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### OFF-ROAD DRIVING ADVENTURE

By Peter Judy, Director At Large

- What: Off-Road Driving Adventure
- When: Saturday August 3, 10:00am - 3:00pm
- Where: Peter Judy's Ranch, 23021 Old Santa Cruz Hwy, Los Gatos
- Cost: \$20 per person, includes BBQ lunch
- Who: M-Class, G-Class, and Unimog Owners and Enthusiasts

Once again, I have teamed up with Mike Serpe (the leader of the G-Wagon Group and a highly-accomplished off-road adventurer) to design and build a 20-acre off-road track around my house in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Come and test your driving skills on a 1.5 dirt course on August 3, 2013. **These dirt roads are open to all all-wheel drive vehicles** and have many steep twisty areas along with tricky maneuvers through trees. In addition to this is a challenge course for G-wagons with 2 steep hill climbs and a drive over large logs. Great fun to watch for the rest of us. Note: There is a maximum of 30 vehicles for this event.

Plan on arriving at 10:00am for orientation and a drive around the course--spectators can get a ride with those that want to drive. We will have a huge lunch of smoked meats, salads, and dessert; you will need to bring your own drinks.

After lunch you will be free to drive the course or watch from many points around the roads as others drive. Plan on having a pleasant, exciting day as a spectator or as a driver. For those planning to participate, MBCA requires an insurance waiver that will be provided for you to sign that day.

As a courtesy, please let Peter know that you intend to join us. If you have questions, contact Peter Judy at [prjudy1@verizon.net](mailto:prjudy1@verizon.net).

### TESLA FACTORY TOUR, SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2013

By Steve Robinson, Technical Director

- What: Tesla Factory Tour Technical Event
- When: Saturday, August 10, 2013  
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
- Where: Tesla Factory, 45500 Fremont Blvd. Fremont, CA 94538
- Cost: \$7.00 per person
- Group Size: 60/CURRENTLY SOLD OUT

The Tesla Factory Tour Technical Event is scheduled on Saturday, August 10, 2013. Due to the overwhelming response to this special event, all 60 openings were filled by May 2. All who are on the registration list above the 60 openings are waitlisted. Should there be a cancellation(s), you will be notified of openings in order of date and time you were waitlisted.

We are quite pleased that Tesla is very enthusiastic about hosting this exclusive Factory Tour Event for our members. It will be a great opportunity to learn much more about the new Model S and, perhaps, what Tesla is looking at in the future.

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### 2013 CALENDAR OF COMING ACTIVITIES

- JULY 7 FIRST SUNDAY DRIVE
- JULY 21 SFBA/MBCA BOARD MEETING
- AUGUST 3 OFF-ROAD EVENT - Peter Judy, [prjudy1@verizon.net](mailto:prjudy1@verizon.net)
- AUG 4 FIRST SUNDAY DRIVE
- AUG 10 TESLA FACTORY TOUR TECHNICAL EVENT  
Steve Robinson, (925) 803-1829  
or [sb.robinson@comcast.net](mailto:sb.robinson@comcast.net)
- AUG 16 LEGENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN  
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POST-LEGENDS YACHT CLUB DINNER  
Mauna Wagner [maunaw@aol.com](mailto:maunaw@aol.com)
- SEPT 1 FIRST SUNDAY DRIVE
- SEPT 21 BYINGTON WINERY TOUR, TASTING AND LUNCH  
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- OCT 11-13 SIERRA NEVADA RALLY  
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Register online at [http://sections.mbca.org/sfba/section\\_calendar.htm](http://sections.mbca.org/sfba/section_calendar.htm)

# BYINGTON WINERY TOUR, TASTING AND LUNCH

By Eva Gordon

**What:** Byington Winery Tour, Tasting and Lunch  
Los Gatos

**When:** Saturday September 21, Noon

**Where:** Byington Winery  
21850 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos

**Cost:** \$45 per person

Please join us for a day of wine and fun in the Los Gatos hills at the *Byington Winery*. We will begin our day with a tour of the winery and a tasting and then enjoy a picnic style lunch in the gardens. This is open to all club members and their guests. Guests must be at least 15 years old.

A bit of history about the winery--Bill and Mary Byington purchased 95 mountainous acres surrounded by redwood forests as a family retreat in 1958. In the early 1970s, a well-known Santa Cruz Mountains winemaker approached the family, wanting to lease a portion of their land for vineyards. A keen wine collector, Bill was intrigued, and the seed for future vineyard cultivation was planted. Almost twenty years after leaving his family farm in Idaho, Bill returned to his farming roots and planted nine acres of pinot noir on the southernmost tip of the rugged Santa Cruz Mountains terrain. *Byington Vineyard and Winery* was established with its vintage 1987 release.

**Tour begins promptly at Noon--please arrive by 11:45am to allow time for traffic on Hwy 17 and parking.** Guests must be at least 15 years old. The cost of \$45 per person includes the tour, tasting, lunch and wine.

The Boxed Lunch includes an Artisan Sandwich, Fresh Fruit and Cookie.

Lunch Choices are:

- *Vegetarian--Mediterranean Eggplant Sandwich:* Eggplant, Onions, Roasted Red Pepper, Provolone Cheese, Pesto Mayo, Goat Cheese, Arugula on Sliced Wheat Bread.
- *Steak--Sliced Marinated Flat-Iron Steak Sandwich:* Red Onion, Provolone Cheese, Creamy Horseradish on a Panini Roll.
- *Turkey Cobb--House Roasted Turkey Sandwich:* Avocado, Bacon, Gorgonzola Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Pesto-Mayo on Sliced SourDough Bread.

This event is limited to 40 persons. Please respond by September 12, 2013. If you have questions, please contact Eva Gordon at (510) 234-4574 or [eva@well.com](mailto:eva@well.com).

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## FIRST SUNDAY DRIVES

First Sunday Drives are casual driving events that are held on the first Sunday of every month. To be notified of the next First Sunday Drive and for more information to links and event photos, please find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/FirstSundayDrives](https://www.facebook.com/FirstSundayDrives), or go to [www.FirstSundayDrives.com](http://www.FirstSundayDrives.com), or send an email to [join@FirstSundayDrives.com](mailto:join@FirstSundayDrives.com) to join the distribution email list. Questions? Contact FSD administrator Shawn Merrill at [her2011@firstsundaydrives.com](mailto:her2011@firstsundaydrives.com).

## TWIN TUNNEL TOUR

By Geoff Paulsen

On some *Sunday Drives*, it's not the stunning California scenery that is the highlight--it's the structures along the way. From a woman-owned Mercedes repair shop, to California's latest (and greatest) tunnel, to an Art Deco bowling alley, June's drive had many highlights.

The day began on a very pleasant note, with bright sunshine and the warm hospitality of Janet Migliore at her repair shop,

**MB Garage, in San Mateo.** Janet provided a delicious breakfast of hot coffee, bagels, cream cheese and fresh fruit. As we munched and chatted, we had the run of Janet's spotlessly clean 47-year old shop. Its five bays displayed a few vintage Mercedes up on the racks, and ingenious stair steps doubled as a chest of drawers. Note to owners of older Mercedes cars: One of her mechanics is 74 years old. [www.mb-garage.com](http://www.mb-garage.com)

After breakfast, 25 cars turned west and traveled up the curves to the coast so familiar to regular Sunday Drivers. We shared the road with scores of souls seeking solace from the heat and hundreds of cyclists raising funds, but on Highway 1 north of Half Moon Bay, traffic opened up and rugged bluffs rose from the Pacific, topped with freshly planted fields. Above, forested mountains stood with fog-shrouded shoulders. This is what tourists travel thousands of miles to see.

But we came to see the new twin tunnels. This section had been notorious for bad roads since the Portola expedition of 1769. Railroads and highways had been strapped across the unstable cliffs of "Devil's Slide" with cables and bolts for 106 years, but storms often plunged them into the raging surf below. A solution was needed--and after much controversy and six years of construction, the tunnels were opened on March 26.

I have never had a more enjoyable drive through a tunnel. Tunnels are often damp, dark and cramped, but not these. Each tunnel has only one lane, with a wide shoulder and a breakdown lane. Fans and lights create a pleasant interior. At each end, faux natural rocks--right out of a Disneyland ride--are the icing on the cake. These are world-class tunnels--and one more reason to drive the magnificent coastline south of San Francisco.

Our drive ended at the Art Deco "Sea Bowl" lanes in Pacifica, where 32 lanes lined with blue lights kept us entertained. Again, Janet was the gracious hostess--arranging for bowling and lunch. This day exemplified the reason I enjoy these *First Sunday drives*--there is always something new to discover.





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# LEGENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN<sup>2013</sup>



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Friday, August 16, 2013  
9am-3pm

Rancho Cañada Golf Club,  
Carmel Valley, CA

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1965 230 SL Pagoda

For details & information, go to [www.legendsoftheautobahn.org](http://www.legendsoftheautobahn.org) and click on the MBCA logo  
or "Mercedes-Benz" or contact Laura Simonds at 650.592.7613 or [simondsl@pacbell.net](mailto:simondsl@pacbell.net)

# COMING REAL SOON— LEGENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

By Laura Simonds

**What:** Legends of the Autobahn  
**When:** Friday, August 16  
**Where:** Rancho Cañada Golf Club in Carmel Valley  
**Cost:** \$60 *Concours* entry in *judged class*  
(1993 and older vehicles)  
\$30 *Corral* entry to *display vehicle*  
(Mercedes of any age)

Have you registered your Mercedes in *Legends of the Autobahn* yet? If not, do it now, because the discounted “early bird” registration deadline is July 31, and all registration closes on August 9.

Building on three very successful years, *Legends of the Autobahn 2013* promises to be bigger and better! On **Friday, August 16**, MBCA will celebrate the **50th anniversary of the Pagoda and 600 models** with a special display—but Mercedes-Benz of all ages and models are welcome to enter.

This exciting event will be held at the **Rancho Cañada Golf Club** in **Carmel Valley**. *Legends 2013* is expected to attract more than 500 cars and thousands of spectators. In addition to mingling among four distinctive German marques, there will be food, displays, club and vendor booths, and a *Spaten Biergarten*.

Co-hosted by **MBCA, BMW Car Club of America, Porsche Club of America, and Audi Club North America**, each club will have separate *concours* judging, but the corral area will combine all four marques. In addition to the four marque *concours* awards, there will be an overall “*Best of Show*,” “*People’s Choice*,” and other special awards.

A \$60 registration fee will apply for entries in the *concours* in one of seven judged classes for 1993 and older vehicles; there’s a special class for Pagodas this year only. A \$30 registration fee will apply for entries on display in the *corral* (Mercedes of any age). A buffet lunch under the tent on the golf greens and event polo shirts are optional. increase on August 1.

To register:

- Go to [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com). Scroll down to “August 16” then to “MBCA—Legends of the Autobahn” (not BMWCCA, PCA, or ACNA). Your registration will go directly to MBCA. or
- You can also get a link to register on [www.legendsoftheautobahn.org](http://www.legendsoftheautobahn.org) (click MBCA or the Mercedes logo). All event details and information can be found on both websites.

Questions or need more information? Contact MBCA event chairman Laura Simonds, (650) 592-7613 or [simondsl@pacbell.net](mailto:simondsl@pacbell.net).

Enter your car, join the fun, and celebrate the milestone anniversaries of the Pagoda and 600 models. **We’ll see you in August at Ranch Cañada Golf Club.**

# POST-LEGENDS MONTEREY YACHT CLUB DINNER

Gloria Loventhal and Mauna Wagner

**What:** Cocktails and dinner  
**When:** Friday, August 16, 2013, 4:00 – 6:30 pm  
**Where:** Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Monterey Harbor  
**Cost:** \$45 per person

Back by popular demand, cocktails and dinner at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club will follow the *Legends of the Autobahn Concours*. This popular event has sold out quickly the last three years, so make reservations early to guarantee your spot.

Our evening will start at 4:00 pm with appetizers and no-host cocktails in the bar and on the deck overlooking the Monterey Harbor. *Dinner* will be served at 5:00 pm, making an early evening for those who need to rest up for the weekend or travel home.

Cost for the dinner is \$45 and includes your choice of Steak or Salmon dinner, along with salad, sides and dessert. Feedback from our previous visits was that the venue was ideal and the food was excellent. You don’t want to miss it! This uniquely charming club is casual, so feel free to come directly from the *Legends* concours field.

Register online at

[http://sections.mbca.org/sfba/section\\_calendar.htm](http://sections.mbca.org/sfba/section_calendar.htm).

Registration deadline is August 9. Questions about the *dinner* should be directed to Mauna Wagner, [maunaw@aol.com](mailto:maunaw@aol.com) or Gloria Loventhal [Glorialov@gmail.com](mailto:Glorialov@gmail.com). Questions about *Legends* should be directed to Laura Simonds, [simondsl@pacbell.net](mailto:simondsl@pacbell.net).

## WANTED: VOLUNTEERS AND JUDGES FOR LEGENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN

Volunteer jobs include set up on Thursday afternoon, vehicle check-in, field placement, hosting in the MBCA tent, assembling registrants’ gift bags, and clean up. You’ll be able to see this outstanding car show “from the inside.” If you’d like to help, contact Laura Simonds at (650) 592-7613 or [simondsl@pacbell.net](mailto:simondsl@pacbell.net).

We’re also looking for concours judges. If you’d like to be a judge, contact Richard Simonds at (650) 592-7613 or [rsimonds@pacbell.net](mailto:rsimonds@pacbell.net).



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## SOCIAL MEDIA VOLUNTEER NEEDED

By Janet Migliore

One of the goals of our club for this year is to break into the *Soãal Media* scene! While some of you understand this, many of us do not. We want to learn and your Board has been researching how to best accomplish this important goal.

At our last board meeting, we invited a *Soãal Media* expert in to help us understand what it is and what we need to do in order to move forward with the whole concept of *Soãal Media* for our chapter. We looked at updating our web page, consolidating our two Facebook pages (*First Sunday Drive* and *SF Bay Area Chapter of MB Club*), and getting set up on Yelp!

Janet Stewart Migliore (Vice President) will be coordinating our efforts regarding the club's *soãal media* goals. If you, or someone you know, would like to help us in this important area, please contact Janet at [janetmigliore@hotmail.com](mailto:janetmigliore@hotmail.com). We are looking for 1000 likes on our Facebook page by the end of the year and at least 20 reviews on our Yelp page.

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

May 2013

(Order name badges from the National Business Office, (800) 637-2360, or online at the Club Store [www.mbca.org](http://www.mbca.org).)

Harry Marks, *Pebble Beach*

Angelo Sendejas and Martan Evertz, *San Franãsko*

Meg Shivers, *Menlo Park*

Brian Smithson, *Sunnyvale*

Philip Snowdon, *Carmel*

Marilyn Stormans, *Santa Rosa*

Allen Young, *Oroville*

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## MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

We're proud to recognize our SFBA Section members who have recently celebrated a milestone MBCA membership anniversary. We appreciate that you're part of MBCA and hope that you continue to enjoy the benefits of your membership for a long time. Congratulations!

Darlene Nemer and Rafe Tomsett, *Sonoma, 20 years*

Selva and Nicole Naidu, *San Jose, 15 years*

Joel Gambord, *Pebble Beach, 15 years*

Kent Busley, *Alamo, 10 years*

Zan Aronowitz, *San Jose, 5 years*

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## TESLA FACTORY TOUR

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Our time at the factory will be very structured as the factory is not currently open for public tours due the customer delivery schedule on site.

Look forward to seeing you there.

### The Tesla Factory Tour Schedule

9:00 – 9:30 AM Coffee and goodies

10:00 – 11:00 AM Factory Tour

11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon Model S vehicle overview

Note: Please plan to arrive around 9:00 AM if you want refreshments, but no later than 9:30 AM as the factory tour will start promptly at 10:00 AM.

Directions to the Tesla Factory

From I-880 (Nimitz Freeway), exit at Auto Mall Parkway and go east to Fremont Blvd.

Turn right onto Fremont Blvd (about 1.1 miles), then left onto Industrial Drive, then right onto Kato Road.

From I-680, exit at Auto Mall Parkway/Durham Road, turn left (west) onto Auto Mall Parkway to Fremont Blvd. Turn left onto Fremont Blvd to Industrial and Kato Road.

You will enter through Gate 5 and follow the signs to the Customer Delivery Center, which is just to the right of the Gate 5 entrance.

Register online at [http://sections.mbca.org/sfba/section\\_calendar.htm](http://sections.mbca.org/sfba/section_calendar.htm).

NOTE: Event registration is sold out. If you have questions, contact Steve Robinson at (925) 803-1829 or [sb.robinson@comcast.net](mailto:sb.robinson@comcast.net).

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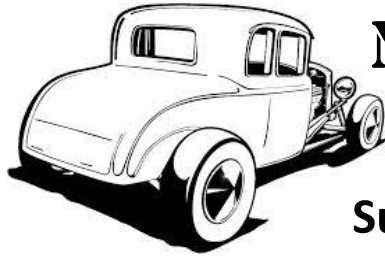
By Allen Wrenn

Four cars from the **San Franãsko Bay Area Mercedes-Benz Club** (out of a total of 16 cars) participated in the *Regional Mystery Trip* sponsored by the Mercedes Benz Western Region on June 7-9.

Our SFBA members on the trip included: Jack Marcheski, Bob and Shawn Merrill, Herb and Jane Cygan and Erno and Magdolna Ordasi.

*Note from the Editor:* Thank you to these members for representing our club at this regional event!

# ATTENTION ALL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CAR CLUBS!



# NORCAL AUTO SWAP MEET

Sunday July 21st, 2013

San Mateo Event Center

Announcing the first semi annual NorCal Auto Swap Meet at the San Mateo County Event Center (fairgrounds) July 21st 2013!

A traditional swap meet FOR car people BY car people. We expect to be one of the largest swap meets in CA with over 2,000 vendor spaces. There will be a Rod, Classic and Collector Car Corral, and Collectible Motorcycles for sale on the grounds of the Fairgrounds.

Vendors pre-register before July 6th to ensure a spot and save dollars on your swap meet spaces. Discount entry tickets are available to Car Club members!

Email us for more details:  
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For more details on the swap meet go to:  
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Check us out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Norcal-Auto-Swap-Meet/449755155114744>

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## REGISTRATION NOTICE

**REMINDER:** Beginning with this July 2013 newsletter, all event registration will be completed using the online registration site at [http://sections.mbca.org/sfba/section\\_calendar.htm](http://sections.mbca.org/sfba/section_calendar.htm).

The REGISTRATION FORMS for individual events are no longer be published in each newsletter.

If you have questions regarding an event, please contact the member responsible for that particular event. Their name and email address are included with each article providing details about that event.



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## **SIERRA NEVADA RALLY WEEKEND OCTOBER 11-13, 2013**

*By Jack Weir*

Mark your calendars for the second weekend in October and plan to participate in the **Sierra Nevada Regional Rally**. Fall in the mountains means cool weather and beautiful fall foliage, and Rally Master Robert Schilling promises an event to be enjoyed by all.

The weekend will include a welcome reception on Friday evening, a driving rally appropriate for all skill levels on Saturday, an awards banquet on Saturday evening, and a caravan down the mountains on Sunday.

Watch for more details on the event, based at *David Walley's Hot Springs Resort* in the Carson Valley area. Visit their web site at <http://www.davidwalleys-resort.com>. Reservation information via Motorsportreg.com will appear in upcoming newsletters. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer to help on this event, please e-mail me at [jweir39@aol.com](mailto:jweir39@aol.com).

