

The SILVER STAR

NO MEETING IN JULY



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UPCOMING EVENT!

JULY 10TH • 10:00 AM
FIRST SUNDAY DRIVE!
WILD HORSE GRILL,
MINDEN

Depart at 10:00 am from
the Mercedes-Benz of Reno
Dealership

Questions?
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DESPITE THE WEATHER, EVERYONE MADE IT TO THE LAKE.

First Sunday Drive

Through Rain & Sleet to Gar Woods at Lake Tahoe We Go

by Bob Doxey, Social Events



together and lunch. There were eight

either snow nor sleet, fog or rain could stop the First Sunday Drive from going to Gar Woods for a really great get-

hardy soles and three great Mercedes-Benz cars present.

Gary Dyer provided Tahoe stories (he use to live there) and provided some of the group personnel and auto pictures. Lance Taylor-Warren provided info on his new job as Regional

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NEXT MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2011

SIERRA NEVADA SECTION

MEETINGS ARE ^{usually} HELD AT 5:30 PM ON THE
FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT
MERCEDES-BENZ OF RENO
11500 S. VIRGINIA ST., RENO, NV 89511



PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



he weather has finally settled down, but it played havoc with the June 5th First Sunday Drive to Lake

Tahoe and Gar Woods. Bob Doxey had planned for everything but the sleet and fog, however, a few brave souls battled the elements and made the trip. Oh well, at least the bad weather is now behind us and sunny skies are ahead (no promises).

Another reminder: The date of our planned July meeting falls on the day after Independence Day. Since quite a few of us will be out of town for the holiday, the officers voted to skip the July meeting.

NO MEETING IN JULY.

We will resume our regular meeting schedule on August 2nd.

We have two great events planned for July:

• *July 10:* We'll take a scenic drive to Minden and have lunch at the Wild Horse Bar & Grill. The burgers served here have been voted one of the ten best in the west, by both *Sunset* magazine and *AAA Via* magazine. If you don't like burgers, they serve other fare as well.

• *July 30:* We'll join the Sacramento MBCA Section for a trip to Virginia City. Bill Brandt, of that section, has arranged for an two hour historical walking tour of the town followed by lunch. The cost for the tour is \$10 per person. Lunch will be extra and you'll pay for your own meal. You must send in your \$10 by July 20th. See page 7 for details and where to send your check. This will be a great opportunity to meet other MBCA members from Sacramento. It will also mark the first time our two sections will get together for a joint event.

Even though our section is just a few months old, it's already time to elect new officers. Our By-Laws state that



new officers take office on November 1, and we have to start planning for the transition.

I realize that we have few members, and eventually, somebody may have to serve as an officer more than once, but I would like to see at least several of us rotate through these official positions. I will continue to produce the newsletter (unless someone else steps forward).

The four officer positions up for grabs are:

- *President:* duties include presiding over the meetings and writing this column for each newsletter.
- *Vice President:* basically, this person stands around and does nothing until the President is assassinated or run over by a disgruntled member.
- *Secretary:* duties include taking minutes at each meeting, keeping the minutes on file, and posting them in the newsletter.
- *Treasurer:* this person pays our few bills, deposits even fewer checks, and laughingly presents a treasurer's report at the meetings.

Do you qualify to hold office? Are you breathing? Then you're qualified! Just let me (or one of the other officers) know that you want to run!

Marc Dodson

Marc Dodson, The Prez 



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

READY TO ORDER AT GAR WOODS.



THE DRIVERS EVEN EXPERIENCE SLEET AND SNOW.



First Sunday

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Director. Our illustrious V.P. Darryl Van Dorn was present to keep us under control (some of the ladies got a little rowdy).

Next month's ride will be on July 10th to a location in Minden headed by our President Marc Dodson. Keep the date open.

NASTY LOOKING WEATHER.



Photos by Gary Dyer & darryl Van Dorn.

RAY RICH'S SL ON THE RACK.



LUNCH TIME!



Car Care Clinic

Getting Up Close & Personal at Mercedes-Benz of Reno's Service Department

by Marc Dodson, editor



It was Customer Appreciation Day at the Mercedes-Benz of Reno dealership. On June 25th, our local dealer offered all their loyal customers (not just our members) a day to bring in their Mercedes-Benz for a free inspection,

topping off of all fluids (no, not gas), and a complimentary car wash. Any parts or service needed was offered at a 10% discount.

To sweeten the deal, a continental breakfast followed by a barbecue lunch of sausage, tri-tip, and hamburgers were served to all in attendance.

Following lunch, Ronda Hartley gave our members a personal tour of

the newly remodeled service bays. The session was quite informative and we watched as a couple of our cars hit the lifts.

We also saw the remodel improvements that the dealership had undertaken over the last several months. In all, our members enjoyed an informative and delicious day, and a new appreciation of dealership service.

ELECTIONS

THE SIERRA NEVADA SECTION

IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE
TO SERVE AS OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR!

ARE YOU BREATHING?

DO YOU HAVE A PULSE?

*THEN YOU QUALIFY TO BE AN OFFICER OF THE
PRESTIGIOUS SIERRA NEVADA MBCA!*

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN:

PRESIDENT (PRESIDES OVER CLUB MEETINGS, WRITES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE EACH MONTH)

VICE PRESIDENT (STANDS AROUND AND WAITS FOR THE PRESIDENT TO BE ASSASSINATED)

SECRETARY (RECORDS MINUTES AT MEETINGS, SUBMITS FOR PUBLICATION IN THE NEWSLETTER)

TREASURER (PAYS THE FEW BILLS WE GET, MAKES DEPOSITS, PRESENTS TREASURER'S REPORT)

NEW OFFICERS TAKE OFFICE NOVEMBER 1ST

BENEFITS OF BEING AN OFFICER:

- ✓ LORD IT OVER EVERYONE YOU MEET
- ✓ HAVE THE POWER OF LIFE & DEATH OVER YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS
- ✓ CHANGE THE COURSE OF LIFE ON THIS PLANET AS WE KNOW IT
- ✓ BE IN CHARGE OF A BANK ACCOUNT VALUED IN THE TENS OF DOLLARS

Questions? Contact Marc Dodson • 775-333-1083

Second **FIRST SUNDAY DRIVE**

JULY 10TH • 10:00 AM

(ONE WEEK LATE DUE TO THE INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND)

MEET AT THE MERCEDES-BENZ OF RENO DEALERSHIP

We'll head south, through Franktown, through Jack's Valley, and into Minden to the

WILD HORSE BAR & GRILL

1679 US Hwy 395, Minden, NV 89423 • 775-782-7208

**VOTED ONE OF THE
"TEN BEST BURGERS IN THE WEST"
BY BOTH SUNSET MAGAZINE &
AAA VIA MAGAZINE.**



- * CAST OF THOUSANDS!
- * COST OF MILLIONS!
- * YEARS IN THE MAKING!
- * A ROLLERCOASTER OF GASTRONOMICAL DELIGHT!
- * YOU'LL LAUGH!
- * YOU'LL CRY!
- * YOU'LL WET YOUR PANTS WITH EXCITEMENT!

QUESTIONS? MARC DODSON 775-333-1083



OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST



E63 AMG Wagon

North America will be receiving the 2012 Mercedes-Benz E-Class AMG E63 Wagon, according to a leaked dealer order guide. BenzBoost.com reports the E63 wagon will get the same twin-turbocharged 5.5-liter V8 that debuted in the E63 sedan at last month's New York Auto Show. The wagon will also get the stop/start technology coupled with a seven speed MCT dual-clutch transmission.

Mercedes has previously offered the E63 wagon in extremely limited numbers, as it occupies such a small niche that only the wealthy and eccentric would ever gravitate towards such a car. On the other hand, a high performance wagon can act as a halo for the brand, a factor that prompted Cadillac to offer a wagon version of the CTS-V.

Source: AutoGuide

SLC Rumors

Is There a New SLC Heading Our Way?

Source: BenzInsider.com and Autocar



e've heard that Mercedes-Benz has secretly been planning work on a front-engined sports car to sit on a spot below

the SLS AMG. The secret car will similarly be powered by a V8 engine and now stands to earn plans for development and production after being christened an official code name.

With its price to be pegged at around £75,000, the new sports car is scheduled to be launched around three years from now in 2014. Its platform will likely be based on both Mercedes-Benz's passenger cars and, of course, those of the AMG performance division. AMG has even taken responsibility to take sole responsibility for the car's engineering, development and testing.

Word from officials at Mercedes-Benz says the new sports car will be known as the SLC, a name that was last owned by a fixed-roof version of the 4th generation SL back in 1971. However, the new SLC will have a completely different exterior and interior design.

There's even word that there will both be a coupe and roadster version down the road. Mercedes-Benz is planning to share mechanical and electrical components between the new SLC and the seventh generation SL.



BUMPER
STICKER OF
THE MONTH

VIRGINIA CITY DRIVE

HISTORIAL WALKING TOUR OF VIRGINIA CITY JULY 30TH

MEET AT THE MERCEDES-
BENZ OF RENO DEALERSHIP



WE'LL JOIN THE
SACRAMENTO MBCA SECTION
\$10 PER PERSON (DOES NOT INCLUDE LUNCH)
MUST RSVP BY JULY 20TH WITH COUPON BELOW

(This is Sacramento Section event. We have been invited to join in the fun. Send your check to their address below.)

Virginia City Trip - July 30, 2011 - Deadline July 20

Name _____ How Many _____ Phone _____

Meeting Place and time TBA - I will contact you.

Price of \$10 p/p is for the 2 hour walking tour only. Lunch is no host. I have yet to drive up there and see if the route I want is open.

Please make check to MBCA-Sacramento and mail to:
Bill Brandt
5910 Gloria Drive
Sacramento CA 95822 Questions? (916) 399-1736

FUTURE EVENTS

Sierra Nevada Events

July: *NO SIERRA NEVADA SECTION MEETING in July.*

July 10: Drive to Minden and the Wild Horse Bar & Grill, 10:00 am. Meet at the Mercedes-Benz of Reno dealership. For more Info, contact Marc Dodson, 775-333-1083.

July 30: Join the Sacramento Section for a walking tour of Virginia City. \$10 per person. Meet at the Mercedes-Benz of Reno dealership. For more Info, contact Marc Dodson, 775-333-1083.

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

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

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

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

Other Events of Interest

June 29: Hot August Nights Cruise Night, 6:00 pm. RC Willey, Reno, Nevada. www.hotaugustnights.net

July 6: Hot August Nights Cruise Night, 6:00 pm. Circus Circus, Reno, Nevada. www.hotaugustnights.net

July 13: Hot August Nights Cruise Night, 6:00 pm. Tamarack Junction, Reno, Nevada. www.hotaugustnights.net

July 16-17: Reno SCCA Solo II Race, Stead Airport, Stead, Nevada. www.renoscca.org

July 20: Hot August Nights Cruise Night, 6:00 pm. Hutch's Car Wash, Reno, Nevada. www.hotaugustnights.net

July 27: Hot August Nights Cruise Night, 6:00 pm. Summit Racing, Reno, Nevada. www.hotaugustnights.net

August 3: Hot August Nights Cruise Night, 6:00 pm. A1 Body Shop, Sparks, Nevada. www.hotaugustnights.net

August 6-7: Reno SCCA Solo II Race, Reno-Fernley Raceway. www.renoscca.org

August 6-9: Hot August Nights, Lake Tahoe, Nevada. www.hotaugustnights.net

August 6-8: Hot August Nights Classic Car Auction, Mont-Bleu Resort, Lake Tahoe, Nevada. www.hotaugustnights.net

August 9-14: Hot August Nights, Reno & Sparks, Nevada. www.hotaugustnights.net

August 11-14: Hot August Nights Classic Car Auction, Reno Convention Center, Reno, Nevada. www.hotaugustnights.net

August 13-19: Bonneville Speed Week, Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah. www.scta-bni.org

August 14: Show Off Your Mercedes, Rocklin, Calif. dschnitzer@wavecable.com

August 15-19: Pebble Beach, Concours D'Elegance, Pebble Beach, Calif. www.pebblebeachconcours.net

August 17-21: StarTrails, Ouray, Colo. Back country touring and rocky mountain motoring. www.startrails.mbca.org

August 19: Legends of the Autobahn, West Coast Summer Concours, Rancho Canada Golf Club, Carmel Valley, Calif. www.motorsportreg.com

August 25-28: Silver Classic Car Auction, Carson City, Nevada. www.silverauctions.com

September 3-4: Reno SCCA Solo II Race.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

Ray & Karin Rich

Reno

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.

SILVER STAR NEVADA MOCRA
JUNE 7, 2011 - 5:30 P.M.
MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: VICE PRESIDENT DARRELL WYNN BROWN
CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M.
MARC OBBEN WAS ABSENT DUE TO BUSINESS.

MINUTES: THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
WERE APPROVED AS PRINTED IN THE SILVER
STAR. THE MINUTES WERE 7:5 A.

TREASURER'S REPORT: RON PHILLIPS, TREASURER,
WAS OUT OF TOWN THEREFORE NO REPORT.

MEMBERSHIP: IT WAS REPORTED THAT WE
CURRENTLY HAVE 47 MEMBERSHIPS, AN INCREASE
OF TWO FROM THE PREVIOUS FACILITY.

MOCRA WEBSITE: FRED GIFFELS III REPORTED
HE IS WORKING WITH THE NATIONAL PEOPLE
TO ESTABLISH OUR WEBSITE AND THAT WE
ARE IN THE TOP 5 FOR APPLICATION AND
APPROVAL BY STATE.

EVENTS: FRED GIFFELS MENTIONED SEVERAL
EVENTS AND WOULD GET MORE DETAILS TO
THROW ON THEM FOR THE NEXT MEET. LISTED
HERE ARE THE NAMES AND DATES WITH THEM

APPROVED BY

DATE

EVENTS MENTIONED:

1) LION'S CLUB CHARITY EVENT - 6-26-11
PAID MEET, CA.

2) LEGENDS OF THE VOLLEY 8-20, 21-11
CARNAGE, CA.

ERRATA BE MENTIONED:

1) BODY ON THE VILAGE GREEN - 6-18, 19, 20, 11
NO COST

RENO, NV.

NEXT SUNDAY DRIVE:

1) MINDEN / WILD HORSE BRK & GRILL
MEET AT 11:00 AM AT PID OF RENO,

TAOH SESSION:

1) THIS WAS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED BUT
DATE CHANGED TO 6-25-11.
TRAINING WILL BE COMMUNICATED
WITH E-MAIL.

OLD BUSINESS: - LANCE AGAIN REVIEWED OUR
POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY OF HOSTING THE
SPRING MEETING OF THE ROCK BAND.
A MOTION WAS MADE TO PLACE THE REPORT
IN FRONT TOWARD NEWSLETTER FOR AT THE
NEXT MEETING WE CAN DISCUSS THE
ISSUES OF SPONSORSHIP AND RECOMMEND
PROPOSALS. WE WOULD ALSO WANT ALL
THE ISSUES TO MOVE FORWARD OR NOT.

APPROVED BY

DATE

ONE FIRST SOCIAL EVENT (CONVIDE) WAS ENJOYED BY FOUR COACHES. THE WEATHER IN THE BAY WAS NOT GOOD BUT IN THOSE IT WAS GREAT. A GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL.

NEW BUSINESS:

NO JULY MEETING BUT DON'T FORGET THE SUMMER DRIVE ON JULY 18TH. NEXT MEETING - 8-2-11 AT 5:30PM.

AGENDA: THE MEETING WAS AGENDAD AT 6:15 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
 Dave Fisher
 DAVE FISHER
 SECRETARY



GARY DYER, ERNIE SPITZ, FOUNDER OF THE GULLWING GROUP, AND KATHY DYER.



GULLWINGS ON THE BAY.



Gullwings

50th Anniversary Reunion



Members Gary and Kathy Dyer recently attended the 50th anniversary of the 616 member Gullwing Group International in San Francisco. The group represents 215 gullwings.



BARRY & BARBARA FLEISHER WITH KATHY & GARY DYER.

Photos by Gary Dyer