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Newsletter of the PIKES PEAK SECTION

Drive-In Movie Night

Sunday, 4 September 2011

2:00 p.m. - Rally

5:30 p.m. - Dinner

Dusk - Movie

OKAY folks.....Here's your last reminder!!!

Time to remember days long ago, where we could go to the Drive-in Movie, sit in our cars, munch on popcorn, and snuggle up with our sweetie. Lucky for Pikes Peak MBCA, we get a chance to relive that piece of nostalgia. Join us for our 3rd annual Drive-in Movie Night! Get ready to put your tops down or open your sunroofs for a movie under the stars!



This year, our journey through time begins at the Pikes Peak International Raceway! Since our movie is a "racing movie" (hint!), it seemed appropriate to start at a raceway! PPIR is having a really exciting event called American Dreams MotorSports Carnival. This is an event going on all day (gates open at 9:00 a.m. and there is no entrance fee to watch). You will have the chance to drive (or just ride along with a driver) cars such as a Lotus, Ferrari, and

Lamborghini around the track at phenomenal speeds! For those of you who want to take advantage of this, I suggest you go early! Just tell them you are a member of the MBCA, and they will give you 25% off on the driving events. If you are interested, check out their website, at <http://www.americandreamsracing.com>.

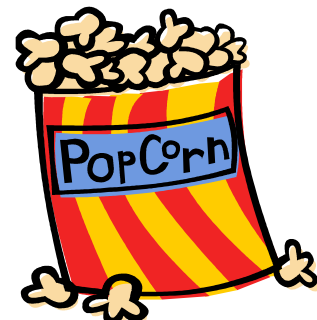
For those of you not planning on participating in the Carnival, we will have two places to meet. First, in Colorado Springs, at the Tinsel Town Movie Theatre, 1545 East Cheyenne Mountain Blvd, at 2:00. Or, just meet us at PPIR at 2:30. We will allow time for everyone to watch the cars whiz by, before we start our rally! Our rally will take about 1½ hours, and take you through the story of the movie. To complete your tour, we will have a CD available with hints and songs pertaining to the movie, to give you hints as you drive along! The rally will lead you right to the location of dinner, and the drive-in Movie.

Good Driving, Good Food, Good Movie, and lots of fun!

Don't miss it!

Price per person - \$25

Please RSVP no later than September 1st, to Dan Kerbs, dankerbs00@yahoo.com; 719-594-6017 – home or 719- 964-5956 – cell



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View From the Peak by Charlie Bennett

StarTrails 2011 in Ouray, Colorado was a great success. We had wonderful drives on and off highway

through the San Juan Mountains. A daily happy hour(s) at the Tiki Bar, a Friday evening drive-in movie and a roundup banquet under the Mercedes-Benz tent at the hotel, provided good times for all. We gave prizes for the oldest car in the event, dirtiest car, and the entrant who traveled longest getting to StarTrails. Our committee members were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the event. My personal thanks to Tom, Jerry, Cheryl, Ellen, Judy, Andrew, Dan,

Andrea, Bill, Gary, Mary, Stan, Julie, and Cathy for all their hard work. All of the **StarTrails** participants expressed their thanks to the Pikes Peak Section and asked how soon we could do **StarTrails** again!

Upcoming section events include the Drive-In movie night on the 4th of September and the Breakfast and Fun Run on the 15th. Join us for both.

Section members wishing to take a more active role in the section can serve on the section board of directors. Please consider serving on our board. The direction of the section is directly related to the members that volunteer to participate through the board of directors.

Join us for a great time.

Charlie

Editor's Corner

August was quite a month. We were busy with **StarTrails** check-in, driving activities, and social calendar, but that didn't stop us from admiring the fabulous cars that travelled to Ouray, CO to join us for this unique weekend - a little cabriolet G-wagen that was cute as the dickens and just as capable, a fully tricked-out G-wagen that had a popup roof tent (great for keeping away from bears), sexy SLKs that stuck to twisty mountain roads like glue, S-class sedans that didn't let the young whippersnappers get the best of them, and 20 of our venerable MLs. They proved that Mercedes builds not only a comfortable ride but one tough enough to give the FJs and Jeeps a run for their money. We took these cars into some of

the roughest terrain there is and they all emerged unscathed. The drivers learned a lot both about themselves and about the capabilities of their vehicles so we consider that a win-win situation. It was a privilege to get to know everyone who took a chance on this off-beat little event and drove their cars from all over the country to participate.

Our adventures in Ouray will be featured in the Jan-Feb edition of the *Star Magazine*. We've been asked to contribute an article and as many as 30 pictures, so be on the lookout for our featured spread. In the meantime, you can see what all the fuss was about by checking us out on FaceBook at MBCA StarTrails 2011.

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September Fun Run by Gary Gagnon

Saturday, 17 September 2011
9:00 a.m.

At the completion of the 17 September Pikes Peak MBCA club breakfast at the Golden Corral, those interested in participating in the fun run will assemble in the Golden Corral parking lot and depart for the American Numismatic Association Museum for a guided tour of another Colorado Springs cultural gem. Price of admission will be \$3 per person if we can assemble more than 8 people. The museum collection consists of over 250,000 objects encompassing the history of numismatics from the earliest invention of money to modern day. The objects include paper money, coins, tokens,

medals, exonumia, and traditional money from all over the world. The Museum exhibits include "A House Divided, Money the Civil War", "The Faces of Money", "Harry W. Bass" Collection, and the Minting Gallery. There is a Money market available at the end of our tour.

The final destination for the fun run will be the Ferrara's Happy Apple Farm in Penrose, CO. The Farm will have apples, peaches, cider, a selection of produce and pumpkins for sale. Food options at the farm are BBQ, deli sandwiches, ice cream and sweets. Hay rides will be available to tour the farm and the pumpkin patch.

"The museum collection consists of over 250,000 objects...."



Section Elections

Tuesday, 11 October 2011
6:00 p.m.

It's time to elect your fearless leaders once again. Our annual Section elections are coming up and this year, we've got 4 of our 12 board of directors positions to elect. At least two of these positions will be vacant going into next year.

Ours is a working board and this year we worked extra hard! Our major accomplishment was successfully putting on **StarTrails 2011**, a national special MBCA event. The Pikes Peak Section is a very dynamic section and we have at least one driving event per month. Each board member is expected to be actively involved with these section activities. That means you will get to plan and execute two events per year and

attend many other events. These events can be anything you can dream up that is car-related.

If you would like to become more involved with your Section, let us know. Julie Nelson, the Rocky Mountain Regional Director is your point of contact. Call her at 719-633-7522 to let her know you're interested in joining our board.

Our election will be held at Uve's German Restaurant at 31 Iowa Ave, Colorado Springs. Uve's has been a local institution for over 40 years and specializes in authentic German cuisine. Join

us for dinner, even if you're not interested in standing for election to the board. This will be a great no-host evening. Non-board members are responsible for their own meals. Please RSVP to Hans Matthiesen at 719-596-7479 if you would like to attend.

"The Pikes Peak Section is a very dynamic section...."



President's Rally

Saturday, 15 October 2011

9:00 a.m.

"...We'll

stay on paved

roads a take

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civilization."

President Charlie is giving it another go. As with last year's attempt, this rally is again brought to you by the letter "G", in honor of his beloved G-Wagen. The good news is that you won't have to go where G-Wagens love to play in order to participate. We'll stay on paved roads and take a leisurely tour through civilization. What a great way to close out the driving season.



He's working on the route now but it won't go far from town and you already know what each clue will contain - lots of "G's."

And being that it's President Charlie, expect to learn a little along the way.

It's been a while since we've done a rally so here are a few reminders.

- We'll use a staggered start after breakfast at the Golden Corral on Woodmen Road.
- Each participant will receive a fill-in-the-blank answer sheet. So bring a clipboard and a pencil or pen. Note: penmanship is important, if we can't read your answers, no credit!
- Every clue and/or answer will have a "G" in it. For example, the question could read: Who was the 1st president? Answer: **George** Washington.
- Route directions will be provided as turn-by-turn instructions, again looking for the "G's", i.e., turn at the Citgo **Gas** Station.
- There will be a time limit of 3 hours to complete the course and in the event of a tie, the order of finish will be the tie-breaker.

Plan to join us after breakfast. **Gas** up and **get** in on the **glorious gambol**. You'll have a **great** time. **Get** it???

Even the Feds Want a Benz by Brendan Lynch

A Bay State retailer of Halloween costume accessories had a frightening encounter with federal regulators for selling novelty contact lenses that make customers look like vampires from "Twilight."

Scott Smiledge-Ferragamo, the owner of a Gloucester joke shop and the Beverly-based Vampfangs.com e-commerce site, recently settled a Federal Trade Commission case for \$50,000. The agency claimed Smiledge-Ferragamo allegedly sold special-effects lenses without properly obtaining prescriptions from customers.

Under the settlement filed this month in U.S. District Court in Boston, the Internet marketer also agreed to sell his 2009

Mercedes-Benz C300 and fork over the cash to the feds. The car is worth between \$23,600 to \$29,300, according to Kelley Blue Book. It's unclear why the settlement calls for Smiledge-Ferragamo to sell his car. A spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office did not return a call for comment.



PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS!

Forney Museum Fun Run - 19 November 2011



All aboard for the November Fun Run. After breakfast on the 19th, we will be travelling to Denver to visit the Forney Museum of Transportation, a one-of-a-kind collection of over 500 exhibits related to historical transportation. The Forney began with antique cars such as Amelia Earhart's Gold

Bug Kissel, but soon expanded to locomotives, buggies, bicycles, motorcycles, fire engines, and aircraft.

The featured display is Vintage Mercedes-Benz (pre-1986).

Guided tours are available for groups of 10 or more and these groups are eligible for a discounted group rate. Reservations must be made 2 weeks ahead of time. Please contact Judy Bennett at 719-576-9737 if you are interested in attending this event.

"...a one-of-a-kind collection of over 500 exhibits...."

Holiday Party - 11 December 2011

Mark your calendars for this year's Pikes Peak Chapter Holiday Party; 11 December is the date to save. Festivities will be held at the El Paso Club in beautiful downtown Colorado Springs, CO. We'll start the Party at 5:00 p.m. with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Then at 6:00 p.m., we'll transition to the El Paso Club's luxurious dining room for a delicious and wonderfully prepared multi-course meal. We'll have a raffle for holiday themed gifts again this year and you'll be able to purchase additional raffle chances. Party prices and meal choices will be announced in next month's newsletter.

Those who attended last year will be sure to remember this awesome venue - elegance, luxury, and quality are the words

that first come to mind. Organized October 23, 1877, the El Paso Club is believed to be the oldest private town club west of Chicago. This elegant and much-envied location will be the backdrop as we celebrate the holiday season and the camaraderie of the Mercedes-Benz community.



Mile High Section Events

For more information, visit the MHS website at <http://www.milehighmbca.org>

MHS Social

Date: 21 September 2011

Location: Perfect Landing Restaurant,
7625 S. Peoria St, Englewood

Contact: Patt Clark, 303-904-0223

Cost: \$30 per person

Contact: Laura Lass, 303-776-8276

Oktoberfest Rally

Date: 24 September 2011

Location: TBD

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

Date: 30 Sep-1 Oct 2011

Location: Albuquerque, NM

Cost: Food & lodging

Contact: Harvey LeCato, mbca@comcast.net

Meet the Board by Bill Kasper

I have been a Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Pikes Peak Section member since 1998. I joined the club to meet other Mercedes owners and to participate in club rallies and events. I became a board member in November of 2008 and I drive a 1999 CL500.



In the three years I have been a Board member, I have contributed several new ideas and events. I suggested

that the Pikes Peak Section contribute to local charities, which the Board adopted with several food drives for the Ecumenical Social Ministries and a dollar denotation to TESSA.

I have organized Spring Rallies which included a Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) Rally in 2010. I also put together a few Fun Runs including trips to Serenity Springs Wildlife Center, home to well over 100 big cats; and the Butterfly Pavilion in Westminster,

Colorado.

In 2010, I was the committee chairman for the Holiday/Christmas Party which we had at the El Paso Club. It turned out to be a resounding success. Note: The Holiday/Christmas Party will be at the El Paso Club again this year.

This year I put together a Hand Gun Basics and Hand Gun Safety Class, a two day event, with classroom instruction one day and shooting range time the next.

Since Star Trails 2011 was going to be in such a beautiful location the Star Trails committee decided to add an On-Pave-ment portion to the 4 day event. My committee and I put together the self guided Trip-Tik, the Poker Rally, and the drive to Gateway Canyon Resort. The Poker Rally from Ouray to Durango took the participants over the 74 mile Million Dollar Highway; up to 11,018 feet in elevation; and around 284 curves. The drive to Gateway Canyon Resort took the convoy through high desert terrain with buttes, mesas, and canyons which culminated at the Gateway Canyon Resort Automobile Museum.

Mercedes Drops the V12SL by Vik Vijayenthiran

Mercedes-Benz has dropped its V-12 SL-Class models, the SL600 and SL65 AMG sledgehammer, from its 2012 lineup as it prepares for the introduction of the redesigned 2013 Mercedes-Benz SL-Class in the latter half of next year.

The SL600, powered by a twin-turbocharged 5.5-liter V-12 developing 510 horsepower and 610 pound-feet of torque, was the first to go, being dropped from the 2011 lineup without a word from the automaker.

Now the SL65 AMG, which sports a 604 horsepower and 740 pound-feet of torque twin-turbocharged 6.0-liter V-12, has been dropped from the 2012 lineup, with the official word being that the cars are being phased out gradually in the lead up to the new 2013 model.

However, part of the reason is likely due to the slightly less powerful yet similarly priced SLS AMG and recently introduced SLS AMG Roadster stealing much of the lime-light, as well as sales.

What's not clear is whether Mercedes-Benz will be phasing out its V-12 models completely in favor of more fuel efficient V-8 units. Let's hope the automaker keeps at least one 12 cylinder model in its lineup, even if it's only a limited edition model like the all out insane SL65 AMG Black Series.



“Mercedes-Benz has dropped its V-12 SL-Class models....”

Display Your Benz Thanks to the Mile High Section

As you have seen in the Preview of Coming Attractions, we will be visiting the Forney Museum of Transportation in November. Well, you could also pay a visit to your own favorite classic Benz while you're there.

The Forney Museum is scheduling a special three month long indoor show just for Mercedes vehicles in the center of their Museum from November 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012.

They have a few Mercedes of their own, but need about 20 vehicles from Mercedes-Benz Club members to complete the display. They are primarily looking for

pre-1985 vehicles and a few select newer vehicles. They would especially love to display any pre-war vehicles and vehicles from the 40's, 50's and 60's.

If you have a nice 70's or 80's model, the Forney may be interested as well. There is no cost to display your Mercedes, and you get a warm, indoor place for your Mercedes for 3 months next winter.

If you would like to display your pride and joy and honestly be able to say your vehicle was in a nationally recognized museum, contact Christof Kheim at the Forney at 303-297-1113.

"There is no cost to display your Mercedes and you get a warm, indoor place....."

Der Marktplatz



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StarTrails 2011 Recap

“The views were beautiful with wild flowers in abundance....”

StarTrails 2011 is now just a memory, but, oh, what a memory it is! This Pikes Peak Section signature national special event kicked off on Wednesday, 17 August at the Twin Peaks Hotel and Hot Springs in beautiful Ouray, CO. We registered 36 cars and 70 people from 13 states that afternoon, presenting them with name badges and gift bags, and then pointing them toward the Tiki Bar for special margaritas. These got us pumped for the Welcome Reception at The historic Beaumont Hotel.

President Charlie welcomed all the attendees and recognized our visiting VIPs including Steve Dierks, MBCA VP; Mary Alice Cozza, MBCA Secretary; Frank Cozza, MBCA National Events Chair; Bill Hopper, Eastern Region RD; Julie Nelson, Rocky Mountain Region RD, and Doug Truitt, Executive Director of the NBO. Cheryl Kerbs, our Event Coordinator whetted our appetites for events to come by describing all the fun activities she had planned. By the time she finished, we were rarin’ to go. It was back to our hospitality tent for a showing of True Grit with John Wayne which was filmed almost entirely in and around Ouray.

“...our diabolical Trailmeisters had laid out an obstacle course....”

Thursday morning after an all-hands safety meeting, the on-road folks picked up their Trip Tiks and headed out for one of the nine destinations recommended by our on-road bosses Bill Kasper and Gary Gagnon. The off-roaders gathered for some basic 4x4 instruction from our Trailmeisters Tom Croak and Jerry Graves. We then broke into groups by ability. The greenies (beginners) traveled an easy trail to Eureka Gulch for a trip up to Sunnyside Mine and

the missing Lake Emma. The blues (intermediates) went to Clear Lake while the Reds (experts) and their G-wagens broke off for Governor Basin. The views were beautiful with wild flowers in abundance and a fabulous introduction to the grandeur of the San Juans.

Friday morning, the on-road warriors headed to Durango for the Poker Rally. The greenies followed Andrea Hansen to Last Dollar Road, home to many scenes from the original True Grit.

The off-road drivers weren’t so lucky. After our drivers’ meeting we headed for the Mercedes Off-Road Proving Ground, otherwise known as Red Mountain Mining Area. There, our diabolical Trailmeisters Tom and Jerry had laid out an obstacle course that contained all of the obstacles we would encounter on our trail drives. We practiced climbing narrow trails and having to pass on-coming vehicles; as well as off-camber turns and ascensions on loose gravel. Finally, we backed up a loose-scrabble hill under Tom’s “YMCA” direction. We all survived, much to our amazement. The G-wagens followed us and did the entire course backwards!

For the blues, it was off on the Red Mountain Trail to Corkscrew Gulch. We snaked our way up to Hurricane Pass and on to California Pass with many photo stops along the way. Flatlanders were gobsmacked by the views and the drop-offs but everyone managed to stay on the road and complete the trail. The red team headed off to Mineral Basin and Oh Point for some more difficult trail driving.



Mercedes Off-Road Proving Ground



Tom Doing the “Y”

By Friday night we were all ready for a little R&R. With the help of innkeeper Ryan and ever-lovin' hubby Dan, Cheryl had arranged for a drive-in movie on an empty lot in town. So we marshalled our cars and settled in with our popcorn and candy to watch City Slickers - how appropriate!

But we couldn't hold back the clock, no matter how much we wanted to and Saturday rolled around much too soon. This was the grand finale for the trail drivers - Ophir Pass and Imogene Pass for the blue teams and Black Bear Pass for the experts. Imogene Pass is the second highest pass in Colorado and a thrilling drive. Black Bear is one of the most famous trails in the state and for good reason. It's beautiful and slightly terrifying.

Once we were safely on flat ground again, we had the Ouray Fire Department on hand to powerwash the trail dust off of our cars. Then we gathered at the hotel for our Roundup BBQ. After everyone filled up on chicken, brats, and burgers with all the trimmin's, Charlie began the program.

First he recognized the dirtiest car - Aaron Streater from the Tarheel Section (NC) barely edged out the Bonavias from Kansas City. The "Oldest Car Award" went to Larry Vorhees of the Omaha Section for his 1990 300SL that made it all the way to Ouray with nary a whimper. The "Longest Trail Drive Award" went to Lin York from Florida who had travelled 4400 miles to get to Ouray. Then we got serious.

The "Rock Hopper" award went to Karl Volger for demonstrating his expertise in all off-road situations. The "Road Warrior Award" went to Doug and Letha Knox of the Pikes Peak Section for their per-

sistence in following clues in the Poker Rally (which they won, by the way). The Warsteiner Off Road Enthusiasm Award went to the entire Bonavia Family for their willingness to try anything, including Black Bear. The Warsteiner On-Road Enthusiasm Award went to Ursula and Rudolph Lamprecht of the Twin Cities Section (MN) for their unfailing positive attitude.

Then we awarded mementos to our committee members. Rock Solid Trail Leader

rocks went to Andrew Nelson and Dan Kerbs. Andrea Hansen got the Greenie Trail Leader SLK.

Bill Kasper captured the Pokermeister Award. Stan & Mary Bixler were recognized for their awesome gift bags and banners. Other recognition went to Ellen Croak as Webmeister and Julie Nelson as Hospitality Queen. Finally, we presented Tom Croak and Jerry Graves with the Tom 'n' Jerry Trailmeister Awards, a fitting tribute to their expertise and skill in bringing this event to a very successful conclusion.

Bottom line, folks, is that we had a fabulously good time. All the attendees wanted to know if we could do it again next year! Check out more of the great pictures on Facebook at "MBCA Star-Trails 2011" or see next month's newsletter.

"...City

Slickers - how appropriate!"



Atop Imogene Pass



ML On the Edge

Special Offer From Mercedes-Benz of Colorado Springs

Thinking about upgrading the engine or transmission on your Mercedes Benz? Now is the time. Between now and December 31st, 2011 Mercedes-Benz of Colorado Springs will sell MBCA members Mercedes-Benz factory re-manufactured engines and transmissions at our cost!

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Special, deep discounts for installation also available! Limited time storage of your engine or transmission available as space allows!

Call Steve Crosby, Parts and Service Director or Lance Michels, Parts Manager - ONLY! 719-575-7930.

New MLC by Vlad Balan

This is probably the only time you'll see a picture of a BMW in 'Round the Benz' but we have a good reason. There have been a lot of rumors regarding Mercedes' upcoming BMW X6 competitor and the car generates even more buzz as it gets closer to launch. Mercedes officials recently confirmed that the carmaker is working on a sporty crossover and that it will wear the MLC (M-class Coupe) name tag, because it will be derived from the M-Class SUV.

The new Mercedes-Benz MLC will be built in the United States, at the company's production facility in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where the Germans are already building the ML Class, the R Class and the GL Class. In 2014, this is where the US-spec C-Class will also be produced.

Although the 2012 Mercedes-Benz M-Class has already started production, the MLC won't be built before 2014 or 2015. The new vehicle is part of a \$2 billion investment in the Alabama facility announced by Daimler AG. It's likely the money will go towards the installation of tooling for the coupe crossover as well as the replacements for the GL-Class and R-Class models.

Expansion of the M-Class product line is part of Mercedes' long term-plans for both its vehicle catalog and its Alabama facility. Even before the first M-Class crossover came off the assembly line, Mercedes' executives had plans to expand the M-Class from a single vehicle to an entire product line.

While BMW's X6 isn't the best-selling vehicle in the company's lineup, annual sales of some 46,000 units are enough to convince Mercedes-Benz that a rival vehicle is warranted.

However, competition in this segment is ex-

pected to be rife in the next couple of years with Audi also rumored to be planning its own version, a vehicle already being called the Q6. Additionally, Porsche's new Cajun crossover, which may also come in a sporty three-door bodystyle, is expected to drop in 2014 as well.

Everyone is expecting a concept version of the MLC to debut this Fall in Germany, at the 2011 Frankfurt Motor Show. According to the German magazine AutoBild, the new model, even though it will be based on the M-Class and will share the powertrains with it, it will look much different. Basically, Mercedes will take the 4-door coupe CLS and create an SUV from it, so we're actually talking about a lifestyle vehicle and not a true off-roader.

The speculated price of the new MLC is around \$90,000, with the top-of-the-range AMG version to probably be priced around \$150,000. The engines will be the same ones from the

ML, including a 4-cylinder diesel engine and a hybrid version is also scheduled. On the interior, the car will offer only 4 seats (this is how the X6 debuted, but a 5-seat version is now available too, so Mercedes might reconsider that), less luggage space and the main theme will be luxury and sporty.

However, even though the model will look and feel amazing, it won't have an easy life, because at the end of 2012 the new Audi Q6 is also scheduled to make world debut and by 2014 BMW plans on introducing the new generation X6. However, the \$2 billion investment in the Tuscaloosa plant shows that Mercedes has some serious plans.

Anyway, one thing's for sure...we're really thrilled about this competition, because when the three models will be out (the X6, the Q6 and the MLC), we're probably gonna be looking at some of the most amazing cars ever created.

"...confirmed that the carmaker is working on a sporty crossover...the MLC...."



BMW X6

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 4, 2011 Drive-In Movie - 2:00 p.m. Dan Kerbs 719-594-6017	Hans Matthiesen 719-596-7479
September 6, 2011 Monthly Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m. Charlie Bennett 719-576-9737	15 October 2011 Monthly Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. President's Rally Charlie Bennett 719-576-9737
September 17, 2011 Monthly Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. September Fun Run Gary Gagnon 719-282-9313	1 November 2011 Monthly Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m. Charlie Bennett 719-576-9737
4 October 2011 Monthly Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m. Charlie Bennett 719-576-9737	19 November 2011 Monthly Breakfast - 9:00 a.m. Forney Museum Fun Run Judy Bennett 719-576-9737
11 October 2011 Section Elections - 6:00 p.m.	6 December 2011 Monthly Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m. Charlie Bennett 719-576-9737

The Pikes Peak Section Board of Directors meets the **First Tuesday of Each Month** at **Mercedes-Benz of Colorado Springs**, 730 Automotive Drive. Meetings start at 6:00 p.m.
All Section members are welcome and encouraged to attend.