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Mercedes-Benz

THE MERCEDES-BENZ CLASSIC CENTER
AACA SOCAL VISIT – NOVEMBER 12, 2022

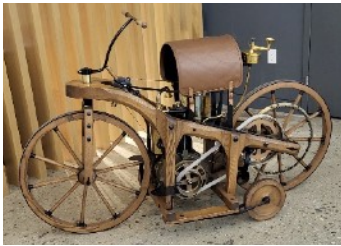
The Mercedes-Benz Classic Center in Long Beach, California is the only manufacturer operated sales and restoration facility in the United States dedicated to preserving classic Mercedes-Benz automobiles, exclusively operated by Mercedes-Benz USA. From small jobs and basic upkeep to full restorations, their work is always true to original, using Genuine Mercedes-Benz Classic Parts which number well over 500,000. With its direct link to the factory in Stuttgart, Germany, the center can access a car’s original build sheet and supply parts for even the rarest of models. If the center can’t locate a part, it’ll have one made, often by the original supplier. They can help find the specific vintage Mercedes-Benz and offer an ever-changing selection for-sale vehicles.



The Mercedes-Benz Classic Center is located in the former site of McDonald Douglas. This is now the western campus for port of entry of new Mercedes. These cars will be detailed here, after-market products added, then shipped to west coast dealers. This site consists of one million square feet and can hold up to five thousand cars.



Members drove their collector cars: Model A, Studebaker, T-Birds & Mercedes



1885 Riding Car (Motorcycle)



Joel welcoming everyone



replica 1889 Mercedes Benz



Mercedes staff: Mariella arranged the date, Nate & Mike shared their knowledge of all things "Mercedes"

ACA SOCAL thank our hosts for the comprehensive and informative tour



Admiring the classics – Check the trunk--Gullwings supply a mallet for wheel & 30 gallon gas tank for stability. Demonstration of entering & exiting. Notice that if you are over six feet tall, it is not ideal for driving a Gullwing. Oh well, I'm sure someone in the club would be happy to help.





Original hand machines for shrinking, stretching, or bending metal



Upholstery Department: leather from special distributor, coconut husk used for foundation with foam for comfort. Each seat sized to owner's specifications.



It can take up to five thousand hours or three years to completely restore a Mercedes down to the smallest nut and/or thinnest wire: 1) arrival & initial inspection; 2) tear down & documentation; 3) refinishing & repainting; 4) reassembly & final inspection.

