The nation’s first Father’s Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972–58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother’s Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Father’s Day 2019 occurs on Sunday, June 16.

The campaign to celebrate the nation’s fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm—perhaps because, as one florist explained, “fathers haven’t the same sentimental appeal that mothers have.”

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation’s first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December’s explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington woman named Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother’s Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation’s first statewide Father’s Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father’s Day.

Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June: Father’s Day 2018 occurred on June 17; the following year, Father’s Day 2019 falls on June 16.

In other countries—especially in Europe and Latin America—fathers are honored on St. Joseph’s Day, a traditional Catholic holiday that falls on March 19.

Father’s Day: Controversy and Commercialism

Many men, however, continued to disdain the day. As one historian writes, they “scoffed at the holiday’s sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself.”

During the 1920s and 1930s, a movement arose to scrap Mother’s Day and Father’s Day altogether in favor of a single holiday, Parents’ Day.

Every year on Mother’s Day, pro-Parents’ Day groups rallied in New York City’s Central Park—a public reminder, said Parents’ Day activist and radio performer Robert Spere, “that both parents should be loved and respected together. Paradoxically, however, the Great Depression derailed this effort to combine and de-commercialize the holidays.

Struggling retailers and advertisers redoubled their efforts to make Father’s Day a “second Christmas” for men, promoting goods such as neckties, hats, socks, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs and other sporting goods, and greeting cards.

When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father’s Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father’s Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential reelection campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father’s Day a federal holiday at last.
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MEMBER TALK

Here’s something to ponder in preparation for Father’s Day on June 19th: Who should be officially anointed as the father of the automobile?

Now, before you even attempt to answer the question, please know you do belong to a Mercedes-Benz Club, please also take note, that many have tried to settle this argument but ended up generating more debates in the process. They say the answer really depends on a few essential things. When you say “father of the automobile,” do you mean the one who first came up with a working model, or the one who designed the first propulsion, or the one who popularized the four-wheeled invention, or the one who revolutionized its assembly process?

Of course, there’s also the matter of national pride. If you ask the Germans, they’ll give you one name. If you ask the Americans, they’ll give you a different name. And if you ask the French, they’ll give you yet another name. Seeing we all own or are fan of the marque we are going to start off with the obvious.

Karl Benz, the man behind the Mercedes-Benz name. Known as the inventor of the gasoline-propelled automobile. Received a patent for his first car as early as 1886.

Amedee Bollee, a specialist in steam cars. Made his first steam car in 1873, and then reportedly drove from Le Mans to Paris in less than a day. Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot credited with the first self-propelled vehicle, unveiled his three-wheeled contraption in 1769, which employed a steam piston. Gottlieb Daimler, widely regarded as the pioneer of the modern gasoline engine founded Daimler Motoren Gesellschaft with Wilhelm Maybach.

Henry Ford, founder of the Ford Motor Company is credited with the development of the assembly line for use in car manufacture and then it was Ransom Olds the man behind the Oldsmobile brand who rolled out the first mass-produced car in 1901, a model called Curved Dash.

Benz & Companie Rheinische Gasmotoren-Fabrik was created in 1883. It began manufacturing industrial machines and gas engines before Benz decided to focus on his true passion – automobiles, or as he called them, “Horseless carriages.” He made the Benz Patent-Motorwagen, the world’s first gasoline-powered automobile, in 1886.

DID YOU KNOW? THERE ARE MORE THAN 70 MILLION FATHERS IN THE UNITED STATES.
NATIONAL MEN’S HEALTH WEEK

National Men’s Health Week is June 10-16, the week leading up to Father’s Day, because what better way to celebrate dad than to encourage him to take care of his health?

The week is all about healthy bodies, hard exercise, good diet, and regular visits to the doctor. It’s part of National Men’s Health Month, a month-long recognition of men’s health with activities and events to remind men to take care of their bodies.

So whether you are a man or just love them, take some time this week to celebrate the male form and keeping it in tiptop shape!

We all have fathers, brothers, sons, grandfathers, and friends that are men! Some of us are even men ourselves! We want the men in our life to be healthy, happy, and with us for a long time, and encouraging them to take care of themselves is a big part of that. Men’s Health Week helps us talk to the men in our life about their health!

Health is hard, especially in America, many men are encouraged to be macho and invincible, and often times that means they ignore symptoms and put off doctor appointments because “they’re fine.” Men’s Health Week is all about peer pressure in the other direction!

An excuse to follow your bliss! It can be hard to find time to do the things we love to do, but Men’s Health Week is a good reminder that health is also about happiness. Take a hike, go on a walk, play a round of golf, read a book, take a nap. Do what relaxes you!

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WANTED: Membership Engagement
By M. Ward, OC Section Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

Your board is diligent in our efforts in making a difference in improving activities, events and overall membership at all levels. As part of that effort, we want to hear from you, the OC Members!

Do you have an interesting story about a road trip in your favorite Mercedes-Benz? Why not submit it to me, to be included in an upcoming newsletter?

Do you have an idea for a fun event? Or certain kinds of events you’d like to see more of? Then please contact any of the Section Officers listed on Page 9, or better yet—bring your ideas to one of our board meetings. You can find the dates on our website, or just drop us a line.

There are many ways to be engaged, and we want to encourage them all. Together we can build on past successes and create a Section that will thrive long into the future.
Four Simple Tips for Driving Like Dad This Father’s Day

1. Care about your car.
   The only thing that most dads care about more than the kids is his car,” and it’s definitely crucial for you to take care of your car a priority. There’s no shortage of valuable tips for car maintenance out there, but a few basics are below.
   • Yet again with the crazy weather we have been having, inspect your windshield wipers.
   • Schedule an oil change—and get it done! If you don’t want to wait for the dreaded “Service Due” in xx days, check your owner’s manual for the recommended interval.
   • Tend to your tires; first, check tire pressure: properly inflated tires are safer and even save you money on gas.

Did you know you can use a penny to check your tires tread?
   Seriously, I thought it a joke, but you can use a penny to check if your tires are worn.
   Simply put the penny into the groove of the tire, with Lincoln’s face toward you, and the top of his head pointing to the center of the wheel.

If you can see all of Lincoln’s head while looking from the side of the tire, your treads aren’t deep enough, and you need to replace your tire.

2. “Hey, STOP IT! Quit playing around!”
   We already know that distracted driving is a huge problem, but what you may not know is that some of the worst distractions are a little bigger than a cell phone, and a lot harder to put into the glove box or center armrest.

It turns out that passengers can be nearly as distracting to a driver as a cell phone! What this means is that you need to get in touch with your inner dad and make sure any passengers you’ve got are keeping quiet and not interfering with your driving.

Of course, this goes both ways: when you’re a passenger, make sure you’re not distracting the person who’s behind the wheel. Don’t dare ask that dreaded question, you know the one, “Are we there yet”, that just makes me cringe. I digress.

3. Remember what’s most important.
   Driving is a little like being a dad: it’s a tremendous privilege, and one that comes with great responsibilities. When you’re driving, just like when you’re a dad, you’re never alone. Everything you do has consequences for those around you, and, just like being a dad, driving can be a lot of fun, especially when you’re behind the wheel of a Mercedes-Benz!

To drive more like a dad, just keep your responsibilities in mind when you’re behind the wheel. Follow these simple tips for driving defensively.
   • Snap that seat belt on
   • Tired? Don’t drive

   • Drunk? Don’t even think about it
   • Plan ahead and be prepared for anything
   • Share the road
   • Stay alert and ready to avoid a collision

4. Get good at what you’re doing.
   Nobody ever said driving would always be easy. That’s why it’s so important to start off with a good foundation in defensive driving, and doubly important to practice diligently. Master the following skills, and you’ll be as good as your dad in no time.

   • Know the speed limit and try to follow it, lol notice we said try!
   • Drive in the correct lane
   • Change lanes carefully and decisively
   • Keep a three-second following distance, at least!

Happy Father’s Day, and drive safely!
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For those that didn’t attend the last tour or for those who want to visit again we have a number of 25 spots available.

PLEASE RSVP ASAP by email OCMBCA@gmail.com

Tour Date: Saturday, June 8, 2019 - 10 spaces remaining as of 5/25/19

Tour Time: 10:00am—Check-in Time: 9:45am
PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Tour Admission & Parking are FREE
Tour length is 2 hours - No Food, Beverages or Backpacks!!

Children must be 10-years or older to attend the tour.

Check-in for the tour will be across the street from the museum at the Nethercutt Collection 15200 Bledsoe St. The doors will open 15 minutes before the start of your tour. It is important to arrive at check-in time, otherwise you will miss out on the first floor of the tour.) The Nethercutt Museum & Collection are both Handicapped Accessible.

Wear comfortable shoes and bring water. The tour will walk you through 4 floors. There is an elevator and seating throughout the tour if needed. Make sure your bottled water container has a lid, NO EXCEPTIONS.

CAMERA POLICY: No Flash, No Tripods, No Monopods, No Selfie-Sticks!!

Plan extra time before or after your tour to visit:
The Nethercutt Museum: Open 9:00-4:30
Locomotive & Rail Car: CLOSED FOR RENOVATION
Merle Norman Studio/Store: Open 9:00-5:30

Holiday Party is Planned for DEC 7 6pm -10pm
Our party will be held at the Porsche Experience Center. The price for this event includes Dinner from American Bistro Menu, Beverages, Beer, Wine, Exclusive 2 hour access of the Porsche Simulator Lab, Exclusive dining on Speedster Patio, Parking $160 per person - Make Checks Payable to MBCA, Orange County.

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Dates: June 8 - Nethercutt Collection Tour - OC Section has secured 25 spaces. (6 spaces remaining as of this publication) RSVP ASAP ocmbca@gmail.com

June 1-2 - Huntington Beach Concours - Website: https://www.hbconcours.org

Dates: June 1 - Vista, CA 9am - 2pm - Website https://www.hreheels.com/events/hre-open-house-2019#.XMjQU-hKiUk  In the show area, cars with HRE wheels are free, cars without HRE wheels are $40. Non-HRE wheel cars have to be approved by HRE. General admission and street parking is free for the non-show area

Dates: December 7 - Holiday Party - Porsche Driving Center 6pm - 10pm. Detailed info on section website. Tickets - $160 per person. Make Checks Payable to MBCA, Orange County or pay by way of MBCA, OC PayPal!

More Info Coming! Check website for latest Event Updates!

StarLunces, StarSessions & Other Startivities Coming Soon! Stay Parked.
TIMELESS - MERCEDES-BENZ SL
A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE SL

In the 1950s, a very special star rose in Stuttgart: the Mercedes-Benz SL-Class was born. It all began with motor racing sports. With its successes in international competitions, in 1952 the 300 SL competition sports car (W 194 series, “SL” stands for “Super-Light”), became the initial spark for the start of two fascinating production sports cars – the “Gullwing” coupé and the Roadster: the Mercedes-Benz 300 SL and 190 SL laid the foundation for the tradition of this legendary sports car family in the year 1954.

“There are around 900 million cars in the world, and thousands of models,” Mercedes boss Dr Zetsche once remarked. “But there are only a handful of automotive icons.

“Our SL is one of them.”

The SL was forged, as with so many of the finest road-going sports cars in the crucible of motorsport way back in the early 1950s, and remains an integral part of the Mercedes-Benz story. So much so that, despite ever-confusing nomenclature within Mercedes-Benz, the SL has retained its badge.

At the Geneva Motor Show in March 1957, Mercedes-Benz presented the roadster version of the 300 SL as the successor of the Gullwing coupé. Technically speaking, the Roadster was broadly similar to the coupé: modification to the side sections of the tubular space frame made it possible to reduce the sill height enough to accommodate normal doors. A fundamental improvement: the rear-axle suspension. The single-joint low-pivot swing axle – familiar from the 220 W – was installed in the 300 SL Roadster in an adapted form, being equipped for the first time with a compensating spring. This greatly improved the handling characteristics over those of the original swing axle of the Gullwing coupé.

From 1958 onwards, an optional removable coupé roof with a generous wrap-around rear window was available at a price of 1500 Marks; this could be retrofitted. Noteworthy was the rear window, swinging round far into the sides, and the consummate design of the hard top. Two technical modifications that were incorporated into the production in the course of its six year run are particularly worthy of mention, in March 1961, the 300 SL was equipped with Dunlop front and rear disc brakes, and from March 1962 a modified engine with a light-metal block was installed.

At this time there was a special version of the 300 SL Roadster: the 300 SLS, only two units of which were ever built especially for participation in the North American Sports Car Championship. The reason for this special version was the wish for publicity-effective participation in races in the USA in order to promote sales of the Roadster. The use of the regular production version met with the objection of the Sports Car Club of America to permit participation of the new model already in the 1957 season in the “Standard production” vehicle category. In order to have a chance at least in the only alternative vehicle category remaining, D, the production Roadster was pared down ruthlessly to become the SLS.

On the outside the 300 SLS can be distinguished by the absence of bumpers, by its specially-shaped cockpit cover with air intake slot, the low racing windscreen and the roll-over bar behind the driver’s seat. The work carried out in the Daimler-Benz research department was successful and Paul O’Shea won the North American Sports Car Championship in category “D” far ahead of its competitors.

Production of the 300 SL ended concurrently with the end of production of the 190 SL on 8 February 1963 in Sindelfingen, a date that marks the close of an era: after the production of the 300 model ended in March 1962, only the 300 SL had remained as the last passenger car model with a separate frame in Mercedes-Benz’s production program. Both versions of the 300 SL, Roadster and Gullwing coupé were right from the very beginning enthusiasts’ cars that have lost nothing of their allure to this day, for many years they have been among the most sought-after and valued classics.

This first-generation SL sports cars already allowed one to envisage the brilliant future that lay ahead of these attractive and innovative production vehicles with motor sport abbreviations in their designation.

Based on the legendary Gullwing coupé, the open 300 SL Roadster (W 198 II), which was built in parallel with the 190 SL, was launched in 1957. The body form of the two-seater open car was thus defined as the typical characteristic of the SL family. In 1963 the SL W 113 series arrived on the scene; it was dubbed the “Pagoda SL” because of the characteristic shape of its hardtop roof. Continued on page 10

DID YOU KNOW? STEVE JOBS USED TO SWAP HIS SL55 WITH A LEASING AGENCY EVERY SIX MONTHS TO AVOID LICENSE PLATES.
May Events: Mercedes-Benz Autocross - May 4-5,
Supercars by the Sea - May 26th.

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It was followed in 1971 by the R 107 series that achieved the highest production volume of all SL series to date because of its long production life of 18 years. In March 1989 Mercedes-Benz introduced the R 129 series. Featuring numerous technical innovations, this car carried the SL-Class over into the new millennium. After a production period of twelve years and two facelifts it was replaced in 2001 by the R 230 series – the first one with a steel folding top. Finally, in the spring of 2012 the R 231 series was launched as the next generation of the Mercedes-Benz SL-Class.

Did you know? Apart from the wheelbase – the magic number of 2400 millimetres was taken unchanged from the 190 SL and 300 SL models, the new SL had practically nothing in common with its two predecessors. All the same, the W 113 series was not an entirely new design since its technical concept largely conformed to that of the 220 SE (W 111/3). The SL used the “tailfin” frame-floor assembly, albeit shortened and reinforced, including front and rear wheel suspension.

In addition to the standard four-speed manual transmission, for the first time in an SL a four-speed automatic transmission was available as an optional extra. A five-speed manual transmission produced by Zahnradfabrik Friedrichshafen (ZF) was added as a third variant in May 1966.

Who’s your daddy?
DID YOU KNOW?
HALSEY TAYLOR INVENTED THE DRINKING FOUNTAIN IN 1912 AS A TRIBUTE TO HIS FATHER, WHO SUCCUMBED TO TYPHOID FEVER AFTER DRINKING FROM A CONTAMINATED PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY IN 1896.

DID YOU KNOW? ACCORDING TO GREETING CARD MAKERS HALLMARK, FATHER’S DAY IS THE FIFTH-LARGEST CARD-SENDING HOLIDAY OF THE YEAR.
MERCEDES-BENZ SL - MOVIE CAMEOS
SO BEAUTIFUL, HOLLYWOOD CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF THE SL!

Its been 65 years since the SL was introduced in 1954 and while Mercedes-Benz vehicles have been making cameos for decades (see our June, October & December 2018 issues of the OC Star), and while most of you know I'm a Jurassic Park fanatic, I won't take you back to the Jurassic period, but we will go back about 60 years or so as its been more than 60 years since the SL has been featured in Hollywood movies. Let's see if any of these film titles jog your memory.

On the Beach, High Society, Bullitt, Play Misty for Me, Viva Las Vegas, The SL was also in Straight Talk starring Dolly Parton, Hitch starring Will Smith, Passenger 57 starring Wesley Snipes, Liar, Liar with Jim Carey. Beverly Hills 90210, Melrose Place The Bucket List, one of my personal favorites Beverly Hills Cop and believe it or not, the SL has even been featured in The Simpsons.

One of our OC section members requested an SL article, and well we hope this article does said request justice. One must make note of both the history in Hollywood and the launch of the newest SL coming, dubbed the R232.

The 1952 300SL is the beginning of the story, the race car that started it all, the father of the SL if you will, this race car essentially created the SL line. In five race outings, it won four of them including the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Completed as both a Gullwing coupé and roadster, it was powered by a 3.0 liter, 170 hp direct injected inline 6. We've discussed Max Hoffman in previous issues of the the OC Star, so I'll be brief; Mercedes' U.S. importer, yes one Mr. Max Hoffman promised to buy 500 street legal SL's if Mercedes-Benz would produce them. That was the famed Gullwing, which was made from 1954-1957. From 1957 through 1963, Mercedes built the 300SL roadster of which the first car was registered to actress Natalie Wood and the inline 6 was now pushed to 215 hp.

You can catch a glimpse of the 300SL in 1959's Pillow Talk with Doris Day. It's also featured in It Started With a Kiss, Portrait in Black, The Gumball Rally, The Lost World, no not a Jurassic Park film, the one starring Michael Rennie. The SL is also in Cinderella with Jerry Lewis, High Time with Bing Crosby and in the Knight Rider, TV Series.

The 1963 - 1971 280SL is best known for its “pagoda” removable hardtop. The design offered a low roofline with added room for entry and exit. The 2.8 liter inline had 170 hp and one of these SL's in excellent condition can easily run you up to $200,000. You can watch Sophia Loren drive on in Arabesque, Julie Andrews in 10, Richard Gere in Intersection or Kim Basinger in The Door in the Floor.

The SL Pagoda is also featured in Starsky & Hutch starring Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson and Snoop Dog. Top Gun starring Tom Cruise, I'll take Sweden starring Bob Hope and another personal favorite, The Sum of All Fears Morgan Freeman, Ben Affleck and James Cromwell.

Mercedes-Benz produced the legendary R107 for 18 years, building 237,287 SL's!

From 1971 - 1989 a variety of engines were used, but here in the U.S. we only got the V8's which were in 3.8, 4.5 or 5.6 liters. During its lifespan several of the new Mercedes-Benz innovations were added, from ABS to airbags to 5mph bumpers and more, it too got its share of movie cameos from American Gigolo, Never Say Never Again, it was even in L.A. Story with Steve Martin and Casino with Sharon Stone. As Eddie Murphy returned for Beverly Hills Cop II, so did the SL.

In 1990 when Mercedes-Benz replaced the R107 SL with the R129 SL, it moved the bar up! Literally, with a roll bar that popped up in the vent of a rollover. The R129 was equipped with a 3.2 liter inline 6, 5.0 liter V8 or a whopping 6.0 liter V12. This version of the SL had one of the greatest crash scenes to date when Clint Eastwood drove it out of a window from an exploding building in The Rookie, at a time where there was no red tape with product placement, after landing he used the Mercedes-Benz ad tag line at the time, "Engineered like no other car.”

In 2003, the SL rolled out with a new look and with it brought the folding hardtop to the SL line. It took a mere 16 seconds to go from coupe to roadster. This version of the SL was powered by either a V8 or V12 but as we all want more, Mercedes gave it to us, the AMG version first by quenching our thirst with the SL55 AMG and when we caught our breath, they unleashed the SL65 AMG with its whopping 612 hp. You can see the R230 SL in S.W.A.T with Samuel L. Jackson, Two for the Money with Matthew McConaughey and Rene Russo, 2012 with John Cusack, Rush Hour with Jackie Chan.

In 2013 Mercedes rolled out one of the newest SL’s, the SL550 also known as the R231 which is based on an all aluminum chassis with a base engine being a 4.7 liter V8 with 429 hp and 516 liters. During its lifespan several of the new Mercedes-Benz innovations were added, from ABS to airbags to 5mph bumpers to and more, it too got its share of movie cameos from American Gigolo, Never Say Never Again, it was even in L.A. Story with Steve Martin and Casino with Sharon Stone. As Eddie Murphy returned for Beverly Hills Cop II, so did the SL.

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The Mystery Trip is fast approaching. For those who have not been on one before, the trips are all different and a lot of fun. For those that have been on one or more of these events, they know that the slots go quickly, since it is limited to 15 cars and 30 participants.

A working CB radio is required so the group can keep in touch, and the banter between the cars is interesting.

The cost of the trip is $650 per couple. It will cover all costs for the 3 days. Two nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, all events, venues, and entrance fees.

We need a deposit of $150 ASAP no later than September 15 in order to hold the rooms. We will need the remaining $500 no later than October 15 to let the restaurants and venues know the final count. Please mail checks, made out to MBZ Club Central California Section, to Kathryn Splivalo, 4800 N Van Ness Blvd., Fresno CA 93704.

There will be a no-host Pre-Mystery Trip Dinner on Thursday, October 31st, at Sequoia Brewing Restaurant, 1188 E Champlain Dr (at Perrin Ave) at 6:00 pm in the Woodshed annex.

We will meet at Starbucks at 7010 N Marks Ave, Fresno at 7:00 am on Friday, November 1st.

If you have any questions, call or email Kathryn (559-289-0578) kaspliv@gmail.com or Mike (559-916-0715) mspliv@gmail.com
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JUNE 8, 2019 - NETHERCUTT COLLECTION TOUR
TOUR IS FREE! RSVP ASAP ONLY 10 SPACES TO GO!
Back by Member Request, we have coordinating with the Collection to allow us to bring more members this time.
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TIMELESS - MERCEDES-BENZ SL
1986 SL MAGAZINE ARTICLE

The legendary SL Coupe/Roadster has earned its unique niche in the motoring world by blending two rich automotive themes: the lure of a lithe and eager top-down sporting machine and the reassurance of a strong, secure, supremely livable Mercedes-Benz.

For 1986, the most confirmed SL advocates will revise their opinion upward. A new strain has been added. The classic SL formula has been enriched. The 560SL is all the things it was before—and now, in addition, one of the world’s more truly formidable performance automobiles. Its new 5.6-liter V-8 light-alloy engine makes this the mightiest SL in history. Suspension refinements fore and aft help align roadholding performance with engine performance. “For a V-8-engined luxury roadster weighing more than a ton and a half,” it was once written of the SL, “is absurdly agile.” This revivified SL should feel even more so. A more livable space for two persons is difficult to conceive.

Fully automatic climate control, electronic AM and FM stereo radio with cassette player, bi-pressure central locking system, electric windows—virtually every amenity found in the senior Mercedes-Benz sedans of today is also found within the 560SL.

Meeting adjourned. Next Board Mtg. July 13 & August 3, 2019 @ 12noon
- Ann-Marie Alexander
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Details & Dates
• Prize: 2019 Mercedes-AMG GT 63 4-door Coupe
• MSRP: $136,500
• Tickets are $50 (US) each
• Last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, June 5, 2019

• Drawing is Thursday, June 13, 2019
• For more information and to purchase tickets, visit raffle.mbca.org, call the NBO at 800-637-2360 or check your mailbox for an official mail-in order form.

TICKET PURCHASES (including your Official Order Form and payment) MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 5, 2019.
If purchasing by credit or debit card you may call 800.637.2360
(Mon- Thurs 8am - 4:30pm; Fri 8am - 4pm Mountain Time)
or fax this completed Order Form to 719.633.9283
Make your check/money order payable to: MBCA, International Stars Section
Mail to: Raffle, 1907 Lelaray Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

MBCA Member # ____________________________
Member Name _______________________________
Address _____________________________________
City, State, Zip ______________________________

No limit to the number of tickets you can buy.
At least one phone number is required.

Home Ph. # ( _____ ) ________________
Cell Ph. # ( _____ ) ______________________
Email Address _____________________________

Ticket Quantity x $50 each = Total Due $_ _______

Paying by (select one):
☐ Check # ___________ ☐ Money Order # __________
☐ Credit or Debit Card*

*(MUST complete credit/debit card information on reverse side)
MEMBER UPDATE

Dear Valued Members,

If you’ve either moved, changed numbers, email or addresses please login or call the National Business Office to update your information to receive the latest club info.

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