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Calendar Of Events

April
Petaluma Seed Bank
 Mark & Kim Reese (tentative)

June 25-26
Scotia and Beyond
 Allen Wrenn

July
Virginia City Tour– Bill Brandt
 – opt overnight at Gold Hill Hotel

July –
August – Sonora Playhouse –
 Hank Pezzetti

October – **Auburn Glass –**
Wine Lunch
 Mark & Kim Reese

November – **Planning Mtg**

December **Christmas Party –**
 Kevin and Gloria McKnight

“Everything’s Subject To Change”

Just 2 days before this newsletter was supposed to go to the press , we learned that the “Feats of Clay” exhibition in Lincoln was moved back 2 months. And yet there are still events, like Allen Wrenn’s, that you should know about. Allen is putting a lot of effort into this and he would like to know if you are interested. If you are, please send in the coupon on page 4.

Plus we have received an invitation from the SFBA Section to Golden Gate Fields, and even an invitation to Portland for an event up there. There are so many upcoming events to publisize that my write-ups of past events are on mbca.org (under “Event Reports”), with the First Sunday Drives also at our own website at mbca.org/sacramento (Thanks Craig!).

So the presses can’t be stopped! - Bill Brandt

A Drive To Scotia And Beyond – Part 2

Last month I had a first teaser about a weekend drive to the North Coast. I had some positive feedback from several of our members, so we now have a date and some other details.

We will drive on Saturday, June 25 to the town of Scotia. We will begin with a drive up I-5 to Red Bluff where we will have a no-host lunch. Then it will be westward on Highway 36, then a side trip on another interesting road to arrive at Highway 101 at Garberville. Then we will zip on up to Scotia. Our drive across Highway 36 and on the side trip should prove very interesting and exciting. As I noted in last month’s Capitol Star, Highway 36 is 140 miles of curves, coupled with a lot of ups and downs. The side trip will be on a similar road.

On Sunday we will drive along the area known as The Lost Coast of California. Our Lost Coast route will take us through Petrolia and Honeydew. Please be aware that on some short sections of the Lost Coast roadway the pavement has been lost, so we will be traveling on some short unpaved areas. We will return to Highway 101 about 15 miles south of Scotia. Along the way we will pass through a section of Humboldt Redwoods State Park that most people do not get to.

Our overnight accommodations and Saturday dinner will be at the historic Scotia Inn. A light breakfast will be provided by the Inn on Sunday. We have limited rooms available at special negotiated rates. The larger rooms in each category will be assigned based on when your reservations are received. There are a couple rooms that have an adjoining sleeping area if you need a two-room unit. If we have more participants than we have space for at the Scotia Inn we will book them into a motel in the neighboring town of Rio Dell. Following Saturday night’s dinner we will have a presentation by a member of the Humboldt County Historical Society. This far north-west corner of our state has a fascinating history.

If you have any questions give me a call at **916-988-0225**.

Allen Wrenn



President's Message

by: Tony Otis

Now that it's March, let's hope that the warmer, drier weather comes & stays. We had a very cold reception at the California Auto Museum.

Cold temperatures that is. Most of us had frozen feet by the time the tour was over. Nevertheless about 25 of us showed up.

Best time to visit would be in the spring or fall. A big thanks to Bill Brandt for arranging a hearty lunch at the Riverside Club House which warmed us up. *(And thank you to the manager and staff there for hastily making a table for 26 - their service is the best! - Ed.)*

My planned tour of Gladding McBean in Lincoln has changed dates. The "Feats of Clay" exhibit tours are in May and there will be details to follow. Our F.S.D's have been very successful, with excellent turnouts.

Thanks again to Bill's reconnaissance of the routes. Participation is always welcomed, so if any one

who has an interesting destination or scenic route to take please let us know. Gas prices are up , but so is the enthusiasm!

Our members in the Reno Tahoe Area are planning to start their own section. We wish them well and and look forward to sharing info with them about trips & events.

The Sierras have proven to be a formidable barrier between us.

As President I have inherited a lot of things that seem to get passed from President to President.

One of these things has been a **16mm movie reel of unknown content**. It has just been passed from decade to decade.

It was given to us by what was Mercedes-Benz of North America (does this offer a clue as to its age?!) - finally, curiosity got the best of us.

We had the movie transferred to DvD. The process reminded me a bit of a a time-capsule opening

ceremony!

If you'd like a copy just email Bill at the CapitolStar email address shown below, and he will make you a copy.

He'll give you a free copy at an upcoming event, either a Section event or FSD if you just let him know.

If you'd like him to mail you a copy just send \$3 to cover the cost of postage and the mailer to his address below and he'll mail you a copy.

Finally for those of you who will become part of the Reno Section (Nevada and parts of Lake Tahoe on the California side) - if you'd like to continue getting our newsletter you can call the National Office and specify us as a secondary Section.

Regardless, you are still welcomed at any of our events!

Tony

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Tri Star Traffic By Dan

Have you ever seen a black and white police car hiding off to the side of the road and thought, "How fast am I going," then look at your speedometer only to find that you are a few over the posted speed limit? What do you do? Slow down? How about speed up? What if you were traveling at 63mph over the speed limit?

Well, I found out the other day what one young man chose to do. Using radar, I found a motorcycle traveling 118mph on a straight two lane road. When he saw me, he sped up! As I pulled out onto the road to catch him, he was on a long curve. At this point I visually estimated his speed at 120 to 130mph. He then disappeared around the bend and continued his blistering speed. I continued to travel straight towards the next opportunity to get out of the area, the freeway.

I have to have my overhead red lights on (and siren when needed) to be exempt from all traffic laws. The rider of the motorcycle has no such equipment. So, as soon as he got caught up in traffic, he had to slow down. This is how I gain ground on him. When I approach traffic, drivers usually yield to the right. This helps me catch up as well because the rider is getting the squeeze put on him by everybody moving to the right for me. Even people in the left lane moved to the right for me, which is what we hope for.

Thank you everybody for moving to the right when you see red lights behind you because, I caught him. At the end of his run, he ducked into a parking lot with one entrance/exit. I blocked his way out with my car and got him off the bike. On the way to the jail, he said I was correct with my speed estimation of 120 to 130mph. He then admitted to going faster! I guess he

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Our Own Tom Bourdon by a car from his teenage years - a Fiat 500 at the recent event at the **California Auto Museum**. He said he and 5 of his friends fit into this! Full write up at mbca.org under "Event Reports". This car was used by Pixar to make their own cartoon 500 in the movie *Cars*. Many thanks to Tony Otis for arranging this.

.....And thank you to the capable manager and staff of the Riverside Clubhouse for arranging a table for 26 (I had told them "10-15!"). The food was superb with lots of camaraderie and conversations!

needed to confess, or brag, to the first person he could.
Send me your questions about anything related to traffic. As always, I can settle bets and rumors but not court cases.

Dan

CG-1705

These days, with a lot more time in my life that I could have foreseen a few years ago, I have been doing some different things. Since I have always enjoyed aviation, I decided to volunteer one afternoon a week at the Aerospace Museum of California, out at McClellan Airpark. By now of course you have to be wondering what any of this as to do with the Mercedes Club. Two years ago, when I wanted to give the Section a tour of Sacramento's own Coast Guard station. I thought that our chances of being admitted, post 9/11, were next to nil. To my pleasant surprise, the public affairs officer, LT Adam Bryant, kindly invited us to visit his station. We were treated to a lecture on his station's mission, plus a tour of the hanger, briefing room and finally, his "office", the beautifully maintained (and painted) C130 "Hercules" that he (as co-pilot) and his crew flew all over the eastern Pacific on rescue missions. Section members were like little children touring the plane!

Eight months after enjoying Adam's hospitality, while searching for a lost boater, he and his crew were killed in a mid air collision with a Marine Corps helicopter off San Clemente Island. Air Station Sacramento has been a friend to the museum (you should see their beautifully painted Grumman plane on display).

Who should I meet there the other day but the base commanding officer. He told me they are raising money for a memorial for CG-1705. They are selling patches honoring this crew of CG-1705 for \$10, and **all** proceeds go to the memorial. I hope you will support them by buying a patch - \$10.88 at the museum gift shop (including tax) or send a check to me made to Aerospace Museum of California and I'll ship one to you at my own expense . *Bill Brandt*

A DRIVE TO SCOTIA AND BEYOND RESERVATION FORM

From: Name _____ Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail address _____

Other participants name(s) _____

Send to:

Allen Wrenn
205 Cascade Falls Drive
Folsom, CA 95630

Room(s) to be reserved:

_____ with Queen-size bed at \$104 = \$ _____

_____ with King-size bed at \$131 = \$ _____

Total for room reservation(s) = \$ _____

_____ Allen, contact me about the availability of a two-room unit

Dinners to be reserved:

Dinner will be a buffet to include Spinach Salad, Tri Tip, Italian Chicken, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus, Bread and Blackberry Cobbler with Ice Cream.

_____ Dinners at \$24 each = \$ _____

Total for dinner(s) = \$ _____

Total amount for room(s) and dinner(s) = \$ _____

Enclosed is my check for the total amount, with the check made to:
MBCA, Sacramento Section

I acknowledge that all participants will be required to sign a Release of Liability prior to participating in this scheduled driving event. _____ (Signature)

Mercedes Club invited to Allure of the Automobile

MBCA members are invited to display their cars during Cars in the Park at the Portland Art Museum on July 23rd. The museum is inviting owners of classic Mercedes-Benz to display their cars and see a private showing of the Allure of the Automobile exhibit. The Allure of the Automobile will showcase 16 of the world's most luxurious, rare, and brilliantly conceived automobiles designed between 1930 and the mid-1960s — including a Mercedes-Benz 300SLR Uhlenhaut coupe, a Mercedes 540K, a 1957 Jaguar XK-SS once owned by Steve McQueen, a 1961 Ferrari 250GT Comp short-wheelbase Berlinetta, the prototype 1959 Corvette Stingray, and other fine cars from Bugatti and Alfa Romeo. Originally exhibited at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, the exhibition will be guest curated by Ken Gross, the former director of the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles.

The museum is blocking off the streets in front of the Portland Art Museum for the Mercedes club display. This is in the Park Blocks, offering a great tree-shaded setting. Car owners who display a car will receive a private showing of the Allure exhibit, access to a hospitality suite, and a bumper plaque commemorating the day. Cost for car owners is \$25. Tickets are available for \$15 for Mercedes club members not displaying a car but who want to join the private showing of the exhibit with the club. Contact me if you would like to show your Mercedes at this event or join the private showing. The number of cars in the display will be limited to 40. I'll be there with my '67 250SL, and would like to see a good showing of classic Mercedes-Benz. Contact me at allenstephens@frontier.com or at 503-708-0397.

The Sport of Kings; Day at the Races

by Eva Gordon, Activities Director SFBA Section

What: Day of Live Horse Racing – When: Sunday May 15, 11:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Where: Turf club, Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley Cost: \$35 Per Person

We invite you to join your fellow club members at the exclusive Turf Club at Golden Gate Fields to enjoy an afternoon of live horse racing. Golden Gate Fields is the only remaining horse track in the Bay Area. You will have the opportunity to place your bets on the races being run live on the track.

Our day begins with complimentary valet parking upon arrival at the Turf Club. Our group will gather and mingle between 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m. in the Bay View lounge (located in the Turf Club) with it's spectacular view overlooking the San Francisco Bay and Golden Gate Bridge. We will migrate to our seating in the Turf club to watch the racing and enjoy a gourmet buffet lunch. Our seating is reserved all day, so we are free to roam around the grounds. Live racing begins Noon, and lunch is served from Noon until Two O'clock.

Our gourmet menu includes a Carving Station of Slow Roasted Prime Rib and Roasted Turkey. Paired with Soup Du Jour, Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes, Wild Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Steamed Vegetables, Creamy Polenta Parcels, 4 Cheese Macaroni Gratin, Honey-Herb Roasted Pork Loin, Baked Dover Sole with Sauce Piquant and Golden Gate Fields "Signature" Fried Chicken. The buffet includes a selection of farmer's market specialty salads; Spring Greens, Cole Slaw, Potato, Mediterranean Pasta, Vine-Ripened Vegetable and Fruit salads. Followed by an array of assorted desserts; Petite French Pastries, Pies, Cakes, Puddings and house-made Warm Apple Cobbler.

Your \$35 ticket includes Valet Parking, entry Ticket to Golden Gate Fields, entry to the Turf Club, Reserved Seating in groups of four, a Racing Program, and our very special Gourmet Buffet Brunch, tax and tip included. The Turf Club dress code requests "smart casual" dress and does not allow shorts or ball caps. **The reservation deadline is April 10.** If you have any questions, please contact Eva Gordon at eva@well.com or by phone at (650) 834-2614.

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**Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Inc.
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Or, ask a member for an application. You can also join by visiting MBCA on the Web:

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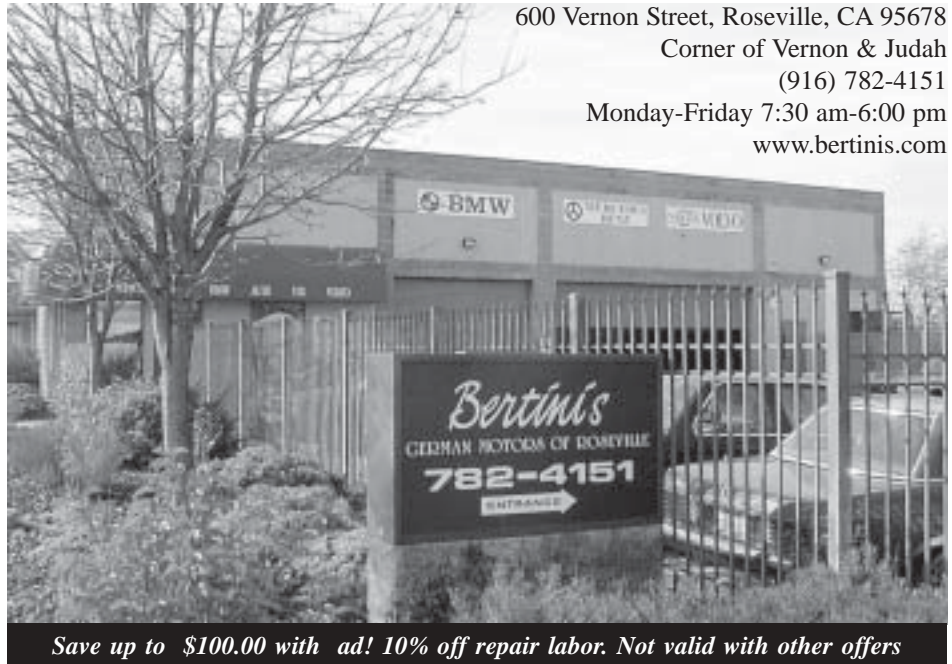
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1992 300TE 4matic If you have been patiently waiting for one of the prettiest Mercedes-Benz wagons, this is the car for you. It is smoke silver with parchment interior, with just 188,000 miles in almost 20 years. We just replaced the smog pump with a rebuilt unit from George Murphy. The car has been maintained at MB-Sacramento during the years we have owned it.

We are the 2nd owner, having bought it from a doctor in Lake Tahoe in 1999. It has the desired 3rd seat option and Michelin tires with lots of wear left.

“See to appreciate” is sometimes a cliché, but this car should be seen. You'll look hard to find even a door ding. **\$3500 OBO**

Russ (916) 427-5686

1979/80 300TD M-B original yellow/brown MB-Tex. 250,000 miles. Very good original condition. No rust California car. Was running very well when shut off and now will not start. Everything else was working except cruise control (needs rebuilt controller). Euro headlamps (originals with car) Always garaged. Sunroof, interior wood trim. Voted one of 10 best cars for teenage driver. I am no longer able to work on car. Parts car included if wanted. **Any reasonable offer accepted.**

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