the turbines. It wasn't pretty.

The ship is yours for a day – see as much or as little as you want. At your own pace. Docents will offer tours at various times that you can take. All free.

There's also a flight simulator you can use for a slight charge.

Around noon we will assemble in the Officer's Mess to have a nice boxed lunch.

I guarantee you can't have as much entertainment anywhere else for only \$16.50! Bring your camera. The flight deck offers an unbelievable view of San Francisco.

Fall in at 10:00 on 24 Feb 01 at the pier. Be there or be AWOL. As your CO, I don't want to have to send the Shore Patrol to find you! Since they want a firm count a week before the event, the deadline is **Feb 17th. No Exceptions.**

A word of caution – you use the same steps the crew used. Meaning they are steep and narrow.

Directions: From Sacramento and I80: Take 880 south and take the Broadway/Alameda exit. At the end of the ramp turn right on 5th street. Merge into the left lane and follow signs to Alameda via the Webster Street Tube (tunnel). Upon exiting the tube, follow Webster St to Atlantic Ave and turn right. Follow Atlantic Ave through the gate into Alameda Point (formerly Alameda Naval Air Station). Turn left on Ferry Point and proceed along the water towards the cluster of large ships. Parking is available across the street from the USS Hornet.

Lunch: Includes Pasta Salad, Fresh Fruit Salad and a soft drink. Plus a soft French roll sandwich – in your choice of turkey, ham, or roast beef.



DAL Cecil Brewer and Bill Brandt touring the head (don't call it a bathroom!)



Flight deck

USS Hornet - February 24, 2001

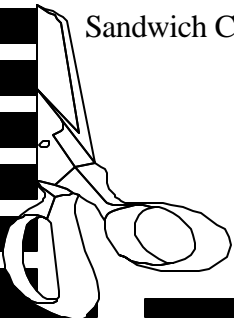
Name _____ Phone Number _____

Sandwich Choice: Turkey _____ Ham _____ Roast Beef _____

Send checks of \$16.50 per person made to MBCA-Sacramento Section to:

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Deadline is February 17th.



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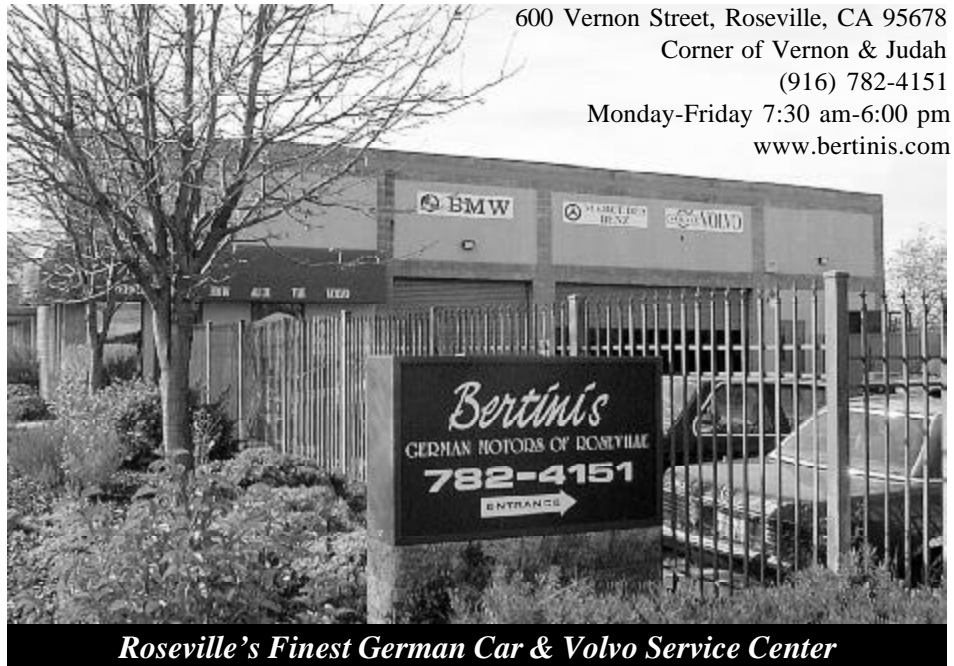


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