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Mile-High Section Driving Event at La Junta

Don't forget the Mile-High Section has scheduled a driving event at the La Junta Track. The dates for this event are September 22 - 24, 2006. Driving activities will center on using the track to practice driving skills and learning how to handle your cars and their capabilities. The track and the facilities have been improved since last year.

Drivers must be 16 or older with a valid license.

On Friday evening, participants will gather at an informal reception at the headquarters hotel. Saturday morning will be devoted to driving instruction with braking and avoidance exercises and slalom runs. Saturday afternoon will give drivers an opportunity to practice what they have learned or hone their skills by driving around the 1.5-mile track.

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 ★ *A Mile-High Welcome to*
 ★ *Our New Members*
 ★ Wade & Teri Blacketer
 ★ David Cruz
 ★ Jay Joiner
 ★ Jack & Sharon Khem
 ★ Julia & Robert Longfellow
 ★ Niel & Sharon Moody
 ★ Harold Ovisiowitz
 ★ Bruno & Christian Straubinger
 ★ Jerry Weeter
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MBCA 50th Anniversary Celebration Trip

Crested Butte Colorado - August 25-27

The Mile High and Pikes Peak Sections have jointly planed a very special "Alfred Packer" event to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Mercedes Benz Club of America.

All MBCA Members, especially Rocky Mountain Region Members and their guests are invited. This Regional event will occur Friday through Sunday on the above dates. Registration per person is \$140.00.



Alfred Packer
The San Juan Cannibal

This includes; Fridays Reception, Breakfast /Lunch/Dinner and German Wine tasting on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday as well as tour destination costs on Saturday.

Our designated headquarters is the fabulous "Grand Lodge Crested Butte" located on Mount Crested Butte. A block of rooms has been set aside, but registration must be made no later than July 25, 2006 to obtain our guaranteed rate of \$80.00 for a King Room or \$98.00 for a Suite. Availability is limited for the King Room, so please make your reservations ASAP.

Ms Christine Riggsbee is our point of contact at the lodge. Please be sure to identify that you are with the Mercedes Benz Car Club when making your reservations.

Reservations: 888-823-4446/970-349-8000 or

www.grandlodgecrestedbutte.com

Any Questions call Randy 303-799-4806

Registration form on page 6

On Track with Randy

*Randy Williams
President, Mile-High Section*

July's first event was our Annual Picnic with the PPS on Sunday, July 16th. The weather gods smiled on us. In August we have planned an entertaining Tour starting in Crested Butte. Please join us for a really fun time. In September, if you can't make the overall MBCA 50th Anniversary Route 66 Tour, please consider joining the PPS on there short excursion to join the Tour (contact Julie Nelson, 719-634-7522 for information). Also in September we will have our only Track event of the year at the im-



proved La Junta Raceway.

In October please join our team in support of the *Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure*. It is a great event for an outstanding cause. I personally have had a Sister, an Aunt and several friends that have either died from Breast Cancer or are survivors due to the wonderful research funded by this organization. I'm sure that many of you know of or have been affected by this terrible disease, please help.

Randy

Monthly - Get Together,

Our 2006 Monthly informal Social gatherings occur on the third Wednesday of each month. The August event will be on Wednesday, 16th, 6:30pm-9:00, at the Skybox atop the Red Lion Hotel (303-433-8331) located next to Invesco Field at Mile High Stadium. From north or south on I 25 take Exit #210B or Stadium Exit. Complimentary parking is directly around the hotel. Need directions or information please call Randy at 303-799-4806.

See you there!

Randy

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Get out your walking and running shoes or "Sleep In"! The Mile High Section is forming a Team to participate in the Susan G. KOMEN BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION'S RACE FOR THE CURE ON OCTOBER 8, 2006.

We need to have as many of our members, your family members and friends participate in this fundraising event as possible. You do not have to run/walk, you can sign up as a "sleep in". We have something for everyone. Don't wait sign up today.

Each of you have been affected by or know someone who has been affected by BREAST CANCER - PLEASE HELP!

The Komen Foundation was started by the sister of Susan Komen following her death from breast cancer. Monies are used for research of breast cancer, grants for breast screening programs, care for those who cannot afford it, and many other charitable works. It is a national foundation and sponsors races throughout the Country as well as Colorado.

We need your individual support for the wonderful work done by this Foundation. As a two-time breast cancer survivor, I can attest to the benefits of the organization. Ladies and gentlemen please join us for this worthy cause.

Entry Fees are: Adult \$30;

18 & under or 65 & over \$20;
and Family 4 Packs \$90.

Please contact me to join our Team, if you have questions or would like to volunteer in recruiting team members. My phone number is 303-986-5035.

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Carol Haubold

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Annual Picnic Memories

16 July

On the 16th of July, 38 members of the Mile-High and Pikes Peak Sections enjoyed a beautiful day gazing down on Lake Dillon at our Annual Picnic held on Sunday July 16th. Thanks very much to Chefs Ron Lass and Jay Hokanson for performing the



A beautiful day for sailing



Chefs Randy & Ron and hungry member

Randy



Ryan & Bob just hangin

cooking duties and to all of the others that helped make it a great picnic. My Daughter and I enjoyed a great drive from Denver

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Fiftieth Anniversary Tour of Historic Route 66

Classic and modern Mercedes-Benz vehicles will be driving through your community on their tour of Historic Route 66 between September 17th and 30th. This is the club's 50th Anniversary and in celebration they have organized this tour of "The Mother Road."

Many communities will have people along the road to view the cars as they pass through. We encourage you to see our "classic" Mercedes-Benz vehicles (ranging in age from pre-war models (20s, and 30s) to a wide selection of post-war models (40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, & 80s). There will also be a sampling of newer Mercedes-Benz cars (90s to new).

This is a "once-in-a-lifetime" event and the tour organizer—Past National President, Richard Simonds—has made two planning drives to set it up. He has visited many of your chambers of commerce to identify special points of interest in your community. If you have been fascinated by the history of Mercedes-Benz (the first automobiles were created in 1886 in Germany and the company has always been a leader in innovations, quality, and reliability) then this is your chance to see a grand collection of cars on the road. Mercedes-Benz cars are known as excellent "touring cars" regardless of age.

The itinerary for the trip will follow Historic Route 66 as often as possible, avoiding the "Super Slab" (also known as the Interstate Highway System)

For more information about our MBCA 50th Anniversary Tour of "The Mother Road," go to the club website at <http://www.mbc.org> and click on Historic Route 66 Tour.

The tour is open only to club members, but you may join MBCA online or by phone if you want to join us on this memorable occasion.

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MHS Historian – Jerry Kappler is the MHS Historian and is working on pulling together the history of the Section. Anyone who has information, artifacts or 'whatever', pertaining to the history of the Mile-High Section, please contact Jerry (1.970.532.4259) and share your information. Your input will be highly appreciated!

For the latest section information, be sure to visit

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Calendar of Events

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www.mbca.org

August		September		October	
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16	Red Lion Social 6:30 pm (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)	15-16	PPS Charity Car Show (Bob Martin 719.598.8384)	18	Red Lion Social 6:30 pm (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)
25-27	<u>MBCA 50th Anniversary</u> <u>Celebration Trip</u> Mile-High & Pikes Peak Sections (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)	20	Red Lion Social 6:30 pm (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)	TBA	Kleeman Tech Session Pikes Peak Section
		22-24	LaJunta Track Time (Randy Williams 303.799.4806)		