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**September
Monthly Social
Sept. 19th—6:30 pm
Café Prague
209 Bear Creek Ave.
Morrison, CO**

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 October location will be at Vincenza's, 8000 W. 44th Ave. In November—back to the Golden Europe!

**SEE YOU AT
THE SOCIAL!**



There's Still Time to Sign Up for a GRAND TIME

September 19, 2007—7:30 a.m.
(Deadline to Register September 10, 2007)

**SIGN UP NOW
RESERVATION FORM ON PAGE 8!**

Concept: The Mile-High Section will sponsor a drive to Salida on September 19th to see the more than 80 vintage sports cars on the 2007 Colorado Grand—sponsored by Mercedes-Benz USA. **Our drive will begin with breakfast at Village Inn at C-470 and Ken Caryl (near Hwy 285) starting at 7:30 AM.** We will then drive to Salida, arriving by noon to see the cars in the Grand, though we will not be an official part

of that event. Mile-High Section members are encouraged (but not required) to drive a Mercedes-Benz. Fall foliage and top-down weather should make this even more fun. As part of its a 1,000-mile/four-day tour of the Western Slope, the Grand will stop for lunch at Riverside Park in Salida, so **you'll be able to see ALL of the cars and talk with their drivers.** Our Section will be provided the option to purchase lunch at this stop and sit and talk with the drivers.

Cost: Our drive will be a low-key, fun affair with a cost of **\$10 per car.** Village Inn is offering a 10% discount, plus free coffee. Participants will receive directions, including an optional guide for the drive to Salida. **Cost of the optional lunch is \$20 per person paid at the event in Salida.** NOTE: Some who have already paid to attend this event have overpaid (paying \$10 per person, instead of per car when registering). If you have overpaid, the amount overpaid will be refunded to you at the event.

The Colorado Grand: The Grand is a world-renowned road rally, with entry limited to 85 pre-1961 racing or sports cars of distinction. Since 1989 the event has donated more than \$2.4 million to Colorado charities and small towns. Its major sponsor, Mercedes-Benz USA, always brings several interesting cars. For more detailed information on The Grand, see www.coloradogrand.com and the March 2007 issue of *Road & Track*.

Village Inn Location: Take C-470 south of Hampden (US Hwy 285) to the Ken Caryl Exit. Exit to the east, the Village Inn is on the south of Ken Caryl. The address is 12622 W. Ken Caryl Ave., Littleton, CO 80127. Telephone 303-973-5677.

Riverside Park, Salida: Drive north on C-470 to Hampden (US Hwy 285) and exit south to drive to Salida. At Salida, turn on 291 to Downtown. The Park is accessed via E- Street or F-Street, the latter being the main street to the Historic Downtown District. Comfort stops along the route include Kenosha Pass Summit (south side of Highway) and the Scenic Overlook on the north approaching Buena Vista. Watch for potholes and rough spots at both.

Lodging in the Area: Go to the webpage www.coloradoheadwaters.com for a listing of lodging and restaurants in the Salida area. And, plan to join us for dinner at Café Prague in Morrison, CO on the way home (See September Monthly Social Article at the left).

For More Information Contact: Ben Carter 303-670-3828 or bcarterjr@comcast.net

Behind the Wheel

With Jay Hokanson,
President, Mile High Section



September is going to be a very busy month for the Mile-High Section. **September 1st and 2nd we have the Rocky Mountain Concours d' Elegance at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs.** Then, we have the extraordinary opportunity of **viewing the cars of the Colorado Grand close up in Salida on September 19th,** AND you have been invited to join the drivers and their crews for lunch and chat about their extraordinary cars. On your way back to Denver after seeing the Colorado Grand cars, stop at **Café Prague in Morrison, CO** for our monthly social.

September 22nd through the 29th you can tour America's heartland with the Rocky Mountain Region's Heart of America Tour through five states. **If you can't make the full tour, be sure to join the MHS in Steamboat Springs on the evening of the 27th** to greet the tour drivers for a banquet and social and have a chance to socialize with other MBCA members from across the country. Rounding out the month, on **September 29th we have Ron and Laura Lass's famous Oktoberfest Rally and BBQ.** Also coming fast is the MHS team entry in the **Komen Denver Race for the Cure® on October 7th — it's time to get registered.**

Coming **November 17th is the MHS's annual voters meeting** where any MBCA member can run for a position on the MHS Board of Directors. We need new members to step forward every year and run for vacant positions on the Board of Directors. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone who you think would make a great Director please email me with the information.

On a sadder note I must report the passing of Dr. John Fleming of Lakewood, who was a member of MBCA since 1957. I never met Mr. Fleming but I understand he was active in the section years ago and his membership would date back almost to the founding of MBCA. If any member has any stories they would like to relate about Mr. Fleming I would be very interested in hearing them.

— Jay

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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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**OKTOBERFEST
RALLY AND BBQ**

September 29, 2007 — 9:00 a.m.

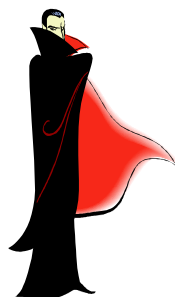
It's that time of year again. Time for a wonderful scenic drive along the Front Range and into the mountains. Hopefully the trees will be displaying their most magnificent color during our drive. Please plan to join us for the Mile-High Section's Oktoberfest Rally on Saturday, September 29. **At the 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, sauerkraut, German red cabbage, hot German potato salad, beer, wine, soft drinks, water, and Black Forest cake. We'll also have grilled chicken breasts flavored several different ways for those who don't like brats.

The event starts at the Mercedes-Benz of Westminster parking lot at 9:00 a.m. You will receive maps before departing the parking lot. It is very important to be on time because we will leave M-B of Westminster at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

A headcount for the BBQ is required so **get your application in by no later than September 26.** The cost is \$25 per person. Bring your camera for great pictures along the drive and bring your appetite. We'll have lots of great food to consume at the end of the day. **For more information, contact Laura Lass at 303-776-8276.**



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**JERRY & JAN'S
HALLOWEEN PARTY IS COMING
SHOCKTOBER 27TH—7pm**

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Last year the Denver pledge program raised more than \$1,000,000 to fight breast cancer! This year's goal for the pledge program is to raise \$1,500,000. Up to 75% of the net income from the Denver Race stays in the Denver Metropolitan area to fund breast health education, and breast cancer screening and treatment projects. **To Register Visit the 2007 Komen Denver Race for the Cure® website at www.racefortheCure-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 is recommended. On-line registration closes at Noon on October 5th — so register NOW.



The Heart of America Tour— September 22-29, 2007

New Mexico ... Kansas ... Nebraska ... Wyoming ... Colorado

Starting with a kick-off celebration in Santa Fe hosted by the New Mexico Section, the self-guided **Heart of America Tour takes place September 22nd – 29th**. Participants are encouraged to travel at their own pace, plan their own routes, and indulge their own interests. The only requirement is to show up at the designated destination each evening in order to share experiences with other tour drivers.

Please visit the HAT website for information that showcases the myriad points of interest, side trips that are available, and recommended hotels for each leg of the Tour, where you make your own reservations for the designated nights. Make sure you mention you're with the Mercedes-Benz Club of America to get our special rates. The Website also provides the location of each evening's gathering and the address of the restaurant where we will be dining. This will be the perfect opportunity to plan the next day's route and sightseeing trips.

The Grand Finale is set for Colorado Springs on Saturday, September 29th. The tour wraps up in suitable fashion with dining on steak, lobster, and crab legs at our final banquet. The banquet is open to anyone, even those who do not participate in the driving. The Pikes Peak Section has planned a fabulous meal and finale, so make your reservations now!

The Mile-High Section is sponsoring the drive from Scottsbluff, Nebraska to Steamboat Springs, Colorado on September 27th, where the MHS has arranged special rates for participants to stay at **The Sheraton Steamboat Resort** in Steamboat. Sheraton Steamboat Resort prides itself in its upscale western décor and dramatic view of the lush valley at the base of Mt. Werner. Participants can enjoy dinner at the 3 Saddles Lobby Restaurant and Bar, which offers a large patio and views of the mountain. **Contact the Sheraton directly at 970-871-6531 to make your reservation, and let them know you are with the Mercedes-Benz Heart of America Tour.**

For info on the MHS Section portion Contact Jay Hokanson-303.935.8270/jhokanso@comcast.net.

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Be sure to visit the Heart of America Tour website at www.mbca.org/hat for information and a reservation form; click on the Information Booklet for a downloadable .pdf file. Sign up now to be part of this event!

Where We're Going, We Don't Need Roads! PPS 4WHD Event—Oct. 12-14 (& maybe 15th)

By Julie Nelson—Pikes Peak Section

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.



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TOPLESS IN TAOS!

They're all still eating breakfast. I guess I'll just walk.....



Our first stop was Fort Garland to stroll around to get the answers. Then back to the cars for our drive to lunch at a location marked by 100 tons of metal (a locomotive engine and coal car), yet overlooked by several over-zealous participants who rolled by, and had to be "cell-phoned" back.



The MEN win ALL the good prizes!

Randall Potter wins the Booby Prize!

After a tasty lunch, all headed south to the next stop – the Jack Dempsey Museum. It just happened to be Pioneer Days in Manassa, CO, and the town had more than its fair share of law officers. From there, we were on our way to the Oldest Church in Colorado.



Then onto Taos, where the Nelsons instantly set up a fabulous Hospitality Room for the thirsty drivers. Following that, a sumptuous Italian buffet. Then time to review answers to rally questions, dancing in the lounge, wine drinking, and SLEEPING. Sunday morning yielded breakfast, gas tank fill-ups, and winding through mountain roads led us to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Angel Fire. Then on to Cimarron, NM for a tour of the Philmont (Phillips - of petroleum fame) Villa and Museum. The Rally wrapped up with an al fresco awards lunch at the St James Hotel— infamous for its legendary guests from the days of gunfights and gambling, who left their calling card bullet holes in the hotel ceiling. — *Harvey LeCato*

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The Classic Center is a perfect place for owners, collectors, and enthusiasts to stop and take a look at the pristine classics on display, and is ideal for those interested in restoring a classic or buying a classic Mercedes for a collection.

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MHS HISTORY IN THE MAKING

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EVENT RESERVATION FORM

I/We want to attend (check box and fill out section for each event — select any or all):

THE COLORADO GRAND # Attending _____ @ \$10.00 per CAR = \$ _____
September 19, 2007. Registration deadline September 10th!
Meet at Village Inn at C-470 and Ken Caryl (near Hwy 285) for breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

OKTOBERFEST RALLY. # Attending _____ x \$ 25.00 per person= \$ _____
September 29, 2007 Registration deadline September 26th!
Meet at Mercedes-Benz of Westminster, US 36 and Church Ranch Ext. at 9:00 a.m.

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ARE YOU A MEMBER OF MHS Team Dreizacksterne in the Komen Denver Race for the Cure® October 7, 2007? If not, go to their website at www.raceforthe cure-denver.com, click on "Teams" in the upper right corner, then click on "Team List". Scroll down to "Mercedes Benz Dreizacksterne", & on "Join Team." **On-line registration closes at Noon on October 5th, so sign up NOW. For More Info call Carol Haubold 303.986.5035.**

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

Sept. 1st & 2nd — Rocky Mtn. Inaugural Concours d'Elegance, Broadmoor (PPS) - Harvey- 719.302.0291
6th — Board Member Meeting — 7:00 pm— Jay
19th—Lunch with the Colorado Grand—Salida—Ben Carter—303.670.3828
19th — Monthly Informal Social -Café Prague— 209 Bear Creek Ave. Morrison, CO - 6:30 pm — Jay
22-29th — Heart of America Tour (MHS Portion— Sept. 27th) - Jay
29th — Oktoberfest Rally— MB of Westminster 9:00 a.m. — Ron and Laura Lass - 303.776.8276.

Oct. 4th —Board Member Meeting 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—7:00 pm—Jay
17th — Ann. Membership Meeting & Election—Forney Museum of Transportation — 12:30 pm - Jay**
21st— Monthly Social 6:30 pm. — The Golden Europe—Jay

** Are you interested, or do you know someone who is interested, in being considered as a nominee for the Board of Directors? The term of office is two years. Your participation is very important. The BOD determines the direction of the MHS, and plans activities and charity events- It's fun and rewarding. Contact Jay if you are interested or would like to nominate someone.

FOR THE LATEST SECTION INFO VISIT THE MILE-HIGH SECTION WEBSITE AT WWW.MILEHIGHMBCA.ORG.

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