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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AND MUCH MORE !!

October Monthly Social
Oct. 17th—6:30 pm
Vincenza's
8000 W. 44th Ave.

This informal get-together is always fun and always the third Wednesday of the month starting at 6:30 PM. Generally someone is there till at least 8, so you can even come late and have dessert. Call Jay at 303-935-8270 for directions, or if you would like more information.

The November Social will be November 14th (to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving week) at **The Golden Europe**, 6620 N. Wadsworth! The December social will be at **Hacienda Real**, 8896 W. Bowles, Ave., Littleton.

SEE YOU AT THE SOCIAL!



JERRY & JAN'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY SHOCKTOBER 27TH—7pm

Tomb it may concern.....It's that time of year again!! Please join us for our annual Halloween party....It's time to start thinking of your costume and mark Saturday, October 27th on your calendar. **The party fun will start at 7pm...**we'll do pot luck snacks again, but this time let us know what you're bringing so we can have a good variety. Call us at 970.532.4259 or Jerry's cell 303.905.2308 to sign up and to get directions. It will be an exciting night...movies, costume contest and possibly a hayrack ride around the neighborhood! — *Jan and Jerry*

To make sure you're prepared, your Editor is offering some SPECIAL COSTUME SUGGESTIONS:

- You could dress up as a wolf in a drip-dry suit (a wash-n-wear wolf?)
- You could come as a singing cat (hopefully you'd be very mewsical)
- You could come as a very scary window (That would give everyone the shudders!)
- You could come as a ghost with a broken leg (would you be a hoblin-goblin?)
- You could come as the ghost of a door-to-door salesman (There's a dead ringer for ya!)
- You could come as a haunted chicken (Eeek! A poultry geist!)
- You could come as a famous fragmented French skeleton (...Napoleon bone-a-part!)

So put on your most bewitching outfit, put some scare spray on your hair and come prepared to boo-gie at Jerry and Jan's—where the demons and ghouls all hang out together because.....*demons are a ghouls best friend!*

All the cool cats will be there MEEE-OWW!



Register by October 5th to Join Team Dreizacksterne Oct. 7th in the 2007 Komen Denver Race for the Cure®

WALK, RUN, OR SLEEP IN— THE MILE HIGH SECTION WANTS YOU to join MHS Team Dreizacksterne in the 2007 Komen Denver Race for the Cure® October 7, 2007. This is a charitable event for the Section. Join the Mile-High team, Mercedes-Benz Dreizacksterne now. Every step counts. Dreizacksterne means "3-pointed stars" and you can be a super star by joining us. The Susan G. Komen Foundation is a leader in the fight against breast cancer and your support of this worthy cause is vital. Please join us on October 7th. We'll be "stepping lively". We will meet between 8:30 and 9:00 am at the Pepsi Center in the tent area near where the Light Rail stops.

Following the race we will meet for **brunch at 11:00 at The Corner Office at 1401 Curtis Street.** Please let Carol Haubold know if you plan to attend the brunch so she can give the restaurant a final head count. **Contact Carol for more information at 303-986-5035.**

On-line registration is recommended.

Visit www.raceforthe cure-denver.com, click on "Teams" in the upper right corner, then click on "Team List". Scroll down to "Mercedes Benz Dreizacksterne", and click on "Join Team." On-line registration closes at Noon on October 5th — so register NOW. — *Reiner Haubold*



Behind the Wheel

With Jay Hokanson,
President, Mile High Section



I hope you made it to one of our big events in August and September and will be joining us October 7th for the Race for the Cure, the monthly social on October 17th at Vincenza's and on October 27th for Jerry & Jan's Halloween party. On November 17th, we have our annual members meeting at the Forney Museum of Transportation. Please come to the meeting and vote for Board of Directors candidates and show your support for the club. In addition to touring the Museum and potluck lunch, we'll be discussing our 2008 schedule and looking for some ideas for additional events that you, the members, would like to see in 2008.

An advance peek at our 2008 schedule for our Wyoming and Utah members: One of the big events we're hoping to organize in 2008 will be a 4 to 6 day tour of your beautiful states. The tour committee is lining up a route and events in both states. If you have ideas of some places or events that should be on the tour, please drop me an email. Watch *The Constellation* for updates. Speaking of email, if you would like to be on my monthly event update list please drop me an email. — Jay

High Plains Raceway Update: With last month's Constellation, you received information on the High Plains Raceway. Most of the Denver area car clubs sent their members the same information. As of September 8th, 271 of the 4000 packets that were mailed to car club members have been returned with donations totaling \$246,124— which is 25% of High Plains fundraising goal. If you are considering making a donation, please don't forget. Remember if for some reason the track is not built, your donation will be returned. Plans for the grading of the track are being finalized and construction permits are awaiting approval by Arapahoe County. Visit <http://www.highplainsraceway.com/> for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!

- Barry Williams
- Harry Jones & Sherry Smith
- Jack Pankoff, Sr.
- Ron Trapani
- Tammy Anderson
- Wendy White
- Bruce Penrod
- Dejan Damjanovic
- R. Fransson
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- Kevin Shaw
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- Scott Oncken
- John Klonizos
- Michael & Tracy Rutherford



If you have not received your New Member Packet, please contact Laura Lass at 303-776-8276 or lwlass@hughes.net.

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!**

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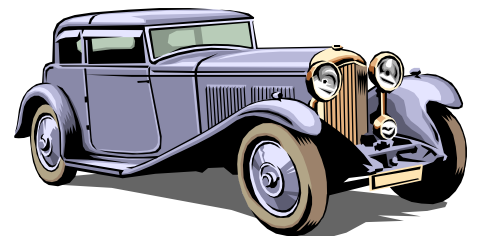
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**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING,
FORNEY MUSEUM TOUR
AND POTLUCK
NOVEMBER 17, 2007
12:30 P.M.**

On November 17th at 12:30 PM the Mile-High Section will hold its annual Members Meeting at the **Forney Museum of Transportation, 4303 Brighton Blvd in Denver.** The museum is just south of I-70 and the Coliseum Complex on Brighton Blvd. We will start with a Potluck meal, followed by a general members meeting and Section elections for MHS Board of Directors. **Following the election, the Museum is open for touring.**

A short meeting of the Board of Directors will follow the election where the Board will choose its officers for the 2008 year from among the current and newly elected Directors.

The cost is \$12.50 per person which includes admission to the Museum. Please bring a potluck item to share. The MHS will furnish table service, beer, wine, soda and water.



There are several openings on the 2008 Board of Directors. Board members are elected for two year terms. The Board meets monthly to plan section events and fulfill the requirements of the Mercedes-Benz Club America. If you are interested in joining the Board or you know someone who you think would be a great Board member please contact Jay Hokanson, MHS President. A sample ballot will be in the November Constellation. Board membership is completely voluntary and no member will be "railroaded" into serving on the Board. If you would like to help guide the MHS through 2008 we welcome you to run for the available positions. — Jay Hokanson

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THE 2007 GARAGE TOUR

Fifty members and guests started their Saturday morning of garage hopping at Ted and Barbara Waibels' with coffee, juice and rolls, lots of car stories and some wonderful cars to salivate over including "Bertha", a 1957 300SL. Ted and Barbara were the perfect hosts. A big thank you to Bob Fletcher, Max and Diane Townsend and Richard Thiemert for picking up the refreshments and lending their skills to help set up.



We reluctantly departed Ted & Barbara's for the Garage Tour's second stop at Mark Clayton Restorations. At Mark's we found out that his nine person shop does restorations mostly on 1930's luxury cars such as Packard, Bentley, Bugatti, Lincoln, Mercedes and Pierce Arrow. A wonderful collection of cars in various states of restoration were on display. We were treated to Mark's talk on his experiences rebuilding and showing cars at the Pebble Beach and other Concours events.



The tour ended at the Rambler Ranch. Our gracious host, Terry Gale, has collected nearly 600 cars, mostly Nash, Rambler and AMC vehicles, which he has on display in three buildings and his "bone yard". We all enjoyed the Americana memorabilia and classic vehicles on display in a wonderful country setting under the pines. Our day finished up with a BBQ catered by Bennett's BBQ and served up at the Rambler Ranch's picnic area. Bennett's provided a wonderful meal and our thanks to Ron and Laura Lass for carting around a truck load of beverages to keep us all refreshed. Our thanks to our three hosts and the 50 attendees that made the 2007 Garage Tour a great success. — Jay Hokanson



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Saturday, November 3, 2:00 p.m.

**Mercedes-Benz of Colorado Springs,
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This popular seminar, presented by the Pikes Peak Section, is aimed at both the new car buyer and one who has purchased a used M-B with an uncertain history. **Aimed at the driveway mechanic**, George will discuss non-routine maintenance items, such as degradation of rubber parts, changing fluids, and common problems that can occur as your car ages.

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George Murphy is a 27-year member of Mercedes-Benz Club of America, a current director-at-large on the national board, national technical director for the Club, and regular feature columnist in The STAR Magazine (Murphy's Law, Tech Tips, Technical Topics). As owner of Performance Analysis Company, he operates the MBCA engine oil analysis program, manufactures aluminum-body climate control servos and rebuilds M-B climate and cruise control components; and performs appraisals on M-Bs. George has always performed the majority of maintenance and mechanical work on his own cars, which have included SLs, S-Class, E-Class, a Diesel, and Euro models. **Registration fee is only \$10.00 per person. Contact Julie Nelson, 719-634-7522, or email, ottobahn2@netzero.com to register.** — Julie Nelson, PPS

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Four-wheel-drive vehicle owners, mark your calendars and plan to join us for our annual off-road weekend, October 12-14/15. We'll kick off the fun with a hospitality suite and dinner on Friday evening, continue with trail driving on Saturday, a fun run and wrap-up dinner on Sunday. We'll have accommodations available if you'd like to stay over Sunday evening, to return home on Monday. If you have an M-Class, G-Class or UNIMOG, don't miss this opportunity to show off where your mighty Mercedes-Benz can go. This Pikes Peak Section weekend will be open to Club members with other four-wheel-drive vehicles—"J-Class," etc. Check the Pikes Peak Section web site for reservation details. Questions? Call Julie Nelson, 719-634-7522, or email ottobahn2@netzero.com. —Julie Nelson—Pikes Peak Section



THE INAUGURAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE SEPTEMBER 1ST & 2ND, 2007 - By Harvey LeCato

If you ever wanted to see the like of Fashion Island, Pebble Beach, or 210th Street in the Bronx, this was the event. It was the inaugural event of a car show not to be equaled in Colorado – or anywhere else in the Southwest. It was Two, yes, Two – Car Shows in One. “Double your pleasure - Double your fun!”

On Labor Day Sunday, Colorado Springs and The Broadmoor hosted an awesome event. Originated as a fundraising event for the Memorial Hospital Foundation, Sunny Vista Living Center and the Colorado Chapter of Volunteers of America, this show featured an honest-to-goodness Concours d' Elegance that sported almost a hundred cars, spanning 100 years, in 23 classes.



The Colorado “Fourteeners” consisted of 14 car clubs, each showing five cars. Both the Mile High and Pikes Peak Sections had cars represented. Each club, participating with a charity donation, had a Best of Class. Mile High was won by none other than Richard Thaemert with his 500SEC. The Pikes Peak winner was Tom Croak with his CLK 430.

Member Richard Thaemert (left), shows off his Best in Class award for the Mile-High Section Fourteener’s Class. With Richard is Mike Kunz from the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center.



Class A-J Celebrated Marque Mercedes-Benz Late Best in Class 1963 Mercedes-Benz 190SL
Mile-High Section members Bill Johnson & Cheri Ferbrache



MHS Member Bill Walsh with his E320 Cabriolet

To call it breathtaking would be an understatement. The unprecedented Rocky Mountain Concours d'Elegance was a delight to the senses! The golf course Concours show field was something to behold with dramatic color, period music, extraordinary automobiles and vintage motorcycles – all accentuated by the stunning Broadmoor backdrop. Be sure to watch the Mile-High Section website at www.milehighmbca.org for additional photos of the Concours. - Deborah Hokanson, Editor



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WHAT IS THIS MAN DOING???

See the November
Newsletter for the
Answer



Calendar of Events ALL EVENTS ARE MILE-HIGH SECTION EVENTS UNLESS NOTED AS PPS

- Oct.** 4th – Board Member Meeting at Mercedes-Benz Westminster 7:00 pm - Jay
7th – Mercedes-Benz MHS Team Dreizacksterne, Komen Denver Race for the Cure®
Randy Williams & Carol Haubold (Carol - 303.986.5035)
9th – PPS Annual Meeting and Election
12-14th – PPS Off-Road Event – Julie Nelson, 719-634-7522
17th – Monthly informal Social Meeting Vincenza's, 8000 W. 44th Ave. – 6:30 pm – Jay
27th – Halloween Party – Jerry Kappler
- Nov.** 1st – Board Member Meeting (location TBA) – 7:00 pm – Jay
3rd – PPS Tech Session w/ George Murphy, M-B of Colo. Springs, 2:00 pm – Julie Nelson, PPS
17th – Annual Membership Meeting & Election – Forney Museum – 12:30 pm – Jay
14th – Monthly Social 6:30 pm. – The Golden Europe – Jay
(This month only – held 2nd Wednesday to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving)
- Dec.** – **No Board Meeting in December**
8th – MHS Holiday Party – Aurora Summit – Jay
16th – PPS Holiday Party – Pepper Tree Restaurant in Colo. Springs
19th – Monthly Informal Social at Hacienda Real, 8896 W. Bowles Ave. 6:30 pm – Jay

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