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Members Gather on February 6th for a Night on the Town

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3700 N Carson St., Carson City, NV

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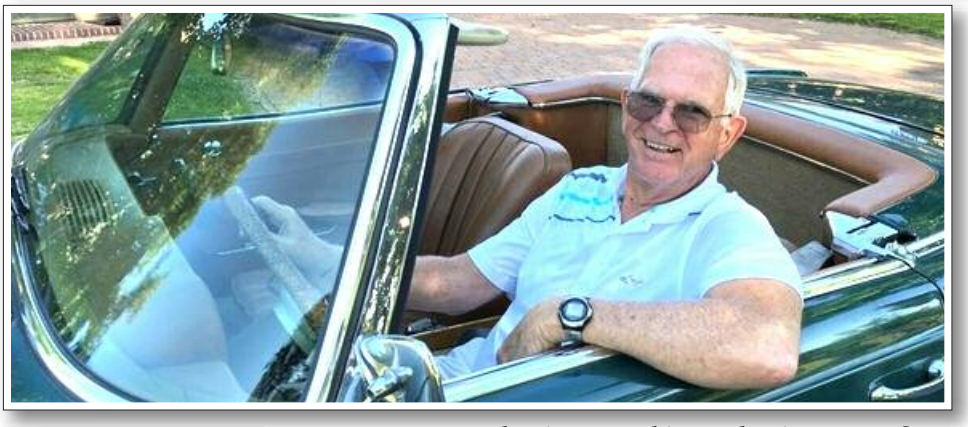
BJ's Restaurant • Summit Center • 5:30 PM
13999 South Virginia St., Reno, NV

PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



s I write this note today I am pleasantly reminded of the last two events which the Section produced. Many thanks to Patti Settember for the beautiful and fun evening at Hobey's Restaurant in January. Likewise we give kudos to Vencil Wells for the Bowling event and dinner at the Cantina in the GSR in February. March 5th event is in the Glen Eagles Restaurant in Carson City and April 2nd at BJ's Restaurant at the Summit in South Reno. Notices come from Marc by email and we thank him for all his efforts for the Section.

At this point in time I feel that a little history in our events needs some explanation. Several years ago we had what was called a "first Sunday Drive" where we would take our cars for a short drive on the first Sunday of good weather months for lunch.

This was great but two things started happening first, the numbers of members wanting to go on the journey began getting less and less and secondly the restaurants we wanted to visit were not that interested in our business on a Sunday. So we have lapsed into doing a "first Tuesday Dinner" which we are scheduled for this year. Our schedule can use more "CAR" events but we also need people who are interested in this type of event to STEP UP and arrange one. In the last two years we have had two drive events, one to Ely, the Lemon Caves, Tonopah and the Mizpah Hotel and another to Winnemucca both with very limited and disappointing showing. Anyone who has a suggestion for a drive email me and we will see what can be done.

Congratulations to new members, Ross Anderson of Reno and Gerhard Wagner of Gardnerville. We now have 86 Primary members and 123 members and associates. There were 9 renewals in January and 6 are due to expire by the end of June.

All our best wishes to each member and associate for great fun events.

Your Pres,

H.W. Shepherd

Bill Shepherd

Welcome New Sierra Nevada MBCA Members...

Ross Anderson — Reno, NV
Heinz Duvigneau — Incline Village, NV
Barbara Guggia — Zephyr Cove, NV
Gerhard Wagner — Gardnerville, NV

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Marc Dodson • 2011
Gary Dyer • 2012 & 2013
Sherry Avilla • 2014
Don Williams • 2015 & 2016
Gary Dyer • 2017

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No animals were harmed in the testing or production of this newsletter... just the editor.

MEETING MINUTES

Sierra Nevada MBCA
Board of Directors
Quarterly Meeting
Location: Shepherd Residence, Reno
Saturday, January 19, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

Bill Shepherd, President, called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:01 PM. Directors present were: Bill Shepherd; Gary Dyer; Sue Dodson; Marc Dodson; LaVern Lipinski; and Patti September.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Sue Dodson, Secretary, confirmed there was a quorum of directors present.

MINUTES:

A Motion was made and seconded to approve the November 6, 2018, Board of Directors Planning Meeting Minutes as printed in the November/December 2018 newsletter. The Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

LaVern Lipinski, Treasurer, presented the financial report for period ending December 31, 2018. It was noted that the Annual Sponsorship Donation to the National Automobile Museum was $100, not $150 as originally budgeted. A Motion was made and seconded to amend the budget to reflect the corrected amount. The Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the amount paid for the Christmas Party at Bricks Restaurant on December 7, 2019. The final bill was more than expected due to: all in attendance being charged for coffee even though coffee was served to only a few; unpaid bar tabs by some in attendance; and the final tip being more than expected. Bill Shepherd covered the excess amount and was reimbursed by the club. It was recommended that in future, in order to cover tax and tip, 30% be added to the cost of the meal.

A Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report for the period ending December 31, 2018. The Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Bill Shepherd, Membership Chair, reported that our section has 85 memberships consisting of husband and wife, and a total of approximately 123 members, including associates. Bill Shepherd noted that the total included the three new members that had joined since December.

Bill stated that new members were most likely from the new supply of membership brochures delivered to the dealership. He delivered a new supply of the brochures in the past few weeks. The Mercedes-Benz dealership includes the member brochures in the paperwork for new and used cars. Discussion followed regarding adding a letter of invitation from the President to the brochures.

SECTION EVENTS:

Patti Settember, Events Chair, noted that the upcoming First Tuesday Dinners for February (hosted by Vencil and Gail Wells) and April (hosted by Jim and Judy Covert) were confirmed and the venues set. She said that she would work with Ken and Pam Garber, scheduled to host the March First Tuesday Dinner, to confirm the details.

LaVern Lipinski and Carlos Lucovich will host a picnic dinner and "Guys and Dolls" live performance at Bartley Ranch on August 17, 2019. Details to follow.

A complete list of 2019 Section Events, along with contact information, can always be found on the last page of each of our Silver Star newsletters.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion followed about the use of MotorSportReg registration and credit card pay site for past events. Ease of use, payment to the club from the site, and the problem of the hidden list of event attendees was discussed. It was noted that Vencil Wells had requested that the site not be used for the February event he was hosting due to the difficulty with viewing the attendees. It was agreed that we are still in the learning process, and that we will continue using MotorSportReg for events. The Board will continue to review the process at each Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marc Dodson noted the emphasis placed on dinner events as opposed to Mercedes-related and driving events. Discussion followed regarding: event attendance; event preferences of our members; possible driving events; enticing more and different people to join the Board of Directors; as well as the direction and future of our section.

Gary Dyer stated he will schedule a Poker Run event in June; Bill Shepherd said he will schedule a driving/dinner event to Long Boards in July; Shepherd also stated he will contact member Randy Aust about possibly scheduling a high-performance driving school, as well as looking into another tech session with the Mercedes-Benz dealership.

NEXT MEETING:

Due to commitments by some Board Members, the date for the next Board meeting was changed. The Second Quarter Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 4:00 PM at the Mercedes-Benz of Reno dealership.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made and seconded for the meeting to be adjourned. The Motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Dodson, Secretary

Bowling & Dinner, February 6

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Photos by Marcus Dodson & Marc Dodson.

FIRST TUESDAY DINNER

March

TUESDAY • MARCH 5TH • 5:30 PM

SIERRA NEVADA MBCA MEMBERS WILL MEET AT
GLEN EAGLES IN CARSON CITY

3700 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89706 • (775) 884-4414 • gleneaglesrestaurant.com

Order Off the Menu • Separate Checks

To RSVP, call the number below or use this link to go to MortorSportReg.com:

www.motorsportreg.com/events/tuesday-dinner-march-5-2019-glen-eagles-restaurant-mbca-sierra-nevada-622070

Great Food • Good Times

THE RESTAURANT NEEDS A COUNT SO PLEASE RSVP

RSVP or Questions?

Contact Bill Shepherd

Call or text: (775) 843-4616

email: billshep@sbcglobal.net

FIRST TUESDAY DINNER

TUESDAY • APRIL 2ND • 5:30 PM

SIERRA NEVADA MBCA MEMBERS WILL MEET AT

BJ'S RESTAURANT • SUMMIT CENTER

13999 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89506 • (775) 853-7575

Order Off the Menu • Separate Checks

To RSVP, call the number below or use this link to go to MortorSportReg.com:
www.motorsportreg.com/events/mbca-tuesday-dinner-april-2-2019-bjs-restaurant-summit-center-sierra-nevada-202169

Great Food • Good Times

THE RESTAURANT NEEDS A COUNT SO PLEASE RSVP

RSVP or Questions?

Contact Judy Covert
Call: (775) 772-0749
email: thecoverts@charter.net

Of All the Drunks

Yes Virginia, You Can Now Pay For Club Events by Credit Card

by Marc Dodson, editor

Believe it or not, our Sierra Nevada section has finally entered the 21st century! You can now RSVP and pay for club events by credit card right from your computer or smart phone. We have set up an account at MotorSportReg.com, a company that specializes in event registration for car clubs nationwide.

The national MBCA is the primary account member, already paying the annual fee, and many MBCA sections across the country have been taking advantage of this service for years.

How it Works

The first time you use the service you can opt to set up a password-protected account. MotorSportReg.com will then save your info for future use. Several of our members have had accounts with this service for years, registering through other car clubs or even for non-club auto events.

This service will allow our members to RSVP and register online for events, as well as pay by credit card when an event fee is required. Funds collected are deposit directly to our section bank account, and a list of those who have paid or RSVP'd will then be sent directly to our club.

Refunds & Cancelations

When you pay for an event through MotorSportReg.com, you will be asked to check a box accepting their terms, which states that they don't make refunds. *HOWEVER,* your credit card will not be charged until *AFTER* the event. You can cancel right up until the last minute and there would be no charge for most events. Of course, if the event involves the pre-purchasing of show tickets, reserved seating, or an up-front required deposit by the venue, then there won't be a refund. This is exactly the same as our previous policy when we operated by checks only.

Alternatives

Don't like this new-fangled idea? Of course you can still send a check or RSVP the old fashioned way, but for those of you who wish to take advantage of this service, it should make things much easier.

Finally

So… in the future, our club events and activity notices will contain a secure link to the MotorSportReg.com for that event. Try it out!

You're a Sponsor of The National Automobile Museum, and You Probably Didn't Even Know it!

Here in Reno, we're lucky to be home to one of the top-rated auto museums in the world, The National Automobile Museum. And your Sierra Nevada MBCA Section is a proud sponsor!

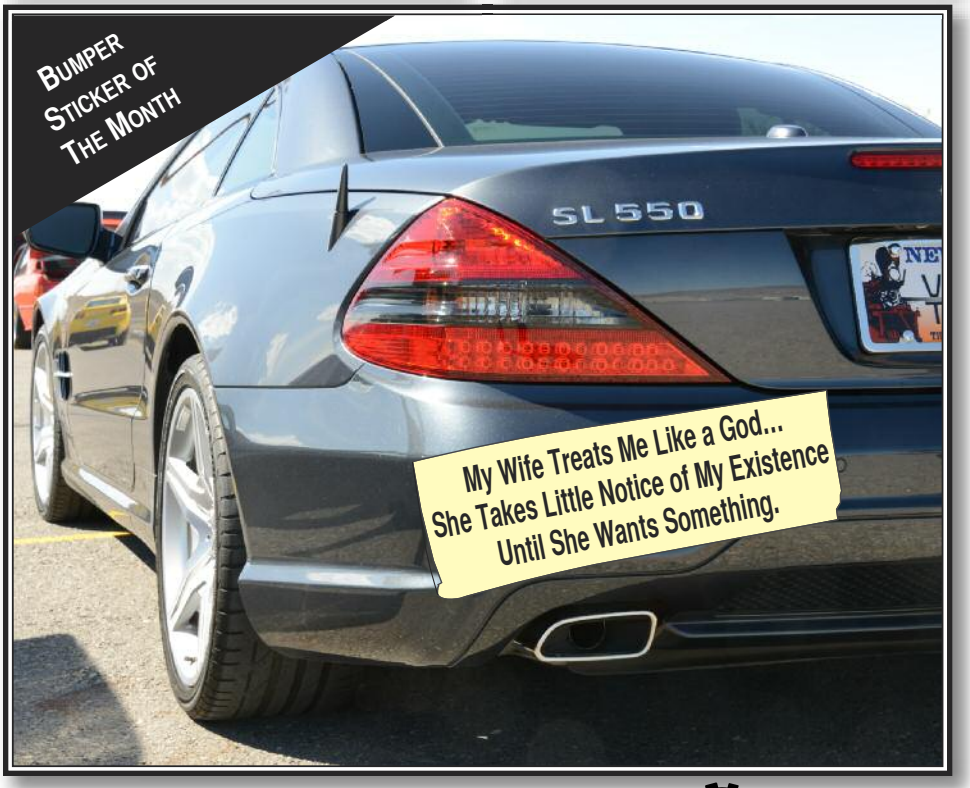
What does that mean to you? Well, since your club is the sponsor of a 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing on prominent display at the museum, all of our members get special benefits:

- Members get free admission into the facility, plus a 50% discount for any guests, during normal business hours.
- Members can request free guided tours of the museum, subject to the availability of the tour guides.
- Members receive a 10% discount at the National Auto Museum gift shop. Besides automotive books and car memorabilia, this also includes the full line of Mequiars Automotive cleaning products that are sold through the gift shop.

The museum has our member list on file, so just tell the cashier your name and that you're a member of the Sierra Nevada Mercedes-Benz Club of America. You'll get your free museum admission and discount at the gift shop.

The National Automobile Museum is located at 10 South Lake Street in Reno, (775) 333-9300.

ITEMS OF INTEREST



Sierra Nevada MBCA Name Badges

We encourage all members to wear their MBCA name badges to all Sierra Nevada section meetings and events.

WHAT???

You don't have a Sierra Nevada name badge? Right now you're probably thinking, "How can I, a mere mortal, achieve the level of prestige and acclaim of those that proudly display their Sierra Nevada MBCA name badges for all to see?"

This one item will not only identify you as an official Sierra Nevada MBCA member, it will:

- ✔ Make you taller
- ✔ Make you slimmer
- ✔ Restore your hair
- ✔ Improve your sexual prowess

How much would you be willing to pay for such a miracle item?

$1,000? $2,000? $5,000?

Well, now you can order your Sierra Nevada MBCA name badge for a mere $11!

But wait, there's more...

If you order in the next 10 minutes you can get *TWO* name badges for the incredibly low price of only $22!

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SECTION EVENTS

Events compiled by Miss Informed

2019 Sierra Nevada MBCA Event Planning Calendar

January 8: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner held one week late due to New Year's holiday. Hobey's Steakhouse in Hobey's Casino, 5195 Sun Valley Blvd., Sun Valley, NV, 5:30 PM. Order off the menu with separate checks. Please RSVP by January 3 so we can get an accurate count www.motorsportreg.com/events/tuesday-dinner-january-8-2019-hobeys-steakhouse-mbca-sierra-nevada-217226 or contact Patti Settember, topat83@aol.com, 775-852-1522.

January 19: Sierra Nevada First Quarter Board of Directors meeting, 2:00 PM, Shepherd residence, 3850 Plumas St., Reno, NV. All members are welcome to attend. Contact Bill Shepherd, 775-843-4616.

February 6: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Wednesday Dinner. Grand Sierra Resort Cantina, 6:00 PM. Optional bowling, GSR Lanes at 4:00 PM, $4 per game . Order off the menu with separate checks. Please RSVP so we can get a count. To RSVP or for more info, contact Vencil Wells, vencil@vencil.com or 818-667-9745.

March 5: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner. Glen Eagles, 3700 N Carson St., Carson City, NV. Order off the menu with separate checks. Hosts Bill & Lori Shepherd. Please RSVP by March 3 so we can get an accurate count www.motorsportreg.com/events/tuesday-dinner-march-5-2019-glen-eagles-restaurant-mbca-sierra-nevada-622070 or contact/text Bill Shepherd, 775-843-4616.

April 2: Sierra Nevada Second Quarter Board of Directors meeting, 4:00 PM, MB of Reno dealership. All members are welcome to attend. Contact Bill Shepherd, 775-843-4616.

April 2: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner, 5:30 PM, BJ's Restaurant at Summit Center, 13999 S. Virginia Reno NV. Order off the menu with separate checks. Hosts Jim & Judy Covert. Please RSVP by March 3 so we can get an accurate count www.motorsportreg.com/events/mbca-tuesday-dinner-april-2-2019-bjs-restaurant-summit-center-sierra-nevada-202169, or contact Judy at 775-772-0749 or email; thecoverts@charter.net

May 7: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner. Hosts Rose Mary Bucher & Dale Clune. Details to follow. For more info contact Patti Settember, 775-852-1522.

June: Sierra Nevada MBCA Poker Run. Hosts Gary Dyer & Mary Van Kirk. Details to follow. For more info contact Patti Settember, 775-852-1522.

June 4: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner. Hosts Gary Dyer & Mary Van Kirk. Details to follow. For more info contact Patti Settember, 775-852-1522.

July: Sierra Nevada Driving/Dinner run to Long Boards at the Plumas Pines Golf Resort. Hosts Bill & Lori Shepherd. Details to follow. For more info contact Patti Settember, 775-852-1522.

July 2: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner. Hosts Marc & Sue Dodson. Details to follow. For more info contact Patti Settember, 775-852-1522.

July 11: Sierra Nevada Third Quarter Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 PM, MB of Reno dealership. All members are welcome to attend. Contact Bill Shepherd, 775-843-4616.

July 12: Sierra Nevada Backyard Party, 5:00 PM at the home of Marcus & Christy Dodson. Details to follow. For more info, contact Christy at 775-333-1088, or email: christry@dodsonpublications.com

August 6: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner. Hosts Tom & Grace Jenny. Details to follow. For more info contact Patti Settember, 775-852-1522.

August 17: "Guys and Dolls" Musical/Play at Bartley Ranch. Details to follow, must be PRE-PAID. Meet for picnic dinner at 6:00 pm, show at 7:30 pm. For more info, contact LaVern Lipinski & Carlos Lucovich, 775-882-4697.

September 3: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner. Hosts LaVern Lipinski & Carlos Lucovich. Details to follow. For more info contact Patti Settember, 775-852-1522.

October 1: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner. Hosts Karin & Lloyd Gash. Details to follow. For more info contact Patti Settember, 775-852-1522.

October 10: Sierra Nevada Fourth Quarter Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 PM, MB of Reno dealership. All members are welcome to attend. Contact Bill Shepherd, 775-843-4616.

November 5: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner. Hosts Bill & Lori Shepherd. Details to follow. For more info contact Patti Settember, 775-852-1522.

December 20: Sierra Nevada MBCA Section Christmas Party, 6:00 PM at Bricks Restaurant, 1695 South Virginia St., Reno. Details to follow. For more information, contact Ray Rich 775-560-9592.