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### Calendar Of Events

November 2002  
Planning Meeting  
Bill Brandt (916) 399-1736

December 14, 2002  
Christmas Party  
Casa de los Ninos  
Sandra Reese & Barbara Taloff

January 2003  
Kings Basketball  
John & Joyce Dupriest (916)933-2185

### November Planning Meeting 6:00 PM November 16, 2002

For 33 years, this Section has been active because of its members. If you have an idea for an activity next year come to the meeting and make yourself heard!

Don't think the other members would like it? I've told prospective hosts over the years to plan what *you* want to do. Last year I thought it would be nice to go to an aircraft carrier. I thought maybe 15 people at the most would show up.

Over 60 members drove though the rain to Alameda to see the *Hornet*. Some possibilities for next year? Check the SCCA for their autocross schedule and piggyback with them. A rally? Founding member Bob Cottam has enough records of the rallies he's had over the years that you could just duplicate it. Very little work involved. A nice drive up to Tahoe during the summer like Gary & Carolyn Twing had?

One of our members works for the CHP Transportation side, and will look into giving us a tour of their shop in West Sacramento. They do all the conversion of the cars making them into Highway Patrol cars. Nothing definite about this, but this is just to show you the possibilities are endless.

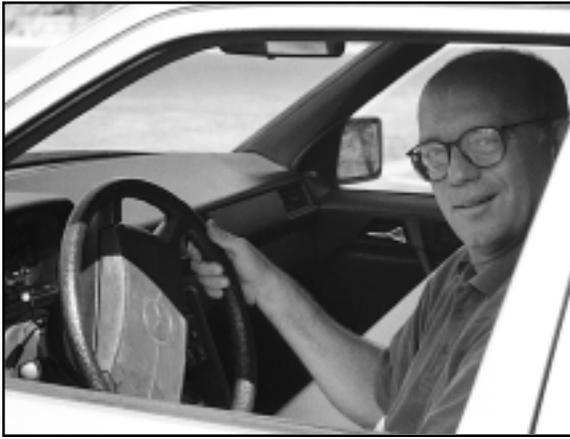
The Dupriests will offer us a King's game this January. Despite the King's lackluster performance that is something I will look forward to seeing!

Two months for sure are already blocked off – January – and May for StarTech. The rest is open.

This Section is driven by the efforts of the members. **What we do next year depends on you.**

The place? Well, talk about hot off the press. Our usual haunt, the Sudwerk, is closed. After several false starts with restaurant owners not calling when they promised, we will be meeting at the Sizzler Restaurant, 2030 Fulton Ave. We have been there before; you buy what you want and meet us in the banquet room. Your Section will pay for the room rental and gratuity. I ask that you still **send in a coupon to me** as they need a head count.

Bill Brandt



# President's Message

by: Bill Brandt

October is coming to a close, and we are heading for the planning meeting. What is decided at the planning meeting will determine the direction our Section will take for the year 2003.

If you don't like the direction our Section has taken this year, now is the time to show up, or hold your piece! I'll say this one more time: *The activities we will have for 2003 depend on our members.*

January and February are already taken, and May, of course, we will have **StarTech 2003**. For January John & Joyce Dupriest have volunteered to take us to a King's Game.

Member Joe Ragsdale, who works for the CHP in their transportation side, has generously offered to show us what they do February 8<sup>th</sup>. The CHP Academy actually has 2 components, the "Academy" side that trains new officers, and the "Transportation" side that prepares and evaluates the cars and motorcycles that officers use all over the state.

For those of you who signed up for the McKnight's Oktoberfest, you were aware

that Gloria had a family emergency and they had to leave for New Mexico. After mulling over awhile "what we should do" I decided that it would be best if we still had an event at Little Prague. The checks that were sent in for the event will be torn up – we all ordered off the menu.

I'll have to say that Kevin made an excellent choice for a restaurant – Little Prague is an "old world" restaurant complete with sidewalk café.

I got there at 5:00 just to meet anyone who might not have gotten the word. I had a Czechvar Lager Beer at the sidewalk café, watching the world go by. Czechvar is the beer that Budweiser copied, only Bud made it a bit later, about 400 years. I'll have to say that it was good beer – better than the imitator!

I was met by **Tony Otis** and his friend **Arlene**, and 4 members of the BMW Club. **Winfield "Win" Williams** was telling us that he and wife **Patti** originally wanted to order a 280SL in Europe, but with the discovery of another-to-be family member they got a 2002 ti. I told Win that the 2002 was one of the cars I lusted for when I was 18.

**Charles "Chuck" Kosmerl** and wife

**Essie** were equally charming. They have an M6 that I admired. Essie had an E420 until they traded it in for an SUV – they like to ski.

We all had such a good time that we stayed and talked for 5 hours! Both the BMW and MB contingents did note one conspicuous absence – *where was **Bobbie Larson**?* Both sides knew of the mystery of KayCee. Those of you who haven't seen Bobbie and KayCee – well, you'll just have to attend an event!

I told the BMW people that they are welcome to any of our events at any time.

I'd like to extend my condolences to Gloria McKnight for the death of her father.

I'll see you all at the Planning Meeting Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Bill*

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## September Poker Run

Saturday, September 28, 2002 was the 4<sup>th</sup> annual poker run for the Sacramento Section. This event, hosted by **Darryl & Debbie Kielich**, takes the participants through some scenic gold country towns while they pick up cards.

At the final stop, we pick up another card to complete our poker hand. The highest hand, of course, wins.

This year we had as a final stop the Jackson Indian Casino which was only a few miles outside the town of Jackson, California. They had a great buffet and of course many of us had to try the slot machines.

One of the members, **Emma Rodrigues**, observed that the "only machines paying off here are the ATM machines". We all had a similar experience.

I realized that with my stocks down and my lack of luck at the slots, I would have to work at a real job longer, so I went up for lunch.

I'll have to say for the previous years, my hand always consisted of a pair of 2s. I guess this is the lowest hand (outside of nothing) one can have in poker.

It got to the point that I would joke with Darryl about my lack of luck at this event. Darryl liked to say I was whining, while I said that I was simply lamenting.

This year, "2"s were also in my destiny. However, I got 4 this time, enough to win the event!

Thanks go to Mercedes Benz of Sacramento for donating the nice watch, and for Darryl & Debbie Kielich for hosting this event!

**Bill Brandt**



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by **Laura Simonds**

**Saturday, November 23, 2002**—Have you ever wondered what an MBCA National Board Meeting is like? Would you like an opportunity to meet the MBCA National Board members from around the country? Now, you can do both! The San Francisco Bay Area Section will host the fall MBCA National Board Meeting and committee meetings on November 21-23, 2002, and we happily invite our neighboring Western Region sections to attend. All meetings will be at The Toll House Hotel, located at 140 South Santa Cruz Avenue in Los Gatos. The host committee, consisting of Becky Hunt, Lindsay Drobilisch, and Laura and Richard Simonds, has planned a memorable event for our national board members.

National board meetings are open to all MBCA members, and this meeting will include the election of new National Officers. It will take place on Saturday, November 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The national committee meetings will occur on the two preceding days. They are also open to MBCA members. The SFBA Section will host a hospitality suite during the three days.

A banquet dinner will follow Saturday’s board meeting, and all MBCA members are welcome to attend and visit with your national board members. No-host cocktail reception begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:15 p.m. Entrée choices are prime rib, braised lamb chops with port wine sauce, and baked fillet of salmon with herbs and cucumber dill sauce. All dinners include Toll House Salad, seasonal vegetables, baked potato or Anna potato or confetti rice, rolls and butter, Crepes Jubilee with cherry topping, and coffee or tea. Wine will be served during dinner. The price is \$47 per person. Please come to the dinner, even if you don’t attend the board meeting.

This is a very rare opportunity to attend the MBCA National Board Meeting, and we hope that many members will come out and show our visitors from around the country what a great, enthusiastic group we have in the Western Region. ~~Please send in your reservation before the November 18 deadline.~~ If you are interested in staying overnight at The Toll House Hotel, there is a block of rooms for MBCA. Contact the hotel at (800) 238-6111. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Simonds at (650) 592-7613 or simondsl@pacbell.net.

***Reservation deadline November 18.***

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# **Christmas Party**

**December 14, 2002**

Festively decorated and sparkling with lights, Casa de los Ninos will again be the setting for our annual Christmas party. Our evening will begin at 6pm. with sparkling wine or cider (your choice), hors d'oeuvres and plenty of holiday cheer. Dinner will follow at 7pm.

The dinner menu is as follows: Caesar salad; choice of Chicken Piccata or Chef's choice vegetarian entree; rolls and butter; dessert; wine with dinner; coffee or tea. Although the menu is limited, you will not be disappointed. The food is excellently prepared and presented. The cost will be \$28.00 per person. All proceeds from the meal go to the Children's Home.

Again this year we are asking you to give a gift to Casa de los Ninos. Not only do they provide live-in care for children, but are also involved in helping the community in need. When asking what they needed most this year, the answer was lots of disposable diapers (all sizes), and infant formula for their Crisis Nursery. Also, of great need at holiday time are gift baskets of non-perishable food items and gift certificates for hams or turkeys that can be redeemed at local markets ie; Raley's, Bel-Air, Albertsons, Safeway, etc.. Gift wrapping is not necessary.

We hope that you will again be able to share in giving to those who are in need. Our last year's gifts to Casa were overwhelming in sheer volume and much appreciated.

There will be some wonderful door prizes (gifts) to carry through with the giving spirit of the season. Please come and celebrate with old friends and new the Joyous Holiday season!

Our minimum for dinner is 80, so get your reservations in early. We need your help to make this a success.

**Reservation deadline will be December 4, 2002.**

Make checks payable to: MBCA / Sacramento Section.

Happy Holidays!

Sandy Reese, Paul and Barbara Taloff

## **Christmas Party December 14, 2002**

Chicken Piccata \_\_\_\_\_

Total Remitted @ \$28.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Entree \_\_\_\_\_

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**Number Attending** \_\_\_\_\_

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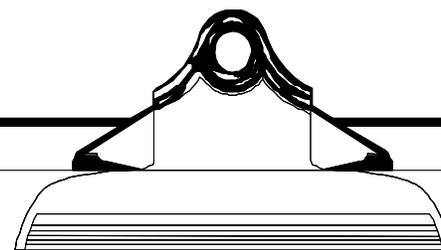
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