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## YOU AND YOUR BENZ ABOUT TOWN

### Sept. Monthly Social September 16, 2009 at 6:30 pm

#### The Grand Lux Cafe

8525 S. Park Meadows Center Dr.  
East side of Park Meadows between  
Crate & Barrel & the Main Mall Entrance  
[www.grandluxcafe.com](http://www.grandluxcafe.com).

Blending the grandeur and luxury of a European cafe with the spirit of an American restaurant, The Grand Lux has a eclectic menu of extraordinary variety and selection — not to mention the baked to order desserts! We plan to start at 6:30 pm. Most of us will still be there until at least 8:00, so you can even come late and just have dessert. Call Jay at 303-935-8270 for directions, or if you would like more information. In October we will be at The Old Neighborhood in Arvada.

**SEE YOU AT THE SOCIAL!**



## Oktoberfest Rally

**Scenic Fall Drive and BBQ at the Lass Resort**  
**Saturday, September 26, 2009**  
**9:00 a.m. Start • Gunbarrel Import Motors**  
**283 Second Ave., Niwot, Colorado**

It's that time of year again. Time for a wonderful scenic drive along the Front Range and into the mountains. Please plan to join us for the Mile-High Section's Oktoberfest Rally on Saturday, September 26. At the end of the drive we'll meet at the Lass Resort (Ron and Laura Lass's home) for a BBQ. The menu will include brats, grilled chicken breasts, sauerkraut, German red cabbage, hot German potato salad, beer, wine, soft drinks, water, and Black Forest cake.

The event starts at Gunbarrel Import Motors, 283 Second Avenue, Niwot, CO 80544 at 9 a.m. We plan about an hour here and then we'll drive east to the Dougherty Museum, Hwy 287 (1 mile south of Longmont). We plan one to two hours here, depending on your interest in the antique automobiles, farm equipment, musical instruments, guns, and much more. You will receive maps before departing the parking lot. From here you will drive west into the mountains for a 1 ½ - 2 hour drive amongst the beautiful evergreens and golden aspens. There are two sections of the route that are dirt roads—very well-maintained. The first section is 3.7 miles and the second section is 2 miles. Laura and Ron drove their 500SL with the top down and did not feel badly about driving on the dirt.

A headcount for the BBQ is required, so get your application in by no later than September 23rd. The cost is \$30 per person; that's \$25 for the BBQ and \$5 for the entrance fee to the Dougherty Museum. Bring your camera for great pictures along the drive and bring your appetite. We'll have lots of great food to enjoy at the end of the day.

For those of you driving the rally from quite a distance, you could spend the night in Longmont at the Super 8 Motel, 2446 N. Main Street, Longmont, CO 80501. It is located at Hwy 287 & Hwy 66. You can reach them at 303-772-8106. This is just four miles south of the Lass Resort where you'll be enjoying the BBQ. For more information, contact Laura Lass at 303-776-8276.

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## There is still time to join us for the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Vail Home Tour— Sunday, September 13, 2009

Meet 7:30 a.m.



Georgetown Visitor Center for Coffee & Donuts  
Departing from Georgetown at 8:30 a.m. for Vail  
Home Tour 10:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.

There is still time to join us for this fun and exciting tour of some of the most beautiful homes in Vail. The cost of your ticket includes a tour of 5-7 homes and a luncheon buffet served in the dining room at Vail Mountain School. The lunch meal is prepared by the renowned restaurant, Larkspur at Gold Peak.

We plan to meet at the Visitor Center in Georgetown at 7:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts, then depart for Vail. The Georgetown Visitor's Center is a red building just off of I-70 (exit 228). **Cost is \$50 per person for those paying after Sept. 1.** Contact Patt Clark at 303-904-0223, or by email at [Patcl02@aol.com](mailto:Patcl02@aol.com) for info. You can also call Jack Clark at 303-883-3824 (cell).



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## Behind the Wheel

With Jay Hokanson,  
President, Mile High Section



If you have been monitoring your email from the Denver area Mercedes-Benz dealers this summer you have received several offers for free open house events, BBQ's, Car Shows and even service clinics. I just returned from a very informative "be a technician for a day" program where I spent some time with a Mercedes-Benz Service Technician as he went about servicing our SLK230. He showed me all the steps they do when they service a vehicle for safety, reliability and proper function — how they check such items as the fan belts, battery, tires, brakes and vehicle diagnostics of the on-board computer system, etc. We've had the SLK for a couple years and I'd never had the chance to look underneath the SLK while it was on the lift nor did I realize all the valuable information that can be pulled from the vehicles computer.

Did you know that the computer records just about everything that happens to your car and the information is retained for something like the next 250 engine starts. While there were no significant warnings retained in our computer's memory, it did record that we had set off the alarm a couple times this summer, right down to which door and glove box was opened. It recorded when the Tele-Aid was activated and if there were any communications errors and other events such as that. Most importantly it records every hiccup from the engine and on-board electronics which would help the technician quickly repair your Mercedes-Benz. If you get an invitation to sit in as they work on your vehicle I highly recommend that you take advantage of the offer and learn a little more about your Mercedes-Benz.

I just realized that fall is almost here. MHS still has a couple of drives and one track event for you to enjoy this fall. We're starting into the Tech Session time of the year and we have a couple lined up for the coming months. Want to see how a Gullwing or 1950's 300SL is restored, then come to the Classic Restoration's Open House and Tech Session on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. And, be sure not to miss our Halloween event in October and the Holiday party in December.

Our Section's annual meeting and Board Member election are coming up in November and we're looking for a few good members (men and women) who would like to serve a term on the MHS Board of Directors. Drop me an email if you are interested in joining the Board or just want more information, and look for more information on the date and location in the next issue of *The Constellation* — Jay

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!

- ◆ William Gatto
- ◆ William J. Wise
- ◆ George & Kristi Price
- ◆ Grant Kobayashi
- ◆ Daniel Griffin



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT EVENT!**

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!

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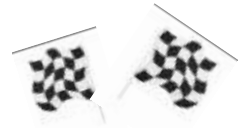


**Open House and Tech Session– Sat. Oct 3, 2009 10:00 a.m.  
Classic Restoration by Country Club Auto  
3800 S Kalamath St., Englewood, CO**

You have seen their finished restorations at the Make-a-Wish, UCP of Colorado, the Broadmoor and Pebble Beach Concours events, now is your chance to visit the 15,000 square foot shop and show room and see where all the magic takes place. Owner Jack Farland and General Manager Doug Brown of **Classic Restoration by Country Club Auto** have invited us to visit their new restoration center, at 3800 S Kalamath St. in Englewood, on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. **Classic Restoration** has been restoring high end vehicles to their original splendor since 1991. Current projects to check out on the tour are a Mercedes-Benz Gullwing and 1950's 300SL roadster undergoing complete restoration. Other vehicles currently in the shop include a Ferrari and several rare muscle cars. **Cost for the tech session is \$5 per person.** Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Visit their web page at [www.classicrestodenver.com](http://www.classicrestodenver.com). Contact Jay Hokanson at [jhokanso@comcast.net](mailto:jhokanso@comcast.net) for more information.

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**MHS SET FOR ANOTHER GREAT TRACK WEEKEND AT  
HIGH PLAINS RACEWAY OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2009!!**



For those of you who need another chance to get some more driving in or for those who haven't yet had a chance to drive on our new track, we've got another weekend scheduled. October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> will be our last weekend this year. Driving instructors will be on hand to help any novice drivers. As always we encourage everyone to come out and take advantage of the instructors' extensive car control knowledge. Learning the skills to drive your vehicle properly on the race track can come in handy when on one's daily "race" to work for example.



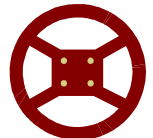
Helmets of good quality are required. A small selection of rental helmets will be available.

The pricing structure will be as follows: \$400 for both days and \$225 for one day for registration prior before September 28th. After September 28<sup>th</sup> pricing will be \$450 for both days and \$275 for one day. Additional fees will apply if more than one person wants to drive the same vehicle (the amount of those fees has not been determined yet).

Several people had to be turned away at the last event due to over-registration, so be sure to get your registration in as early as possible to reserve your spot! **Registration will close on October 1<sup>st</sup>.** Direct questions to Ryan Bunn at [rebunn@comcast.net](mailto:rebunn@comcast.net) or call 720-308-1931 after 7:00 p.m.

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You Must Register By October 1st!**

**GIVE US YOUR INPUT—GET A FREE MBCA WINDOW STICKER**



**In the past 2-3 years have you bought a new or used Mercedes, or have you had service work, restoration work, or other repair work done? Have you bought tires or parts, or other accouterment items for your MB?**

If you've bought a new or used Mercedes tell us the year and model and when and where it was purchased. If you have purchased parts, or your beloved Benz has needed service, repair or restoration work, tell us what type of part or what service/repair or restoration was done, when it was done and where. We will not share your information with anyone. We are simply putting together a generic database to allow us to develop statistical data for club use. Send an email to Bob Funnell at [eastangel54@comcast.net](mailto:eastangel54@comcast.net). *And, don't forget to tell us where to send your FREE window sticker!*

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**Saturday, October 24, 2009 – 6:00 pm**  
**Halloween Haunted House Hunt**  
**at the Lumber Baron Inn**  
 2555 W. 37<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver



**REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 1ST**



*Could it be a midnight dreary? Are you pondering weak and weary? Do you get goose bumps thinking about those ghoulies and ghosties and things that go bump in the night? If so, please join us for an evening of many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore--as we unravel the mystery of one of Colorado's most haunted inns.*

Get ready to experience the Lumber Baron Inn's REAL Ghost Stories – where, *while you're in that darkness peering – long standing there ...wondering, fearing* -- I'm told you'll experience FIRST HAND ACTUAL EVIDENCE collected by REAL LIVE (or maybe really dead) paranormal investigators allowing you to decide for yourself if the Lumber Baron is really HAUNTED!

Named, "Top of the Rockies" 2006, The Lumber Baron Inn is a Luxury Mansion in the historic Highlands near downtown Denver. The Lumber Baron features fiendly (oops, I mean *friendly*) on-site owner innkeepers, upscale antiques, and its famous Murder Mystery Dinners and entertainment. The Lumber Baron promises a unique and fun entertainment experience, where we can treat ourselves to an evening of mystery, intrigue and gourmet dining.

Cost of **\$37 per person** includes dinner, entertainment, tax, gratuity and includes complimentary haunting. We'll begin our evening at 6:00 pm with cocktails and mingling in the parlors. Dinner will follow at 7:00, followed by our evening's entertainment. **Reservations are limited to 40 – so sign up NOW. Your registration MUST be received by October 1st.** Dress is "theatre attire", but wear shoes appropriate for climbing some narrow stairs. And, if the dinner mystery isn't enough for you, and you want to stay and have even MORE ghostly adventures, you can retire overnight in one of their luxurious ghost (er, I mean *guest*) suites. And there, *as you drift into napping, gently someone may come rapping. And so faintly you'll hear tapping, tapping at your chamber door. You'll scarce be sure a visitor, and when you open wide the door --- Darkness there and nothing more.* (Sorry, I couldn't help myself. I didn't do it on Poe-ose.)

**Directions to the Lumber Baron Inn:** Take the North Speer Exit (212B) from I-25. Travel West on Speer (half mile) to Federal Boulevard and Turn RIGHT. Travel seven (7) Blocks to 37th Avenue and turn RIGHT again. Four blocks down, at 2555 W. 37th Avenue is the Lumber Baron- a large red Brick Victorian surrounded by trees on the corner of 37th Avenue and Bryant. Street parking. Visit their website at [www.lumberbaron.com](http://www.lumberbaron.com).



For more information contact your *ghostess* with the *mostess* — Patt Clark at 303-904-0223 or [pattcl02@aol.com](mailto:pattcl02@aol.com); OR contact Deborah Hokanson at 303-935-8270 or [dhokan@comcast.net](mailto:dhokan@comcast.net).

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**Komen Denver Race For The Cure®**  
**Sunday, October 4, 2009 @ Pepsi Center, Denver**

**Join Mercedes-Benz Team Dreizacksterne in the walk for a CURE!**

The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure will be on October 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Pepsi Center. This is one of the Mile-High Section's charitable events, so we hope you will participate either by registering and/or donating. We have set a goal of \$1000, to be contributed by club members and friends. As you must know by now, the Komen Foundation funds a number of programs for breast cancer, both for research and treatment. The purpose of the Race is to raise breast cancer awareness, raise funding for research to find a cure and to honor those who have had breast cancer.

We need ten people to register in order to officially have our team, the Mercedes –Benz Dreizacksterne. Your registration fee does not apply to the donation goal. To register for the Race, log onto "Komen Race for the Cure, Denver". Then click on the button that says "join a team". This will take you to the team page, where you can scroll down until you come to Mercedes-Benz Dreizacksterne. Click on the "join" to the right of the team name and then the computer will give you options for registering for this event and donating to this cause.

As in the past few years, following the Race we plan on gathering for brunch at a nearby restaurant. Please join our team in supporting this worthy cause. **If you have any questions, please call Reiner or Carol Haubold at 303-986-5035.**

**Please help us make this year's race our best yet!**



The August 1st garage tour was a great success! Our first stop was to the Body and Fender Shop in Colo. Springs, where we saw some fine examples of restoration work done by owner Jeff Berndsen and his crew. A visit to Phil Long MB in C. Springs followed where we drooled over the new MB models. The highlight was the finale at the Henry's where we enjoyed great food, fun and a few surprises!

### The 2009 Garage Tour Lots of Fun and Surprises



Patt Clark & Gail Fleenor reminisce about Woodstock



For those who prefer a 4-legged to 4 wheel ride, Freckles the horse was up to the challenge. Dan and Stacey Meyers' daughter, Morgan, enjoys a sunset ride on beautiful grounds at Gary & Mary Henry's home.




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- ▶ Information about your Mercedes-Benz
- ▶ For Sale and Wanted Forums to help you buy and sell Mercedes cars and parts
- ▶ Model Specific forums — from old to new
- ▶ The Technical Forum where you can get your questions answered by George Murphy
- ▶ The Marshall Booth Diesel Forum for members with old 200D's to the new CDI models
- ▶ Regional forums for event information
- ▶ General discussion forums—giving members the opportunity to ask and answer questions



Go to <http://mbca.cartama.net/index.php> to register and create a profile. If you have any problems, contact Chuck Landenberger, MBCA Forum Administrator, at [pnzrwgn@mac.com](mailto:pnzrwgn@mac.com).





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**FOR SALE: 1966 230Sb.** 4 door, 20580 miles, auto, complete engine rebuild. Needs tires, needs seats recovered, needs A/C fixed not running since 2004. Car complete and radio **\$2,300.** **Call Steve Pabs 303-756-1907.** 07/09

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**FOR SALE: 1990 300SL Roadster – European model.** 5-Speed standard transmission. All original including the paint. Smoke gray and sliver with black leather interior in excellent condition. Mileage reads in kilometers @

78,000. All service work on the car has been done by Mercedes dealers, including new brakes, clutch, struts and high



speed Michelin tires. **Asking \$10,500 obo.** Larry Evans @ 505-259-4227 or [leebuilders@aol.com](mailto:leebuilders@aol.com) 07/09

**FOR SALE: 1983 300D Turbo Diesel 4 door.** Gold/Tan, 98,000 miles. Cruises nicely. I have all the paperwork, including the original bill of sale. Has a couple of dings, but overall in good condition. \$5000.00. Contact **Francesca Fender at 970-872-2233 or by email at [wffender@tds.net](mailto:wffender@tds.net).** 08/09

**FOR SALE: 1991 MERCEDES 420 SEL,** 137,000 miles, Majestic 126 Body, Garaged, Maintenance Records, Black W/ Grey Leather Seats. All Power, Moon Roof, Very Clean, Four Extra Chrome Rims W/ New Nokian Tires. **Asking \$6,875.** **Contact: Chris (303) 781-2244.** 03/09

**FOR SALE: Enameled "8-hole" wheel** in VERY GOOD condition. \$80 P/N: 124-401-14-02. 124 or 129 body. SL320/500 1990 and later. 8J 16 H2 ET34. Some slight scratches. Was used as spare. **719-331-1212.** 03/09

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**FOR SALE: 1987 Mercedes Benz 560SEL.** Excellent Condition. Maintenance Records available. Dark Grey with Sunroof. **\$5,000. (Price Negotiable).** **Call Giovanni 303-988-7975 or email: [globalet@roes.net](mailto:globalet@roes.net).**

**FOR SALE: 1990 560 SEL.** Black/Tan 4- door sedan. 169,000 miles. Clean & runs great. \$5000.00. Contact Francesca **Fender at 970-872-2233 or by email at [wffender@tds.net](mailto:wffender@tds.net).** 08/09

**FOR SALE: 2005 600SL** One owner 500hp. 16200 miles black w/light tan interior twin turbo immaculate. **\$55,000.00 303-520-6710 or [mrlindau@aol.com](mailto:mrlindau@aol.com).** 09/09



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- OKTOBERFEST RALLY, September 26, 2009 (*Register by September 23, 2009*)  
# of Persons attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TECH SESSION CLASSIC RESTORATION BY COUNTRY CLUB AUTO, October 3, 2009  
# of Persons attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TRACK DAY AT HIGH PLAINS RACEWAY— [ ] Saturday Oct 10 [ ] Sunday Oct 11 [ ] Both days  
By Sept 28 —# Vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$225.00 per car per \_\_\_\_\_ one day OR \$400 per car for both days = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
After Sept 28—# Vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$275.00 per car per \_\_\_\_\_ one day OR \$450 per car for both days = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Registration must be received by October 1, 2009)
- HAUNTED HOUSE HUNT—Lumber Baron Inn—October 24, 2009 6:00 pm (*Registration must be received by Oct. 1st!*)  
# of Persons attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$37.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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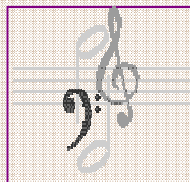
**Sipping, Sliding, Signs and Sopranos in Santa Fe**  
**“The S5 Tour” - July 8-11, 2010**  
*The Secret is Out!*

First call for interested parties. The Mile-High Section is planning an unforgettable four-day event in beautiful New Mexico. **The highlight of the trip will be attending a Saturday evening performance of Puccini’s Madame Butterfly at the world-renowned Santa Fe Opera.** This will be an outdoor presentation. There will be an early sign-up deadline for this event, potentially March 31, 2010. However, **due to the popularity of the Opera, it is recommended that you contact Harvey LeCato at [MBCA@comcast.net](mailto:MBCA@comcast.net) ASAP to make your Opera reservation!** The planned, but tentative, itinerary is:

- **Thursday** – Travel to Santa Fe/Tour and Shop Downtown Santa Fe/Hospitality
- **Friday** – Unser Racing Museum (optional shopping trip available!); Tour Old Town Albuquerque; Afternoon Winery tour at Casa Rondeña Winery  
*This will be a Private tour. The cost is \$25 per person and includes wine tasting, Hors d’oeuvres and an in depth tour about the history of wine in New Mexico and the winery.*
- **Saturday** – Morning Rally; Afternoon Hospitality; Evening at the Opera including Opera Buffet and Backstage Tour
- **Sunday** – Awards breakfast

**Our Opera Package\*\* will include Buffet, lecture / backstage tour, and seats at the Opera. Opera Package Option prices per person below: (for info visit [www.santafeopera.org](http://www.santafeopera.org), then go to ticket price & seating chart page)**

- \$230 - Orchestra
- \$185 - Loge & Sect 2
- \$150—Sect 4 & 7
- \$135—Sect 1 & 3
- \$120—Sect 8 & 9
- \$105—Sect 5



Since reservations for this Opera on a **Saturday night** are certain to go **FAST**—PLEASE respond with your opera package choice and commitment to Harvey Le-Cato [MBCA@comcast.net](mailto:MBCA@comcast.net) at your earliest chance.

**\*\*The costs listed above do not include hotel, dining and other event related costs, which will be determined as event planning progresses.**



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- Sept.**
- 3** — Monthly Board Meeting at the Hokanson's—7:00 p.m.
  - 13** — Vail Home Tour—*See article page 1*
  - 16** — Monthly Informal Social—The Grand Lux, 8525 Park Meadows Center, Lone Tree
  - 26** — Oktoberfest Rally and BBQ — *See article page 1*
- Oct.**
- 1** — Monthly Board Meeting at the Hokanson's — 7:00 pm
  - 3** — Tech Session/Open House—Classic Restoration by Country Club Auto—*See article on page 3*
  - 4** — Susan B. Koman Race for the Cure—*See article on page 4*
  - 10-11** — Track Event—High Plains Raceway—*See article on page 3*
  - 21** — Monthly Social- The Old Neighborhood, 7923 Allison Way, Arvada,
  - 24** — Haunted Halloween Hunt—Lumber Baron Inn — *See article on page 4*
- Nov.**
- 5** — Monthly Board Meeting at the Hokanson's — 7:00 pm
  - 14** — MHS Annual Membership Meeting (Location TBD)
  - 18** — Monthly MHS Social— 3 Sons Italian Restaurant, 14805 w. 64th Ave. , Arvada

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY AT MT. VERNON DECEMBER 5, 2009**



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Call National Headquarters toll-free at 1-800-637-2360 to update your listing, or for assistance.