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TUESDAY DINNER MARCH 7, 2023 (SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS)



Super Bowl LVII Club Gathers to Watch the Chiefs Defeat the Eagles in Arizona

by Marcus Dodson, Newsletter Editor



n Super Bowl Sunday, 21 members of the Sierra Nevada Section of the Mercedes[®]-Benz Club of America gathered at the

home of Sue and Marc Dodson to watch the Kansas City Chiefs play the Philadelphia Eagles at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. A few guests came to the party in NFL jerseys, and everyone enjoyed the festive decorations and watching the game on the movie-sized screen.

The game was exciting, with both teams keeping the score neck and neck all the way until the end. Both the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles finished the regular season with a league-best record of 14-3, winning the AFC and NFC championships respectively. Three of the last five Super (Continued on Page 4)



PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



Marching On Putting a Little Spring in My Step



ebruary was delightful for our Sierra Nevada Section. We had two fun and well-attended events, and this upcoming

month looks to be just as exciting. The warmer weather has been slowly peeking its head out, allowing Vencil and I to enjoy some longer drives around Reno-Tahoe.

Last month, Christy and Marcus Dodson took the club back to The Grill at Quail Corners in Reno for another delightfully delicious First Tuesday Dinner. Then, Sue and Marc Dodson invited the club to their home in Reno for a Super Bowl party in February. The game between the Kansas City Chiefs and Philadelphia Eagles was exciting and it was hard to anticipate who was going to win, even up until the last few minutes. Thank you to the Dodsons for welcoming us into their home and providing a delicious Italian dinner. Also, thank you to everyone who attended and brought appetizers and desserts. It

was a fantastic day of food and sports.

Next week, Christy and Marcus Dodson are hosting a First Tuesday Dinner at Mi Casa Too out on 4th Street in Reno. I hope that all of you can attend. Be sure to RSVP to Marcus if you want to be included in this festive and fun dinner event. The last time the club went to Mi Casa Too, everyone was happy with the food and the service. Vencil and I are excited to go back again with all of you and enjoy a margarita.

If you have an idea for a dinner or a drive, please reach out to one of the board members so that we can help you get started. There are plenty of opportunities in 2023 to host a daytime or nighttime event. As always, stay up to date on club events and news by following us on Facebook @SierraNevadaMBCA.

Hail V. Wells

Gail Wells President





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Super Bowl LVII

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Bowls had featured either the Chiefs or the Eagles, but this was the first time the two teams would meet in the championship. The Eagles took the game into halftime leading 24-14, but the Chiefs secured a comeback to win the game 38-35 with a game-winning field goal from Harrison Butker. Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes was named the Super Bowl Most Valuable Player, hav-(Continued on Page 5)





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Super Bowl LVII

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ing completed 21 of 27 passes for 182 yards and three touchdowns, while also rushing six times for 44 yards.

The halftime show was spectacular, with music, pop, and fashion icon Rihanna as the headliner. In the days leading up to the performance, the Barbadian singer had teased that she would be bringing onstage a special guest. People had been speculating who it could be, and it turns out Rihanna had been tongue-in-cheek referring to her second baby she's currently expecting with her longtime partner.

Guests were invited to bring appetizers and desserts to share, and there was an abundance of delicious options for everyone to enjoy. Appetizers included bacon-wrapped chicken, seven-layer dip, clam dip, and an assortment of chips and crackers. The dessert spread was delightful and included tiramisu, chocolate cake, an apple pastry, and a berry pie. Guests sipped on beer, whisky, and wine.

During halftime, Sue Dodson served a delicious and filling Italian-inspired dinner, which included pasta with meatballs and sausage and a large salad. Guests enjoyed the food even more than the game, and everyone left the party filled to the brim. The Dodsons organized Super Bowl Squares, a betting game involving a 0-9 grid that corresponds with the score at the end of each quarter. Three people won each \$25 quarter, including: Roger Collins, first and fourth quarter; Carlos Lucovich, second quarter; and Ginger Ragazzi, third quarter.

If you're interested in hosting a drive or event in 2023, please reach out to Gail Wells at blackswan342@gmail.com

or (307) 763-1701 for help and to reserve your date. Stay up to date on future club events by searching for @SierraNevadaMBCA on Facebook.







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Mercedes S580e New Luxury, Plug-In Hybrid S-Class

by Ali Turner, Reporter for the Automotive Industry



ercedes[®]-Benz has revealed yet another high-end option within its popular S-Class lineup, the

2023 S580e plug-in hybrid. For luxury car customers that want the efficiency of an electric vehicle with the range of a gas-powered engine, they can now look no farther than the latest high-performance hybrid S-Class from Mercedes. This reveal arrives on the heels of the recent launch of the Mercedes-Maybach S580e, which is currently only earmarked for Asia and Europe.

The standard 2023 S580 is powered by a turbocharged 4.0-liter V-8 engine with a 48-volt mild-hybrid system. The new S580e, however, shares a turbo 3.0liter six-cylinder engine with the S500. This six-cylinder is paired with a 21.5kilowatt-hour battery and an electric motor, unleashing a total system output of 510 horsepower and 553 pounds-feet of torque. Also standard in the new S580e is Mercedes' 4MATIC® all-wheeldrive system. This system calculates the vehicle's ideal torque distribution, allowing drivers to go smoothly from rear-wheel drive to all-wheel drive when appropriate.

The S580e's specs have been improved, although it has a slightly longer sprint from 0-60 mph than the S580.

Mercedes E-ACTIVE BODY CONTROL air suspension system will be available for the S580e, which assesses the driving conditions, speed, and load. Highperformance control units analyze these metrics and damping and level controls are automatically adjusted for each wheel accordingly. Along with Mercedes' PRE-SAFE® Impulse Side, the vehicle is able to raise the body slightly as a preventive measure when a side impact is impending. This shifts the force of the collision to the more stable structure in the lower part of the vehicle's body.

As for its range, it has more than (Continued on Page 9)





Mercedes S580e

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doubled compared to the previous model, going from 19 miles to 40 miles of all-electric driving. The sedan comes with a 9.6-kilowatt charger, or an available 60-kilowatt charger is available for those who wish to charge their S580e



faster. Compared to the slow charging and limited range of competitors such as the BMW 745e, Audi A8 60 TFSI e, and the Bentley Flying Spur Hybrid, the S580e is miles ahead.

The interior of the new plug-in hybrid S580e looks nearly identical to the current S-Class, including the 12.3" digital instrument cluster and 12.8" touchscreen center display equipped with the high-tech MBUX infotainment system Mercedes customers have come to know and love.

Interested individuals can expect to shell out close to \$125,000 for this new plug-in hybrid, which mirrors the existing price tag on the S580. An AMG S63 version is expected

later this year, which will also be a plug-in hybrid. Dealerships should have the S580e for sale in the first half of 2023, and those who wish to place an order can do so now on the Mercedes website.







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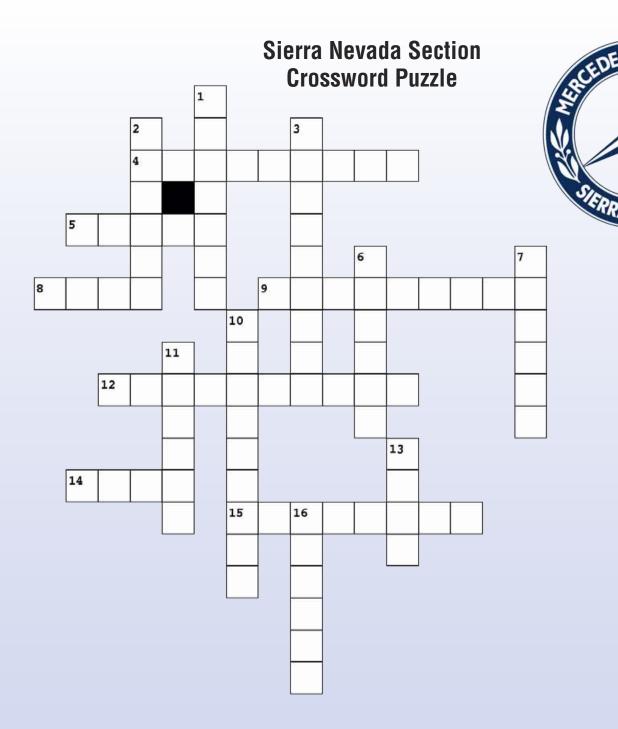


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- 5. The system used to slow a car down
- 8. What cars drive on
- 9. A flashing light that shows you are turning
- 12. The glass window at the front of the car
- 14. A metal post with some information
- 15. When a vehicle hits someone or something

DOWN

- 1. A cell that runs the electrical part of your car
- 2. A danger in the road
- 3. Someone in a car but not driving
- 6. What you get if you park illegally
- 7. The person that drives
- 10. Where you can see the speed you are going
- 11. What makes you move
- 13. The liquid needed to make your engine start
- 16. The pedal you press to change gear

Puzzle answers can be found on the following page.



THE SILVER STAR



NEW FRIENDS & OLD ENJOYED COMRADERY & CONVERSATION.

The Grill Elegant Evening at Reno Restaurant

by Marcus Dodson, Newsletter Editor



he Sierra Nevada Section returned to The Grill at Quail Corners in early February for a First Tuesday Dinner, hosted by Christy and Marcus Dodson. This family-owned, upscale bar and grill has been a local staple for over 20

years, and everyone was excited to have the opportunity to return to this favorite local restaurant. On this evening, 32 people met at the restaurant and enjoyed cocktails and wine before settling in for dinner.

The Grill at Quail Corners has an interesting legacy that spans over 150 years. In 1850, Eli Francovich migrated to California from Yugoslavia in search of gold, and eventually settled in Reno. In Nevada, Francovich established The Wine House, one of the state's first restaurants and bars, and also Nevada's first multi-story casino. The Wine House operated continuously for 87 years until the fourth generation of the Francovich family closed it to pursue other interests. The family has continued to produce its famous spirits, which include Francovich Holiday Nog and the Francovich Manhattan, available online and in local grocery and liquor stores. In 1999, fifth-generation Sam Francovich opened The Grill at Quail Corners and returned the family to its restaurant and bar roots.

At this First Tuesday Dinner, guests were situated in a private dining room at long rectangular tables. Two new faces joined in on the fun, and it was wonderful to introduce them to all of the exciting things the club has to offer, such as these monthly dinners. The club was given two dedicated servers who were very skilled at bringing drinks and dishes out quickly. Martinis, whiskeys, Francovich Manhattans, and red and white wines were flowing throughout the event. Club President Gail Wells thanked all of the attendees for coming and reminded everyone of upcoming events.

The Grill's food offerings are always divine, and this particular event included a set menu for club members to choose from. The options included house or Caesar salad, petrale sole, chicken piccata, cedar plank salmon, steak frites, grilled colossal prawns, and pork chop. Dessert was a delightful choice between New York cheesecake with berry coulis or

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Crossword Puzzle Answers			
Across	Down		
4. Automatic	1. Battery	13. Fuel	
5. Brake	2. Hazard	16. Clutch	
8. Road	3. Passenger		
9. Indicator	6. Ticket		
12. Windscreen	7. Driver		
14. Sign	10. Dashboard	1	
15. Accident	11. Engine		





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triple-layer chocolate cake. The tables were adorned with beautiful white tablecloths, and the club was given fresh bread to enjoy before the main course.

The next First Tuesday Dinner will

be at Mi Casa Too on 4th Street in Reno on March 7, 2023, hosted by Christy and Marcus Dodson. To RSVP, please email Marcus Dodson at marcus@dodsonpublications.com or (775) 997-9901. First Tuesday Dinners happen monthly, and there are opportunities to host for anyone who is interested. For more information and to sign up to host a Tuesday Dinner or an event, contact Gail Wells at blackswan342@gmail.com or (307) 763-1701.



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Back in Black Mercedes Unveils 2023 Formula One Car

by Ali Turner, Reporter for the Automotive Industry



ast month, Lewis Hamilton and George Russell revealed the 2023 Mercedes[®] F1[™] racing car (W14) during an online launch from England's Silverstone circuit. Compared to last season's car, this year's W14 carries over the zero-pods,

meaning there is no radiator air opening on the side of the car, but they are slightly wider, as is the engine cover. Clad in a striking all black finish with green and red accents of the team's chief sponsors, the W14 will certainly be a formidable opponent on this season's tracks.

"When you look at the cars that have been released, it's all in the detail," said Mike Elliott, Technical Director, Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 Team. "The key bits are we've completely changed the suspension to help with the handling. There are significant changes in the bodywork, although the core stayed the same."

Mercedes-AMG Petronas drivers can expect a more powerful engine in this season's W14, with a rumored 16 more horsepower. The Mercedes engineers dropped the silver paint this year to save weight. "We were overweight last year," explained Toto Wolff, Team Principal and CEO, Mercedes-AMG Petronas F1 Team. "This year we have tried to figure out where we can have some raw carbon bits, along



with some that are painted matte black."

The 2023 F1 seasons starts this weekend, and viewers are excited to watch Hamilton chase what will be his recordbreaking eighth World Drivers' Championship title. Of his new car, Hamilton expressed, "It's not the same car every year. There's a new logbook you have to get used to, and I love that." The Bahrain Grand Prix will take place this weekend on March 5 at the Bahrain International Circuit in Sakhir.







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Advertisement of the Month

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It also has about 237,000 original miles. I say 'about' since the speedometer stopped working at 222,060 miles, but why should you care? Because that's the mother-fucking distance to the MOON! Yes. This car has basically been driven to and PAST the freaking moon - THE ONE IN SPACE! Why do you need to even count mileage past that point? It's pointless. Because the point is, this car has courage, tenacity, power and balls... balls of steel; German steel that is.

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March 7, 2023: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner, hosted by Christy & Marcus Dodson, Mi Casa, Nevada. To RSVP. contact Marcus Dodson at marcus@dodsonpublications.com or (775) 997-9901

April 11, 2023: Sierra Nevada MBCA Second Tuesday Dinner, hosted by Linda & Rick Iknoian, J.T. Basque Bar & Dining Room, Gardnerville, Nevada. To RSVP, contact Linda Iknoian at linda_iknoian@comcast.net or (559) 978-6628

May 6-7, 2023: Sierra Nevada MBCA Overnight Drive & Kentucky Derby Party, hosted by Sue & Marc Dodson, Winnemucca Inn & Casino, Winnemucca. Nevada. To RSVP, contact Marc Dodson at marc.v.dodson@gmail.com or (775) 771-1080

June 6, 2023: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner, location to be determined

July 5, 2023: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Wednesday Dinner, hosted by Lynn & Terry Nielsen, Gambi's, Reno, Nevada. To RSVP, contact Lynn Nielsen at nielsenreno@live.com or (775) 747-9924

July 15, 2023: Sierra Nevada Annual Summer Backyard Luau, hosted by Christy & Marcus Dodson, Reno, Nevada. To RSVP, contact Christy Dodson at christy@dodsonpublications.com or (775) 771-7777

July 28-29, 2023: Hot August Nights, Virginia City, Nevada. www.hotaugustnights.net, (775) 356-1956

August 1, 2023: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner. location to be determined

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August 2023: Sierra Nevada MBCA Picnic & Play at Bartley Ranch Regional Park, hosted by LaVern & Carlos Lucovich, Reno, Nevada. Date to be determined





Dogs in Cars Man's Best Friend to Man's Best Co-Pilot

by Marcus Dodson, Newsletter Editor

(Editor's Note: The following story may have absolutely nothing to do with Mercedes or automobiles, but we feel it's interesting nonetheless. If you have a humorous or interesting story you would like to submit for this column, call us at (775) 997-9901.)



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