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....AND MUCH MORE

October Monthly Social

October 15—6:30 pm
The Old Neighborhood
7923 Allison Way, Arvada

This informal get-together is always fun and always the third Wednesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm. Most of us are still there till 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. The November and December locations will be announced soon.



SEE YOU AT
THE SOCIAL!

MHS SPECIAL GARAGE TOUR EVENT THE MATHEWS COLLECTION & THE LEMAY MUSEUM

October 11, 2008 10:00 a.m.

Meet at Vintage Sales, LLC
5889 Lamar Street, Arvada

We hope you plan to join us for this very special October 11, 2008 garage tour of the Mathews Collection of McClaren CANAM race cars in Arvada and a Lakewood tour of some fine examples of the cars from the past 100 years at the LeMay Collection of cars at the MotorSport Country Club, 11000 W. 8th Ave., in Lakewood.

The Mathews collection has been only open a couple of times per year and now there are rumors that the collection may be closed to car clubs for tours in 2009. This may be your last chance to see this collection.

The LeMay collection is constantly rotating their vehicles between Lakewood and Tacoma, WA so if you have been to the Lakewood display before you will probably see new vehicles on this tour. After the Tour the Mile-High Section will hold a catered lunch followed by its annual Members Meeting and election of Board Members. The lunch will be catered by *Catering by Design* with the cost of the tour and catered lunch is \$30.00.



The LeMay Collection always varies, and the MotorSport Country Club is a great venue to socialize and enjoy the cars.



Plan to Join Us After Lunch For the MHS Annual Members' Meeting & Election of Officers at the Lemay MotorSport Country Club

The MHS Board is always looking for a few new Board members as some old Board members step down at the end of their term. We will be losing a few Board members this year; but, some new MHS members have stepped forward to run for the Board. Come to the meeting and say thanks to our outgoing members and welcome our new Board members. There is still time to place your name up for election to the Board. The term is two years with about half of the Board being up for election or re-election each year. The newly elected/re-elected members along with the members elected in 2007 will choose the Club's officers for 2009. If you would like to place your name in consideration for the Board, contact Reiner Haubold at 303.986.5035 or reinhold1@comcast.net. The MHS Board will also be looking for your suggestions for events for 2009. The Board has developed a 2009 schedule of events, but there are still a number of open weekends that could use an event. If you have a suggestion or would like to try your hand at planning an event for 2009 let the board know. We have Board members that will be happy to help you plan your event and we can assign someone to assist you. This is a chance to do something for MHS that does not involve a long term obligation.

Behind the Wheel

*With Jay Hokanson,
President, Mile High Section*



We all had a great time on the MHS tour through Wyoming, Utah and Colorado. The weather and scenery was great and the camaraderie was even better. We sure enjoyed meeting all of the Utah members that turned out for one of the social events. Deborah and I put 2198 miles on our SLK230 during the tour and averaged a better than expected 33.4 miles per gallon for the trip. We did notice that a couple of brands of gasoline gave us consistently 10 to 15% better gas mileage than some discount brands. So maybe the discount brands are not really a discount!!!

It's hard to believe that it's been nearly two years since I became your president of the Mile-High Section and it's almost time for another election of Board members. We have three individuals that have indicated they will be leaving the Board and a couple of members that have spoken up that they would like to give the Board a try. If you would like to consider being on the MHS Board let Reiner Haubold know that you are interested.

The MHS Board has put together a very special Fall Garage Tour and catered lunch in conjunction with the Mile-High Section Annual Members Meeting and election on October 11th. Be sure to show up for this wonderful tour and don't be afraid that you will be drafted into a position on the MHS board. MHS is fortunate to have so many fine members that are willing to step forward and become Board members.

The MBCA National Board Meeting is shaping up but there are still a couple of places for volunteers if you would like to participate. Pat and Richard Thorp tell me there are still a couple volunteer openings at the socials and registration tables, as well as drivers and assistants for a Coors/Red Rocks Tour and Denver shopping trips/museum/gallery tours. See the article/sign up sheet on pages 4-6.

Our members are very excited about holding our annual Holiday Party at Mount Vernon Country Club on December 13th. We're even looking into some alternate transportation to MVCC in case of bad roads caused by weather. — Jay

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- ◆ **Bill Thompson**



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!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT EVENT!

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2008 Komen Denver Race for the Cure® October 5, 2008 at the Pepsi Center



There is still time to sign up to walk with Team Dreizacksterne in the Race on Oct. 5th. Help us make the 2008 Komen Denver Race for the Cure® the biggest and best it can be. Plan to participate in The Komen Denver Race for the Cure® for its 16th birthday on Sunday, October 5th at the Pepsi Center! **Team D plans an after race lunch at Brooklyns!** To join Team D or to donate go to the Mile-High Section Website at www.milehighmbca.org, and follow the links, or you can email Debra at hlake4949@yahoo.com for more information.

Please Support Team Leader Debra Powell and MHS Team Dreizacksterne by signing up to join "Team D" in the Race, or by donating.

One in eight women will be stricken with breast cancer in her lifetime. The Komen Denver Race for the Cure® raises money to fund education, screening, and treatment programs for these women and thousands of others in our own community and also supports the national search for a cure. The Komen Denver Race for the Cure® is celebrating 16 years of walking to end breast cancer. Denver has one of the largest race events in the country and the goal this year is to raise more than \$1.5 million.



Team Captain Debra Powell is armed and ready to lead Team Dreizacksterne in the battle for the Cure!

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Join Us for the MBCA Fall National Board Meeting Events November 6-8, 2008 Warwick Denver Hotel – 1776 Grant St., Denver

Join us on November 6th - 8th right here at the Warwick Denver Hotel for the Fall National Board Meeting and all events. The National Board meeting will be held on Saturday, November 8th from 8 am—5 pm. All MHS Section members are encouraged to attend. MHS members will also be welcome to observe sub-committee meetings on Thursday, November 6th and Friday, November 7th. This is a rare opportunity for Mile High Section members to see how the MBCA Board addresses issues that affect the club on a national and regional basis. The MHS will host hospitality suites during the day and evening where members and guests can enjoy presentations about the Mile-High Section events, MBCA and the beautiful Mercedes-Benz Automobile, and get to know the National and Section Board members while indulging in snacks and beverages. **All MHS members are invited to attend the meetings and the many social events planned (some of which are highlighted below).** Other activities include a Coors/Red Rocks Tour, Shopping Trips, Museum and Gallery Tours, and visits to several Denver attractions. Visit the MHS website at www.milehighmbca.org for updated information. You can also contact Pat or Richard Thorpe at 303-778-1191. **Volunteers are needed to help in many areas. See sign up sheet on Page 6.**



Closing Banquet to Feature Keynote Speaker Dr. Tom Noel

Saturday, November 8th, 6:30 p.m.

You won't want to miss the excitement of the Gala Closing Banquet planned by the Mile-High Section Saturday, November 8th. Our keynote speaker will be Tom (Dr. Colorado) Noel. Tom is a Professor of History and Director of Public History, Preservation & Colorado Studies at the University of Colorado at Denver. He is the author or co-author of more than 36 books, many articles and the Saturday "Dr. Colorado" columns for the *Rocky Mountain News/ Denver Post*. In addition to teaching, Tom conducts tours for the highest state and the Mile High City for the Smithsonian Institute, the Colorado History Museum, the Denver Museum of Natural History, and Historic Denver, Inc. He appears regularly as Dr. Colorado on Channel 9's "Colorado & Company" and on Rick Crandall's KEZW morning show. For more information about Dr. Colorado visit coloradowebsites.com/dr-colorado. **Cost \$65.00. You must register by October 10th.**

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QUILT SHOP HOP DAY TRIP COLORADO SPRINGS QUILT SHOPS

Thursday, November 6, 2008 9:00 a.m.

The last time the National Board visited Colorado we toured Denver quilt shops. This time Mile-High Section member Diane LeCato has planned a fun-filled trip to Colorado Springs where there are some fabulous quilt shops.

We plan to leave the hotel at 9:00 a.m. First, we will visit [High Country Quilts](http://hcquilts.com) (hcquilts.com). HCQ was sold this year and the new owners have done a lot with the shop. They have brought in more fabric and have dressed the shop with quilts galore. Then we'll visit [Ruth's Stitchery](http://ruthsstitchery.com) (ruthsstitchery.com). With over 7,000 bolts of fabric to choose from and an average of 250 quilts and 100 needlework designs on display at all times Ruth's Stitchery is a feast for the eye and the imagination.

After our tour, we will lunch at the beautiful "Margarita at Pine Creek" (coloradoeats.com/margarita). White stucco, green plants, terra cotta tile, and curved walls greet you as you enter. Hearty soup and salad lunches with fresh baked bread are offered, or your choice of two Southwest-style entrees, along with house-made desserts.

Time permitting; we will visit the home of Renee Peterson. Renee has been collecting and making quilts for many years. She has graciously opened her home to us and has volunteered some "eye candy" to inspire and motivate us to stretch beyond ourselves. Her quilt collection is truly a wonder to see. There is no cost for the tour; however, you will be responsible for the cost of your lunch.

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Afternoon Tea at the Historic Brown Palace Hotel

Friday, November 7th

Join us for this special event as we visit the historic Brown Palace Hotel and enjoy the enchanting sounds of a harpist or pianist and savor a cup of properly brewed English tea accompanied by scones served with Devonshire cream and preserves, savory tea sandwiches and a delightful array of classic tea pastries. We plan to leave from the Warwick at approximately 1:30 p.m. Cost is anticipated to be approximately \$25 person.



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NATIONAL BOARD MEETING EVENT RESERVATION FORM

- QUILT SHOP HOP—** Guided tour to several Colorado Springs shops # Attending _____
There is no charge for this event; however, you will be responsible for paying for your lunch
Thursday, November 6, 2008 - Leaving Warwick Hotel at @ 9:00 am
- AFTERNOON TEA AT THE HISTORIC BROWN PALACE HOTEL**
Attending _____ You can pay at the time of the event.
Friday, November 7, 2008—Leaving Warwick Hotel at approximately 1:30 pm
- RED ROCKS/COORS BREWERY TOUR** (date/time to be determined)
- CHERRY CREEK SHOPPING TRIP** (Planned for Friday, Nov 7—details to be determined)

Name(s) _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ CELL Phone: _____ Email: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY OCTOBER 10, 2008
 to: Pat Thorpe, 734 So. Vine St, Denver, 80209



**MBCA NATIONAL BOARD MEETING
 BANQUET REGISTRATION FORM**
 WARWICK DENVER HOTEL SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008
 COCKTAILS 6:30 P.M.—DINNER 7:00 P.M.
 COST: \$65.00 Per Attendee (includes tax & gratuity)
 DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS OCTOBER 10, 2008



ATTENDEE #1

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email address: _____
 Phone: _____

Banquet Menu: Spinach Salad with Pancetta, Fresh Hard Boiled Egg and Warm Burgundy Vinaigrette; Fresh baked rolls and butter; fresh ground Lavazza coffee, hot teas and iced tea.

Dessert: New York Style Cheesecake, Raspberry Coulis

Entrée Choice (select one):

- Vegetable Wellington—Roasted vegetables & Boursin Cheese in Puff Pastry
- Colorado Rubbed Rack of Lamb—Sauce Robert and Creamy Parsley Risotto
- Herb Crusted Halibut Filet & Rock Shrimp, Lobster Bisque Sauce—Lemon Mashed Potatoes and Seared Cherry Tomatoes
- Kosher or other dietary restriction
(Check here—someone will contact you)

ATTENDEE #2

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email address: _____
 Phone: _____

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(Check here—someone will contact you)

Send check for total due for the banquet made payable to Mile-High Section MBCA and completed form to Pat Thorpe, 734 So. Vine St, Denver, 80209

**Volunteers are Needed
For the National Board Meeting
November 5-8, 2008**

You can play an active part in the MBCA National Board Meeting (and have fun, too) by volunteering to help us host the National Board Meeting. There are many ways you can help. *Why should you volunteer?*

-  There are lots of different volunteer opportunities.
-  The shifts are short and you can choose from a variety of different times/duties available!
-  The people are great, and so is the wine.
-  You'll have a great time! !

Sign up for shift dates/times and areas of interest below (you can select as many as you want):

Wednesday, Nov. 5th (Arrival of MBCA Board)

Check in/Lobby: [] 3-5 pm [] 4-7pm [] 7-9 pm
 Hospitality Rooms: [] 5-7pm [] 7-9pm

Thursday, Nov. 6th

Hospitality Rooms: [] 9-11 am [] 11am-1pm [] 1-3 pm
 [] 3-5 pm [] 5-7pm [] 7-9 pm
 Spouse/Guest Events (Times TBA) [] Drive [] Assist
 MBUSA Reception (Check in/Name Tags): [] 5:30-7:30 pm
 Spouse/Guest Events (Times TBA) [] Drive [] Assist

Friday, Nov. 7th

Hospitality Rooms: [] 9-11 am [] 11am-1pm [] 1-3 pm
 [] 3-5 pm [] 5-7pm [] 7-9 pm [] 8:30-10:30 pm
 Spouse/Guest Events (Times TBA) [] Drive [] Assist

Saturday, Nov. 8th

Hospitality Rooms [] 9-11:30 am [] 11:30am-2:30pm
 [] 2:30-5:00pm

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MHS Members Enjoy Great Food & Spirits at the German-American Chamber of Commerce Biergarten Party

Members of the Mile-High Section had a great time on July 19th as they celebrated with the Denver Area German-American Chamber of Commerce at their 12th Annual Biergarten Party at the TEV Edelweiss grounds one and a half miles south of Morrison. The GACC held a Mercedes-Benz vehicle appreciation car show and provided free admission and special parking for MHS Members' Mercedes. MHS members enjoyed great German food, beer and wine (Including a roast pig and plenty of strudel). In addition, there was plenty of good German oom-pah music and lots of dancing. Proceeds from the event went to help support several GACC events and charities.



Mark Your Calen-



MHS HOLIDAY PARTY
DECEMBER 13TH
MT. VERNON COUNTRY CLUB



Be sure to set aside December 13th for our annual Holiday party—this year at the Mt. Vernon Country Club. Cocktail hour starts at 6:00, followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. In keeping with the MHS Holiday tradition of giving to children of FACES (Family Advocacy, Care, Education, Support), Please bring one or more NEW, unwrapped toys to be donated to children served by this outstanding organization. Watch the November issue of *The Constellation* for a more information and the reservation form.

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NOTES FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION SCENIC TOUR — A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

After a quick look at the fine Mercedes vehicles on display at Mercedes-Benz of Westminster, and picking up our travel packets that Laura and Ron Lass put together, everyone was ready to get going, so we put our SLK230 on the road to Wyoming. We got unexpectedly sidetracked for about a half hour in Fort Collins by the "New Belgium's Hometown Tour de Fat" bicycle ride. Over 7000 costumed people participated in this massive bike ride and we enjoyed the show. Check out the stories and video at <http://www.tour-de-fat.com/city/fort-collins>.



Once the police allowed us through the line of bicycles we cruised on to Wyoming and the Snowy Range. True to its name, we saw sub-40 degree temperatures and a few flakes of snow up near tree line at the top of the pass. It wasn't cold enough or snowy enough to prevent us from getting out to enjoy the view. Next it was on to Saratoga for lunch at the Warm Springs Café, and after a few more hours we reached our lodgings in Lander. In Lander we met up with Reed and Susan who drove over from Salt Lake City in their SLK280 to join the tour. We enjoyed a nice social at the Best Western and then headed over to *The Hitching Rack* Restaurant for some great food.

Photo courtesy of Laura Lass



Sunday we headed for Jackson, Wyoming and the Tetons. Road construction slowed us down some and the road was a little rough, but before long we were treated to that breathtaking view of the Tetons and Grand Teton National Park. The weather was great for the rafters we saw going down the Snake River and the boaters on Jackson Lake. Of course we had to stop to take a lot of photos and stop for lunch at the Jackson Lake Lodge where we dined while looking out over the



lake. It was getting late so we thought we better catch up with the rest of the tour at our lodgings in Jackson, Wyoming. After yet another enjoyable social we headed over to the *Sweetwater* Restaurant for some delectable western fare including Buffalo and Elk steaks.



Monday morning came quickly and we were off to Yellowstone National Park. After yet a little more road construction, we arrived at Grant Village where we enjoyed a light lunch with Reiner and Carol before heading over to Old Faithful and the surrounding calderas, the mudpots and the hot springs. This was a great time of the year to be in Yellowstone - great weather and small crowds made for an enjoyable day as we drove the southern loop in the park, stopping at the various attractions and always keeping our eye open for those elusive wild animals. We took photos of many — Laura and Ron Lass caught this great shot of a mama moose and her baby.

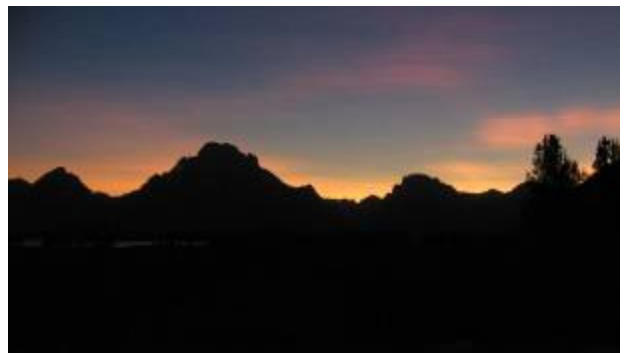


Returning to Jackson around sunset, we had to watch for animals on the road and we passed by Jackson Lake and the Tetons. We had to stop to get some great photos of the sunset behind the Tetons.



Photo courtesy of Laura Lass

It goes without saying that we were getting back later than expected and we almost missed dinner with the group at the *Blue Lion* in Jackson. Missing dinner is bad enough but missing a great dinner with our tour friends would have been unbearable. —Continued on page 9.





It was hard to leave the Tetons, Yellowstone and Jackson but the tour must go on-- so Tuesday we headed on yet another scenic drive to Salt Lake City. Utah MHS member Larry Foote joined us for an evening social at the *Crystal Inn* before we headed over to *The Red Iguana* restaurant for dinner. The Red Iguana is an old Salt Lake City standard stop for many travelers as well as locals and it's always busy. Fortunately we had reservations and enjoyed some fine Mexican dishes.

On Wednesday we all headed out to explore the Salt Lake area or took the day as a rest up day and slept in. A light drizzle made it a perfect day to start off slow but Park City was calling some of us as was the art museum Thanksgiving Point, and Hill Air force Base. By 6:30 PM we were all congregating at Ken Garff Mercedes-Benz for a social where we were pleased to have a number of our Utah members join us. Darren, who must be one of MHS's youngest members at 19, brought over his 1978 300D for us to look over and admire. What was unique about Darren's 300D was that it was running on 100 percent biodiesel which he refines himself from old cooking oil from the restaurant he works at. No, the exhaust didn't smell like French fries but it didn't smell like diesel either. Based on the recommendations of the nice folks at Ken Garff we walked up the street to *Cannella's* Restaurant for some fine Italian fare.

Thursday morning we pointed our Mercedes to the east toward Colorado and Grand Junction. Some of us stopped at attractions along the way such as The Homestead Crater hot spring and Dinosaur Monument. We were disappointed that the exhibit building was closed at Dinosaur but many of us know what happens to buildings built on bentonite soil and they said the building was sagging to the point that it was not safe to enter. We still were able to enjoy a short hike through the outside fossil exhibits.



At the Doubletree Hotel in Grand Junction we were greeted by warm cookies and great beds for our road weary bones. Before we got to fall into those beds we enjoyed a social in the hotel lounge followed by dinner at various locations. Some of us endured the hour long wait at *W.W. Peppers* but we were rewarded with more great food. We were happy that the Martins and LeCatos from Colo. Springs joined us here.



It was hard to leave our beds on Friday morning but we managed to leave for the Gateway Resort and Museum by 10 am. It was most enjoyable driving our Mercedes on the lightly traveled winding roads to the resort. At Gateway we were rewarded with the display of some of the finest American cars of the last 100 years and a video narrated by Walter Cronkwhite. Following our tour of the Museum we enjoyed lunch at the resort restaurant followed by a drive through the beautiful Delores Canyon area of western Colorado.

Our tour was almost at an end, we were getting tired and the beds at the Doubletree were calling, so after a little social time at the hotel lounge we called it an evening. Saturday morning came quickly and we were off again pointing our cars toward home. A few stops along the way beckoned, such as the Wineries at Palisade but home was the goal for most of us. It was a wonderful tour which added 2198 miles to our odometer and we wouldn't have missed it for the world.



We wish more of our members could have made the trip but understand that it's hard to plan for an 8 day trip. We were happy that we had up to 25 to 30 members present on some evenings for some great MBCA camaraderie.
— Jay Hokanson



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ATTENTION UTAH MEMBERS



The MHS Board is looking for someone in Utah, probably in the Salt Lake City area, to volunteer for one year to be a Mile-High Section Vice President in charge of organizing a few events in Utah during 2009. There was a lot of interest on having some events in the Salt Lake City area from the Utah members we talked to during the MHS Fall Tour. Suggestions for events could be a new model preview or car care session at Ken Garff Mercedes-Benz, a tech session/open house at a Mercedes-Benz repair shop, a weekend drive or a get-together at a local restaurant. The MHS board would like to see two to four events held in Utah in 2009 and would consider an event a success even if only two members show up.

The MHS Board will support the Utah Vice President, with membership lists and information, supplies, mailings and a section in the Constellation to advertise your events and any follow up article and photos. The MHS Board wants to make this an easy, low impact and fun experience for the future Utah Vice President as well as for all Utah members. The Mile-High Section currently has about 40 members in the Salt Lake City area. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering for this position, contact Jay Hokanson, 303-935-8270 jhokanso@comcast.net or Reiner Haubold, 303-986-5035 reinbold1@comcast.net.

Mercedes BlueTec Models Qualify For Tax Credits

Mercedes-Benz plans the rollout of its BlueTec diesel vehicles this month — just in time for the IRS to grant Daimler the *Qualified Alternative Motor Vehicle Credit*, qualifying the ML 320 BlueTec, R320 BlueTec, and GL 320 BlueTec purchasers up to \$1,800 in tax credits.

The EPA has certified to the IRS that the BlueTec cars meet the strict emission requirements required for the Credit which has previously been granted only to hybrid-electric vehicles.



ML320 BlueTEC SUV



If you'd like to be added to the list of members receiving email updates, email Jay Hokanson at jhokanso@comcast.net.



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- Oct.** **2nd** — Board Member Meeting 7:00 pm at the Hokansons—*Jay*—303-935-8270
 5th — Race for the Cure— Carol Haubold / Debra Powell — *article Page 3*
 11th — Special Fall Garage Tour and MHS Annual Members Meeting and Election — *article Page 1*
 10-13th — PPS Off-Road Event
 15th — Monthly Informal Social—The Old Neighborhood, 7923 Allison Way — *Jay*
- Nov.** **3rd**— MHS Board Member Meeting (Date changed due to conflict with National Board Meeting)
 5-8th National Board Meeting—Warwick Denver Hotel — *articles Pages 4-6*
 19th — Monthly Informal Social—Location TBA
- Dec.** **No December Board Meeting**
 13th — MHS Annual Holiday Party—Mount Vernon Country Club
 13th — PPS Annual holiday Party
 17th — Monthly Informal Social— Location TBA

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