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CLUE - The Musical @ Country Dinner Playhouse

Sunday, March 4 Based on the popular board game, this hilarious musical whodunit and its famous characters thrill the audience with a delightful guessing game and great fun!

We're all set for a great afternoon, trying to find out Who Dunit at the Country Dinner Playhouse. Plan to be in the lobby at 12pm to get your tickets. Then we'll head inside for the buffet and show. At 12:45 we'll start with the All-You-Can-Eat Buffet. Selections change throughout the year to provide a variety of seasonal choices which range from a selection of specially prepared salads to a hearty variety of meats and side dishes. Save room for an ice cream sundae or a piece of gourmet cheese cake. Show time is 1:45 p.m. Cost is \$37 per person. Seating is limited, so if you'd like to sit with the Club, you must let me know ASAP via email harvey01@adelphia.net. Your email is your commitment to purchase your tickets. If you weren't able to give Harvey your check at the Valentines event, please bring a check that day!



The Country Dinner Playhouse is located at 6875 S. Clinton St. in Greenwood Village. Take I-25 to Exit 197 and go east on Arapahoe Road. Turn right on Clinton and drive 2 blocks, past Target, then turn right into their spacious parking lot. Questions: call Harvey at 719-387-8722.



A New Car Tech Session You Shouldn't Miss

Mercedes-Benz of Westminster will be hosting a tech session on **Saturday, March 10th** on the all new S and CL classes. Mercedes-Benz is debuting a gaggle of new technologies on these vehicles including night vision, an improved Distronic radar based cruise control system that will actually bring the vehicle to a stop in traffic, and a completely new COMMAND system and interface just to name a few! Details are still being firmed up, but the dealership is trying to have a few technicians on hand in case anyone wants to know specifics on how the car actually does what it does. The session will begin at 3:30 p.m. and go until around 5:30 p.m. where we will break for dinner at one of the establishments across the street. Don't miss this event as it will probably be your only opportunity to crawl through \$140,000 vehicles with no sales pressure. We are just going to have fun and bask in the dripping excess that are S and CL class Mercedes-Benz's. *Ryan*

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A Mile-High Welcome to Our New Members

- Chris Coston
- Steven & Nancy Dodder
- Butch Gioia
- Frank Guerra
- Loretta Kelve
- Hung Wei Kuo
- Mark McGee
- Vincent Novak
- Frederick Manning Smith
- Barbara Washburn

Hi-tech at Cherry Creek Collision

On Saturday, March 17th the Mile-High section has been invited to attend another fabulous technical session presented by Cherry Creek Collision, located at 1425 S. Lipan in Denver!

Steve and his crew have planned a special day for us at one of the few Mercedes-Benz factory certified collision repair stations! This event starts at 9:00 a.m. and the cost is only \$5 per-person, so don't come alone—Bring a friend!! Refreshments will be served, so don't eat a huge breakfast. These sessions are always a great learning experience, and not to be missed!

Sign-up early; sign-up a friend; and lets have some fun!!

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Check out more events on page 3

Behind the Wheel

Jay Hokanson
President, Mile-High Section

Deborah and I had a chance to check out *Sparrow*, a really fine dining establishment that Bob and Jan Fletcher have chosen for this year's cooking demonstration. We sampled several appetizers, their soup and salad choices, a couple entrées and two desserts. All of the food was outstanding and the restaurant staff, from our waiter to the chef, were very attentive to our needs. If you like to eat great food, this one event you absolutely will not want to miss.



hard to believe that rally and car show time is fast approaching. Our two car shows in June support some worthy charities so it's time to put the June 10th Arapahoe Community Car Show, supporting CP of Colorado, and the June 30th Cherry Cheek Car Show which supports Make a Wish Foundation on your calendars.

Members that have joined MHS in the past year are invited to the annual new members' party at the home of Randy and Phyllis Williams on April 14th. You will get to meet the other new members as well as members of MHS's Board of Directors. Best of all Randy and Phyllis will be serving some of the best BBQ around. Better yet, it's all FREE for new members.

Finally, The Las Vegas Section is hosting an Interregional tour of the southern Utah National Parks in June. See the article in this issue. MHS has about 30 members in Utah and they will find this tour right in their backyard. *Jay*

I'm very pleased that so many of you have asked to receive my monthly email update. I will continue to send out the email around the middle of the month so you will get a little advance notice on upcoming events. If you would like to be on the email list just send me an email at

jhokanso@comcast.net.

Your email address is safe and it will only be used for this monthly email. Looking out at the snow, it's

!!!!Monthly – Social Get Together!!!!

We have nearly settled on a permanent location for the Monthly Informal Social Get-Together. Starting in March we will be meeting at the Palm Grill in the Best Western Central, 200 W 48th Ave, Denver, CO 80216 at 6:30 PM. The Best Western is at the Intersection of I-25 and I-70 and can be accessed from either highway. As always, the social is just an informal talk and dine session and it's always the third Wednesday of the month starting at 6:30 PM. Feel free to come late for dessert and a drink as some of us are usually around until after 8 PM. The Best Western is in the northwest corner of I-25 and I-70. Access from the north by exiting at 48th Avenue and follow the west frontage road, From I-25 South take exit 214A to I-70 West and then exit at Pecos Street, #273. Go east on the north frontage road and turn right at the stop sign just before you go under I-25. From west or east I-70 exit at Pecos Street, #273. Go east on the north frontage road and turn right at the stop sign just before you go under I-25. *Jay*

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GET READY FOR "WE'RE COOKIN' NOW!"

The Mile High Section, MCBA, proudly presents its third annual cooking demonstration and dining extravaganza at SPARROW, Saturday April 7, 2007 starting at 11:00 a.m. Located at 410 E. 7th Ave. in Denver, Sparrow is a contemporary American Bistro serving dishes inspired by the flavors of southern Europe.

Hosted by co-owner/manager Nancy Scruggs and executive chef, Joshua Botsford, this "knock your socks off" event presents an opportunity to sample (four course meal) some of the most unique taste treats in Denver.

We only have 40 seats open, so sign up early. Cost is \$50 per person – an outstanding value for this deliciously special event. Don't miss out!

For more information contact Bob Fletcher @ 303.690.6893.



Reservation form on page 6.

!New Member Welcome and Introduction BBQ!



On Saturday April 14th, the MHS Board will host a New Member BBQ at 9704 N. Heather Dr. Castle Rock, CO 80108. All new members since January 2006 are cordially invited. This is a great opportunity to meet some other MBCA Mile-High Section members as well as the MHS Board of directors. We will discuss the 2007 Event Schedule and seek your feedback on what you would like to see in the future. The social interchange will start at 4:30 PM, with dinner served at approximately 5:30PM. Dinner will consist of a Santa Maria style BBQ with Tri Tips or chicken as the main course. Soft drinks, wine and beer will be served.

We need your RSVP on the enclosed registration form so that we ensure sufficient food is available.

We're looking forward to meeting each of you! Please call Randy @ 303-799-4806 if you have questions or need directions

Reservation form on page 6.

The Sounds of Silence Rally

Look'- don't listen for Harvey's Sounds of Silence Rally that will arrive on May 12th starting at 9:00 AM. Guest Rallymeisters and 15-year veterans from the Pikes Peak Section, Harvey and Diane LeCato promise you a fun day. A quiet morning journey, accented only by the piercing sound of your spouse telling you to "Slow Down! We'll miss an Answer!" -- followed by lunch and awards.

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Annual Garage Tour – We are looking for two or three garages/collections (not required to be Mercedes) to be included in our Annual Garage Tour. The tour is currently scheduled for August 4th. The collections don't have to be large, just a couple cars will do with some space for a little socializing. If you would like to volunteer your garage or know of a garage of a non MHS club member who would like to show off their cars please contact Jay Hokanson at 303-935-8270 or jhokanso@comcast.net.

Drive the High Country, A first-timer's stormy trip to the Colorado Grand is the title of an article in the March 2007 issue of Road & Track magazine (p.78). Peter Egan has written a six page article about his experiences driving a 1955 Mercedes 190SL(SLR) in the 2006 Colorado Grand. There are some beautiful car and Colorado scenery photos in the article as well as a great story by a first time driver. *Jay*

German Trips MBCA is offering two trips to Germany in 2007. Each trip starts in Stuttgart on a Monday – July 30, 2007 & October 1, 2007. For more details: http://www.mbca.org/pages/german_trip/Trip1.htm

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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!



Meadow Creek Tire Tech

On a cold slippery evening in January a few brave MHS souls trekked to Meadow Creek Tire to get some pointers from Gary, their resident expert on tires and vehicle protection. MHS members learned what to look for in a tire, how to choose a well constructed tire and how to choose a tire for different types of driving conditions. Gary also demonstrated what the Magnesium Chloride that CDOT puts on roads is doing to your car. (It's not pretty)

Jay

INTERREGIONAL SOUTHERN UTAH RED ROCK TOUR - June 3-8, 2007

The Las Vegas Section MCBA is hosting this hub tour from Kanab, Utah visiting Zion, Bryce and Grand Canyon National Parks, returning each night to Kanab. Also included is a full day boat trip on Lake Powell, an IMAX presentation at Zion, and live western music after dinner on Monday, June 4th. Cost for the tour is \$845.00 per couple; \$567.00 for singles – and is all inclusive (includes lodging, all meals, the boat trip and entertainment). Registration Deadline is May 10, 2007. If you are interested in participating in this beautiful Red Rock country tour, or if you have questions, contact Bob Cottam at 435.644.3931 in Kanab, UT. Watch for a full write up in the March/April issue of the STAR Magazine and check out the story on the 2005 Parks Tour I in the Sept/October 2005 issue of the STAR.

MBCA Raffle

Roger Tracy of MHS won the grand prize in the fall raffle. Your next chance to win is the spring raffle. Look for your raffle forms in the mail in early April.

Top prize is \$50,865 cash (equivalent to a 2007 SLK 350); second prize is \$32,653 (2007 C230 Sports Sedan); third prize is \$10,000; and fourth prize is \$5,000.

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New Member BBQ

April 14th/ 4:30pm

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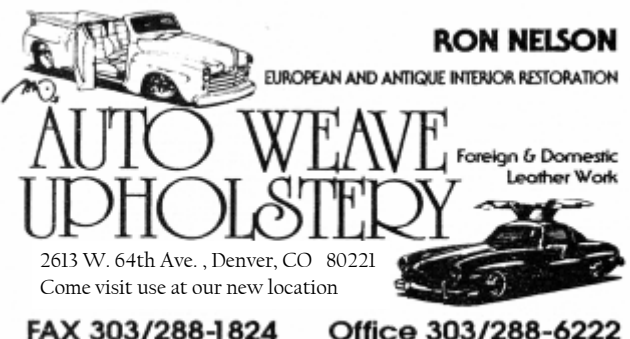
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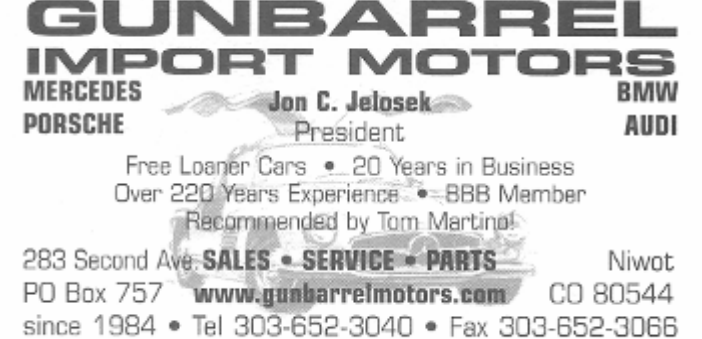


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April

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- 5 MHS Board Meeting
(Jay Hokanson 303.935.8270)
- 7 "Cookin" @ Sparrow
(Bob Fletcher @ 303.690.6893)
- 14 New Member Party
(Randy Williams 303.799.4806)
- 18 Monthly Social
Palm Grill @ Best Western Central
(Jay Hokanson 303.935.8270)
- 21 PPS Spring Rally
(Andrew Nelson 719.634.7522)
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TBA

May

- 3 MHS Board Meeting
(Jay Hokanson 303.935.8270)
- 12 "Sounds of Silence" Rally
(Harvey LeCato 719.387.8722)
- 16 Monthly Social
Palm Grill @ Best Western Central
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