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SPECIAL INSERT : The Colorado Grand **Sept. 20**

August Monthly Social
August 20th —6:30 pm
Papa J's Italian Restaurant
7850 Sheridan Westminster

This informal get-together is always fun and always the third Wednesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm. Most of us are still there till at least 8:00, so you can even come late and have dessert. Call Jay at 303-935-8270 for directions, or if you would like more information. In September, join us at **Benihana's**, 3295 S. Tamarac Dr. In October, join us at **The Old Neighborhood**, 7923 Allison Way, Arvada.

SEE YOU AT THE SOCIAL!



There's still time to sign up for this fun and informative Tech Session!

HOW TO FEEL SAFE WHEN THE DASH LIGHTS SAY OTHERWISE

Tech Session and Open House
Saturday, August 9, 2008
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

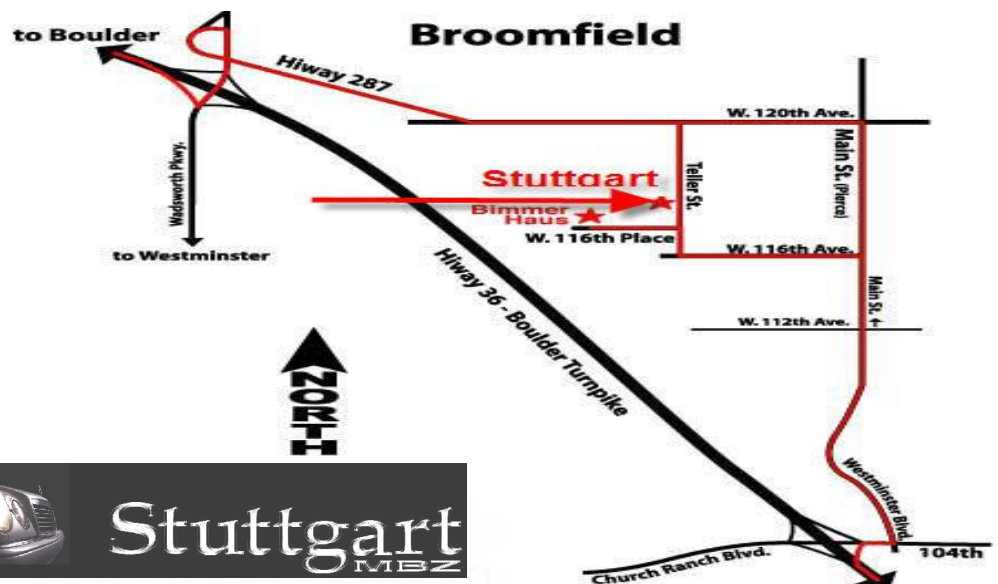


Stuttgart MBZ
11705 Teller, Suite D, Broomfield, Colorado

You're cruising along – top down – your favorite tunes providing your personal soundtrack as you sail along the road. Suddenly your eye catches something. Oh no! It's on the dash. *Andit's not part of normal dash illumination. It wasn't there a minute ago. It's a warning light. You panic. You were having such a great time and now the dash is telling you the party's over. What do you do now?!*

Join us for this informative Tech Session and Open House at Stuttgart MBZ aimed toward assisting us in understanding the meaning of those informative, yet intimidating (and sometimes downright scary) warning lights. We'll learn to interpret what the lights really mean and get ideas on what to do when a warning light comes on. A question and answer session will follow the presentation, and Stuttgart owner and MHS member, Guy Mellott, is ready to answer any questions we may have.

This will be a fun and informative Tech Session. **Cost is \$5.00 per person. If you'd like to attend call Jay Hokanson at 303-935-8270 or email him at jhokanso@comcast.net.** Take a few minutes to visit Stuttgart's website at www.stuttgartmbz.com, and we'll see you on August 9th.



Behind the Wheel

With Jay Hokanson,
President, Mile High Section



I'm very pleased with the response we are receiving from MHS members about the September 2008 Mile-High Section Tour through Wyoming, Utah and Colorado. A number of our members in those areas are either planning to join the tour or are offering suggestions for things the tour group should see while we are in their state. I'd like to remind everyone that even if you can't make the entire tour, we sure would like to see you for even just one evening. The evening socials are open to all of our members, not just to those of you that are traveling with the tour.

I'm even throwing out the offer to meet some of you along the tour route if you can't make one of the evening events. Email me and I'll try to arrange a meeting place along the route.

The other big event for 2008 that is coming is the MBCA's National Board Meeting in November. The event plans are almost finalized and we are planning for a great time to be had by all persons attending. In addition to having the chance to sit in on the board meetings to see how our Club is run on the national level, there will be at least seven social event opportunities that week including an event hosted by MBUSA, the people that bring us our fine Mercedes-Benz automobiles. On Saturday November 8th the Mile-High Section will hold its annual Members Meeting and Elections which will be followed by a joint banquet with the National Board. There will be entertainment at the banquet and a fine meal served in the Warwick Hotel Ballroom.

If you are not interested in attending the NBM meetings look for a list in a future issue of *The Constellation* detailing coordinated extra activities that are planned. We still have openings for hosts for the socials with approximately 2 hour shifts. We need help setting up displays and will need drivers and hosts for tours to museums, malls and other activities. As a volunteer, you'll receive some special benefits commensurate with the amount of time you volunteer.

If you have a unique Colorado business or product that you would like to highlight during this event contact me for more information on how that may be accomplished. — Jay

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If you have not received your New Member Packet, or if you have questions about your membership, please contact MHS Membership Chair Laura Lass at 303-776-8276 or laurawlass@gmail.com.

Please feel free to contact any member if you have questions, or would like more information on club activities!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT EVENT!

The Constellation

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONCOURS d' ELEGANCE BROADMOOR HOTEL

AUGUST 31, 2008 9:00 AM—4:00 PM
Spotlight on Al Unser, Sr. and Bobby Unser

Join us again this year for this breathtaking event located on the beautifully landscaped terrain of the first and second hole fairways of the Broadmoor's West Golf Course. The show opens to the general public at 9:00 a.m. The spotlight this year is on the Unser Family (Bobby and Al Senior in particular) and the cars with which they challenged Pikes Peak. A special Unser Racing Museum tent displaying some of the Unsers' historic Pikes Peak Hillclimb cars will be set amidst the showfield that includes 120 classic, historic, racing and vintage automobiles, plus 60 motorcycle concours entries.

Once again the Mile-High Section will showcase five Mercedes vehicles in a special area designated for those automobiles on the Concours show field. The Rocky Mountain Fourteeners will exhibit the premier Colorado car club vehicles that reflect our clubs' vast contribution to our automotive heritage and legacy. Symbolic of Colorado's fourteen thousand foot peaks and the Broadmoor's 5-star rating, fourteen (14) Colorado registered car clubs have been selected to provide five (5) of their marques' finest examples. These 70 elite vehicles are an integral feature of Concours history when they take the field at the annual Rocky Mountain Concours d'Elegance.

*Volunteers needed! Contact Harvey LeCato
at 719-302-0291 or at mbca@comcast.net if you are interested in
volunteering (Free Admission + Polo Shirt for volunteers!)*



Volunteers are needed for all Concours events. Specifically, logistics volunteers are needed. **You can decide what days or shifts you wish to work, and the areas in which you wish to work. By signing up, you get an official RMCD polo shirt and free admission to the Concours.** Specialty areas needing help include: Field set-up and signage placement; Vehicle Staging for the tour d'elegance; Gala dinner; Concours; Vehicle support including drop off and pick up; Equipment and supplies movement; admissions, awards, programs and vendors; and Parking and Vehicle Storage. To volunteer contact Harvey LeCato at 719-302-0291, or at mbca@comcast.net. For more information about the Concours, including scheduled events and ticket prices, visit their website at www.rmconcoours.com.

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Cool Cars . . . Cool Mountains

Mike Callihan and Gary Shondeck have personally invited MB club members to the 21st annual award winning "Cool Cars, Cool Mountains Car Show" in Gunnison. The show is held the 4th weekend of August - just when we need to beat the Front Range heat! This year's dates are August 22-24. The car show attracts over 320 cars annually and is always held "on the grass" in Gunnison's city park. This is a family-friendly event with lots of car and non-car related activities for the entire family to enjoy.

This year TV personality Tom Memmolo, star of "Two Guys Garage" will join the Club for the weekend. Tom will be receiving the coveted "Lee Iacocca Award" for his contributions to the car hobby. The Gunnison Car Show is one of only 25 car shows in the entire country selected by Mr. Iacocca to present the award, which says a lot about the quality of this show.

Please be sure to check out their website at www.gunnisoncarclub.com for more information. Mike says they always get a good selection of Jaguars and even an occasional Bentley and Rolls Royce, but they don't usually get may Mercedes-Benz autos. They are really encouraging us to attend and participate. If 10 or more MB club members participate in the show, Mike and Gary tell me they will award a special trophy just for us! For more information contact Deborah or Jay Hokanson at 303-935-8270 or via email at dhokan@comcast.net.

Havasupai'08 Set for October 17th --19th at Lake Havasu

A great rallye weekend is promised with friends, with competition and some clues guaranteed to raise a chuckle or two (not to mention the ones that will have you raising your voice). Cost \$440 (\$396 if you sign up by Aug. 31st) - includes 2 nights hotel accommodations and more. Questions should be directed to Mindy and Dick Sharp on at (480) 510-8414 or to Bob Yoder at (480) 998-0194.



StarFest 2008

September 26th—October 1, 2008

This is *your* opportunity to show your Mercedes-Benz in the Concours d'Elegance, to improve your driving skills in the schools and track events, and build friendships with other enthusiasts.

Registration is now open at www.mbca.org/StarFest2008 or you may contact StarFest Registrar, Sue Morrison, at 330-673-7885 (Eastern Time Zone) or Slm2teach@aol.com for a Registration Packet.



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The 25th Annual Exotic Sports Car Show & Concours d'Elegance was a huge success! There were a total of 345 cars registered for the event. Of those, 24 represented the Mercedes-Benz marque. It looked like rain at the start, but the skies cleared and the weather was perfect.

Show entrants and attendees were treated to a day of good food, lots of fun entertainment, and, of course — great cars!



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THE CP SHOW MERCEDES WINNERS!

SL CLASSICS -- 60 - 70's: 1ST PLACE: Dick Zeder's 1971 280SL
Dick came from Glenwood Springs for this event

2ND PLACE: Martha Graham's 1979 450SL
3RD PLACE: Alexander Peri's 1969 280SL

PRE 70'S SL's: 1ST PLACE: Richard Fleenor's 1954 300 SL

SL CONTEMPORARY: 1ST PLACE: Keith & Marci Fisher's 1999 SLK230
2ND PLACE: Mary Lou & Don Vollmer's 1999 SL500
3RD PLACE: Bob & Nancy Funnell's 2000 SL500

SEDANS: 1ST PLACE: Niels Haubold's 1986 190E2.3-16
2ND PLACE: Gary Lutz's 1976 450SEL

MILE-HIGH SECTION 2008 CHARITY CAR SHOW — MORRISON, COLORADO

Thanks to all who supported this year's Charity Car Show. We had a wonderful day in Morrison, the weather was great and the automobiles were fantastic. And, we raised much needed funds for our charity, The Make-A-Wish Foundation! Special thanks to the Committee: Bob Fletcher, Reiner Haubold, & Niels Haubold; The Judges & Timer: Bill Leisk, Dan Winter, Patrick Earhart, Ryan Bunn, & Deborah Hokanson; and to those who made this year's site possible: Jeff Bradley, Ted Waibel, Tom Varney, Cafe Prague, & Morrison Community Church. Special thanks to Richard Thaemert for another great show.



This year's award winners were:

CLASS A (1950's)	1 ST Place: 2 ND Place:	Ted and Barbara Waibel - 1957 300 SL Richard Thorpe 1959 220S
CLASS B (1970's)	1 ST Place:	Gary Lutz 1976 450 SEL
CLASS C (1980's)	1 ST Place: 2 ND Place:	Niels Haubold 1986 E 16V Robert Martin 1984 280E
CLASS D (2005's)	1 ST Place:	Bob & Janet Fletcher 2005 SL500
CLASS E (1995-2005)	1 ST Place: 2 ND Place: 3 RD Place:	Dan Lego 1998 E 430 Bob Funnell 2000 SL500 Harvey LeCato 1995 SL 500
JUDGES CHOICE AWARD:		Gary Lutz's 1976 450 SEL
PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD:		Dan Lego's 1998 E 430!



ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION SCENIC TOUR OF THE MILE-HIGH SECTION THIS IS WHERE YOU WANT TO BE SEPTEMBER 6-13, 2008



Join us as we drive the scenic byways from Denver to Jackson, Salt Lake City, and Grand Junction. Enjoy Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, Miller Motorsport Park, the many activities in Salt Lake City, Gateway Canyons Museum, and wineries in the Grand Junction area. We will have lots of opportunities to spend time with our Utah and Wyoming members, including a reception at Ken Garff Mercedes-Benz in Salt Lake City. Daily participation fees due at registration are between \$5 and \$15. Sign up using the Registration form on the next page. You must make your own hotel reservations, and, in addition to the daily participation fee paid at registration, you are responsible for all costs, including meals, hotel rooms and events. You can join us for all or any part(s) of the tour, including just dropping in for one of the evening receptions. Sign up by August 15, 2008. Tour limited to 25 cars. Contact Reiner Haubold 303-986-5035 or reinbold1@comcast.net for more info. **Mark your calendar now.**

Saturday, September 6, 2008 (Day 1)

Meet at Mercedes-Benz of Westminster (MBW) at 8:30 a.m. Leave from MBW at 9 a.m.

Destination: Lander, Wyoming **Distance:** 364.3 miles (7 ½ hours) **Route:** US-287, I-80, WY-130, I-80, US-287

We suggest lunch at the Warm Springs Café, 700 S. Veterans Street (307-326-5046) in Saratoga, WY.

Lodging: Best Western Inn at Lander, 260 Grand View Drive, Lander, WY 82520; 307-332-2847; group #69740. Base room rate \$89.95; deadline to book room to stay in group block is August 15th. We will have a reception here Saturday evening from 6-8 p.m.



Sunday, September 7, 2008 (Day 2) Destination: Jackson, Wyoming

Distance: 162.3 miles (3 ½ hours) **Route:** US-287 and US-26

Lodging: Quality Inn and Suites 49er, 330 W. Pearl Street, Jackson, WY 83001. Call 800-451-2980; group #433177. Base room rate \$135/139; deadline to book room to stay in group block was July 25th, but rooms may still be available. We will have a reception here from 6-8 p.m. both nights

Monday, September 8, 2008 (Day 3)

Jackson, WY. Open day for your own activities. You may explore the town of Jackson, drive to the National Museum of Wildlife Art, the National Elk Refuge, Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, and more.



Tuesday, September 9, 2008 (Day 4) Destination: Salt Lake City, Utah

Distance: 283.4 miles (6 hours) **Route:** US-189, US-89, UT-30, UT-16, UT-39, US-89, I-15, I-215, I-80

Lodging: Crystal Inn Hotel & Suites, 230 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Call 1-800-366-4466; group rate code MHMBC8; Base rate \$94-114; deadline to book room to stay in group block is August 9th. We will have a reception here from 6-8 pm.



Wednesday, September 10, 2008 (Day 5)

Spend the day at the Miller Motorsports Park, 2901 N. Sheep Lane, Tooele, UT 84074 (435-277-7223) or plan your own activities. For information on Track events scheduled for today, see the Mile-High Section Website at www.milehighmbca.org or go to www.millermotorsportspark.com. If you don't want to go to the motorsports park, you can tour Salt Lake City and see attractions like the State Capitol, Temple Square, Mormon Temple, The Tabernacle, Red Butte Garden and Arboretum, Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Utah Museum of Natural History, and so much more.

We will attend a reception at Ken Garff Mercedes-Benz, 575 S. State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 (801) 257-3000, from 6-8 p.m. Wine, beer, and snacks provided.

Thursday, September 11, 2008 (Day 6)

Note: Today is Open Track Day at Miller Motorsports Park (Cost \$275). You will have time to do that and still meet us in Grand Junction later in the evening. In order to ensure your spot in the scheduled Open Track Day, you should sign up via their website at www.millermotorsportspark.com.

Destination: Grand Junction, Colorado **Distance:** 318.3 miles (5 ½ hours) **Route:** I-80, US-40, CO-64, CO-139, I-70

Lodging: Double Tree Hotel, 743 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, CO 81506. Call 970-257-8108 or 970-241-8888; Mercedes-Benz group. Base rate \$119; deadline to book room to stay in group block is August 11th.

We will have a reception here from 6-8 p.m.

Friday, September 12, 2008 (Day 7)

The tour for today takes you south from Grand Junction on the scenic byway to Gateway, south through Dolores Canyon, east to Ridgeway, then north to Montrose, Delta, and back to Grand Junction. **Distance:** 259.0 miles (5 ½ hours)

Destination: Gateway Canyons Automobile Museum, 43224 Highway 141, Gateway, CO 81522 (970-931-2895) and Colorado Canyon tour. The entrance fee to the museum is \$7 (\$6 for seniors). A soup and salad bar buffet will be available at the Gateway Canyons at the cost of \$14 per person. You must pay for admission to the museum and for your lunch.

Saturday, September 13, 2008 (Day 8)

An informal tour of the wineries and sampling is planned for today. If you want to stay in Grand Junction tonight, a group rate is available at the Double Tree. You must make your own reservation.

For expanded and updated info on tour itinerary, including hotels and activities visit
www.milehighmbca.org.



**SCENIC TOUR OF THE MILE-HIGH SECTION, MBCA
REGISTRATIO FORM**

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Sunday, Sept. 7	Jackson, WY	_____ x	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
Monday, Sept. 8	Jackson, WY	_____ x	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
Tuesday, Sept. 9	Salt Lake City, UT	_____ x	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
Wednesday, Sept. 10	Salt Lake City, UT	_____ x	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
Thursday, Sept. 11	Grand Junction, CO	_____ x	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
Friday, Sept. 12	Grand Junction, CO	_____ x	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
TOTAL SUBMITTAL				\$ _____

Please check the box if you do not object to sharing this information with fellow participants.

Do you plan to tour the Gateway Canyons Automobile Museum on Friday, September 12th? **Yes** **No**

- ◆ Hotel rooms, meals, and the events that you choose to attend are not included in this event registration.
- ◆ Dash plaques cannot be guaranteed for registrations received after August 15.
- ◆ **Submittal deadline: August 15, 2008.** Send this completed registration form and a check to:
Reiner Haubold, 8674 W. Warren Drive, Lakewood, CO 80227.
If you need to contact Reiner, you may reach him at 303-986-5035 or reinbold1@comcast.net.
- ◆ **IMPORTANT:** Make your hotel reservations as soon as possible as the hotels have cutoff dates on our block reservations.
Be sure to mention that you are with the Mercedes-Benz Club.

Join Us for the MBCA Fall National Board Meeting 2008 November 6-8, 2008 Warwick Hotel – 1776 Grant St., Denver *All MHS Members Encouraged to Attend and Participate*

Join us on November 6th - 8th right here in Denver at the Warwick Hotel for the Fall National Board Meeting and events. The National Board meeting will be held on Saturday, November 8th from 8 am—5 pm. All MHS Section members are encouraged to attend. MHS members will also be welcome to observe sub-committee meetings on Thursday, November 6th and Friday, November 7th. This is a rare opportunity for Mile High Section members to see how the MBCA Board addresses issues that affect the club on a national and regional basis. The MHS will host hospitality suites during the day and evening and will display Section memorabilia, photos, and other items of interest to MBCA members and guests.

In addition, the Mile-High Section is planning to hold its Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Board of Directors at the Warwick on Saturday, November 8th. And, all MHS members are invited to attend the closing banquet Saturday, November 8th (Cocktails at 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7:00—Cost of the Banquet to be determined). Volunteers are needed to help with this exciting event. Watch future issues of *The Constellation* and *The Star*, and the MHS website at www.milehighmbca.org for updated information. You can also contact Pat or Richard Thorpe at 303-778-1191 for more information.

The Warwick Hotel



The Mile-High Section is proud to host this event at the Warwick Denver Hotel. Newly renovated and decorated, the spacious rooms at the Warwick include private balconies with floor to ceiling glass windows offering impressive views of either downtown, the Front Range or the Rocky Mountains. The rooms are decorated in an

elegant European style with fine antiques and marble. Additionally, Warwick Denver Hotel offers state-of-the-art audio-visual and telecommunication services including Wi-Fi Internet access, a heated rooftop pool, Fitness Centre and 24-hour Business Centre.



Randolph's Restaurant & Bar, Warwick Denver Hotel's signature restaurant, serves breakfast, lunch

and dinner daily. Guests can relax and enjoy some of Denver's best dining cuisine – or simply enjoy a drink in the comfortable garden setting.

The Warwick is within minutes of the State Capitol, 16th Street Mall, Denver Convention Center, Pepsi Center, The Cherry Creek shopping district, many restaurants, museums, galleries and other tourist destinations, including:



The Denver Art Museum
Denver Museum of Nature & Science
Colorado Historical Society
Denver Center for the Performing Arts
Elitch Gardens
Downtown Aquarium
The Denver Zoo
The Molly Brown House
Denver Botanical Gardens
Larimer Square

... And much more!

A complimentary town car service is available to members and guests attending the event, who need transportation to restaurants, and other activities within the downtown Denver area.

For more information about the Warwick Denver please visit their website at www.warwickdenver.com.

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Not Just Meetings — The MHS is planning several fun social activities!





Though still in the planning stages, the Mile-High Section is arranging for many activities to be held in conjunction with the Board meetings, including:

- ◆ ***The MBUSA Reception***
- ◆ ***Gala Closing Banquet***
- ◆ ***On-going Hospitality Suites*** --where members and guests can enjoy presentations about the Mile-High Section events, MBCA and the beautiful Mercedes-Benz Automobile, and get to know the National and Section Board members while indulging in snacks and beverages.
- ◆ ***Shopping Trips, Museum and Gallery Tours, and Visits to Several Denver Attractions.***
- ◆ ***A Ladies' Afternoon Tea***
- ◆ ***Quilt Shop Tour***

We are seeking Mile-High Section Volunteers to assist with set up of displays, greeters and hosts for the Hospitality Suites, banquets and receptions, driving guests and assisting with events and tours, and helping in many other areas. See next page for more info about volunteering.

**Volunteers are Needed
For the National Board Meeting
November 5-8, 2008**

You can play an active part in the MBCA National Board Meeting (and have fun, too) by volunteering to help us host the National Board Meeting. There are many ways you can help. *Why should you volunteer?*

-  There are many different ways you can help!
-  The shifts are short and you can choose from a variety of different times/duties available!
-  The people are great!
-  You'll have a great time! !

Sign up for shift dates/times and areas of interest below (you can select as many as you want):

Wednesday, Nov. 5th (Arrival of MBCA Board)

Check in/Lobby: [] 3-5 pm [] 4-7pm [] 7-9 pm
Hospitality Rooms: [] 5-7pm [] 7-9pm

Thursday, Nov. 6th

Hospitality Rooms: [] 9-11 am [] 11am-1pm [] 1-3 pm
[] 3-5 pm [] 5-7pm [] 7-9 pm
Spouse/Guest Events (Times TBA) [] Drive [] Assist
MBUSA Reception (Check in/Name Tags): [] 5:30-7:30 pm

Friday, Nov. 7th

Hospitality Rooms: [] 9-11 am [] 11am-1pm [] 1-3 pm
[] 3-5 pm [] 5-7pm [] 7-9 pm [] 8:30-10:30 pm
Spouse/Guest Events (Times TBA) [] Drive [] Assist

Saturday, Nov. 8th

Hospitality Rooms [] 9-11:30 am [] 11:30am-2:30pm
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Please Support Team Leader Debra Powell and MHS Team Dreizacksterne by signing up to join "Team D" in the Race, or by donating.

The MHS urges our members contribute by participating in the race or by donating funds to this worthy cause. Help us make the 2008 Komen Denver Race for the Cure® the biggest and best it can be. Plan to participate in The Komen Denver Race for the Cure® for its 16th birthday on Sunday, October 5th at the Pepsi Center! To join Team D or to donate go to the Mile-High Section Website at www.milehighmbca.org, and follow the links, or you can email Debra at hlake4949@yahoo.com for more information.



Team Captain Debra Powell is armed and ready to lead Team Dreizacksterne in the battle for the Cure!

Oktoberfest

Rally & BBQ



Sept. 27, 2008

It's that time of year again. Time to get ready for one of our members' favorite events. You won't want to miss Laura and Ron Lass's Oktoberfest Rally and BBQ Saturday, September 27. Once again we are all looking forward to another magnificent scenic drive along the Front Range and into the mountains. Hopefully the trees will be displaying their most brilliant colors! **The event starts at the Mercedes-Benz of Westminster parking lot at 9 a.m.** Be sure to be on time! **We will leave M-B of Westminster at 9:30 a.m. sharp.** You will receive maps before departing the parking lot.

A headcount for the BBQ is required so get your application in by no later than September 24th. The cost is \$25 per person. Bring your camera for great pictures along the drive and bring your appetite. There'll be lots of great food to reward you for your hard work after the drive. For more information, contact Laura Lass at 303-776-8276.



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I/We want to attend:

- **HOW TO FEEL SAFE WHEN THE DASH LIGHTS SAY OTHERWISE**
August 9, 2008 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Stuttgart MBZ , 11705 Teller Ave., #D, Broomfield, CO
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- **21st ANNUAL GUNNISON CAR SHOW— PLEASE RSVP TO JAY HOKANSON 303-935-8270**
- A VISIT TO THE COLORADO GRAND # Attending _____ @ \$10.00 per CAR = \$ _____**
September 20, 2008 - Leaving Village Inn at C-470 & Ken Caryl at 7:30 am
- OKTOBERFEST RALLY & BBQ # Attending _____ @ \$25.00 per person = \$ _____**
September 27, 2008 - Start time 9:00 am, Mercedes-Benz Westminster

Name(s) _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____
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Calendar of Events ALL EVENTS ARE MILE-HIGH SECTION EVENTS UNLESS NOTED AS PPS

- Aug** 7th — Board Member Meeting— 7:00 pm—the Hokansons—Jay or Deborah 303-935-8270
9th — Tech Session—Stuttgart MBZ , 11705 Teller, Suite D, Broomfield 10:00 a.m. — Jay or Deborah
20th — Monthly Informal Social—Papa J's Italian Restaurant, 7850 Sheridan, Westminster—Jay
22nd —24th—Cool Mountains Car Show in Gunnison, Colorado - Jay or Deborah
31st — Rocky Mountain Concours d' Elegance—Broadmoor Colo Springs—Harvey 719-302-0291
- Sep** 4th — Board Member Meeting 7:00 pm at the Hokansons—Jay
6-13 — Regional Event— Wyoming, Utah & Colorado—** See article pages 6-7
17th — Monthly Informal Social — Benihana's, 3295 S. Tamarac Dr. — Jay 303-935-8270
20th —Colorado Grande—Vail Colorado —** See insert in this issue
27th —Oktoberfest Rally—Ron & Laura Lass ** See article on page 10
- Oct.** 2nd — Board Member Meeting 7:00 pm at the Hokansons—Jay
5th — Race for the Cure— Carol Haubold / Debra Powell ** See article on page 10
11th — Special Fall Garage Tour— details TBA — Max 303-770-1128 or Bob Fletcher 303-690-6893
15th — Monthly Informal Social—The Old Neighborhood, 7923 Allison Way — Jay



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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

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Join the Mile-High Section for a Trip to
The Colorado Grand Concours d'Non-Elegance
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2008 9:00 am—1:00 pm
LIONSHEAD — IN VAIL, COLORADO

The MHS is planning a Section event drive to attend this year's **Colorado Grand Concours d'Non-Elegance** display **Saturday, September 20, 2008, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm** at Lionshead in Vail. After a two-year hiatus due to extensive construction in the Lionshead area, this event is back!

The Concours d'Non-Elegance will be held on Saturday September 20th, after the Colorado Grand completes this year's 1,000 mile quest around Colorado. You'll be able to enjoy the cars replete in all of their 1,000 road grime! This very popular event showcases the Colorado Grand vehicles for the town of Vail. Watch future issues of *The Constellation* and the MHS website at www.milehighmbca.org for updated details. We are excited to enjoy a new post-construction venue surrounded by the shopping and dining that can only be Vail.



This year, **Mercedes-Benz** joins Girard-Perregaux, Premier Financial, Hagerty Insurance, Greenberg Traurig & FedEx Custom Critical to help the Colorado Grand to again raise more than \$100,000 for Colorado charities and communities. Founded by Bob Sutherland in 1989, the Grand is recognized worldwide as the finest event of its kind, leading distinctive pre-1961 sports and racing cars through the Colorado Rockies each fall.



The Colorado Grand is celebrating its 20 year history with a special flair and is indeed proud that it has raised more than \$2 million dollars for small Colorado charities and towns. Among its beneficiaries are The Robert Sutherland Foundation (combating bipolar disorder), the Colorado State Patrol Widows and Orphans Fund, and other human service programs. College scholarships are awarded to students from four towns where the event stops for lunch and the Grand helps these often remote communities to buy emergency medical equipment.

The Colorado State Patrol provides motorcycle escorts for the event, and local residents pitch in to help serve lunches. The Grand creates an unusual synergy among automotive enthusiasts, the police, and local residents.

Cost to participate in this event is \$10 per car. We plan to meet at the Village Inn at C-470 and Ken Caryl (Breakfast on your own), leaving the Village Inn or Vail at 7:30 a.m. We hope to arrive in Vail by 10:00 am, and enjoy the cars of the Grand. Lunch in Vail will be on your own. Mile-High Section members are encouraged, but not required, to drive a Mercedes-Benz. Visit the MHS Website at www.milehighmbca.org for maps and updates.



Directions to Village Inn: Take C-470 south of Hampden (US Hwy 285) to the Ken Caryl Exit. Exit to the east, the Village Inn is on the south side of Ken Caryl. The address is 12622 W. Ken Caryl Ave., Littleton, CO 80127. Phone 303-973-5677.

Contact Jay Hokanson, 303-935-8270 or jhokanso@comcast.net for more information.

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