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**JULY 6, 2021**  
**FIRST TUESDAY DINNER**  
**(SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS)**



## Flying High

*Well-Attended Dinner Event at Glen Eagles in Carson*

by Marcus Dodson, Newsletter Editor



On a hot, sunny day in early June, 34 members of the Sierra Nevada Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America trekked to Carson City for a cozy dinner at Glen Eagles. An established restaurant in the capitol city, Glen Eagles is known for serving steaks, seafood, and pasta in a classically elegant atmosphere. On this particular evening, which was hosted by Gail and Vencil Wells, the large group was given a private dining room situated with big, long banquet tables.

Prior to dinner being served, friends mingled around the room and enjoyed

cocktails. There were several new faces, and it was a delight to witness people introducing themselves and getting to know each other. It surely was a reminder that the Mercedes-Benz Club is a great opportunity to not only meet new friends, but invite your old friends to join, too. We can always benefit from having new, dynamic members in the club.

The service was spot-on, especially considering the entire group only had access to one waitress. Despite being incredibly busy the entire night, she was a superstar at keeping the group fed and watered. The standout orders

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# PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



## Party Like it's 1776

*Lively Summer Calendar of Club Events Heading Your Way*

**H**appy Independence Day to all of my friends. Even though we all drive German cars, let's not forget that we're blue-blooded Americans. Independence Day is a holiday where we should reflect on all of the amazing privileges we have as Americans. So, whether you're going to be spending the long weekend at a BBQ, picnic, parade, baseball game, or at home, be sure to find some way to celebrate our nation and all of the wonderful things about being an American.

Our First Wednesday Dinner in June at Glen Eagles in Carson City was spectacular. We had a huge group of 34 club members attend, including some friends and new faces. Then, a week later, the group drove to Lake Tahoe for a dazzling evening on the Safari Rose luxury yacht. It was a very memorable evening, and Vencil and I were so happy to be surrounded by all of our friends.

Summer is in full swing, and we have a jam-packed calendar full of club

events. This month is the Annual Summer Backyard Party on July 17, hosted by Christy and Marcus Dodson at their Reno home. This year's party will be Christmas themed, and you won't want to miss this outdoor, catered event. The Annual Bartley Ranch Regional Picnic and Play on August 21 will be very fun, especially since it was canceled last summer. LaVern and Carlos Lucovich will host that event, and more details will be released shortly. Please be sure to RSVP to any event you would like to attend, so that the hosts can plan accordingly. Next week, MaryAnn and Bob Tokle are hosting the First Tuesday Dinner at Lakeside Bar and Grill in Reno on July 6.

There are plenty of opportunities in 2021 to host a daytime or nighttime event. If you have an idea for a dinner or a drive, please reach out to one of the board members.

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THE GROUP ENJOYED A GREAT EVENING OF FOOD & FUN.



## Flying High

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for the evening were the New York steak, filet mignon, rib eye, chicken piccata, and salmon.

The temperatures were rising in the dining room, but that didn't stop the club from enjoying a fun-filled evening. The Reno and Carson Valley hit record-high temperatures that week, and the restaurant's thermostat was put to the test. It was a long night, clocking in at four hours, which was a testament to just how much fun everyone was having. Glen Ea-

is interested. For more information and to sign up to host a Tuesday Dinner or an event, contact Gail Wells. Stay up to date on future club events by searching for @SierraNevadaMBCA on Facebook. 



gles was a great choice for the venue, as it was a quick drive for almost everyone, particularly those coming from Reno, Sparks, Gardnerville, and Carson City.

The next First Tuesday Dinner will be at Lakeside Bar and Grill in Reno, Nevada, on July 6, 2021, hosted by MaryAnn and Bob Tokle. To RSVP, please contact MaryAnn Tokle at manntlk7@aol.com or (480) 734-0205. Dinners happen monthly, and there are opportunities to host for anyone who

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# EQE

## Mercedes All-Electric E-Class Sedan Coming Soon

by Ali Turner, Reporter for the Automotive Industry

**M**ercedes®-Benz is charging up, excuse the pun, to release a new all-electric sedan called the EQE. Spy shots show that it will be slightly smaller than the current Mercedes-Benz E-class sedan, and will act as the electric counterpart to the gas-powered model. As we reported in late 2020, the new E-class line is part of the German luxury carmaker's plan to more fully embrace the electrification of its fleet.

In April 2021, we were given a glimpse of the EQE when Mercedes took it for test laps around the Nürburgring. More recently, however, anxious automotive reporters were given more intelligence as Mercedes has released a new video that shows the EQE back at the German track for further testing.

The EQE will have two electric motors, located in the front and back, which will enable all-wheel drive, as

well as different battery size options. While we don't know the specifics yet, we can imagine that the all-electric powertrain will be similar to the Mercedes-Benz EQC, which generates 403 horsepower and 564 lb.-ft. of torque.

Mercedes employs a flat, platform-type architecture for the EQE, which will also be adapted for future vehicles of all sizes. The EQE will have some standard touches, such as a traditional trunk lid with an integrated brake light. Also, we can expect the EQE body to have a smooth, closed-off grill, sleek lighting elements, and aerodynamic bumpers. The interior cabin will resemble a Mercedes S-Class, so comfort will not be spared.

As if we were not already excited about the Mercedes EQE, there have also been patents filed in Europe, which hint at an AMG version of the electric sedan. These trademarks have the monikers of EQE 43, EQE 53, and EQE

63, and new spy shots have officially hit the internet. The AMG-tuned prototype show the electric sedan to be quite similar to its non-AMG counterpart, except for orange brake calipers, chunky wheels, and typical AMG front fascia. The perforated and ventilated front discs also hint at a more powerful powertrain, rumored to deliver more than 500 horsepower.

The EQE is based on the same dedicated EV platform found in the Mercedes EQS, which allows the driver to add around 150 miles of charging in 15 minutes. Just like with the EQS, AMG plans to add its own wiring harness to the EQE. AMG will also outfit the vehicle with its own tuning for the suspension and brakes, including an AMG-exclusive brake energy recovery system that is modeled after F1 vehicles. Called i-Booster, this system will combine energy recovery with hy-

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THE ALL NEW EQE SPIED WITH CAMOUFLAGE AT THE NÜRBURGRING IN GERMANY.

# EQE

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draulic braking to ensure a predictable brake feel on the road.

As usual, Mercedes-AMG are tight-lipped about the performance version, but we hope to learn more as we get closer to the EQE's release date. We ex-

pect the new EQE to arrive in American showrooms in late 2022, but hopefully Mercedes will provide more details soon when it is debuted at the Frankfurt Auto Show in September. The AMG version might not arrive until the fol-

lowing summer, making it a 2023 model. Similarly, we aren't positive on what the price tag will be, but interested consumers can expect to put down around \$65,000 when it goes on sale. 



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IN FRONT OF THE SAFARI ROSE AFTER THE SUNSET CRUISE.

# All Aboard!

## Club Enjoys Divine Trip on Elegant Boat Tour of Lake Tahoe

by Marcus Dodson, Newsletter Editor

**L**ake Tahoe has long dazzled both visitors and locals alike, with its seemingly infinite depths, majestic coastline, and elegant spirit. Just when you think you've explored all that Tahoe and its border towns have to offer, a new opportunity falls in your lap. For members of the Sierra Nevada Section of the Mercedes®-Benz Club of America, the June club event was a memorable one to say the least.

In early June, 29 guests gathered at the Idle Hour Wine and Bubbly Bar in South Lake Tahoe for pre-cruise drinks and small bites. The venue is stunning, with sweeping panoramas of the lake, elegant interiors, and a friendly staff. Diners were able to choose from a carefully curated menu that included artisanal pizzas, cheese fondue, paninis, shrimp cocktail, crab, and more. The Idle Hour offered a small wine and beer selection for guests to choose from. Thank you very much to Michael and Dee Garcia for hosting this magical event.

Following the early dinner, the club then took a shuttle to the Safari Rose luxury yacht, which is the largest and



most luxurious yacht on Lake Tahoe. Built in 1959 for the 3M Corporation, Safari Rose has six bathrooms, a dining room, heated leather-and-teak salon, full bar, beautiful enclosed fantail, sun deck, and cozy fireplace. The sunset cruise offered guests an exclusive up-close tour of the magnificent shoreline and lakefront attractions. It was a chilly evening on the alpine lake, but everyone had a great time

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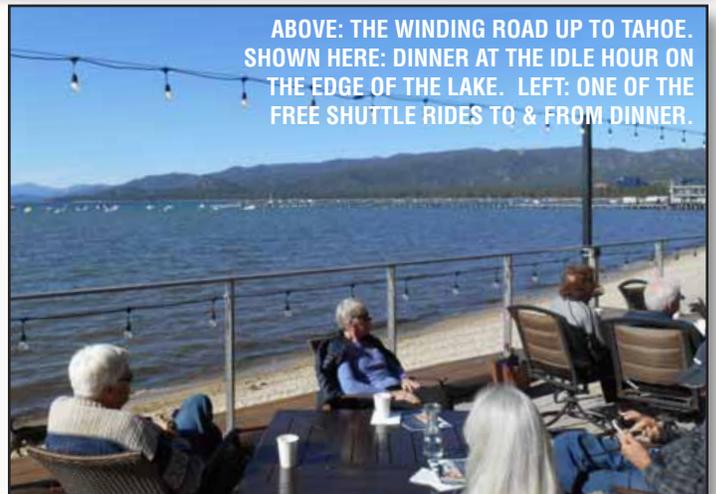


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exploring one of Nevada's most beloved natural wonders. The Safari Rose took guests on a tour of Emerald Bay, where club members saw the 38-room Viking-sholm mansion, Fannette Island, and the beautiful depths of the crystal-clear emerald waters.

The next event will be the Annual Summer Backyard Party at Christy and Marcus Dodson's home on July 17. The theme is Christmas in July, and guests will enjoy a catered dinner and drinks in an outdoor setting. RSVP to this event by contacting Christy Dodson at [christy@dodsonpublica-](mailto:christy@dodsonpublica-)

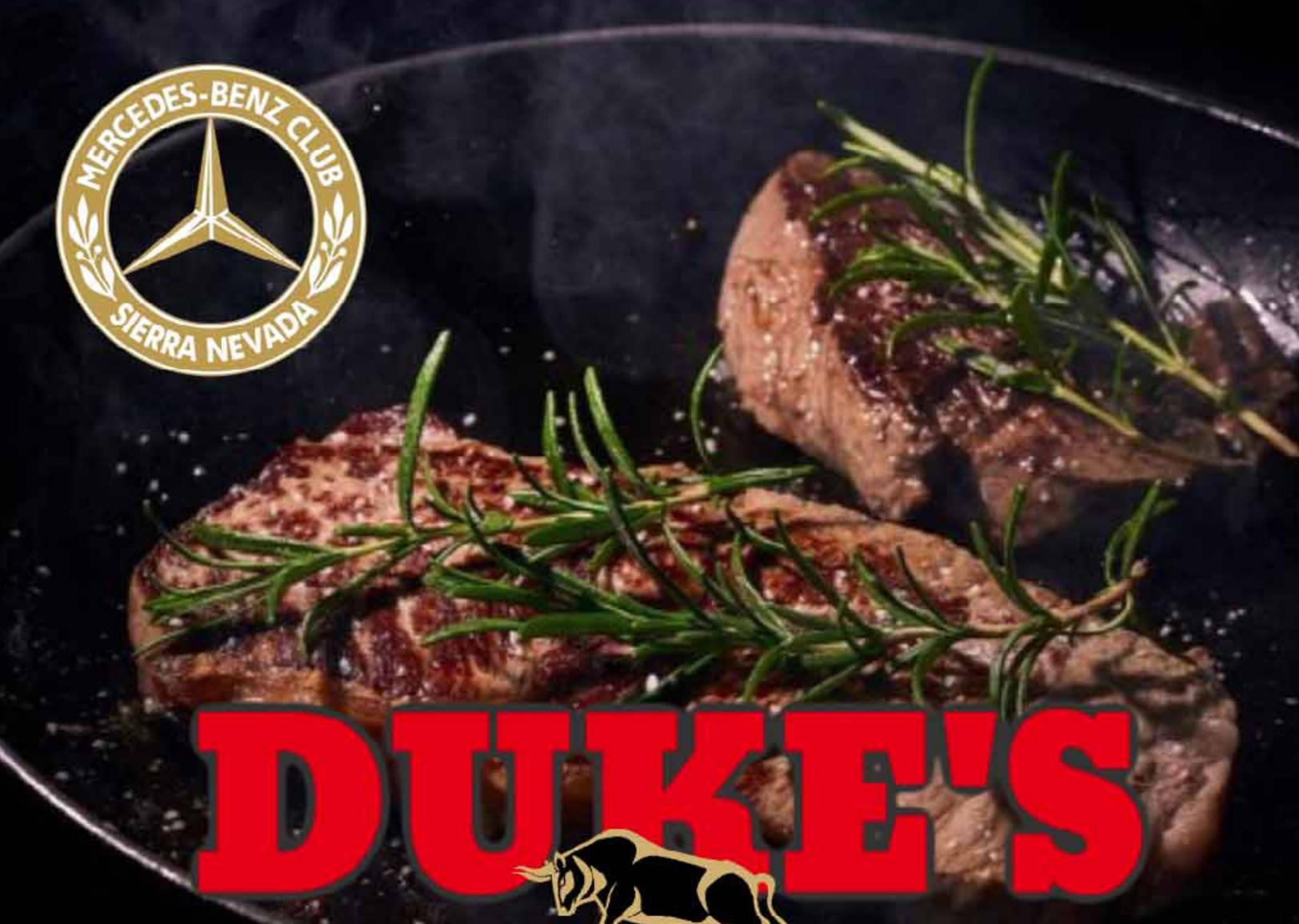


ABOVE: THE WINDING ROAD UP TO TAHOE. SHOWN HERE: DINNER AT THE IDLE HOUR ON THE EDGE OF THE LAKE. LEFT: ONE OF THE FREE SHUTTLE RIDES TO & FROM DINNER.



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# DUKE'S



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STIRLING MOSS WITH HIS RACE-WINNING MERCEDES 300 SLR.

# Sir Stirling Moss

## *In Memory of a Star Behind the Wheel*

by Ali Turner, Reporter for the Automotive Industry

**S**ir Stirling Moss, the British Formula 1® driver and overall motorsport legend, passed away in early 2020 at the age of 90. He was one of the great Mercedes®-Benz stars in the legendary 1955 motorsport season and continued throughout his life to be a dedicated brand ambassador for the luxury German carmaker.

“If everything is under control, you are just not driving fast enough,” said Moss. Known in the automotive world as the greatest driver never to win the World Championship, Moss won 212 of the 529 races he entered throughout his career. He certainly came close to being a champion winner, and there was even a seven-year span where he finished as championship runner-up four times and third place three times.

Car racing was in his blood, as his dentist father was an amateur racing



driver who came in 16th in the 1924 Indianapolis 500, his mother took part in races, and his sister was a successful rally driver. Moss received his first car, an Austin 7, at the age of nine, and then purchased his first car at 15. When he began his racing career in 1948, it was at the helm of his father’s 328 BMW,

DPX 653. At the age of 21, he won his first major international victory at the RAC Tourist Trophy in Northern Ireland in a borrowed Jaguar XK120. Moss won that race six more times, including in a 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300 SLR.

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# Sir Stirling Moss

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These early wins impressed Alfred Neubauer, the racing boss for Mercedes, so much so that he approached Moss and his manager to discuss joining the Mercedes Grand Prix team. Before moving forward with a partnership, however, Neubauer wanted to evaluate how Moss performed in a higher-quality racing car than he had been using. So, Moss purchased a Maserati 250F and went on to qualify alongside long-time Mercedes drivers, and he even won the Oulton Park International Golf Cup. It was at the Italian Grand Prix that Moss passed Juan Manuel Fangio, Mercedes, and Alberto Ascari, Ferrari, who were known as the top two Formula 1 drivers of that time. Fangio ended up winning that race, but Moss garnered attention when he pushed his Maserati and its blown engine across the finish line. Neubauer signed Moss to the Mercedes-Benz



STIRLING MOSS & CO-DRIVER DENIS JENKINSON IN THE MILLE MIGLIA ROAD RACE.

Grand Prix team for the 1955 season. This was a pivotal moment for the Brit, as he had become a member of the most successful racing team in the world.

In 1955, Moss won the Mille Miglia, a 1,000-mile Italian race that has been described as the most iconic single-day's drive in motor racing history. "It was my greatest victory," Moss later said. He accomplished this in a Mer-

cedes-Benz 300 SLR racing sports car with start number 722. "Only Mercedes-Benz could build such a car," he expressed. The race began on May 1, 1955, at 7:22 a.m., which is where the start number of the 300 SLR came from. Moss and his co-driver, Denis Jenkinson, went on the hunt from Brescia over to Rome, and then back, for a total of

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MOSS CELEBRATING AFTER WINNING A RACE.



## Sir Stirling Moss

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more than 1,000 miles. Corner by corner, the 300 SLR flew along the epic route, engaging in a scrappy fight for seconds with 520 other vehicles. The finish line appeared after more than ten hours of driving, with Moss and Jenkinson clocking in an average speed of nearly 98 mph. The British duo set a new world record, which still stands today.

Mercedes-Benz withdrew from circuit racing at the end of the 1955 season, at the height of the team's success. Moss went on to drive other vehicles by Vanwall, Cooper, Porsche, Aston Martin, Ferrari, Lotus, and B.R.M. His career was cut shorter than expected when a horrific racing accident in 1962 caused severe physical damage and put Moss in a coma for a month. After lengthy treatment, which included surgery, he tried to return to racing, but eventually retired at the age of 35. "To achieve anything, you must be prepared to dabble on the boundary of disaster," he had once said. From then on, he participated in races for historic cars and made appearances for commercial and ceremonial events. He was also a commentator for ABC's *Wide World of Sports* for Formula 1 and NASCAR® races.

Aside from being known as an incredible racecar driver, Moss had an appeal that mirrored the wartime fighter pilots of his home country. He would willingly invite journalists and TV cameras into his home in London to show off his high-tech gadgets in an effervescently boyish manner. In 2000, Moss was knighted by Queen Elizabeth, which added to his prior acceptance into the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire that he received in 1959.

Moss passed away in April 2020 at the age of 90. In his lifetime, he always stayed associated with Mercedes, and in later years he particularly followed the activities of Mercedes-Benz Classic as a brand ambassador. Mercedes-Benz honored his racing legacy by presenting his 300 SLR at exclusive appearances at the 2021 Goodwood Festival of Speed and Goodwood Revival in England. Moss notably said, "I believe that if a man wanted to walk on water, and was prepared to give up everything in life, he could do it." 



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- Members receive a 10% discount at the National Auto Museum 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.

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

July 6, 2021: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner, hosted by MaryAnn & Bob Tokle, Lakeside Bar & Grill, Reno, Nevada. To RSVP, contact MaryAnn Tokle at manntlk7@aol.com or (480) 734-0205

July 17, 2021: Sierra Nevada MBCA Summer Backyard Party, Christy & Marcus Dodson's home, 1840 Wendy Way, Reno, Nevada. To RSVP, contact Christy Dodson at christy@dodsonpublications.com or (775) 771-7777

August 4, 2021: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Wednesday Dinner, hosted by Gail & Vencil Wells, Duke's Steakhouse at Casino Fandango, Carson City, Nevada. To RSVP, contact Gail Wells at blackswan342@gmail.com or (307) 763-1701

August 21, 2021: Sierra Nevada MBCA Picnic & Play at Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno, Nevada, hosted by LaVern & Carlos Lucovich, Reno, Nevada. To RSVP, contact LaVern Lucovich at lipinski3541@gmail.com or (775) 882-4697

September 7, 2021: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner, hosted by Tom & Grace Jenny, location to be determined. To RSVP, contact Tom Jenny at tom-jenny88@yahoo.com or (818) 648-4107

September 18, 2021: Sierra Nevada MBCA Dinner & Drive to Zano's Family Italian & Pizzeria, Truckee, California, hosted by Tessy & David Albin. To RSVP, contact Marcus Dodson at marcus@dodsonpublications.com or (775) 997-9901

October 1, 2021: Sierra Nevada MBCA Oktoberfest, Christy & Marcus Dodson's home, 1840 Wendy Way, Reno, Nevada. To RSVP, contact Marcus Dodson at marcus@dodsonpublications.com or (775) 997-9901

November 2, 2021: Sierra Nevada MBCA First Tuesday Dinner, location to be determined

December 2021: Sierra Nevada MBCA Christmas Party, hosted by Ray Rich, location & date to be determined. To RSVP, contact Ray Rich at rayrich@sbc-global.net or (775) 560-9592

## Video of the Month

### *Kids Shouldn't Drive!*



Check out this funny video of little kids driving little cars. Maybe they've gone coo-coo for Cocoa Puffs, or they're just sleepy. I think we should all stay off the roads when these youngsters learn to drive a real car. To watch the humorous one minute video, click on the link below or scan the QR code with your smart phone: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLLinmJPWto>



# IN CLOSING

## Dog Shaming Sometimes You Just Have to Put Up with It

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.)

**I**f you have a dog, you know you'll put up with just about anything it does. Sometimes, however, it can be frustrating. These dog owners took to shaming their dogs on the internet. Do you think this will help? I doubt it, but it sure is entertaining.

