

MBCA OC STARS

Newsletter

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A WORD FROM YOUR SECTION PRESIDENT

Welcome to a new year with the Mercedes Benz Club in Orange County. In this issue, we are excited to announce our the 2024 Board of Directors and upcoming events. New events include a cars and coffee in May at the Mercedes Benz Classic Center in Long Beach. Did you know that Long Beach holds 1 of only 2 MB Classic Centers in the world? In addition, we are announcing our attendance at a monthly cars and coffee in Laguna Hills. We know many members want a monthly meet up with no RSVP required and we have delivered. We continue to look for unique venues and partnerships to bring more value to your membership experience.

AUCTION REVIEW

Barrett Jackson Scottsdale was held January 20-28. Somehow the event continues to set records and get even bigger. As one of several auctions during Arizona Auction week, this particular one gets the most hype. A misperception is that every car sold is expensive. A review of Mercedes transactions shows a wide range. For example, the 1995 S600 below sold for \$7.7K. At the other end of the spectrum, a 2008 CLK AMG 63 Black Series sold for \$247.5K. Both buyers should be thrilled, albeit it with different impacts to their bank account! Check out the results at barrett-jackson.com.



EVENTS

PAST (Fall)

- December 16. Holiday Lights caravan in Mission Viejo and Ladera Ranch
- January 21. "Ferrari" movie.

FUTURE (Winter - Spring)

- New Monthly Event. Sunday Steel in Laguna Hills. 1st Sunday - March 3, April 6, May 6, June 4.
- April 20 Cars and Planes, hosted by L.A. Section
- May 18 Cars and Coffee at the MB Classic Center in Long Beach
- June 22. Deer Park Winery and Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, hosted by the L.A. Section
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To register, see RSVP link in "Winter - Spring 2024 Events" email or visit:
<https://us9.list-manage.com/survey?u=67191195d058485978086c8c1&id=c2ccdb1775&attribution=false>

MERCEDES MUSINGS



Lewis Hamilton has announced he is leaving Mercedes at the end of the 2024 season to join the Ferrari F1 team. The 7 time world champion is highly marketable and still drives at a high level. But why Ferrari over Mercedes? After Mercedes finished 2nd in the 2023 Constructor's Championship to Ferrari's 3rd, what makes Ferrari a more attractive racing team? Sources point to this as Lewis' s decision, not a mutual break. Speculation is that Ferrari offers even more visibility and competitiveness with huge rule changes looming for 2026. Changes include no fossil fuels, 3x the electrical power, greater horsepower and safety. Regardless of the reason, let's hope Lewis and Mercedes have a terrific 2024 season and give lots of reasons to celebrate.



Source: IMAGO



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Read the bios of your Board members in the email sent from mbcaorangecounty@gmail.com

NEW MONTHLY EVENT



Beginning Sunday, March 3, we will be at Sunday Steel in Laguna Hills every month.

<https://sundaysteel.com>

Sunday Steel is 8:00 am - 11:00 am on the first Sunday of every month. It is a terrific monthly car show that welcomes all makes, models, and years. We are hoping this will grow into an informal monthly meetup for MBCA OC that does not require registration.

We will offer 2 ways to meet fellow MBCA members.

Meet and Drive in Together

Meet at Starbucks (7:15 a.m.)

23622 Rockfield

Lake Forest, CA 92630

Meet Inside Sunday Steel

Sunday Steel (arrive 7:30ish)

23382 Mill Creek Drive

Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Meet outside the coffee shop named Coffee Dose at 8:00 a.m. MBCA OC member, Chris Serrano, will be onsite to host the meetups at Starbucks and inside Sunday Steel. His contact number is 619-302-1760.



NEW EVENT

Cars and Coffee

Mercedes Benz Classic Center

**3860 N Lakewood Blvd, Long Beach,
CA 90808**

**Saturday, May 18
8 am – 11 am**

We are thrilled to announce this unique event. We are hoping to grow this into an annual event that features a Mercedes themed event beyond a cars and coffee. Success depends on driving attendance and securing a few volunteers to help us manage traffic and logistics. Please visit <https://us9.list-manage.com/survey?u=67191195d058485978086c8c1&id=c2ccdb1775&attribut ion=false> to RSVP.



NEW EVENT

FAQ's for Cars and Coffee Mercedes Benz Classic Center Saturday, May 18

FAQ's

Q: What type of event is this?

A: This is a non-judged cars and coffee. There is no registration fee. Spectators are welcome. We prefer Mercedes but all makes are welcome. You are not required to be an MBCA member to show your car. But, the board of the Orange County MBCA will be onsite to answer questions about club membership. Visit www.mbca.org for more details.

Q: Will the MB Classic Center be open?

A: The Showroom and Parts Department will be open. The Workshop is closed. Restrooms will be accessible.

Q: Will there be food?

A: We will have coffee and doughnuts for purchase.

Q: Is registration required to show a car?

A: Yes so we have an accurate count of cars being shown. To RSVP, please visit <https://us9.list-manage.com/survey?u=67191195d058485978086c8c1&id=c2ccdb1775& attribution=false>



NEW EVENT

We will join the L.A. section for events they are hosting in April and June

From Cars to Planes

Date: Saturday April 20th

Organizer: Brigitte Trapp 818-808-3956 brigittetrapp@me.com

Meeting Location: The Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum

610 Lairport St, El Segundo, CA 90245

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

Event information / Description

The Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum

610 Lairport St, El Segundo, CA 90245 310-909-0950

No host Lunch: The Proud Bird Food Bazaar & Events Center

Flight Path Learning Center of Southern California

Deer park Winery and Auto Museum + Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum

Date: Saturday June 22th

Organizer: Brigitte Trapp 818-808-3956 brigittetrapp@me.com

Meeting Location: Museum Parking Lot 29013 Champagne Blvd, Escondido, CA

92026

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

Event information / Description:

Deer park Winery and Auto Museum

No host Lunch: TBA

Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum

To RSVP, please visit

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