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The MERCEDES-BENZ CLUB of America • Sacramento Section September 2000

Calendar Of Events

October 2000

Oktoberfest
Kevin McKnight

November 2000

Planning Meeting
Open, hosts needed

December 2000

Christmas Party
Open, hosts needed

Oktoberfest - October 28th

We're getting the newsletter back on line thanks to our member Chris Dudte and we're just in time to let you know about the upcoming Oktoberfest. For those of you who attended Kevin & Gloria's last Oktoberfest at the Café Vienna, this event will be up in Grass Valley.

Last year to get into the spirit of things I rented a set of German *Lederhosen* and after a Becks Bier or 2 my German came back. Well, let's just say that it improved. For those of you who remember the old *Taxi TV Series* I suspect that to German ears I must sound like the Andy Kaufman character Latka Gravis. But I have fun and apparently the

Germans have fun listening to me.

This is the time for fun in Germany – where I was stationed in Germany years ago in a place the Germans called “*ein Kuhdorf*” – literally a cow town – but I was about 25 miles from the Mosel river and 40 miles from the Rhine – and during this time the Germans have in this area a *Weinfest* – a wine festival – every weekend. The stories I could tell about Bernkastel...

So October 28th let's do a bit of celebrating Bavarian style. See the inside for the particulars – and I'll see you there! Maybe even in Lederhosen again!

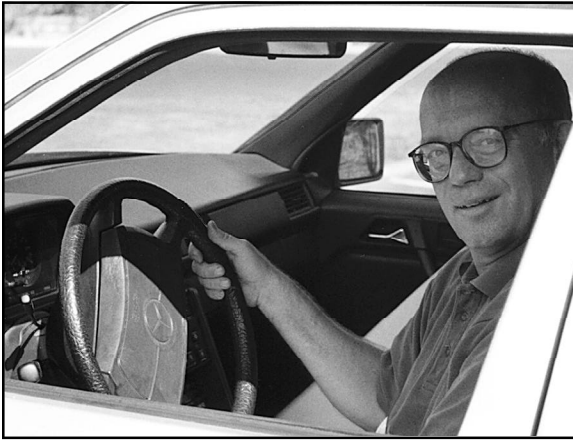
--Bill

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Help!

Are you an aspiring writer? Would you like to see your name in print? We need ideas and submissions for future issues of *the capitol STAR*. As you might guess, putting together a monthly newsletter with interesting and relevant content is hard work. Event descriptions, reservation slips, and ads are only part of the picture. Ideas for articles, original articles, or suggestions for things that might be reprinted are welcome. We want to make this a great newsletter, and everyone is encouraged to contribute!



President's Message

by: Bill Brandt

Only 2 things I feel this newsletter has to do – is be on time and

will block off up to 2 months for you.

It's nearly September and we're getting the newsletter back on line. New members Chris and Patty Dudte of Sun Valley, NV have volunteered to take over these duties.

Chris has a very interesting life. He lives in the Reno area yet works for a Silicon Valley company in San Jose. During the winter he knows Southwest Airlines well!

At work Chris writes the drivers for the disk drives you use in your computer. This is the software that communicates between the disk drive and the operating system. Thanks for helping out, Chris! Our Section has been active for over 30 years because of our volunteers.

Craig Griffith of Intel has also volunteered to do a web site – and we should be getting this newsletter on line. Although it isn't complete, check out <http://www.mbca.org/sacramento>.

continue to be apolitical. Several of you have expressed an interest to me of redoing the Virginia City trip – at the planning meeting I'll take a census.

Gail & Joe Weinert had a wonderful event as usual at the Little Bear – thank you! Nevada members Peter and Elfriede Alexander came from Reno, as did Chris and Patty. Peter and Elfriede have a 1952 220 of which only 2 exist in the world. I would like our Nevada members to be able to participate more. Next year rather than having to drive down here for the planning meeting if any of you would like to host an event just let me know and I

One of our members, Dayton Mc Donald, suggested an October overnight to Reno via a back way though the Sierras – just as the trees are turning color. Dayton is a long time Mercedes owner who used to be neighbors with Bill Harrah – years ago they both had new 300SEL 6.3s – and Bill suggested a friendly race to Las Vegas – I'll let Dayton tell the rest of the story at a later time...

Sandra Reese & Barbara Taloff's Ironfest is coming up in September – Kevin and Gloria McKnight's Oktoberfest will be October 28th. I'll see you there!

Bill

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Deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month.

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Von Housen Motors

October 14, 2000 7-10PM.

Once a year Von Housen Motors has a charity event benefiting Shriners Hospital for Children and Meals a la Car. If you have never been to this event before you are in for a treat.

Picture their entire facility with representatives of dozens of the top restaurants and caterers in town – with premium wines from the finest wineries. There'll be a couple thousand of people there dressed to the nines – want to join them? Tickets are \$45.00 in advance or \$50.00 at the door – and benefit the above charities.

The Mercedes-Benz models for the year 2001 will be shown – and Tom Sullivan of station KFBK will host the unveiling ceremony.

The best part is that Von Housens would like members of our Section to park our cars in front for the guests to view! Please call Phil Dusel at (530) 756-1549 if you are going. Von Housen Motors would like a count, and about 6-8 cars out front.

To order tickets just call Von Housens at (916) 924-8000 or email tickets@vonhousen.com.

Help some good causes and have fun doing it! --Bill



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Election of New Officers

I don't believe anyone can accuse me of running a tight ship in this Section. It took Inga in a phone call tonight to remind me that we were supposed to have elections for those offices that expire this year! The only 2 offices I am aware of that expire are the Treasurer, held by Sandra Reese and Secretary, held by Brent Fisher.

Sandra has graciously decided to continue and we haven't seen

Brent in awhile. Last time I talked with him months ago he had marriage on his mind. Any volunteers?

This job is to record the Section events. Your writing will appear both in the Capitol Star and the National Star. If you are interested call me at (916) 399-1736 or email me at wlb@lanset.com

--Bill

July Poker Run

Darryl and Debbie Kielich had their second annual Poker Run though the foothills. I hope this will become an annual tradition. We meandered though the foothills stopping at various antique shops and picking up envelopes of sealed cards at various stops. At the last stop – Teresa's restaurant in Jackson – their daughter Kaylin gave the last card and signed us in.

My gambling luck seems to be consistent whether at Tahoe or Jackson – my hand had a pair of 2s. Needless to say I wasn't in the running for the prizes. Claude and Fern Morgan won the watch Von Housen Motors generously donated.

We had a wonderful lunch followed by some furious bidding to aid the Shriner's Hospital for children. Among the items bid on were a detail package donated by Cook's Auto Body and some wine baskets donated by Von Housen's. Hundreds of dollars were raised for the Shriners.

Among new members attending were Ed Jung from the San Francisco Section, and our own new member Ross Woodman with his granddaughter Danielle. The Edwards from Reno also came down in their specially equipped SL.

Thanks to the Kielichs for organizing this event!

--Bill Brandt

November Planning Meeting

Dinner and 2001 Planning Meeting
 Sunday, November 19, 2000
 No Host Cocktails 5:30PM
 Dinner 6:00 PM

Join us on Sunday November 19th for dinner at the Country Table Restaurant.

The restaurant is located in the historic Calder mansion built in 1907 for Lord William Calder, a colorful actor and play producer. The restaurant specializes in American cuisine with a French flair.

Following dinner we will have a planning meeting to establish the 2001 calendar of events.

This is your opportunity to decide the direction your club

will take. Even if you can't host an event you can come for dinner and participate in the planning.

Nevada members – if you want to host an event just let Bill Brandt know by email or phone and he'll block up to 2 months for you. Cal Star members wanting to host an event should follow the same procedure.

Questions? Call Phil Dusel at (530) 756-1549.

Country Table Restaurant – 8999 Greenback Lane (just east of Hazel Avenue) Orangevale, CA. Reservation slip will be in next month's newsletter.

-- Phil Dusel

Oktoberfest!

This year we will be celebrating at Scheidel's, 10100 Alta Sierra Drive in Grass Valley on October 28, 2000 at 5:00 PM. For those Sacramento area members wanting to caravan we will be meeting at Von Housen's Service Center at Rocklin at 3:00 PM.

The menu choices are: "Sauerbraten" - marinated braised beef, served with "Rotkoll" (red cabbage) and noodles or Chicken Cynthia - breast glazed with Gran

Marnier, grapes and almonds, served with rice and vegetables.

Dinner includes: Tossed green salad, Swiss pumpernickel bread and dessert, coffee, tea or milk.

Price: \$35.00 per person, includes dinner, 2 drinks beer or wine and music. We'll have music by: Die Brüder aus Karlsruhe Polka Band featuring authentic German Oktoberfest music plus Latin, oldies and other dance tunes.

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Welcome New Members

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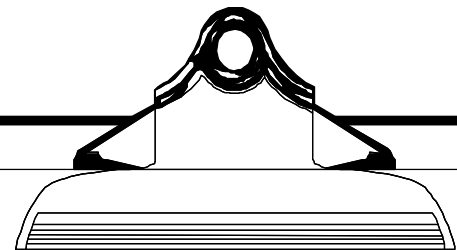


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