



# The Constellation

Newsletter of the Mile High Section

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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



The holiday spirit was in full swing at the Bridgewater Grill in Golden on Saturday, December 7, as members gathered for a festive holiday party. We had 28 people in attendance, and we all enjoyed some fabulous

food. Attendees brought unwrapped toys to be donated to Children's Hospital.

The night was filled with moments of recognition and celebration. Laura Lass was honored with the Member of the Year pin, while Ron Graham received the Officer of the Year pin, acknowledging their exceptional contributions.

Excitement continued with the prize drawings: Louis Moore took home the AMG calendar, Jim Beetham won a cozy blanket, and Kristin Tilley snagged a handy tote bag.

Everyone enjoyed a fantastic time, filled with laughter, good company, and a shared sense of holiday cheer. The evening was a testament to our club's strong bonds and generous spirit.



## **Celebrate Chinese Dim Sum Lunch in Style!**

Mark your calendars for a delightful culinary experience! On Friday, January 17, 2025, join us for an exquisite Chinese Dim Sum lunch at **Empress Seafood Restaurant**, located at 2825 West Alameda Ave, Denver.

From 12:00 noon onwards, immerse yourself in the rich flavors and traditions of Dim Sum. For just \$30 per person, you can savor a variety of delicious bites, with separate checks issued for your convenience.

Make sure to RSVP to [whitlowwong@comcast.net](mailto:whitlowwong@comcast.net) by January 15 to secure your spot.

Don't miss out on this chance to enjoy great food and great company. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Romantic Lunch in Loveland**

Join us on Saturday, February 8 for a drive to Loveland and then lunch at **Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano**, 5929 Sky Pond Drive, Loveland located in The Promenade Shops at Centerra a short distance off I-25. We'll meet at the restaurant at 12:00 noon. We are still working with the restaurant to put this event together. There is a lot of free parking available.

Make sure to RSVP to [whitlowwong@comcast.net](mailto:whitlowwong@comcast.net) by February 1 to secure your spot.

## **Our Kansas Adventure**

Come join us on an adventure into Kansas! Some of the highlights of the trip include: Walter P. Chrysler Boyhood Home and Museum, The Garage Museum, Cosmosphere and Space Center, Mcpherson Car Show, Lindsborg (Swiss town), Eisenhower Museum and Home, and a ride on the Abilene and Smoky Valley Railroad.

The homebase will be at Homewood Suites by Hilton Salina Downtown, 115 E Mulberry St, Salina, Kansas. A block of rooms has been reserved for the event. Book your room early to receive the discounted rate. The deadline for the room discount is April 4, 2025. The group code is **MBC**. Call the hotel at 785-515-2600 and speak to Guest Services and provide them with the "group code". – OR –

1. Search for **Homewood Suites by Hilton Salina Downtown**.
2. Enter the date of stay (GOOD FOR THE NIGHTS OF MAY 1ST-4TH, 2025 ... check-in May 1, check-out May 5 for a 4-night stay).
3. Click **Special Rates** box.
4. On the box highlighted below labeled **Group Code**, enter **MBC**.
5. Click **Check Room Rates**, select room type and then enter your information.

Our tentative schedule of events for the year follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Place</b>
Jan 17	Chinese Dim Sum Lunch	Denver
Feb 8	Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano	Loveland
Mar 8	Potluck	Centennial
Apr 12	Drive and then lunch @ Old Stone Church	Castle Rock
May 1-5	Kansas Adventure	Kansas
Jun 14	Adams Mystery Playhouse	Denver
Jul 19	Joint Picnic @ Castlewood Canyon State Park	Franktown
Aug 9	Gardens on Spring Creek	Ft. Collins
Sept 26-28	Fall Color Tour w/Pikes Peak Section	?
Oct 18	TBD	?
Nov 8	Members Meeting	?
Dec 13	Holiday Party	?

A very important plea ... we are looking for members to join our Board of Directors. All are invited. We are especially looking for new members to join the Board because we'd like fresh ideas. We really need your help so please consider joining the team. If you are interested or want additional information, please contact Whitlow Wong at [whitlowwong@comcast.net](mailto:whitlowwong@comcast.net).

# The Mercedes-AMG PureSpeed: Redefining Open-Air Performance



[Derrick McCarthy](#)

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*The AMG PureSpeed is what happens when the "For the Masses" mantra takes the backseat and the goal is to make one of the most visceral and ultra-exclusive roadsters ever.*

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After the Ferrari Monza, McLaren Elva, Aston Martin Speedster, and Bentley Bacalar, Mercedes-AMG PureSpeed is another roofless missile that will accelerate the arrival of already en route male alopecia. The only difference is it might cost a third of what its aforementioned cousins cost.

Mercedes-AMG has carved out its place in the hypercar and performance segments with impressive offerings like the AMG One and the AMG GT. However, there's a noticeable gap in the lineup for a car that sits between these extremes. The gap was once filled by the likes of the Mercedes-McLaren SLR and the SLS AMG, but it has remained empty for some time—until now.

Enter the AMG PureSpeed, the first car to launch under the brand's new Mythos series, an ultra-exclusive line of vehicles designed to push the boundaries of performance while maintaining a level of refinement that appeals to the most discerning (rich) collectors (not me and you!).

Revealed at the 2024 Monaco Grand Prix, the AMG PureSpeed takes inspiration from the 1955 SLR Stirling Moss and, more notably, the 1924 Targa Florio-winning Mercedes.



Source- Mercedes-Benz

The coolest thing about PureSpeed is its Formula 1-inspired "halo" bar replacing the conventional windshield. While the halo serves as a safety feature in Formula 1 to deflect debris, here, it is used to further accentuate the speedster's futuristic and aggressive look. The design is unmistakable

It also includes a substantial twist: a high-tech fabric cover that stretches over the halo and attaches to the wheel arches—reminiscent of an old race car, though intended only for when the car is parked.

Powering the PureSpeed is the 577-horsepower 4.0-liter twin-turbo V8 engine found in the SL63. This powerhouse accelerates the PureSpeed from 0 to 62 mph in just 3.6 seconds, with a top speed of 196 mph, which will feel like twice that if you EVER manage to go that far, in a roofless boosted AMG.

Other keister-saving features include including hydraulic roll stabilization, rear-axle steering, and carbon-ceramic brakes with black six-piston front calipers. The PureSpeed comes with 21-inch forged aluminum wheels that are aerodynamically designed to minimize drag.

The cockpit is a blend of black and white leather and features custom stitching designed to mirror the air flowing around the car. Each car is outfitted with an IWC Schaffhausen analog clock and a 15-speaker Burmester surround sound system, ensuring that the driving experience is as refined as it is thrilling.

A unique touch is the inclusion of two specially designed aerodynamic helmets, like the ones you get with Solus GT. They match the car's paint job. These helmets are not just for looks—they come equipped with an intercom system that allows the driver and passenger to communicate.

You can also sync the intercom to your phone to make calls or listen to music while on the road. The lattermost is not at all recommended

Mercedes-AMG has announced that only 250 units will be produced, and they will be available exclusively to the most dedicated enthusiasts and collectors. The Mythos series is just getting started and will be a class above the already opulent Maybach line of cars. PureSpeed's price tag is expected to start around \$300,000-\$500,000, considering that the SL63 already commands a price of \$188,300.

# 6 Fastest Cars in the Current Mercedes-Benz Lineup

At the pinnacle of Mercedes-Benz's performance, the bar seems to keep getting higher and higher with every generation.

By [Verdad Gallardo](#) - November 27, 2024

## Introduction

[Mercedes-Benz](#) has a legacy of blending luxury with cutting-edge performance, and its latest lineup of vehicles is no exception. With acceleration times rivaling the world's top supercars, these models showcase advanced engineering and [Formula 1](#)-inspired technology. From lightning-quick hybrids to electrifying sedans, here are the six [fastest](#) accelerating current Mercedes-Benz cars.

## 6. Mercedes-AMG C63 S E Performance (0-60 mph: 3.3 seconds)

Though its four-cylinder engine marks a departure from [AMG's](#) V8 heritage, the [C63 S E Performance](#) compensates with a rear-mounted electric motor for instant torque. Generating 671 horsepower, this compact powerhouse hits 60 mph in 3.3 seconds. While it may polarize purists, its performance credentials remain undeniable.

## 5. Mercedes-AMG S63 E Performance (0-60 mph: 3.3 seconds)

Luxury meets power in the S63 E Performance, where a V8 plug-in hybrid system churns out a combined 791 horsepower and 1,055 lb-ft of torque. This stately sedan accelerates to 60 mph in 3.3 seconds while offering comfort-focused innovations like kinetic seats and four-wheel steering. It's an abundance of both refinement and exhilarating speed.

## 4. Mercedes-AMG EQE Sedan (0-60 mph: 3.2 seconds)

This all-electric sedan proves that eco-conscious driving can still deliver jaw-dropping performance. With an emphasis on aerodynamics and efficiency, the EQE Sedan boasts a 3.2-second dash to 60 mph. While its range may take a hit during spirited driving, its smooth power delivery and futuristic design make it an exciting addition to the AMG lineup.

## 3. Mercedes-AMG SL 63 S E Performance Roadster (0-60 mph: 2.8 seconds)

For open-air enthusiasts, the SL 63 S E Performance brings thrilling speed and luxury. Its V8 plug-in

hybrid engine produces 805 horsepower, allowing it to match the acceleration of the GT 4-Door Coupe. Innovative features like the tilt-adjustable touchscreen and wind-deflecting systems provide practicality without sacrificing its sporty character.

## 2. Mercedes-AMG GT 63 S E Performance 4-Door Coupe (0-60 mph: 2.8 seconds)

Similar in powertrain to its coupe sibling, the AMG GT 63 S E Performance 4-Door offers 805 horsepower and incredible torque for swift acceleration. Designed for practicality with four seats, this vehicle maintains its performance edge, sprinting to 60 mph in a brisk 2.8 seconds. Its aerodynamic enhancements and hybrid technology make it a formidable option for both track and daily drives.

## 1. Mercedes-AMG GT 63 S E Performance Coupe (0-60 mph: 2.7 seconds)

As the fastest AMG car to date, the [AMG GT 63 S E Performance Coupe](#) combines a 4.0-liter V8 biturbo engine with a high-powered electric motor. Delivering a staggering 831 horsepower and 1,032 lb-ft of torque, this plug-in hybrid reaches 60 mph in just 2.7 seconds. Inspired by Formula 1, its advanced battery cooling system ensures consistent high performance. It's a testament to how Mercedes is merging supercar capabilities with luxury.

### Classified Items for Sale

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**For Sale: 230SL**



Recent service by Michael Hoover at Hoover Mercedes was excellent. In fact he used to be at Glauser MB years ago when I used the head mechanic (Dennis) there to help me with the 230SL. Dennis rebuilt the 4 speed transmission for me, as well as doing major tune ups etc. We replaced the manual steering with a period power steering unit from a 1965 which makes it much easier for Juli to drive.

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**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 S550, 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 the 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. Includes two keys & manuals.

From what I found online there are a few of these around the country listed for sale at \$37,000 to \$42,000. Depending on features and miles, I would consider offers in the high \$30,000s, not desperate, but would be as reasonable as possible working with a buyer. Contact Brad Hendrix at 303 946-9112.



**For Sale:** 2017 CLA AMG63S, Obsidian black/Designo red-black leather, 23,000 miles, Colorado car. New tires, ceramic coating (10 yr warranty), excellent inside and out. Factory raised speed limiter to 186 mph, 577 HP-590 torque. \$73,000 Contact Mark at 719-331-2614, [msreich@comcast.net](mailto:msreich@comcast.net).



## **Interested in an MBCA Name Badge? Here's How to Get Yours!**

MBCA logo name badges serve as excellent identifiers at MBCA Sectional, Regional, or National events, fostering camaraderie among members.

Now, you can personalize your badge through a new feature launched on the MBCA website in June 2024: ProShop.

Assuming you've already set up your account on the MBCA website, follow these steps:

1. Log in at MBCA website.
2. Click on the "Members Only" button.
3. Navigate to the "MBCA Store" section. Don't be confused by the fact that it's labeled as "Mercedes-Benz Club of America"—it's still ProShop.
4. ProShop operates independently from MBCA, so you'll need to create a separate account here (your MBCA.org login/password won't work).
5. Once inside ProShop, you'll find the name badges prominently displayed. ProShop offers three different formats of name badges.

Get noticed – grab your personalized name badge today!

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