



Orange County STAR

May 2006

Mercedes-Benz Club of America - Orange County, California

Something new for
MBCA-OC early risers.

May 13

Saturday Morning Breakfast

8:00 A.M. to 10 A.M.

enjoy the home-made cooking at

Katella Family Grill

714-997-9191

1325 West Katella Ave., Orange
(corner of Katella and Main)

There may even be an impromptu
car "show and tell" in the parking lot.

No reservations,

just show up and enjoy your breakfast
with good friends!

This informal group will meet on the
second Saturday of each month.

Miss this one?..see you at the next one!

A Classic Car Collection
& Rare German Motorcycles
plus German Dinner

May 20

hosted by Gerhard Schnuerer

4:30 P.M. • \$25 per person

21532 Surveyor Circle, Huntington Beach

Make reservations by May 17

with Judy Abrams.

See details on page 4.



Calendar of Events

May

4 Board Meeting

Potluck 6:30 P.M., home of
Wanda & Robert Schramm
1329 Cabrillo St., Orange
714-633-3131

13 Breakfast Social

Katella Family Grill 8 A.M.-10 A.M.
1325 West Katella Ave., Orange

20 Dinner Meeting—

Antique car

and motorcycle collection

German catered dinner and the
antique vehicle collection of
Gerhard Schnuerer

June

1 Board Meeting

Potluck 6:30 P.M., business
The DR. (Doctor)
(BMW, Mercedes, Volvo, Lexus)
10900 Kalama River
(near 405 on-off-ramp at Euclid)
Fountain Valley
714-963-3700

10 Breakfast Social

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23-25 Star Trek Palm Springs

July

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15 Mercedes-Benz New Car Prep. Center

Los Angeles Harbor
(where new cars come in right off
the boat)

All Members Picnic
especially honoring all
new members.

July 23

Doheny Beach
State Park

10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
The charcoal grill and ice
chest wranglers will be on
hand for the best burgers
and hotdogs.

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President's Message

As we promised, we are trying out some new and different things this year. Our newsletter is costly to produce each month so we are going to experiment with a regular full size (long form) six to eight pages every other month with a short form one pager printed on both sides, folded in the middle, on the alternate months. All the important information will be reaching you in printed form every month. It will simply be more condensed every other month. Yes, we'll have constant updated information available

on our website. We should have all the bases covered. We are just hopeful we can save a little on paper and postage weight costs. Paid advertising will appear in the full (long) form. We may have room for small strip ads in the short form. We'll have to see what kind of space is left after the critical information is posted. One good thing for potential advertisers—a full page flier can be sent out with either our long or short form! The first "short" newsletter will be sent out for July, 2006.

Our first informal Breakfast at the Katella Family Grill, in Orange, is on the calendar for **May 13** commencing at 8:00 A.M. We will continue them on the second Saturday morning of each month. Depending on attendance and interest, it may develop into a mini car show in the parking lot if we can corral all the Mercedes cars in one area.

The very mention of car show brings to mind the Classic Car and Rare German Motorcycle Collection of Gerhard Schnuerer. A great many of us are poised to show up and enjoy this **May 20** event, with a mighty good German dinner included! This is truly a special treat. Please RSVP by May 17 to Judy Abrams [714-680-5840] so we can get an accurate head count for the caterer.

For the **June 23 to 25 Star Trek** in Palm Springs, Jocelyn reports a sell-out! She is working to accommodate the "overflow." We have so much stuff planned for this awesome weekend I can hardly wait. Don't let "sell-out" scare you off, if you want to join us, call Jocelyn [714-750-8125] to see what arrangements she's worked out.

Picnic time is coming up soon—**July 23** to be exact. We meet again at Doheny Beach State Park, area 2, 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. This outdoor feast is free to all members and we are especially interested in seeing our NEW MEMBERS there. The burgers, dogs, and salads are the best. Don't miss it!

Ok, we screwed up on our email address in our April issue. The corrected address is: **mbcaoc.mac@cox.net** Contact this address to list your email so you can be contacted with updates and changes in our Club activities.

If all the above is not enough for you, there's the great **Route 66 Tour**, September 16-30, and historic **Route 80** in east San Diego County, October 14-15, 2006 with the San Diego MB Section

Happy Motoring, Wanda Schramm, president

Welcome New Members

- Marilyn & James Matura, Scottsdale, AZ
 - Joseph Rollins, Jr., Orange
- Christian Skytte, Fountain Valley
 - Pete Strauss, Lake Forest
 - Scott Allin Yard, Costa Mesa

We are looking forward to meeting these members at our dinner meetings and special events!

Changing your mailing address? Don't send these changes to the local editor!

Address changes go to:

Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Inc., 1907 Lelaray St., Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Historic Route 66 Tour...

an MBCA 50th Anniversary Event

September 16-30, 2006

In recognition of our Club's 50 years of providing special services and events to our members, we have a full schedule of activities in 2006. The Historic Route 66 Tour is one of these featured celebrations. MBCA members can join this tour for any number of days (1 - 15) from Chicago to Santa Monica and on to the MBUSA Classic Center in Irvine, CA. We hope you can find some time to celebrate with us. Remember, section members may join us for a day and an evening meal without having to register for the entire trip. **IF you plan to join us for just a day and evening, be sure to register for that day's meal on the MBCA website! We must have a count-and prepayment-for all members joining us at dinner.**

Here are a few key points to help you plan and register for the Historic Route 66 Tour.

1. Registrants *and their guests* must be current members of MBCA and must drive a Mercedes-Benz vehicle on the tour. For our special 50th anniversary event we want to assure that *all* participants are members and that no member is excluded because a non-member guest took up a space. There is no age restriction on the participants or the cars (antique, classic, or modern).

2. Registration is possible by:

- **Using the MBCA Website** (www.mbca.org) to get information and download the form. You may print the form and mail or fax it back to the MBCA National Business Office with your check or credit card information, or you may register on-line with your credit card.

- **Calling the MBCA National Business Office** at 1-719-633-6427 to request a registration package to complete and mail or fax back to the MBCA NBO with your check or credit card information.

3. The early registration of \$150 becomes \$250 on May 17th. Please register as soon as possible so that we can better plan for the number of participants on the trip and you can save some money. The final deadline to register is July 17th, no exceptions!

By the end of July, registrants will receive *A Route 66 Travelers Bag* that includes several books, planning resources, and memorabilia of our tour.

The itinerary includes recommended lodgings and the restaurants where our evening meals have been reserved. Make your lodging reservations as soon as possible, but no later than July 17th for our negotiated rates. The evening meals are the only time that we plan to have everyone together, so please make a dinner reservation at each stop.

We have targeted a driving day of about 200 miles (ranging from 100 to 400), that varies according to the types of roads and number of interesting points along the way. This translates into around 4-10 hours on the road each day depending upon your driving speed and stops. We are not doing a structured "caravan."

If possible, we plan to accept all requests to participate in the Historic Route 66 Tour. The capacity of lodgings and dinner places along the way may require that we set a limit on the number of participants at some stops. Let us know where you will be participating.

If you have any questions that are not covered on the registration form or in the general information you may contact **Richard Simonds at 1-650-592-7613 or rsimonds@pacbell.net**. Please check the MBCA Website if you have access to the internet for lots of information and resources.

[Some west coast Club members are joining the Tour in Needles, AZ for the final leg to the west coast.]

Orange County STAR

The *Orange County STAR* is published monthly (12 times a year) by the Orange County Section of Mercedes Benz Club of America, Inc. (MBCA).

MEMBERSHIP: We welcome new members and direct all inquiries to MBCA, 1907 Lelaray St., Colorado Springs, CO 80909-2872. Phone: 719-633-6427 Monday-Friday, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Mountain Time...or contact local membership chairman, Steve Marshall: 949-581-6395. Membership cost: \$45 - 1 year, \$87 - 2 years, \$127 - three years.

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DEADLINE for all material—ads, articles, and photos, is the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication.



Photo by Don Abrams

*Just puttin' along watching for pot-holes and speed bumps—
Shirley Hern enjoys a ride with Gerhard Schnuerer on a 1895 Benz.*

Our May dinner will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 20th instead of our usual Thursday evening. Why? Gerhard Schnuerer has offered to hold the dinner at his place of business in Huntington Beach during daylight hours. He will have all of his classic and vintage automobiles on display for us to see as well as his collection of prewar German motorcycles. But wait! That isn't all! He is even catering a real German dinner for us to enjoy. We will meet there at 4:30 P.M. on Saturday afternoon in time to walk around and see his interesting display of cars and motorcycles. Then at 6:00 P.M. we will all sit down to a wonderful German dinner; bratwurst, sauerkraut, sauerbraten and all that goes with a German dinner. Oh! and wine, too, with our dinner. All of this for **\$25.00** per person. Mark your calendars for May 20th. We will see you there. You will enjoy it. Any questions? Call Judy Abrams, (714) 680-5840.

WHERE: 21532 Surveyor Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 (TG 888 B3)
Phone (714) 536-0749 Cell: (714) 350-3100
(Cross streets Hamilton and Magnolia (near Edison High School)).

TIME: Meet at 4:30 P.M. Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

PRICE: \$25.00 per person

MENU: Schnitzel with Red Cabbage, comprising of:
·Pork Schnitzel (this is not a hot dog!) ·Small Dinner Salad ·Garlic Mashed Potatoes
·Red Cabbage ·Dinner Roll ·Dessert: (slice of cake) ·Two (2) Glasses of Wine

Please note: In order to give our caterer the number of members attending, we must have your Reservations no later than Monday, May 17th.

-----Please cut here and mail-----

Please reserve _____ seats for the May 20th Dinner Meeting.

I understand that the cost is \$25.00 per person, wine will be included.

My check payable to MBCA Orange County Section in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

Name(s) _____

Name(s) _____

Phone: _____

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Let's do Highway 80

It's a car rally and poker run
on old historic Highway 80
in San Diego and Imperial Counties.

October 14-15

Join other Mercedes enthusiasts for history and information along old Highway 80.

We'll start in east San Diego County and drive as much of historic U.S. 80 as possible with interesting stops along the way to pick up your poker cards.

We'll stay over night at the Barbara Worth Resort in Holtville where we will have an awards dinner. All rooms have a mini refrigerators, microwaves, and coffee makers. They come with either one king or two queen beds, and most face the beautiful 18 hole PGA championship golf course. There's also a lovely swimming pool to enjoy.

Finally, we'll enjoy a scrumptious breakfast on Sunday. After that, we'll be on our way home. You can stay an extra day to play a round of golf, or just relax.

It is anticipated that the cost of this event will be about \$60 per person, plus the cost of the room—only \$78 plus tax for a double, bringing the total per couple for the rally, dinner, overnight stay, and breakfast to approximately \$200.

For information and registration:
inprice@pacbell.net

We're attempting to create a
MBCA-OC Member E-mail Roster.

If you wish to receive up-dates and information on Club activities, please send your e-mail address to:
mbcaoc.mac@cox.net

All Members Picnic
especially honoring all
new members

July 23

Doheny Beach State Park
Area 2

10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

The charcoal grill and ice chest wranglers will be on hand for the best burgers and hotdogs.

Other dedicated souls will be slicing up big ripe tomatoes and sweet onions.

Still others will be tossing salads, setting up the condiment table, and a chosen few will be trying to enhance canned baked beans to be heated up on the grill.

We will all be glad this party is held where the ocean breezes blow.

Wear your sun hat. There is some tree shade but there's a lot of open space, too.

There is a parking charge we can not control.

Please call Wanda and Robert Schramm
714-633-3131

and let us know the number in your party.
We don't want to be a burger short!

Need to order your name badge?

The cost of plastic has greatly increased over the past several months. The Club Store therefore; must raise the price of our name badges. The cost of the two line name badge will go to \$8.00 dollars and the three line name badge will rise to \$9.50. This price increase will become effective May 1st.

Judy Faass, MBCA Office Manager—800-637-2360

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For contact person for Display Ad rates see page 3.

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Contact Erv (714) 832-0181 or: twomollers@aol.com MAR/06-2X3

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