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BOWLING NIGHT
FEBRUARY 11TH
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The Santa Fe

First Tuesday Dinner at Basque Restaurant in Reno

by Marcus Dodson, Newsletter Editor



Good food, fun, and merriment were had by all in early January at the first Tuesday dinner event of 2020. To kick-off an exciting year of club events, Marcus and Christy Dodson hosted a trip to the newly renovated Santa Fe Restaurant in downtown Reno, Nevada. Old friends and new came together, with a total of 23 members gathering to feast on traditional Basque delicacies. Vencil and Gail Wells arrived separately in their 1987 560 SL and 2004 CL 500. The general consensus was that they must have thought they would get to the restaurant twice as fast if they drove two cars, but it turned out that they came straight

to dinner after picking up Gail's car, which had new door sills installed by Reno Convertible Tops and Trim. There was a festive spirit in the air, particularly when Dan Clune sang to Gail when she was introduced as the new club President. Mary and Gary Dyer were in attendance at dinner, which was a special treat as they were visiting from Arizona. This was the first event of 2020, and it surely set the tone for an exciting year ahead for the club.

Originally opened in 1949 by the Zubillaga family, the Santa Fe Restaurant has long been a bustling spot for good food and tasty drinks. It's not uncommon to see those of Basque heritage

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PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



Off to a Great Start

Looking Forward to an Exciting Year

The Sierra Nevada Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America is off to a great start for 2020, and we have many events and dinners planned. January's Tuesday dinner at the Santa Fe Hotel, hosted by Marcus and Christy Dodson, was well attended and the traditional Basque food was wonderful. Thank you to everyone who attended.

We're looking forward to February's dinner and bowling event at the Grand Sierra Resort. Even my husband, Vencil, who injured his knee bowling last year, is coming back with his brand-new metal knee. Bowling is not only fun, but it's also great exercise. Please email vencil@vencil.com to RSVP. We hope to see you there.

In March, Vencil and I are planning a drive to Fallon, Nevada, to sample the fine spirits and wine at the Frey Distillery. They are being very accommodating to us and are providing complimentary tours.

Please send your RSVP early to blackswan342@gmail.com, as there are only 25 spots available for this event.

Winter can be a tough time to plan and host events, but the Board of Directors aims to make this a more year-round club. There are still a few spots open on the calendar for a Tuesday dinner or a driving event. Feel free to contact Christy Dodson, Secretary, at christy@dodsonpublications.com, or myself, at blackswan342@gmail.com, to find out which dates are available and to sign up.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered already to help make this a fun and successful year of good driving, good food, and good friends. I would also like to personally thank Bill at Reno Convertible Tops and Trim for installing my new threshold mats. As always, it was another quality job.

Gail V. Wells
President



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Gary Dyer • 2017
Bill Shepherd • 2018 & 2019

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Santa Fe Restaurant

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mingling with Reno locals, clinking glasses together filled with picon punch. In 2017, Dennis Banks purchased the Santa Fe Restaurant and the attached lodging house from the original owners. Since then, the restaurant underwent an extensive renovation over the course of a two-year period, and the stakes were high when the Santa Fe Restaurant reopened in mid-2019.

From the outside, the traditional brick façade remains the same. Similarly, there are several interior elements that will remind loyal patrons of the old spot, including the walnut doors, two-level dining room, communal tables, and hand-painted mural.

There were several club members who had not visited the Santa Fe Restaurant since its major overhaul, and they were not disappointed with the evening. As usual, the restaurant

boasts a family-style way of dining, with long tables accommodating the passing of bowls and plates of shared food. Prior to eating, the club got a quick history lesson on Basque culture from our resident history buff, Tim Wellesley. To read more about Basque history and culture, see Tim's article on page 9.

While some club members dined on 12oz. New York strip steak, Atlantic salmon, enormous pork chops, and roasted chicken, others were more adventurous, opting for beef tongue, lamb lollipops, and braised oxtail. No matter what was chosen, everyone was satisfied and filled to the brim. All dinners included French bread, soup, salad, beans, fries, vanilla ice cream, and red wine.



Attendees who were looking for a truly authentic experience made sure to order the picon punch, a cocktail made with a traditional French liqueur, soda water, grenadine, lemon, and brandy. The club's resident pilots, which include Gary Dyer, Gene Lamski, and Bill Shepherd, can agree that pilots prefer picon. Picons are served in a custom-stemmed glass produced by the Louie Picon Glass Company of Sparks, Nevada. You can't get more local than that, folks.

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Wheel Restoration

Alloy Wheel Restoration Specialist Goes Above & Beyond in Reno

by Vencil Wells, Director-at-Large, Sierra Nevada Section of the MBCA



You may have noticed the new half-page ad in the newsletter for Precision Wheels and Restoration. This is primarily my fault. When I first moved to Reno, Nevada, a little over nine years ago, I needed to have all four of the wheels on my 2004 CL500 repaired. The previous owner of my car had damaged two of them, and I did a poor job of parallel parking and damaged the other two. I had previously used a wheel-repair specialist in Calabasas, California, so I was aware of the ability to restore curb rash on wheels. I called Mercedes-Benz of Reno and asked them if they could

recommend someone who could perform wheel restoration and repair in the area.

The dealership referred me to Elijah Zachary at Precision Wheels and Restoration. At that time, he was living in South Lake Tahoe and commuting to Reno with a truck towing a trailer that he had converted into a mobile workshop and paint booth. I called him and he came to my ranch 25 miles north of Reno a few days later. He did a perfect job on my wheels, and even painted the four center star pieces that were peeling, free of charge. A few years later, a local tire merchant damaged one of my wheels while installing new tires. I called Elijah and he met me at my accountant's office and repaired the wheel while I was getting my taxes done. Again, it was a perfect job and his service was impeccable.

About three years ago, I turned too early and grazed my right front wheel against a curb, causing a scratch. I could not stand to have a mark on my car, so again I called Elijah and agreed to meet him at a used car dealership in South Reno, where he was working on other projects. He fixed the scratch and even did a touchup on the right rear wheel after he discovered a small mark.

A couple of years ago, I referred club member Marcus Dodson to Elijah to get his wheel fixed, and he told me that Elijah had opened a fixed location near the airport, in addition to his mobile service. He had expanded his repertoire to include small body repairs and paint touchups. He even installed a paint booth and wheel-balancing machine.

When my wife and I purchased her 1987 560SL last year, the third brake-light enclosure on the trunk had been polished through to the primer. The car also had paint chips on the passenger door from years of parking next to careless drivers. We took it to Elijah, and he did a perfect repair of the brake-light enclosure, matching the signal red color exactly. He used the same paint to hand touchup the chips as well.

I felt a need to share these stories with my fellow club members, as Precision Wheels and Restoration offers a wonderful service at very reasonable prices, which we all need from time to time.




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Broader Horizons

Teaming Up With an American Icon to Make Luxury Touring Coaches

by Ali Turner, Reporter for the Automotive Industry



What sounds better than traveling across the country, taking in historical sights, and exploring everything America has to offer? How about doing all that in a brand-new, next-generation, luxury touring coach? Well, the good news is that's possible thanks to a partnership between Mercedes-Benz and Airstream®.

Airstream is an American brand of travel trailers, first introduced in the 1920s and made popular by its distinctive round, polished aluminum design. By teaming up with Mercedes-Benz, luxury car enthusiasts are able to enjoy the traditional travel itinerary without compromising style or comfort. The new travel coach options are an extension of the existing Sprinter line of Mercedes-Benz full-sized vans, yet they are quite lavishly appointed and ready for extended travel. There are currently several exciting Mercedes-Benz options for Airstream enthusiasts.

The Interstate Nineteen is the smallest of the touring coach options, at 19'

long, and it all fits nicely within a standard parking spot. Great for the solo traveler or the adventurous couple, Interstate Nineteen makes the driving experience incredibly enjoyable. A power sofa and side seats that convert into a sleeping space give explorers the best of both worlds. A one-touch C-Zone control screen allows drivers to open or close all of the shades in the Interstate Nineteen at once. The same goes for interior lighting, an outside awning, air conditioning, and more. A European-style restroom has all the standard necessities, plus modern conveniences such as an extendable mirror that swivels, a multifunctional showerhead, and a waterproof toilet paper cover.

Sierra Nevada Mercedes-Benz Club of America member, Jeanne Brower, owns a beautiful silver Airstream Interstate Nineteen, which she purchased outside of Chicago, Illinois. In fact, Brower's longest trip to date in the Airstream was from the Chicago area to Reno, Nevada, nearly 2,000 miles. "I love how well the Airstream drives and that it has all of the new Mercedes fea-



JEANNE BROWER AT THE WHEEL OF HER AIRSTREAM.

tures," said Brower. "Lane-keeping assistance, collision prevention, and easy maneuverability make driving the Airstream a dream." Brower's only complaint is the factory-installed radio that came with the vehicle. "It could use a better sound system," she expressed. Currently, Brower is planning a trip down to Las Vegas, and will continue on through several California spots, including Benton Hot Springs, Death Valley, and Santa Barbara.

The Interstate Lounge EXT has been reimagined with new and improved features, designs, and interior decor that has redefined luxury travel. The

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Broader Horizons

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floor plan has space for nine passengers, or seven with the 4x4 options. An onboard restroom makes road trips and tailgating more enjoyable, with a sink, shower, toilet, plus a built-in toiletries station and a clothesline. Prepare and serve snacks and drinks on the galley's elegant DuPont™ Corian® countertops. European-style curved cabinetry, made from gorgeous matte veneers, gives you a space to store any accessories you may need for your trip. A TV at the front of the main cabin is perfect for passengers near the front, and an additional TV in the back allows everyone to enjoy some onboard entertainment. With a 24' length and the ability to sleep up to two people, rest assured that you can ride to your next destination in style and comfort, with all the conveniences you need.

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The advertisement features a logo on the left consisting of a silver alloy wheel with a blue flame-like graphic behind it. Below the logo, the text reads: **PRECISION** WHEELS AND RESTORATION, Alloy Wheel Restoration, Automotive Cosmetic Repairs, Alloy Wheel Straightening. On the right, there is a large image of a silver alloy wheel with the text *Your Experts in Wheel Restoration* overlaid. At the bottom left, the phone number 775-343-6067 and address 3751 MILL STREET, RENO, NEVADA 89502 are listed. At the bottom right, the website WWW.PRECISIONWHEELS.NET is displayed in a blue banner.



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3PM

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

The National Automobile Museum

Sierra Nevada MBCA is a Proud Sponsor of This Great Museum Here in Reno



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

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- 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 Meguiars 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 Section of the 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.

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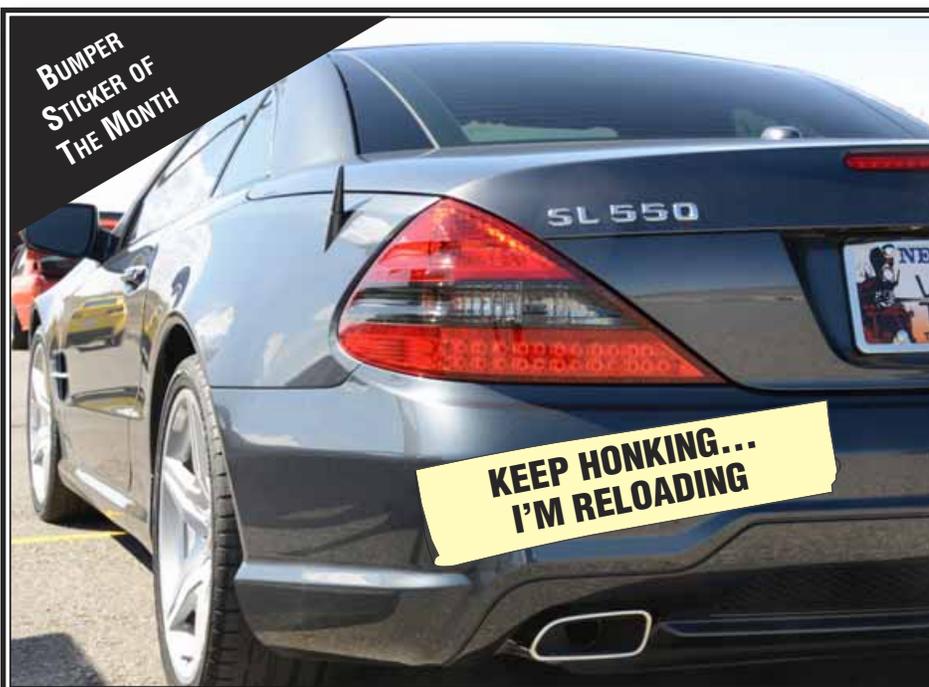
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Be sure and order the magnet-backed version.





FROM LEFT TO RIGHT; MAP OF THE BASQUE REGION, CELEBRATION IN ELKO, NV, & A TRADITIONAL BASQUE SHEEP WAGON.



Nevada Basque

One Member Reminisces About Local Basque History

by Tim Wellesley, member, Sierra Nevada Section of the MBCA

In early January, 23 members of the Sierra Nevada Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America joined together at the Santa Fe Restaurant, a quaint two-story Basque eatery in downtown Reno, Nevada. Basque restaurants are unique establishments that are distinctive for their marvelous cuisine and casual ambience. Patrons are seated at long tables where endless servings of assorted Basque specialties are passed around, including steak, lamb, pork, chicken, paella, sweetbreads, as well as tongue, lamb, and oxtail stews. Delectable desserts include gâteau Basque, bread pudding, and flan. A visit to a Basque restaurant can open curious minds to one of the most colorful and exciting aspects of our state's history.

The Basque people originate from a region of Southern France and Northern Spain, along the Pyrenees Mountains. The European ethnic group began arriving in America's Wild West in the mid-1800s, at the height of the Gold Rush. Few of those hopeful pioneers found any precious metals, so most labored in mines or worked supplying goods and services to the mining communities. The Basques were especially skillful in raising livestock, partic-

ularly sheep. Even in modern times, during summer months, travelers can still see vast herds of sheep grazing in high mountain meadows, cared for by a shepherd who may be of Basque heritage.

Perhaps one of the most notorious Basque families in American history is Nevada's own Laxalt family. In 1906, Dominique Laxalt emigrated from Soule, France, and arrived in Nevada. While he had little education and didn't speak English, Dominique soon became a successful shepherd, cattle rancher, and business owner in Nevada and California. A devastating livestock crash and harsh winter struck in 1922, which found Dominique and his new wife, Therése, facing hard times in the high desert. However, the Basque people are applauded for their hard work, perseverance, and survival skills, so it was not surprising when the couple immediately started over. They herded sheep together, and Therése was in charge of cooking three meals a day for as many as 30 ranch hands.



DOMINIQUE LAXALT

In 1926, the Laxalts settled in Carson City, Nevada, where they opened a successful restaurant called The French Hotel. Dominique ran the family's shepherding business, while Therése, a classically trained French cook, tended to the restaurant and assumed much of the task of raising their six children. One of those six children was Paul Laxalt, who would go on to become a successful attorney, Governor of Nevada, and United States Senator. Paul would later reminisce that his interest in politics was sparked by the conversations he would overhear at The French Hotel.

As for myself, I grew up on the Wellesley Ranch in Washoe Valley, which was just below the Laxalt's sheep camp at Marlette Lake. Dominique would traverse down from the High Sierras, often stopping at my family's ranch. It was during the summer of 1945, when World War II was coming to an end and Paul was finishing his military service in the Philippines, that Dominique gave me a few small lambs to raise. I was seven years old and it was a most exciting moment.

MEETING MINUTES

Sierra Nevada MBCA Board of Directors Meeting Location: Mercedes-Benz of Reno Thursday, January 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

Gail Wells, President, called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Directors present were: Gail Wells, President; Patti Settember, Program Director; Christy Dodson, Secretary; Vencil Wells, Board Member; Marcus Dodson, Newsletter Editor; and Bill Shepherd, Past President. Also present was Lori Shepherd.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Christy Dodson confirmed there was a quorum of directors present.

MINUTES:

Marcus Dodson made a motion to approve the previous minutes as printed in the Newsletter. The motion was seconded by Patti Settember.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Patti Settember went over the Treasurer's Report from LaVern Lipinski, Treasurer. The Club is paid up for last year's events and is set up for the first quarter of 2020. The Club has taken in \$1,500 in advertising contracts from five advertisers.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Marc Dodson submitted a membership report for the first quarter, which included: one new member, Jeanne Brower, Reno; two trans-

fer members, Christopher and Stephanie Hill, Reno, and Michael Garcia, Carson City, Nevada; and two expired members. The Club has 86 total members as of January 1, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mercedes-Benz dealership Director Steve Terhaar was expected to make an appearance at the Board of Directors quarterly meeting, but never showed up. He was asked through email to attend but did not respond.
- A motion was given by Patti Settember to do away with monthly drawings and instead evaluate how much is in the account on November 1 annually. Then, the Club can buy down members' dinners at the Christmas Party. The motion was seconded by Vencil Wells and passed unanimously.
- The Board of Directors are happy with the newsletter, which will be distributed once per month at least for the next year.
- Gail Wells wants to get Distinct Auto Detailing in the newsletter for advertising.

SECTION EVENTS:

- Gail and Vencil Wells will host a bowling and buffet Tuesday event on February 11, 2020, at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino.
- Tom and Grace Jenny will host a dinner at the Homegrown Gastropub in Midtown Reno on March 3, 2020.
- Gail and Vencil Wells will host a drive to Fallon, Nevada, to the Courtyard Cafe and Bakery, followed by a drive to Frey Distillery for a tasting on March 14, 2020. Club members should leave from the Mercedes-Benz dealership by 10:00 a.m. to arrive in Fallon by noon. There will be a limit of 25 people. There will be a no-

tice in the newsletter.

- Patti Settember will host a Tuesday dinner at Pietro's Famiglia in Sparks, Nevada, on April 7, 2020.
- Patti Settember will host a lunch at Sherry's Stage Stop in Yerington, Nevada, on April 25, 2020. The Lyon County Museum in Yerington is expecting Club members between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and they will have docents available for tours. Club members should leave from the Mercedes-Benz dealership by 9:45 a.m. to arrive by 11:30 a.m.
- Marcus Dodson was nominated to create maps for the Fallon and Yerington drives.
- The Board brainstormed many events and will continue to look into them.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Thursday, April 16 at 5:00 p.m. The location will be determined at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bill Shepherd made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Marcus Dodson seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Christy Dodson, Secretary*

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**Christopher & Stephanie Hill — Reno, NV
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MARCH FIRST TUESDAY DINNER

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HOMEGROWN GASTROPUB



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EVENTS

February 11, 2020: Sierra Nevada MBCA Tuesday Dinner & Bowling, hosted by Vencil & Gail Wells, Grand Sierra Resort Lanes, Reno, Nevada, 3:00-5:00 p.m., dinner buffet at 5:30 p.m. To RSVP, contact Vencil Wells at vencil@vencil.com or (818) 667-9745

March 3, 2020: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner, hosted by Tom & Grace Jenny, Homegrown Gastropub, Reno, Nevada. To RSVP, contact Tom Jenny at tomjenny88@yahoo.com or (818) 648-4107

March 14, 2020: Sierra Nevada MBCA Drive to Frey Distillery, hosted by Vencil & Gail Wells, Fallon, Nevada. To RSVP, contact Gail Wells at blackswan342@gmail.com or (307) 763-1701

April 7, 2020: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner, hosted by Patti Settember, Pietro's Famiglia, Sparks, Nevada. To RSVP, contact Patti Settember at topat83@aol.com or (770) 852-1522

April 2020: Sierra Nevada MBCA Drive to Yerington, Nevada, for dinner & music, Date To Be Determined

May 5, 2020: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner, hosted by Gary & Mary Dyer, Location To Be Determined

May 2020: Sierra Nevada MBCA Drive to Minden, Nevada, & Bentley Distillery Tour, hosted by Dan & Rose Clune, Date To Be Determined

June 2, 2020: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner, hosted by Terry & Lynn Nielsen, Location To Be Determined

June 26-28, 2020: Sierra Nevada MBCA Overnight Drive to Columbia Valley, California, hosted by Marc & Sue Dodson. To RSVP, contact Marc Dodson at marc.v.dodson@gmail.com or (775) 771-1080

July 7, 2020: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner, hosted by LaVern Lipinski & Carlos Lucovich, Location To Be Determined

July 11, 2020: Sierra Nevada MBCA Summer Backyard Party, Marcus & Christy Dodson's home, 1840 Wendy Way, Reno, Nevada. To RSVP, contact Christy Dodson at christy@dodsonpublications.com or (775) 771-7777

August 4, 2020: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner, hosted by Bill & Lori Shepherd, Location To Be Determined

August 2020: Sierra Nevada MBCA Picnic & Play at Bartley Ranch Regional Park, hosted by LaVern Lipinski & Carlos Lucovich, Reno, Nevada, Date To Be Determined

September 1, 2020: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner, hosted by Tim & Katherine Wellesley, Location To Be Determined

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IN CLOSING

Dumb Inventions

It Seems There's a Market for Just About Anything

by Marcus Dodson, Newsletter Editor

(Editor's Note: The following story may have absolutely nothing to do with Mercedes or automobiles, but we feel it's interesting nonetheless. If you have a humorous or interesting story you would like to submit for this column, call us at (775) 997-9901.)

When we first saw some of these submissions, we thought they were a joke. Surely people aren't really investing their hard-earned money trying to market these products, are they? But then again, who knows. If you're old enough to remember the Pet Rock™ craze of the 1970s, there might just be a market out there for these inventions.

