

# The SILVER STAR



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**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY MAY 3RD!**



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## UPCOMING EVENT!

**MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> • 10:00 AM**  
**CAR CARE SESSION**  
MERCEDES-BENZ OF RENO

Come take a closer look at your Mercedes-Benz and see what the Service Technicians are checking.

Questions?  
Marc Dodson (775) 333-1083

## First Meeting a Success

*Lots of Enthusiasm at Sierra Nevada Meeting*

*by Marc Dodson, president*



It was standing room only for the first meeting of the newest section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. The Sierra Nevada Section got off to a great start on March 29<sup>th</sup> as the inaugural meeting was held at the Mercedes-Benz of Reno dealership.

Quite a bit of necessary business had to be accomplished in a short time, including election of officers. The results of the first section elections were: Marc Dodson, president; Darryl Van Dorn, vice president; Dave Gibson, secretary; and Ron Phillips, treasurer.

Once the elections and other required meeting procedures were out of the way, the discussion turned to events and possible future runs. It quickly became apparent that many of our members were interested in performance

events while others were more inclined toward social events. This shouldn't be a problem as both interests can be accommodated, perhaps with a different person heading up each interest. At the next meeting, we'll hopefully appoint two people to be in charge of future events.

Our first scheduled section event will be held at the same Mercedes-Benz dealership on May 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be a "Car Care" session with a look at the service bays, and what makes your car tick like a finely-tuned watch. Several other events are under consideration for May, including "drive & dine" events.

Following the meeting, several couples reconvened at the local Mexican restaurant for margaritas and dinner. We're planning on going to dinner again after the May meeting. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30!

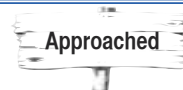


**NEXT MEETING  
MAY 3, 2011**

## SIERRA NEVADA SECTION

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 5:30 PM ON THE  
FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT  
MERCEDES-BENZ OF RENO

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# PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



ell, we're finally underway! It took awhile, but our new Sierra Nevada MBCA Section is finally up and running.

From our first meeting, I can see that we won't be short of ideas for future events. Now it's just a matter of putting those great ideas into action.

The weather is finally warming up. This makes it a lot easier to even think about driving around the lake with the top down or looking at that long road trip.

At this next meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we'll be looking for a couple of volunteers to head up our Events Committee. From the sound of the interests and events that were suggested, it looks like we'll need one person to head up our "Social Events" and one person to head up our "Performance Events."

Social Events can encompass everything type of events from parties, dinner and a show to events where we drive a pre-designated route to a local restaurant, to overnight excursions.

Performance Events can include local or distant car shows, to tech sessions, to attendance at races, to participating in performance driving schools.

One of our first events will be held at the Mercedes-Benz of Reno dealership on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am. This will be a "Car Care Session" and you'll be able to get a good look at the underbelly of several cars, what to look for, and what the

service technician looks for when servicing your vehicle.

Obviously, not every member will be interested in every event, but we hope to have enough of a variety to pique everyone's interest. So, if you're interested in being one of the people that heads up the Events Committee, please let me know.

One of the other items that has to be taken care of on a regular basis is the design and updating of our website. Luckily, Fred Giffels III "volunteered" (after a little coaxing from his father) to tackle the task. Thank you, Fred, I know that you'll do an outstanding job!

I would also like to thank the staff of Mercedes-Benz of Reno for their support. We contacted these good people before our section was even formed and they offered to help right from the start, including publicity on their website, newsletter, recruitment of new members, and a place to hold our meetings. Thank you!

Finally, I would like to again request that everyone let us know your current e-mail address. Right now our treasury is extremely low, and it's much more economical (and quicker) to distribute our newsletter by e-mail.

Hope to see you at the meeting on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 pm at the Mercedes-Benz of Reno dealership!

Marc Dodson  
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Owner & Member  
Coot Callahan's 190C.

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Your Next Newsletter Could be  
Delivered Right to Your Computer!



Do we have your current e-mail address? A printed version of newsletter costs your section money. Email also helps us keep you up to date about section events, announcements, and meetings.

To update your e-mail address, call Marc Dodson at (775) 333-1083.



# Other News of Interest...

## New Western Regional Director

Lance Taylor-Warren, one of our own members and whom many of you met at the last meeting, was recently appointed by the MBCA National Board as the new Western Regional Director. The post had been vacant for several months.

In a letter to section presidents, Lance stated, in part, "I am VERY excited to be working with the National Board and hope to represent the Western Region well. With the addition of the Sierra Nevada Section we are now six sections and 1320 members strong. One of my roles is to make sure you are getting the support from the National Board you feel you need, communication is the key to that support. One of my primary tasks is to be the liaison between the National Board and the Section, so expect to get updates from me on a regular basis.

"I have been active with the Sacramento section since we joined the club, and now with the startup of the Sierra Nevada section, my wife Lori and I are dual registered. I have set a personal goal to try to visit all of the mainland sections over the next 6 months and if I can figure out how to afford the airfare, I would love to visit with the Hawaii section as well. Again, I look forward to serving as your Western Region Director and I am available anytime you have questions or suggestions."

Congratulations, Lance!

## Mercedes-Benz to Launch Teen Driving School in the U.S.

On March 23, Mercedes-Benz USA announced that it will launch a teen driver education program later this year with the aim of teaching teenagers the skills and competencies for safe and enjoyable driving.

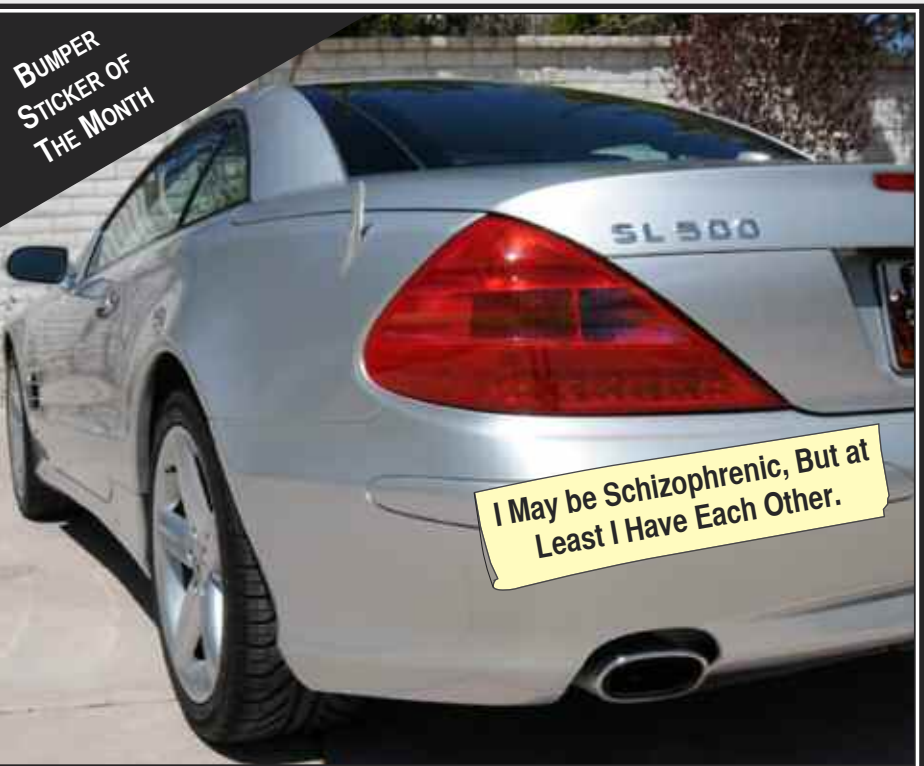
The Mercedes-Benz program, which has run successfully in the U.K. since 2009, will use a "unique combination of interactive classroom sessions, online learning, and behind-the-wheel training that leverages state-of-the-art teaching methods and use of supervised practice within the Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) framework."

This breakthrough Program positions Mercedes-Benz USA as the first and only auto manufacturer to offer a complete, state-certified driving school in the U.S.



"My wife told me the car wasn't running because there was water in the carburetor. I asked where the car was; she told me, 'in the lake.'"

— Red Skelton



# FUTURE EVENTS

## Sierra Nevada Events

**May 3:** Section Meeting, Mercedes-Benz of Reno. 775-333-1083.

**May 21:** Car Care Session, 10:00 am, Mercedes-Benz of Reno. 775-333-1083.

**June 7:** Section Meeting, Mercedes-Benz of Reno. 775-333-1083.

**July 5:** Section Meeting, Mercedes-Benz of Reno. 775-333-1083.

**August 2:** Section Meeting, Mercedes-Benz of Reno. 775-333-1083.

**September 6:** Section Meeting, Mercedes-Benz of Reno. 775-333-1083.

**September 19:** Mercedes-Benz of Reno sponsored Charity Golf Tournament at Montreux. Ronda Hartley, 775-326-4036.

**October 4:** Section Meeting, Mercedes-Benz of Reno. 775-333-1083.

**November 1:** Section Meeting, Mercedes-Benz of Reno. 775-333-1083.

**December 6:** Section Meeting, Mercedes-Benz of Reno. 775-333-1083.

## Other Events of Interest

**April 29 - May 1:** StarTech 2011, Milwaukee, Wisc. [www.mbca.org/event/2011-04-29/startech-2011-april-29th-may-1st](http://www.mbca.org/event/2011-04-29/startech-2011-april-29th-may-1st)

**April 30:** Dings, Dents & Car Care Clinic, Huntington Beach, Calif. [www.mbca.org/event/2011-04-30/dings-dents-and-car-care-clinic](http://www.mbca.org/event/2011-04-30/dings-dents-and-car-care-clinic)

**April 30:** Tour of Stan Craft Boat Factory, Post Falls, Idaho. [www.mbca.org/event/2011-04-30/tour-stan-craft-boat-factory](http://www.mbca.org/event/2011-04-30/tour-stan-craft-boat-factory)

**May 8:** First Sunday Drive, Sacramento, Calif. [Capitol-Star@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Capitol-Star@sbcglobal.net)

**May 14:** Drive the Marysville Loop Road. Goldendale, Wash. [www.mbca.org/event/2011-05-14/drive-maryhill-loops-road](http://www.mbca.org/event/2011-05-14/drive-maryhill-loops-road)

**May 15:** Day at the Races, Berkley, Calif. [www.mbca.org/event/2011-05-15/day-races](http://www.mbca.org/event/2011-05-15/day-races)

**June 4:** Foreign Car Show, Nevada City, Calif. [www.sier-rasportscargroup.com](http://www.sier-rasportscargroup.com)

**June 4:** MBCA/SL Day at Cars & Coffee, Irvine, Calif. [www.mbca.org/event/2011-06-04/mbca-sl-day-cars-coffee-irvine](http://www.mbca.org/event/2011-06-04/mbca-sl-day-cars-coffee-irvine)

**August 6-9:** Hot August Nights, Lake Tahoe, Nevada. [www.hotaugustnights.net](http://www.hotaugustnights.net)

**August 9-14:** Hot August Nights, Reno & Sparks, Nevada. [www.hotaugustnights.net](http://www.hotaugustnights.net)

**August 14:** Show Off Your Mercedes, Rocklin, Calif. [dschnitzer@wavecable.com](mailto:dschnitzer@wavecable.com)

**August 15-19:** Pebble Beach, Concours D'Elegance, Pebble Beach, Calif. [www.pebblebeachconcours.net](http://www.pebblebeachconcours.net)

“Marriage is a relationship in which one person is always right, and the other person is the husband.”

— Ray Romano

## CLASSIFIEDS

Classified Ads are free to members. Just send your classified ad along with a photo of vehicles or auto-related products to the newsletter editor, Marc Dodson, [marc.v.dodson@gmail.com](mailto:marc.v.dodson@gmail.com).

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

Joe & Sherry Avilla

Reno



MEETING MINUTES

DATE

GENERAL MINUTES - MARCH 29, 2011

MARC ODOSON BROUGHT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEWEST CHARTERED SECTION OF THE MERCEDES - BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - REQUIRED POSITIONS

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ALL ATTENDEES INTRODUCED THEMSELVES ALONG WITH WHAT MERCEDES THEY OWN.

LEGAL

MARC TOOK US THROUGH THE LEGAL STEPS TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN OUR CLUB. THIS COVERED ITEMS SUCH AS BYLAWS, CONSTITUTION, ETC.

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FINANCES

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WE RECEIVED A \$500.00 CHECK FROM MBCA AS START-UP MONEY. WE ALSO WILL RECEIVE \$1.00 PER MEMBER ANNUALLY. (PAID EVERY 4 MONTHS) A BANK ACCOUNT WILL NEED TO BE OPENED FOR OUR FINANCES. WE WILL ESTABLISH IT SO TWO OFFICERS OF THE CLUB HAVE TO SIGN FOR A CHECK.

MEMBERSHIP

WE CURRENTLY HAVE 44 MEMBERS. (COMING) IF ONE WANTS TO JOIN MORE THAN ONE CLUB, YOU CAN BY PAYING AN ADDITIONAL \$5.00 FEE PER ADDITIONAL CLUB. IT WAS SUGGESTED, SINCE WE ARE A NEW CLUB, THAT WE ALL ORDER NAME TAGS. THAT CAN BE DONE ON-LINE THROUGH THE MERCEDES - BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA WEB SITE. THE COST IS ABOUT \$9.00.

NEWSLETTER

OUR MERCEDES - BENZ DEALER WILL CONSIDER SPONSORING THE NEWSLETTER. CLUB MEMBERS SUGGESTED AN E-MAIL VERSION WOULD REDUCE THE COST. TO SERVE ALL MEMBERS WE NEED EVERYONE'S E-MAIL ADDRESSES.

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IF WE DON'T HAVE IT YET, PLEASE SEND IT TO MARK ASDP. IN A REVIEW OF THE FREQUENCY OF NEWSLETTER IT WAS SUGGESTED WE SEND OUT 8 TIMES PER YEAR WITH EMPHASIS IN THE WARMER MONTHS.

FUTURE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MERCEDES-BENZ DEALER.

MBCB WEBSITE

SIERRA NEVADA CURRENTLY HAS A DESCRIPTION PAGE UNDER THIS WEBSITE. THE LINK WILL BE UPDATED AS WE PUT OUR NEWSLETTER ONLINE. WE CAN ALSO INCLUDE NEWS AND EVENTS IN ADDITION TO THE NEWSLETTER.  
FRAN GIFFELS AGREED TO BE OUR CLUB WEBSITE MASTER. HIS E-MAIL IS FRAN.GIFFELS@GMAIL.COM

EVENTS

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE NEED 2 PEOPLE FOR EVENTS, ONE TO COORDINATE PERFORMANCE EVENTS AND ONE FOR SOCIAL EVENTS.

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THE DEALER IS SPONSORING A GOLF EVENT AT MONTELEONE SEPT. 19, 2011 AND IS ASKING OUR HELP WITH IT. PRIZES GO TO THE "CHILDREN'S CLOSET". IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT WE HAVE A MERCEDES-BENZ CAR CAREN AT THE EVENT.

A SPECIAL "CPR CARE" SESSION WILL BE HELD ON MAY 21, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE DEALER FOR MEMBERS. THIS WAS AGREED TO AND THE DEALER WILL FURNISH LUNCH. OTHER OWNER CIVILTS WILL FOLLOW THROUGH OUT THE YEAR.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 3, 2011 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE MERCEDES-BENZ CONF. ROOM

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