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The MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB of America • Sacramento Section May 2003
Montevina Wine Tour & Picnic Lunch - May 12

Calendar Of Events

May 12, 2003
Amador Rally
Hank & Anne Pezzetti
(916) 687-4792

June 8, 2003
Shriner's Concours
Bob & Alice Cottam
(916) 349-1013

July 2003
Bobbie Larson
(916) 714-2544

August 2003
Navada Tour
Dayton McDonald
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September 2003
Poker Run
Darryl & Debbie Kielich

October 2003
Oktoberfest
Kevin & Gloria McKnight

December 2003
Nevada City Victorian Christmas
Bobbie Larson

Whew!!! Now that StarTech 2003 is behind us it is time to relax. Why don't you join us for a nice day at Montevina Winery in Amador County? The setting is beautiful, and we will be outdoors among the trees and birds. Who could ask for more? We will have a catered box lunch by Chef Beth. The Choices will be:

- Smoked Turkey Breast, gorgonzola & honey mustard on walnut bread
- Italian Club, salami and imported rosemary ham with pesto and provolone
- Roasted Vegetable, olive tapenade and herbed goat cheese

All include a Garden Pasta Salad, Fresh Seasonal fruit, Chocolate Fudge Brownie or Cookie Assortment.

I know this is late and fast, but we need the count by May 12th. I think the best way is for the Club to meet at the Sloughhouse Inn Restaurant on highway 16. We will depart for the Montevina Winery at 10:30 AM.

Hank Pazzetti

Sunday, June 8, Shriner's Concours

I hope we have a large turnout for several reasons. First, First, it's always a fun day socializing and showing off our automobiles. Second, it is the 10th anniversary of the event and our participation. Third, it is bigger, better and additional events will be offered. Fourth, and purely personal, *this will be my last event with the Sacramento Section before retirement* to the beautiful red rock country of Moab, Utah.

Additional optional events for this year include "A Day At The Races" on Friday evening (June 6th) with a \$25 entry fee including admission, a fabulous buffet in the Turf Club and featuring a race between a Model T and a horse and sulky.

On Saturday a tour of the area for classic and sports cars will be available for \$20.

In addition to the concours, a cocktail reception with lots of hors d'oeuvres in the elegant ballroom at the Coca Cola bottling company, plus coffee and dessert following in the Shriner's Hospital Atrium lobby, all for \$25 per person.

Proceeds for all these events will go to the Shriner's hospital. Concours entry is still \$25, judged or display.

I hope to see lots of you there!

Bob Cottam



President's Message

by: Bill Brandt

It seems so long ago.....

That **Richard Simonds** and **Cecil Brewer** came to make a presentation about hosting StarTech. I had been hesitant fearing a huge financial liability.

I guess **Joyce Dupriest** got the ball rolling a few weeks earlier volunteering to be the Registrar, should we accept. Or as Joyce told me later, "John volunteered me!"

At the meeting, held at Mercedes-Benz of Sacramento, we all decided to accept the challenge. When Richard asked for a chairman, **Inga Bourdon** raised her hand. Husband **Tom** decided to become a co chair.

At this time, John jokingly told me that "we're going to make you look good". Well, credit should be given to those who deserve it, and the StarTech committee deserves it, not me.

I sat in on the committee meetings and kept abreast of the progress everyone

was making. I can tell you that everyone on that committee, and I mean *everyone*, worked hard and the ultimate success of this event allowed for no weak links.

I received many compliments from the National President on down, but the credit should go to our committee.

At the banquet I said that the payoff for this year's work was seeing so many people having a good time. We had visitors from all over the country and even England.

There's so many thanks that should also go to others – the many volunteers from our Section that helped at the event, from the registration table to the entry ways of the seminar rooms.

Of course, our friends at the DaimlerChrysler fuel cell center whose displays and seminars were

the anchor to StarTech, deserve a big **THANKS**. I'd like to thank **Wolfgang Weiss**, who has been such a friend to our club!

A special thanks should also go to MB-USA who has strongly supported MBCA for so long. **MaryAlice Ritzmann** has been very generous to our club for many years. In addition to some very nice raffle prizes, MB-USA sponsored our Friday night reception and even trucked in a beautiful black 1936 540K from New Jersey. I was told that its value was about \$2.5 million.

The 540K was in one corner of the ballroom with the NECAR at the opposite corner. It was a perfect display of the old & the new with both cars representing some of the best engineering from DaimlerChrysler.

I want to acknowledge everyone who made StarTech 2003 such a success next month...

Thank You.

Bill

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Penryn Promenade IV

On March 8, John & Joyce Dupriest resurrected a Sacramento Section tradition last done in 1985 and hosted the Penryn Promenade. This is a rally in our Section's tradition which requires one to carefully read street signs and other clues as posted in the list of questions.

Also in our tradition – we were shown some beautiful scenery in our “backyard” that most had never seen before.

Particularly memorable for me was stopping in the charming town of Newcastle along with beautiful vistas that could be on a post card.

John and Joyce Dupriest also led us through a very “upscale” neighborhood in the foothills – where the smallest house was 10,000 square feet. As I drove though this neighborhood all I could think is that if I don't vacuum my own small house regularly how would I fare in one of these behemoths!

On this rally I was fortunate in having a guest, Brianna Pierce, who in real life has been both a deputy coroner and CSI. In between interesting stories of crimes solved over the years, Brianna's computer-like mind was answering the questions as the clues flew by!

While we didn't place, we had a respectable finish. The winners were the Section rally juggernauts Team Reese and Team Cinnamon taking first and second, respectively.

The event culminated in a nice lunch at a Mexican restaurant.

Our thanks go to John & Joyce Dupriest in planning and hosting this event.

Bill Brandt



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Cookies and the Road to Baghdad....

I've had an Internet friend, Gary Pace, in the 101st Airborne. When he was deployed to Kuwait, I thought back to my time in the Army when mail and packages were so welcome.

If some poor recruit got some cookies, the drill sergeant would announce to the platoon, **"I hope you have enough for *everybody!*"**

So I went to Costco (some time I'll have to tell you about the 1 time I tried to make cookies) – anyway, I got about 250 cookies and gave instructions on the package to spread them around!



Some things after 30 years I would still find familiar about the Army and some things quite different.

A few days ago, from Baghdad, Gary sent me an email (*that sure is different!*) with an interesting story.

It seems that his Humvee was inoperative for the last year, and the Army towed it all the way from the base in the US to Kuwait (*that's the Army I knew!*). Using some of the cookies as currency, Gary convinced the mechanic in Kuwait to fix the thing and get it running. (*some things don't change*).

And so for 100 chocolate chip and macadamia nut cookies, Gary got his Humvee running after a year of being inoperative.

Gary and the Humvee went on to Baghdad, and I got an interesting story....

Bill Brandt

**Registration Form - Montevina Winery
May 12, 2003**

Name _____ Number attending _____ Phone _____

Smoked Turkey Breast, gorgonzola & honey mustard on walnut bread _____

Italian Club, salami and imported rosemary ham with pesto and provolone _____

Roasted Vegetable, olive tapenade and herbed goat cheese _____

Make Check at \$12.00 **per person** made to MBCA Sacramento Section and mail to:

Hank Pezzetti
11371 Randolph Rd
Wilton, CA 95693

Questions? call (916) 687-4792

**Registration Form - Shriner's Concours
June 8, 2003**

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Car: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Concourse Entry (Includes 2 people) \$25.00

Additional persons _____ X \$10.00

Optional Events:

Saturday Evening Gala Reception @ \$30.00 per person _____

Friday "Night At The Races" Turf Club Buffet @ \$25.00 per person _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Mail to: Carolyn Twing 14615 BANNER QUAKER HILL RD NEVADA CITY CA 95959

Questions? Bob Cottam (916) 349-1013 Make check to MBCA Sacramento Section



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1973 450SL parts wanted distributor trigger points, black interior door panels & seats.

Charles (530) 545-9378



Pristine "new" year 2000 ML 320 (White/Beige) for sale: 18,800 total miles. Unwilling seller, but buying back my previously owned 560 SL. ML 320 has luxury package options; Bose CD Changer; glass cockpit. Warranties remain w/auto: 4 year/50K plus additional 4 year/100K premium extended warranty. Asking \$31,450

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Mercedes Street Sign - \$224,000. Comes with 5 car garage and large playroom.

The 190SL just sold but also have a Rolls Royce Silver Cloud II LWB - one of 50 made with LHD and divider for \$39,500.
Bob Cottam (916) 349-1013



1969 300SEL 6.3 (two cars) white & silver. Owner's death forces sale.

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Leroy Brown 916 927-1688**

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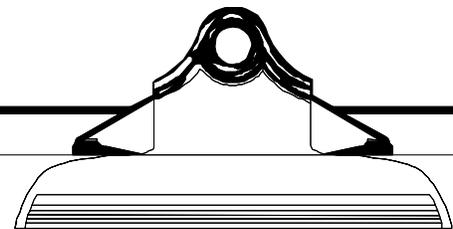
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