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Get your Mercedes Ready for Parade Formation

Georgetown, Colorado—July 4, 2011—Meet at 9:00 a.m.

In Georgetown they celebrate the 4th of July the old fashioned way — with a parade and barbeque. MHS Members Ron and Martha Graham have invited members up to Georgetown to celebrate Independence Day in style.

Start the day at Ron and Martha's, at 922 Griffith St. at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and rolls. After that, we'll leave to line up for the 4th of July Parade on Argentine Ave. **Ron and Martha are planning a Mercedes contingent of cars with their own special spot in the parade.** Parade line up will start between 9:30 and 10:00 am. The parade starts at 11:00, and after the parade, plan to join in the 4th of July festivities, including an old fashioned barbeque. Cost for the Barbeque is \$10.00, and the food is plentiful and delicious. To join the fun (and for directions), **please RSVP by contacting Ron Graham at 303-745-7578 (home) or 303-601-0973 (cell) or ron2463@aol.com.**

We look forward to seeing you there—you'll have a blast!

Glenwood-Grand Junction

HOT Summer Run and Rally **JULY 22-24, 2011**

Start time 8:30 a.m. Friday, July 22—Denny's I-70 & Youngfield
West off I-70 & Youngfield Exit — Turn Right (Across I-70 from Applejack Liquors)

Start your engines Friday morning, July 22nd at 8:30 a.m. with a fun rally that will take us to Glenwood Springs, and the famous Hotel Colorado (www.hotelcolorado.com). The Hotel will provide the MHS with our own blocked off parking area. We'll have a fun evening of hospitality, relaxation and fun.

Saturday, July 23rd we start with Breakfast at the Hotel Colorado. After breakfast relax in the Hot Springs Pool or take the short drive to Gateway to visit the fabulous car collection there. In the afternoon we will be off to Grand Junction to visit Allen Unique Autos (www.allenuniqueautos.com), where we will enjoy seeing over 60 world famous cars valued at over \$6.5 million. After our tour we'll return to Glenwood Springs for dinner, hospitality, stories and more fun.

Sunday, July 24th participants can take an optional tour to Redstone where we can visit the Redstone Castle www.redstonecastle.us for a private tour starting at 11:00 a.m. (If you'd like to participate in this tour you must RSVP to Don Vollmer asap—the tour is \$15 per person (\$10 for seniors), and the cost is not included in the \$325 tour rate), and get back to Denver via Independence Pass, or participants can elect from other options to be announced in Glenwood Springs.

The reduced rate of \$325 per couple is only good until July 1st which includes two nights at the Hotel Colorado, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and entrance fee for the Allen Unique Auto museum tour. For single rates contact Don Vollmer.

For rate and reservation info, or to sign up for the Redstone Tour, contact Don Vollmer at 303-835-2505 or oxyvollmer@comcast.net. You can still register after July 1st, but Hotel Rates will be higher and availability may be limited. **MEMBERS IN**

NORTHWESTERN COLORADO, WYOMING AND UTAH: WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US FOR ALL OR PART OF THIS EVENT. CONTACT DON VOLLMER FOR MORE INFO.

YOU AND YOUR BENZ ABOUT TOWN



JUNE MONTHLY SOCIAL
July 20, 2011 -6:30 p.m.
Merle's Restaurant
2609 W. Main Street
Old Town, Littleton
www.merlesoflitleton.com

Join us at this auto-themed, great American classic food restaurant in Old Town Littleton. A gas station in the 1930's, then garage, and previously Merle's Alignment—this spot has a great history, great service and even better food.

For more info contact Patt Clark at 303-904-0223, or Jay Hokanson at 303-935-8270.

SEE YOU AT THE SOCIAL!

In Gear

With Harvey LeCato,
President, Mile-High Section



Summer is here --- well, weather-wise anyway, and we're actually doing some car stuff. Hooray! We had a nice detail session at the beginning of June, thanks to Niels Haubold. Then, two successful car shows - one Sunday after the next. Hope you made it to at least one of them. Both were fun, and of course part of the real spirit of car clubbing. Additionally, at the second show at Briarwood in Golden, we were able to raise some money for a local charity – Bessie's Hope, an organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for nursing home and assisted living elders. Coming up, right around the corner, is the Glenwood Springs trip. Don't blink because summer will have whizzed by.

Mercedes in the Media: While surfing the web, I noticed a cool item of technology. Ever lock your keys in your Benz? (I'm still not sure how that's possible!) "There's an app for that!" For those of you who have i-Phones, if you lock your keys in the car, this app lets you unlock the doors to retrieve them. Or even lock your doors from anywhere, just to be safe. Forget where you parked? You can view your vehicle's location on a map with a tap of the Locate button. You can even contact your nearest dealer right from the app. And – it's only for the Benz!

Picked up a copy of Motor Trend laying around the office and noticed an interesting article – "No excuses and no holds barred: America's bravest versus Germany's best."

The substance of the article was the new Cadillac CTS-V compared against the BMW M3 and the Audi RS 5. Gee, anyone noticeably missing? What's up with that?

Hope you're having an enjoyable summer.

Enthusiastically, *Harvey*

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!

- ◆ Eugene Darconte
- ◆ John Kendrick
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- ◆ Jack Phillips
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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT EVENT!

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

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



PPS/MHS ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, July 17, 2011 12:00-4:00 pm
Farish Recreation Area
Woodland Park

This year we will be able to experience the alpine paradise of mountains and meadows on the Rampart Range known as Farish Recreation Area. Part of the Air Force Academy, the Farish Recreation Area is known as "the jewel of the Air Force Academy." The original log cabin was built in 1924 and the initial gift of land came from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Farish in memory of their son, who was killed while serving in the Army Air Corps. The resort now consists of 665 acres.

We have reserved a picnic pavilion on Grace Lake, with picnic tables and barbeque grills, as well as The Barn, an indoor area complete with comfortable furniture, foosball, and a pool table.

Although Farish is a 7.5 mile hike from the Air Force Academy, we're making it easy and providing directions by car. **To enjoy a scenic drive from Denver, take C-470 to US 85 south to CO 67 (turn right at Sedalia) south to Woodland Park. Turn east at Kelley's Road (Hwy 71) to Rampart Range Rd. Follow Rampart Range Rd to its end (big water tank on left). Look for the Farish sign and take the fork to the right (Loy Creek Rd). Go up the hill to the 3-way stop sign, then make a left on the dirt road and follow the signs to Farish Recreation Area. Check in at the gate.** The final section of road is improved dirt so if you want to leave your beautiful Benz at home, we'll understand—come on out in whatever you want to drive.

Start time is 12:00 — stay as long as you wish. Cost is \$15 per person, includes food and drinks (soda and beer). **RSVP by July 11th** to Judy Bennett at 719-576-9737 or bennett912@comcast.net so we know how much food (and more importantly, beer) to get.

Our annual driver education event is coming! ANNUAL MHS TRACK EVENT AT HPR SET FOR JULY 23rd & 24th



Drivers at all skill levels are encouraged to attend!

The 23rd and 24th of July is our reserved weekend at **High Plains Raceway**. These events are great because everyone drives their own vehicle in a controlled environment to learn how to take corners, make emergency avoidance maneuvers, and panic stops among other things. One does not need to be a track junkie to make these events valuable. Most of what you will learn will become almost second nature over time, so that you will react correctly in a real emergency situation.

Please bring your younger drivers as well! Please don't think that you need an AMG vehicle either. Members have brought their diesels out and had a blast with them.

Helmets are required but are available to rent if needed.
Cost for both days is just \$350 or \$250 for one.



**If you can't come out to drive—
plan to come out to watch and
have a day of fun at the track.**

Please contact Ryan Bunn
at rebunn@comcast.net
with questions!



15th Annual German American Chamber of Commerce Biergarten Festival

Saturday Afternoon, July 16, 2011 2pm – 10pm

TEV Edelweiss Outdoor Pavilion - 17832 Highway 8, Morrison Colorado

Each year the German American Chamber of Commerce hosts this family cultural event with food, entertainment, traditional German music, German dance groups, and, of course, beer. The event is open to the public and provides an atmosphere of German summer family time together, reminiscent of the times families spent in the Biergarten throughout Germany. German cultural dancing and music are provided, along with various activities for all. This popular event is always well-attended – generally over 600 people attend this fun event. Come practice your Deutsch and dancing – and have a great time.

Cost to attend is \$10 for attendees age 12 and up. Children under 12 years of age are free. Please **RSVP** to: [Seeberg\(at\)GACC-CO.org](mailto:Seeberg(at)GACC-CO.org). **We need your RSVP** to allow our event managers to more accurately plan for the needed quantities of food and beverages for the festival. **RSVP before July 8th and get a free German pretzel!**

Directions: Take the Morrison exit off C-470 thru Morrison, south on Highway 8 for a mile. The Pavilion is on the east side of Highway 8 between Town of Morrison and The Fort restaurant.

Ready to Improve Your 4WD Driving Skills?

StarTrails is a national special driving event hosted by the Pikes Peak Section. Designed primarily for MLs, GLs, G-Wagons, and even GLKs, the PPS StarTrails event provides an opportunity to acquire or improve off-road driving skills while enjoying some of the most magnificent scenery in the country. The PPS Trailmeister has selected trails appropriate for our vehicles and suitable for a variety of skill levels.

You will traverse some of the most beautiful scenery in the world, with peaks rising above 14,000 feet. You can start with an entry level (green) trail, which provides a scenic introduction to back country touring at high altitude. Drivers can continue on a green trail each day, or move up to the intermediate (blue) trails. The blue trails provide more challenges in the form of narrow shelf roads, switchbacks, and steep ascents and descents. Rest assured, you will not encounter terrain that is beyond the capabilities of your Mercedes — you'll probably be surprised at what your MB can do! Expert (red) trails will generally be limited to G-Wagons, whose drivers demonstrate advanced skills. Passengers are welcome to ride along and take advantage of some of the great photo ops!

4WD training is key to your StarTrails experience. Every driver who wishes to participate must attend mandatory safety meeting and training (offered each morning). The training covers basic off-road driving skills and demonstrates the capabilities of Mercedes-Benz vehicles. Topics include off road safety and etiquette, 4WD theory, ascending and descending angles, proper tire pressure, proper braking methods, handling weight transfer, recovery techniques, proper vehicle configurations, recovery equipment use and safety, and spotting techniques.

For more information contact the StarTrails Registrar at StarTrails2011@aol.com or call 719-576-9737. Vehicle or trail questions should be directed to the Trailmeister at drstar@mac.com, or call Tom at 719-661-5394. Contact Cheryl Kerbs to reserve your room asap (special event pricing guaranteed only till May 20), at 1-800-878-2929 ext 177. Visit the website at <http://startrails.mbca.org>. You can also check them out on Facebook at MBCA Star Trails 2011.



Legends of the Autobahn WEST COAST SUMMER CONCOURS



LEGENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN CONCOURS RETURNS TO MONTEREY HISTORICS WEEKEND IN AUGUST 2011



After a very successful 2010 inaugural year, the Legends of the Autobahn: West Coast Summer Concours returns as part of the Monterey Historics Weekend in 2011 on Friday, August 19. Co-hosted by MBCA, the BMW Car Club of America, and the Porsche Club of America, Legends of the Autobahn is one of the "must see" attractions of this world-renowned automotive weekend.

The one-day event brings enthusiasts, owners, and aficionados of distinctive German cars together to view some of the finest marques in the world. Held on the greens of the Rancho Cañada Golf Club in Carmel Valley, California, Legends attracted an audience of over 1,000 to view the 250 cars on display in 2010.

"With Mercedes-Benz as a featured marque at the weekend's famed Pebble Beach Concours, it's sure to be an epic weekend for Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts," according to Laura Simonds, MBCA National Treasurer.

For those interested in entering the Concours (pre-1992), a \$60 entry fee will apply. For those wishing to display only (any vintage), a \$30 entry fee will apply. Spectators are welcome with no admission fee. To register on-line visit www.legendsoftheautobahn.com/mbca. The discounted "early bird" registration deadline is August 1, and all registration closes on August 12. For more information, contact Laura Simonds at simondsl@pacbell.net or 650-592-7613, or Robert Schilling at res.mbca@offserver.com or 650-619-7550.

THE HAPPY CAR COLUMN By Niels Haubold

A happy car is the result of how we treat it both in the garage and on the road. With our driver license system set up so that we never need to be tested once we have obtained our license, many of the basics seem to be overlooked or just forgotten about. Here are a few that I don't recall being in the driving manual.



- 1) When waiting for oncoming traffic to clear in order to execute a left turn, keep the car and the steering wheel pointed straight ahead. This will prevent you from being pushed into oncoming traffic if you are hit from behind.
- 2) When traveling on a multi-lane road or highway, make it a point to not drive right next to another vehicle. This type of behavior blocks your view of the side of the road and also does not allow room to swerve if you need to make an emergency maneuver.
- 3) Use your turn signal!! It takes less effort to operate a turn signal than it does to flip the bird yet we seem to see much more of the latter on the road. Modern behavior seems to think that this effort is wasted or only invites people to cut them off. Consider that failing to use a turn signal is number 3 on the list of driver errors that lead to fatalities. This is behind drunk driving and speeding.
- 4) Be defensive! Somewhere along the way, the driver handbook must have changed to describe defensive driving as the blocking of cars trying to pass. In reality, it means to be on the lookout of other drivers. If a vehicle is traveling faster than you, let them go by. Keep right when driving on the Interstate and let the police curtail the speeders. It is not just courteous, but it is also the law. Defensive driving is being vigilant and making sure you are thinking for the other guy because chances are, he is texting or doing some other nonsense beside driving.
- 5) Watch for pedestrians and bicycles. It seems that we have had a rash of fatal auto/pedestrian collisions lately. This tells me people cannot even pay attention to their surroundings even while they are most vulnerable. Remember, you are piloting a 2 ton missile and prosecutors seem to put all of the blame on the driver, even though the pedestrian is usually where he is not supposed to be.

If anyone has tips or ideas they would like to share, pass them along and we can revisit this subject in the future!

In the mean time, Happy Motoring!!

Happy Cars = Happy Drivers

IT'S ALL IN THE DETAIL(ING) AT CENTENNIAL LEASING AND SALES

Imagine having the opportunity to do a full detail on your beloved Benz in air conditioned comfort, with a few of your closest friends, taking time out to chat and admire each others' cars and have a little refreshment while you detail. Too good to be true?



It WAS true for the MHS members who participated in the Detail Session hosted by Centennial Leasing and Sales in Englewood, on Sunday, June 5th. This event was put together by MHS Vice Prez Niels Haubold, and it was a big hit with all who attended. Members brought their cars, packed with their favorite detailing products and supplies, and dusted, vacuumed, polished, and shined every surface—readying their cars for the months of summer fun ahead.

This event was such a success, we hope to make it an annual event. Thanks to Niels Haubold for facilitating this event, and thanks to Centennial Leasing for providing such a great forum to detail our cars!

THREE GENERATIONS FOUR MERCEDES-BENZ BEAUTIES

MHS Member Dorn Green (middle), Dorn's son Doug (in red), and grandson Dylan with Dorn's 4 Benz



L to R, 1985 380SE, 1998 E-320 Amatic Wagon, 2009 SL63AMG Silver Arrow, 2011 E350 Amatic Wagon. All were purchased new, one owner. The 1985 has only 27,000 actual miles. The 1998 has 88,000. The 2009 has 3,000, and the 2011 has less than a thousand

THREE GENERATIONS / 4 MBs: Dorn's son Doug recently purchased the 1998 wagon from Dorn. Dorn says he hated to see the 1998 leave his garage. But, he says his new 2011 E350 wagon is awesome, and Dorn ordered it with "everything on it", including all of the items in the Driver Safety package (including the infra red night vision system!)

Dorn only drives the 1985 380SE on special occasions, such as car shows and nice summer days. It is 26 years old, and everything sans the battery is original, including tires, belts and hoses. Dorn keeps it in on a lift with a cover in his heated garage, and it is just as nice as the day it came out of the factory.

The most popular of Dorn's collection is the 2009 SL63 AMG Silver Arrow. Dorn's SL63 AMG Silver Arrow is very rare. There were only 100 built and only 25 came to the USA. Dorn's sports a plaque indicating it is number 49 of the 100 built. The 6.3 Liter engine was boosted to 700 HP and has the full McClaren chassis, brakes and 200 MPH tires — topped off with a retractable glass roof. It was also the first production car to have the Torque Converter replaced with a wet clutch similar to the 300 MPH dragsters, at the Bandierner drag strip.



Come Face to Face — **THE BLACK HILLS TOUR** South Dakota Trip September 8-11, 2011



It's LAST CALL for the Mile High Section tour to the Black Hills of South Dakota.

The tour will include a variety of points of interest including Mount Rushmore (of course), Crazy Horse Memorial, Ellsworth Air Force Base-South Dakota Air and Space Museum, Deadwood, Black Hills Mining Museum, Nelson's Garage: Car & Motorcycle Museum, Mt Moriah Cemetery (Wild Bill Hickock, Calamity Jane), and of course lots of Mile High hospitality! Basic costs to participate will be a \$25 per car entry fee, plus three nights lodging (approx \$120 per night) and meals. Indicate your interest to participate via an email, no later than JULY 8TH - to the trip coordinator, Harvey LeCato at mbca@comcast.net.

Hope to see you with the Big Guys!

Mercedes-Benz in the News

What's been happening in the World of Mercedes-Benz this month?

Redesigned M-class coming for 2012: Mercedes-Benz will introduce a new M-class crossover in September with a curvier exterior, more power and slightly better fuel economy. In the United States, the 2012 M-class will be offered beginning with two models -- the gasoline ML350 V-6 and the ML350 Bluetec diesel. A 4.6-liter V-8 will be offered later.



The 3.0-liter diesel V-6 generates 240 hp, 30 more horsepower than the current engine. The diesel engine's fuel economy has been improved 3 percent to 20 mpg in the city while highway mileage remains at 25 mpg. The gasoline V-6 gets a horsepower boost to 302 from 268 and fuel economy rises to 17 mpg city/22 highway, up from 15 city/20 highway.

The third-generation M-class shares components and engineering with the 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee. Work on both vehicles started before Chrysler's separation from Daimler AG. The 2012 Mercedes M-class will feature a suspension with adaptive damping that activates on moderately uneven roads or slow, off-road driving to soften the ride.

Mercedes 2012 CLS iPad App: Mercedes-Benz USA has released an iPad app for the redesigned 2012 Mercedes-Benz CLS that allows users to explore the car's interior and exterior and customize a vehicle. The app was created as a tool for dealership sales associates but it's open for consumers to use. It is the first installment in a series of 2012-model-year product apps available free through the Apple Store. Users can find the app by searching "Mercedes-Benz 2012 CLS."

2012 E63 AMG Wagon to Arrive in October: Mercedes-Benz officials confirmed that the 2012 E63 AMG wagon will be part of the North American lineup. Slated to arrive in October, the high-performance wagon will get the same 5.5-liter twin-turbocharged, direct-injection V8 that debuted in the 2012 E63 AMG sedan at the New York auto show in March. It produces 518 hp and 516 lb-ft of torque. An optional performance package boosts the output to 550 hp and 590 lb-ft. Like its sedan counterpart, the 2012 E63 AMG wagon gets stop/start technology paired with a seven-speed multiclutch transmission. New 19-inch, 10-spoke wheels are included, but only the wagon version gets a panoramic roof as standard equipment.

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Driving a MB through the countryside is fun.

Driving, or riding, with friends in a Mercedes is even more fun!

- By Reiner Haubold



Since Mile-High Section members enjoy driving events, the MHS Section Board has added more driving events to its schedule.

Quite often someone would like to participate in a driving event, but for some reason is unable to drive, does not want to drive, or may not want to drive alone. We have many members who drive sedans and SUVs that would be able to accommodate an extra passenger or two. Others might be driving alone and would welcome a driving buddy.

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In order to create a win-win solution, prospective participants are encouraged to communicate their driving needs with other participants. With a little cooperation between members these driving events could be even more enjoyable and help promote camaraderie among our members. My wife, Carol, and I try to participate in as many events as we can. And, since I drive our sedan or station wagon, not an SL, we have extra space for many of these trips. Thus Carol and I hereby offer anyone interested in riding along to contact us. We welcome the company. We can be reached at 303-986-5035 or by e-mail at reinbold1@comcast.net.

You can also sign up to ride or drive using the Registration Form on Page 11.

MBCA 2011 TRIP TO GERMANY

MBCA is going to Germany again in 2011. This year's trip is scheduled to start on Monday, September 26.

This is a great opportunity to join other members to see many Mercedes-Benz facilities and venues that are not available to the public. We'll visit AMG, the Classic Center, the Sindelfingen visitor center and assembly plant, the Unterturkheim engine plant, the test track and development center, the "new" Mercedes-Benz Museum, and the Stuttgart Brand Center. We'll also visit the Auto Museum Carl Benz and the technical museum Sinsheim. Several other auto related facilities as well as some surprises are also included in the Trip.

The cost is the same as last year, \$2500. per person with no single supplement. Airfare and personal expenses are not included. Don't hesitate to contact Jim O'Sullivan at jimo55@comcast.net or 617.879.0017 for additional information.

THE CIRCLE LAKE HURON TOUR

SEPTEMBER 24-30, 2011

You are invited to join fellow MBCA members in the second Great Lake Mille, a tour around Lake Huron including the Bruce Peninsula and Georgian Bay. You may apply for participation with an interesting car of any marque as long as you are, or become, an MBCA member. Registration fee will include Kick-off Dinner, Reception at Benmiller, Ferry to Manitoulin Island, concluding German buffet, and commemorative vest.

REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION MATERIALS

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

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Number participating: _____

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WANT TO ASK AN EXPERT ABOUT YOUR BENZ?



The MBCA Technical Committee stands ready to contribute their vast experience and resources to help you with your Mercedes-Benz.

Go to www.mbca.org and click on *Tech Talk!*

MBCA members can submit a technical question online to the entire MBCA community. Here you will find technical articles submitted to the Star Magazine from our club technical experts, **PLUS you can have your questions answered by George Murphy, Pierre Hedary, Jonathan Hodgman, and other specialists.** This is just one of the many benefits for MBCA members!

MAY LOGO RALLY Diane and Harvey “Trademark” a New Fun Rally Concept



It's always a joy to head out on that first rally of the season. Eighteen MHS members queued up, ready to launch into the unknown void of directions and questions. This event, the “Logo Rally” was the brain child of Diane LeCato. It consisted of identifying the business names associated with the pictures of their company logos. Additionally, there was the standard set of questions associated with what was seen along the route; e.g., What street is a current board member's name? Williams Street – of course!

Rally participants had the pleasure of driving through some of the historical and cultural neighborhoods of Denver. The drive was scenic, and participants got to enjoy several Denver parks, scenic neighborhoods, and some attractions they may not have known existed in Denver. The planned

route through City Park was closed due to a private event, and the route by East High School was closed due to a farmers market. Most drivers just routed around these locations blowing off the associated questions; but at least one set of stalwart souls, Ginny and Ben Carter, parked and walked in to find the answers. For their efforts, they won first place.

The rally ended at Valley Motors, hosted by Greg Voeltz. Diane and Harvey provided great prizes and Diane provided beautiful handmade totebags she created for rally participants. A catered lunch and some adult beverages rounded out the afternoon, as the correct answers were revealed, and the weeping commenced.



Harvey and Diane LeCato take a break.
Thanks to Harvey and Diane for facilitating yet another fantastic Rally!



MHS Members listen attentively as Harvey provides the Rally test answers.



Display your Mercedes Indoors at The Forney Museum of Transportation

Nov. 1, 2011—Jan. 31, 2012

The Forney Museum of transportation is scheduling a special three month long indoor show just for Mercedes vehicles in the center of their Museum from November 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012. They have a few Mercedes of their own, but need about 20 vehicles from Mercedes-Benz Club members to complete the display. They are primarily looking for pre-1985 vehicles and a few select newer vehicles.

Christof Kheim is the Director of the Forney and a longtime MHS Member. They would especially love to display any pre-war vehicles and vehicles from the 40's, 50's and 60's. If you have a nice 70's or 80's model, the Forney may be interested as well. **There is no cost to display your Mercedes, and you get a warm, indoor place for your Mercedes for 3 months next winter.**

If you would like to display your pride and joy and honestly be able to say your vehicle was in a nationally recognized museum, contact Christof at the Forney at 303-297-1113, or stop by and see where your Mercedes will be displayed.

For tracking purposes, please advise Jay Hokanson via email at jhokanso@comcast.net or by phone at 303-935-8270, if you are going to display your Mercedes at the Forney.



The Back Lot

Sales and Services for MBCA Members by MBCA Members



FOR SALE: 1987 MBZ 420SEL.

Excellent Condition. Powder blue exterior, light grey leather interior, new A/C, sunroof, 163,000 miles. **\$3,995.**

Call Keith 970-221-5099. 05/11

FOR SALE: A set of Mercedes winter floor mats: Black (front and rear) for Mercedes 2005 C240. These mats only used for one winter. Asking **\$75.00** for the set. **Contact John at 303-469-5798 or cell 303-941-0289 e-mail at jnord1146@comcast.net.** 3/11

FOR SALE: 1990 MB 300SEL. White. 216,000 miles. Excellent mechanical condition (engine, transmission, drive train), gray leather interior is very nice. Body has original paint in good condition- no rust. Recent work includes R134a conversion, alternator, coolant system rubber and plastic replaced. Michelin X-Ice tires. Passenger side seal control, front shocks. Early documentation available. **\$3,500 OBO.** Please call **Paul at 303-841-4050** days or evenings and leave a message. 3/11

For Sale: Star Magazines. Incomplete collection from 1985. 1999-2010 is complete except for 3 issues. 116 issues total, plus 19 duplicates. Cannot get these from MBCA any more: they have sold off all their Star back issues. \$5/issue, \$25/6 issues or \$400 for the lot. Postage extra, or pick them up in Fort Collins. **jsteinborn@comcast.net or 970-282-1299.** 06/11

FOR SALE: 1972 350SL, 95k mi; garaged, well-maintained; green exterior/tan interior; hard top and tan soft top - \$10k obo, **Call 303-860-9822** 06/11



FOR SALE: 1979 Mercedes Benz 450 SL. 98,500 miles. **\$13,950.** One owner for the past 23 years. Creme with saddle interior. Comfortable new leather seats, hardtop, brown soft top, chrome wheels, new sheepskin seat covers.

Shown at the Annual Exotic Sports Car Show and Concours d'elegance. This car is very clean and beautifully maintained. A real joy to drive. **Contact Anne at ahautzinger@comcast.net or 303-388-7066.** 7/11



FOR SALE: 4 Excellent Zenith wire wheels for and tires for Mercedes Benz.

The wheels were used on my 1964 230SL (W113) and should fit any Mercedes with a similar bolt pattern. They present very well, although they

do show minor signs of use and age. You get adaptors; knock on tool and everything you need to mount these on your Benz. You can see an adaptor in the photo on the left wheel where the 3 eared cosmetic knock off has been removed for the visual. The tires are Michelin XZX 185 SR 14 with 1/4inch of tread and little or no cracking. They have been mounted and balanced. Less than 1000 miles. **Wheels and tires can be purchased separately or together.** To make an offer contact **Richard Gordon – 303-756-7427 or RichardNGordon@comcast.net.** 7/11

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The email address for *The Constellation* has changed: The NEW Address is **constellation@comcast.net**

MHS Advertising Manager Wanted



Is there someone in the Mile-High Section who would like to get into advertising and PR work, and make a little money on the side as well? No experience necessary but an outgoing personality is a plus. The Mile-High Section needs someone to visit Mercedes dealers, repair shops and other related businesses to work with these companies on their current advertisement and/or future advertisement in *The Constellation*. **Contact Harvey LeCato at 719-302-2900 or mbca@comcast.net.**

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Members of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Inc. may advertise in *The Constellation* to buy, sell, or trade Mercedes-Benz automobiles and related items at no charge, provided no commercial venture is involved. Ads may include a photo. Copy for the classified advertising must be received in writing by the 10th of the month prior to the month of issue. Ads will be published one time. **To re-run, the ad must be resubmitted. Current membership number must be included for free ads.**

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The treasurer will no longer count anyone in an event until he receives a check (if there is a cost) for that event.
 Your name will be put on the roster, but you will not have a reserved spot until the check is received.
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HOT GLENWOOD SUMMER RALLY – July 22-24, 2011

Attending _____ @ \$ _____ per couple = \$ _____ Don Vollmer- 303.835.2505 (\$325 rate only guaranteed till July 1st
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Name(s) _____ Total Enclosed for event(s): \$ _____
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 Phone: _____ CELL Phone: _____ Email: _____

Send check for total due for all event(s) made payable to Mile-High Section MBCA and completed form to:
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Event(s) _____



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Update Your Membership Profile!

The National Business Office has announced that with every email and address update received at the NBO, (either by website, phone, email or snail mail) they will send a **10% Off Coupon for one item in the Club Store**. One coupon per member will be **sent electronically** (you must provide a valid email address). Send these updates to Geni at geni@mbca.org. Having your email address helps the club save money and increase services to our members!

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Calendar of Events

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July 2011 **4th** — Fourth of July Parade/BBQ in Georgetown —*Article, page 1*
 7th — Monthly Board Meeting
 16th — German– American Chamber of Commerce Biergartenfest — *Article, page 3*
 17th — PPS/MHS Picnic, Farish Recreation Area, Woodland Park -*Article, page 3*
 20th— July Monthly Social at Merle’s in Littleton
 22-24th — Hot Glenwood Springs Tour—*Article, page 1*
 23-24th — Track Date with Audi Club—*Article, page 2*

Aug 2011 **6th** — August Board Meeting
 17th — August Monthly Social at Farros
 17-21st— PPS Star Trails National Event in Ouray, CO—*Article, page 4*

Sept. 2011 **17th** — September Board Meeting at Mt. Vernon Country Club
 8-11th — South Dakota Trip—*Article, page 6*
 TBD — Track Days
 21st — September Monthly Social at the Perfect Landing
 24th — Oktoberfest Rally



EDITOR FOR *THE CONSTELLATION* NEEDED

The MHS is looking for an Editor for the Club’s monthly newsletter, *The Constellation*. The Editor works with the Board, members, advertisers, and others to prepare articles, photos, ads and event information. Though you don’t need to be a professional, you must have the knowledge, ability, and appropriate software program(s) to prepare the newsletter and mailing list, and provide both in a suitable format to the printer for monthly printing and mailing. MHS member who enjoys attending club events preferred.

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