



The Constellation NEWSLETTER

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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 Whitlow Wong

We had a wonderful turnout on a beautiful Sunday, March 10, at Rodizio Grill to celebrate 5280 Restaurant Week.

There were about 30 people in attendance, and we all enjoyed delicious food and great comradery.

Our next event is a homecooked meal at the home of an Italian chef in Lafayette. It will be at 6 pm on Saturday, April 13. It will be a 4 to 5-course dinner with homemade and fresh ingredients. Each course is chosen by the chef and will be paired with a hand-selected wine with a description of the wine. Dinners are about \$75 a person (the final amount will depend on the number of people we have attending) and food allergies/vegetarian options can be accommodated if requested ahead of time. Here is a link to the chef's website: <https://lvitaly.com>. Please RSVP to Jared Simons at simons.jared@gmail.com by April 4. After you RSVP, Jared will send you the address to the chef's home.

Again, I'm asking members to submit stories about how they got their first Mercedes. Please send your story to whitlowwong@comcast.net and then it

will appear in the newsletter.

Date	Event	Place
Apr 13	Dinner with an Italian Chef	Lafayette
May 11	The Wild Animal Sanctuary and lunch at The Pepper Pod	Keenesburg and Hudson
Jun 8	Garage Tour and food trucks (joint event w/Pikes Peak section)	Briargate, Colorado Springs
Jul 4	July 4 Parade and BBQ	Georgetown
Jul 13	Cars, Coffee & Pancakes	Leavers Locavora grocery store Denver
Sep 7	Super Cruise Parade	Golden
Aug 2-5	Gateway Car Museum and Wine Tour	Grand Junction
Oct 4-6	Cars & Coffee – rides to see the Color Tour in Steamboat	Steamboat Springs
Nov 9	Planning Meeting	?
Dec 7	Holiday Dinner	?

Classic Mercedes-Benz

Did you know the MileHigh sections has 59 members with a Mercedes older than 1991? That's nearly 25%! These range from 1950's 220 Cabriolet's, many W113 and W107, and a sampling of many other chassis.

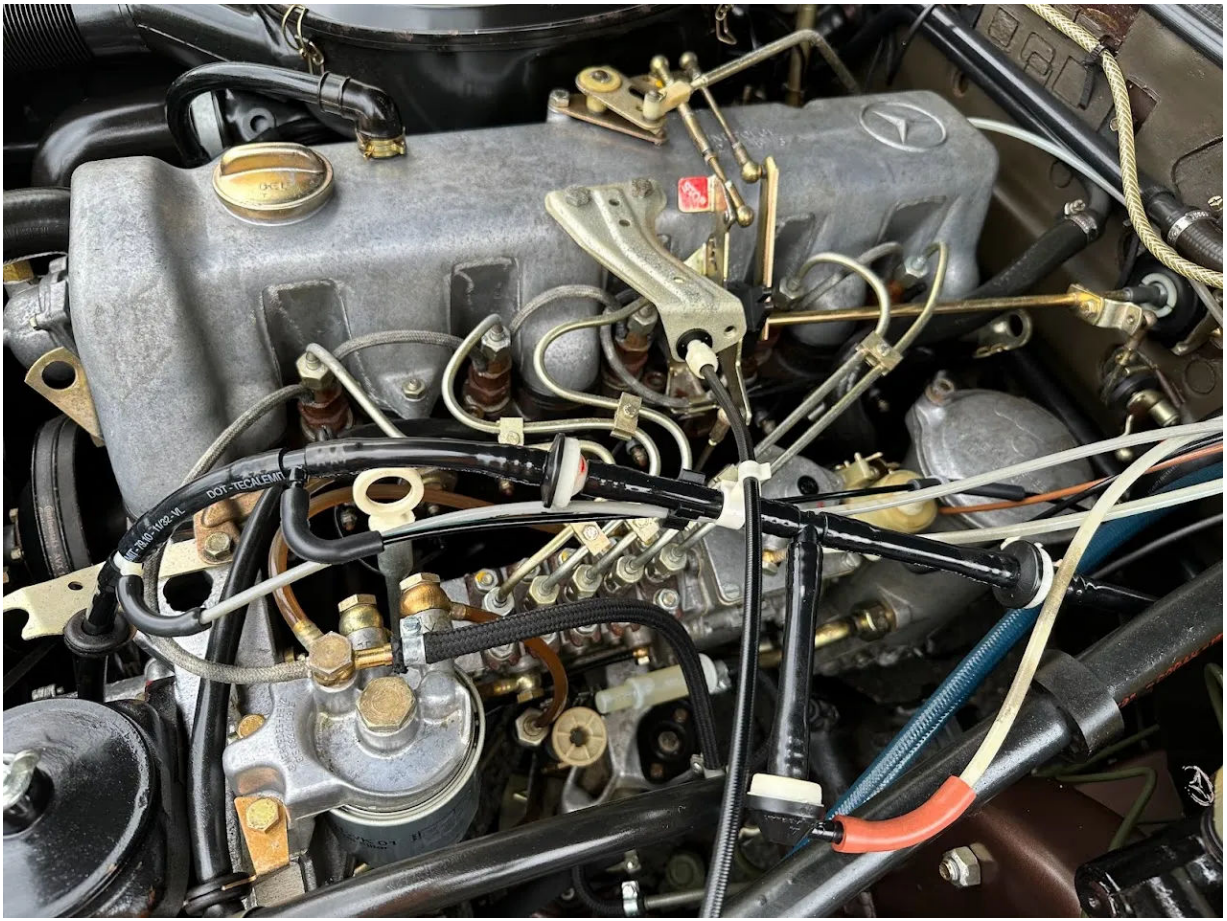
The club recently sent a survey out to these members and they indicated they would like to have some events specific to older cars. Road trips while quite enjoyable require additional support. I will attempt in the future to include some articles on general maintenance of these cars. We will also be looking at Vintage only local trips as well as possible shows that owners of newer cars can attend and enjoy the beauty of the Vintage Mercedes.

Did you see the amazing W116 1980 300SD that recently sold on Bringatrailer for \$95,500. This beauty has only 11k miles on it and represents one of the finest examples existent for this model.

<https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1980-mercedes-benz-300sd-35/>

Notice all the original yellow zinc plating on the engine components and the pristine interior.





Mark your calendars for Saturday May 11, 2024
The Wild Animal Sanctuary

1946 County Rd. 53, Keensburg, CO 80643
The Sanctuary is Handicap accessible and has wheelchairs
And motorized wheelchairs availabl

11:00 a.m. Meet for Lunch; Pepper Pod Restaurant in Hudson, CO

530 Fir St., Hudson, Colorado

Pepper Pod Website: <https://www.thepepperpod.com>

1:15 p.m. Meet at Sanctuary.

(Drive time from the Pepper Pod to the Sanctuary is about 15 minutes)

TWAS has more than 750 Lions, Tigers, Bears, Leopards, Mountain Lions, Wolves, Hyenas and a few smaller carnivores such as Serval, Bobcats, Lynx, Foxes, Coyote and Coati Mundi. They have also rescued Horses, Donkeys, Ostrich, Emu, Camel, Yak & Alpaca, as well as Cats, Dogs, Parrots and other Birds. You'll view most of the animals enjoying life in giant habitats or large enclosures,

complete with enrichment structures, such as lakes, pools, platforms and “jungle gyms,” as well as “boomer balls” they roll around or swim with.

Cost: \$20 Person (Senior Rate – 70+)

More Info/Reservations/Non-Senior Rate info: Deborah Hokanson:dhokan@comcast.net.

Reservation Deadline: May 3, 2024

A little about your visit: Wear comfortable shoes and bring a jacket. The wind is always a little stronger on the walkway than it is on the ground. Bring hats, sunscreen and sunglasses. You can bring water, or buy it in the snack bar or gift shop.

You are welcome to bring binoculars, cameras and video cameras if you are photographing the animals for your own enjoyment. You are also welcome to bring your own picnic lunch and there is a fully operational Café and snack bar that offers a wide variety of nutritious food, snacks and beverages. From pizza, hamburgers, shrimp and sandwiches to fresh salads, there is something for everyone! They also have an ice cream shop.

Sanctuary Website: <https://www.wildanimalsanctuary.org>

For complete information about the Sanctuary and your visit:

You will be able to enjoy the Sanctuary at your own pace and stay for as long or as short of a time as you like.

Classified Items for Sale

Ad Terms: Members of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Inc. may advertise in The Constellation to buy, sell, or trade Mercedes -Benz automobiles and related items or services at no charge provided that no commercial promotion is involved. Ads may include a photo.

Submitters are asked to contact the editor immediately upon the sale of automobile or item, or conclusion of a business or service advertised.

First Ride



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WWW.FUELFED.COM

For Sale 1958 Mercedes Benz 220S Coupe, very good to excellent condition. Located in Falcon CO.

Contact Regina at 719 332-1537

For Sale 2017 S 550 VIN # WDDUG8FB1HA314773 36,500 miles

Purchased March 1, 2022 from MB Westminster for \$65,500 with 31,600 miles, second owner, the first owner was the F & I Manager at that dealership, MB Westminster sold it new and has all the service records, I have the new window sticker of \$120,000

I believe it has every upgrade package available, have 2 keys & manuals

From what I found on line there's a few of these around the country listed for sale, \$37,000 to \$42,000

depending on features & miles I would consider offers in the high \$30,000s, not desperate, but would be as reasonable as possible working with a buyer

Brad Hendrix 303 946-9112



For Sale 1983 Mercedes Benz W123 280CE (gas motor!) Coupe w/ 4 speed manual 148,000 miles - Drives like new, needs nothing. Asking \$27,000

Very original, no accidents, German delivered, highly optioned W123 inline-6 gas motor (189 hp), with original 4-speed manual and correct gauge cluster with tachometer. The Astral Silver exterior shines and stands out with the original German bumpers, German headlights, and even headlight wipers! The paint, chrome, and trim are in excellent condition except for a few small blemishes, one on the hood, the drivers

side B pillar, and the drivers side front fender. The original weather stripping is showing its age, but still keeps the car weathertight and the doors close perfectly with that satisfying Mercedes sound! It's clear the car has never been apart.

The original blue dash is perfect, unfaded, with no cracks, the wood is glossy with no cracks and the cloth seats and door cards have no rips, tears, stains. Power sunroof, power front windows, air conditioning all work perfectly. The AC was converted to R134 in 2022 under my ownership by a high quality local shop (receipts available). Even the luggage shelf shows no signs of UV fade and the medical kit is a genuine kit purchased in 1991. All of the gauges and buttons work as intended, including the additional gauges added sometime in the 80's or 90's. The coco mats are brand new and I have the original blue mats which are in excellent condition. The spare tire shows no signs of being disturbed since its factory installation in 1983 and is marked made in "West Germany."

All belts, tires, and shifter bushings replaced in 2022; plus a fresh oil change and brake bleed in October 2023, result in a well sorted car capable of being driven anywhere in true Mercedes comfort including at highway speeds. If the new owner wishes, the car has been accepted into an exhibit at the Forney Automotive Museum this winter. The invitation can be extended to the new owner if desired.

In 1983, Mercedes produced only 2,237 280CE coupes for the European market only, none were sold in the US. Only 10-15% were equipped with the 4-speed manual. Additionally, this was delivered in Germany and I presume imported to the US before 1988 by Orient - Krone. The first aid kit has the Mercedes dealership part number sticker dated from 1991, and under the seat, I found an Aspen parking pass from 1999 proving the car's early importation. I have the original blue mats not shown in the photos.



MBCA Name Badge:

Are you a new member? Have you ordered your name badge? Did you lose your name badge? Did your pet chew it up? Well, if one of those questions applies, we have good news, you can very easily order one.

Questions? Call your Section President at [720-404-6362](tel:720-404-6362).

Or call our National Business Office at [1-800-637-2360](tel:1-800-637-2360)

Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MT; Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. MT.

Click [here](#) and follow the step-by-step guide.

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