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MBCA Mission Statement: To Elevate the Mercedes-Benz Experience Through Knowledge, Camaraderie and Exceptional Events.



President's Message – 'All About the Benz'

By Laura Lass for Whitlow Wong

Hello Mile High Section Members!

Please join us online at 7:30 pm on Saturday, November 4 for a Zoom meeting to discuss and plan our club's events for 2024. Jared Simons sent an email to all members on October 20, 2023 with the subject line November 4th – MBCA Mile High Club Virtual Meeting. The email contains the Zoom link so that you can easily join the meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

I'd like to invite everyone to participate in our newsletter by answering this question: why and how did you buy your first Mercedes-Benz? Please respond to me via e-mail at whitlowwong@comcast.net. We will publish your answers in future newsletters.

I've received invitations from several members and am in the process of investigating and putting together events for the future. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered your places for these events. More information will follow in coming months.

Eleanor and I went on a drive across Ute Pass to enjoy the beautiful scenery and changing colors of the tree leaves. We found a road on the map that looked very interesting and proceeded with great joy ... only to find that it was a

25-mile dirt road that decayed along the way. The road base was washed away in places, had lots of dips, several boulders, and lots of loose gravel. We took it slow and enjoyed the beautiful scenery. After surviving our adventure, we found another route we could have taken that was five miles of paved road. Oh well, we had a wonderful and very memorable drive. So, in the long run, we took the path less traveled and reveled in the peace and quiet and aloneness along the way.

Happy trails to each of you.

This month's car comes from Bringatrailer.com

Personally I really like the 170's. They have that grand Mercedes look and are relatively affordable.

1950 Mercedes-Benz 170 S is one of approximately 830 examples built with Cabriolet A coachwork during three years of production and was reportedly delivered new in Germany before spending time in California. The car is said to have undergone a refurbishment that was completed in 2019 before being purchased from a German owner by Texas collector Paul Andrews, with whom it remained until his 2021 passing. It was then purchased by its current owner and received further freshening of the paintwork, after which it won class awards and the 2022 Cavallino Classics and Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance as well as at the 2023 Cavallino Classic. Finished in black over red leather, the car is powered by a 1,767cc L-head inline-four mated to a floor-shifted four-speed manual transmission. Equipment also includes a single Solex downdraft carburetor, coil-spring suspension with a double-wishbone front setup and a swing-axle rear assembly, four-wheel hydraulic drum brakes, body-color steel wheels, a black convertible top, and a Becker radio. This W136 cabriolet is now offered by the current owner's dealership with awards from its concours victories and a clean Florida title.



The 170 S model debuted in May 1949 at the Hannover Technical Export Fair alongside the more utilitarian 170 D as the first new passenger car models introduced by Mercedes-Benz following World War II. The underpinnings of the 170 S were derived from those of the 170 V, but with a more powerful variant of the engine, a coil-sprung wishbone front suspension, and a roomier body with styling based on the pre-war 230 luxury model. The 170 S was offered in three body styles, the highest-priced and most-luxuriously appointed of which was the two-seat Convertible A.



This example is finished in black (040) and underwent a refurbishment under previous ownership, while additional work performed one month ago is said to have included repaints of the doors and trunk lid. Design elements include rear-hinged doors, bright shoulder-line trim, bumper guards at front and rear, fender-mounted headlights, front fog lamps, trafficators, and a black convertible top with hinged landau bars.



The cabin is trimmed in red leather over seating for two as well as over a

fold-down occasional seat. Matching upholstery covers the door panels, dash, and rear side panels, while color-keyed carpeting lines the floors and trunk. Features include burl wood door caps, black floor mats bound in red, roll-up windows, and door pockets with chrome handles.



The three-spoke steering wheel hosts a chrome horn ring and sits ahead of VDO instrumentation including a 160-km/h speedometer, a clock, and a combination gauge monitoring oil pressure, coolant temperature, and fuel level. The five-digit odometer shows 210 kilometers (~130 miles), approximately three of which have been added under current ownership. A Becker radio with a burl wood bezel is situated to the driver's right beneath a matching upper dash that hosts an ashtray and cigar lighter.



The 1,767cc M136 inline-four is a higher-displacement derivative of the powerplant used in the 170 V and features a detachable aluminum cylinder head and a downdraft Solex carburetor. Output was factory rated at 52 horsepower and 82 ft-lb of torque. Service performed eight months ago is said to have included an oil change, replacement of the fuel pump, and a reseal of the fuel tank.

Mile High Mercedes Benz Holiday Dinner

Saturday December 9, 2023 7:00 P.M.

OLD SPAGETTI FACTORY

3145 Sheridan Blvd.

Westminster, Colorado

Please join us for our annual holiday dinner this year at The Old Spaghetti factory. The club is paying for your meal (Salad, Main dish and Desert) You will be responsible for drinks and any extras you should want. The choices are Alfredo, Meat Lovers, and Chicken Marsala.

We are so looking forward to seeing all of our members, and what a great way to start the holiday season, great food, great friends, and great motor cars.

Please bring a new unwrapped toy that will be delivered to Children's Hospital.

PLEASE CONTACT RON GRAHAM

NO LATER THAN November 29TH

WILL THOSE ATTENDING PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP NUMBER WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION

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Or leave a message at 303 745-7578

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Members are encouraged to send in articles or photos of events you have attended. We would love to hear from you. Perhaps you could showcase your cars or trips you have made in your Mercedes. Please send to rvunfug@msn.com.

The board discussed many options for club events. It can be most anything from meeting from a meal, a road trip or visiting some place of interest. We Really need members to volunteer their time and plan an event for the club. These events are the lifeblood of the club, so please consider how you could help out!

Please send your ideas to the Club President.