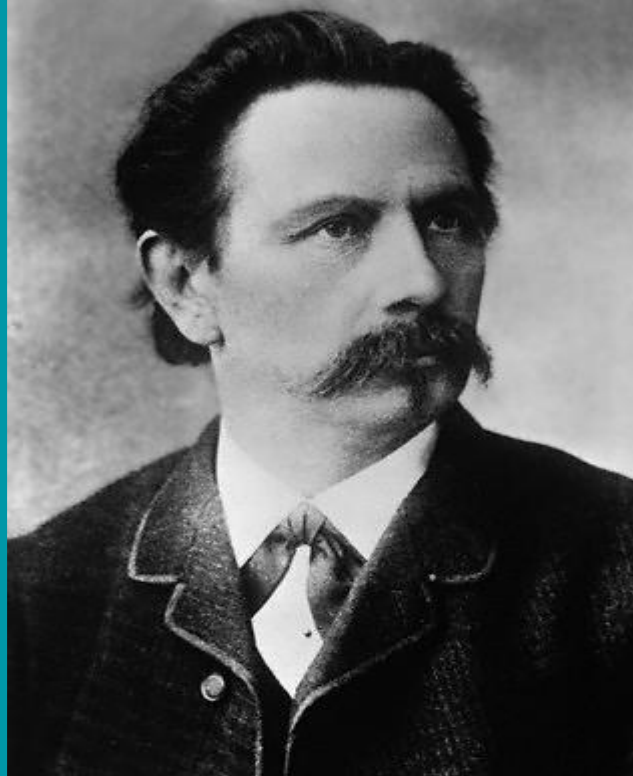


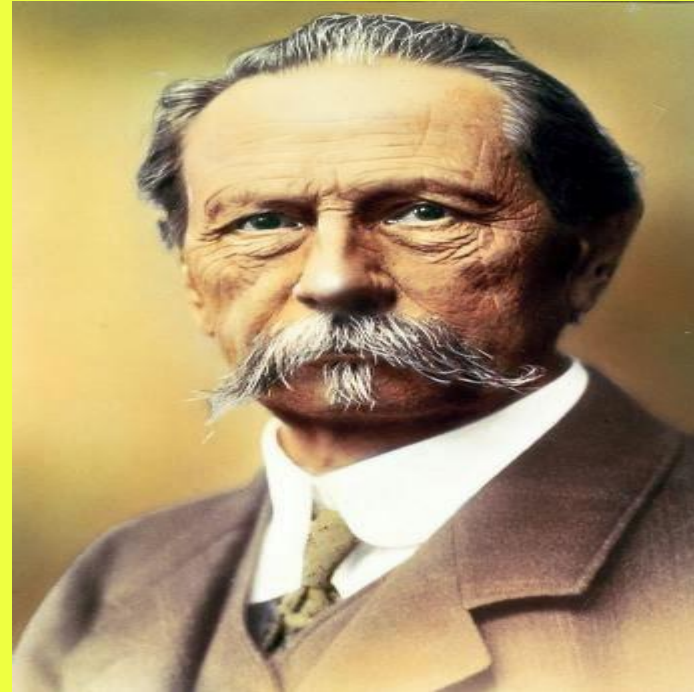
Carl Friedrich Michael Benz



1844-1929

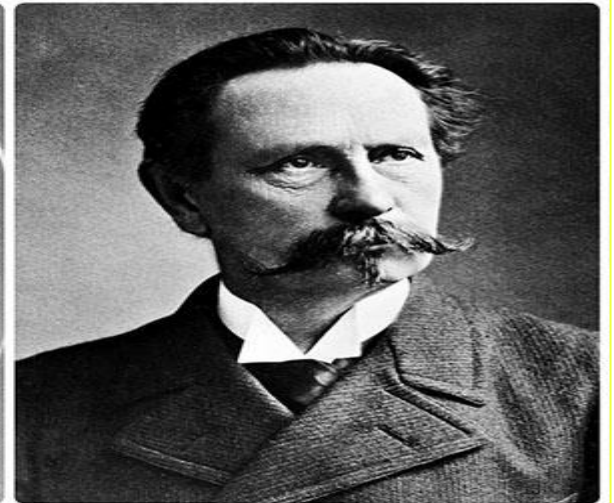
I was born November 25, 1844, Munburg
(karlsruhe)

Died April, 1929, Ladenburg



Karl's father, the train driver, died of cold when his son was only two years old. His mother struggled to give his son a good education. At the end of primary school in Karlsruhe in 1853, Carl entered the Technical Lyceum (now the Bismarck High), and then -in the Polytechnic University

In 1871, together with August Ritter organized mechanical workshop in Mannheim. Soon Karl Benz bought out partner on money loaned to him by the bride`s father, Bertha Ringer. Karl and Bertha got engaged 20 July 1872. They had five children.



In his workshop Karl Benz started the creation of new internal combustion engine. December 31. 1878 he received a patent for a two-stroke gasoline engine.



Soon Karl Benz patented the all important components and future vehicle systems: throttle, ignition systems, running from the battery and the spark plug, carburetor, clutch.



1902

In 1882 he organized a joint stock company "Gasmotoren Fabrik Mannheim" but in 1883 left him. In the same year on the basis of a bicycle workshop organized by the company "Benz Company Rheinische Gasmotoren -Fabrik" also known as "Benz Cie" The company began to produce and sell gasoline engines. Here Benz designed his first car.

Dienstauto von K. Benz



Lieblingsauto von Benz

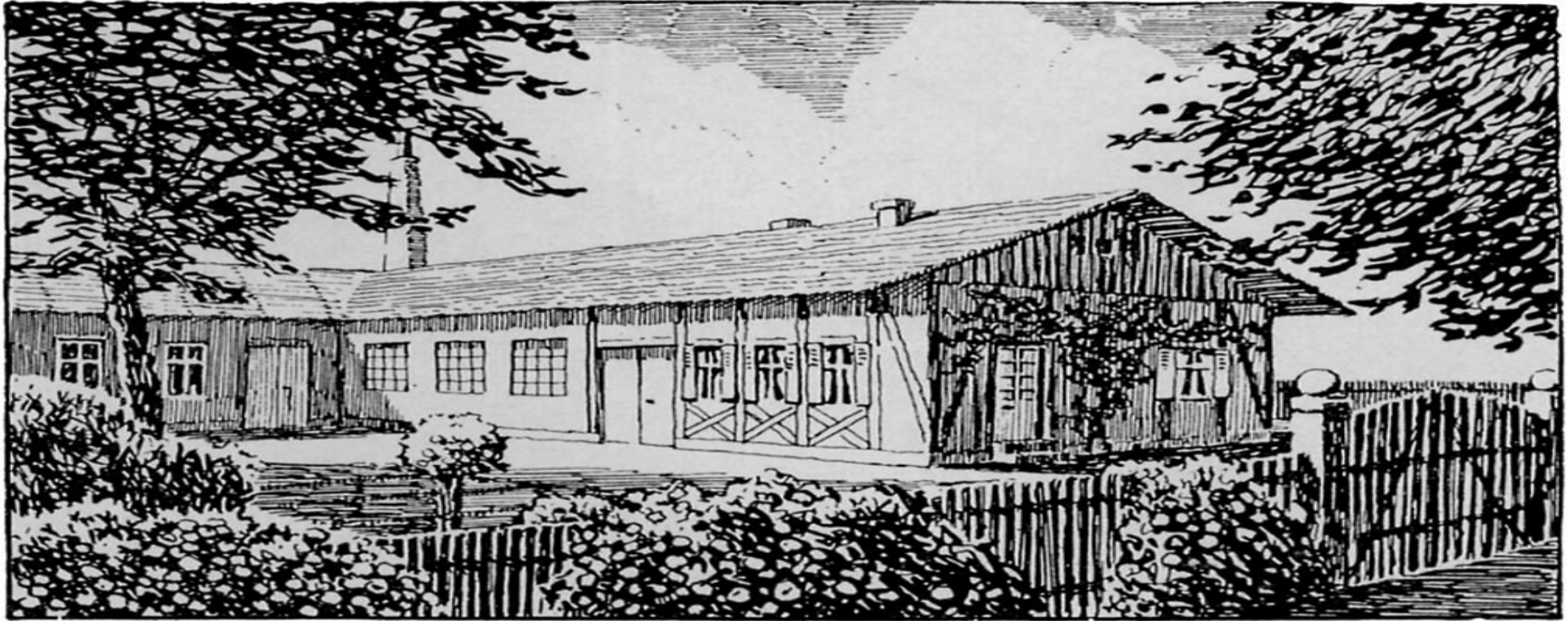
The car was completed in 1885 and was named “Motorwagen”. It was patented in January 1886 he has passed the test on the road in the same year and in 1887 was presented at the Paris Exposition



In 1888, car sales began. Soon a branch was opened in Paris where they are sold out better.



Factory Carl Benz in Mannheim, Germany



In 1893 he was created a cheaper a two-seater
“Victoria” with an engine capacity of 3 liters from on
four wheelers



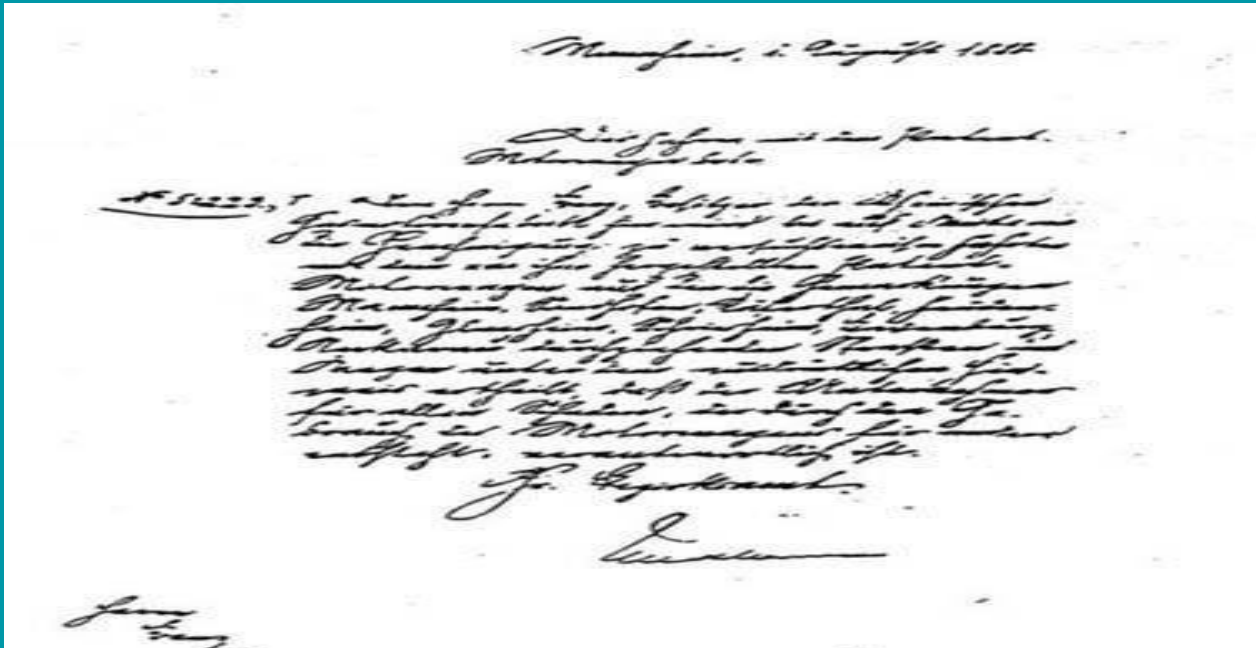
In 1894 he started the car produced “Velo”model



In 1906, Karl Benz, Bertha Benz and their son Eugene settled in Ladenburg



First driving license issued to Carl Benz August 1, 1888



Bertha Benz Memorial Route, a memorial plaque dedicated to the first trip to the Benz car in 1888



**Bertha Benz
Memorial Route**

June 28, 1926 the company Karl Benz “Benz Cie”DMG and Daimler merged to form the company “Daimler-Benz”renamed all of its cars in “Mercedes Benz”after the best model DMG 35-strong “Mercedec”1902 release and in honor of Karl Benz



The car “Mercedes” got its name from Mercedes
Jellinek the daughter of one of the partners of
Daimler Emil Jellinek, which set the specifications of
the new car.



Benz's sons Eugen and Richard left Benz & Cie. in 1903, but Richard returned to the company in 1904 as the designer of passenger vehicles.

Benz Spider

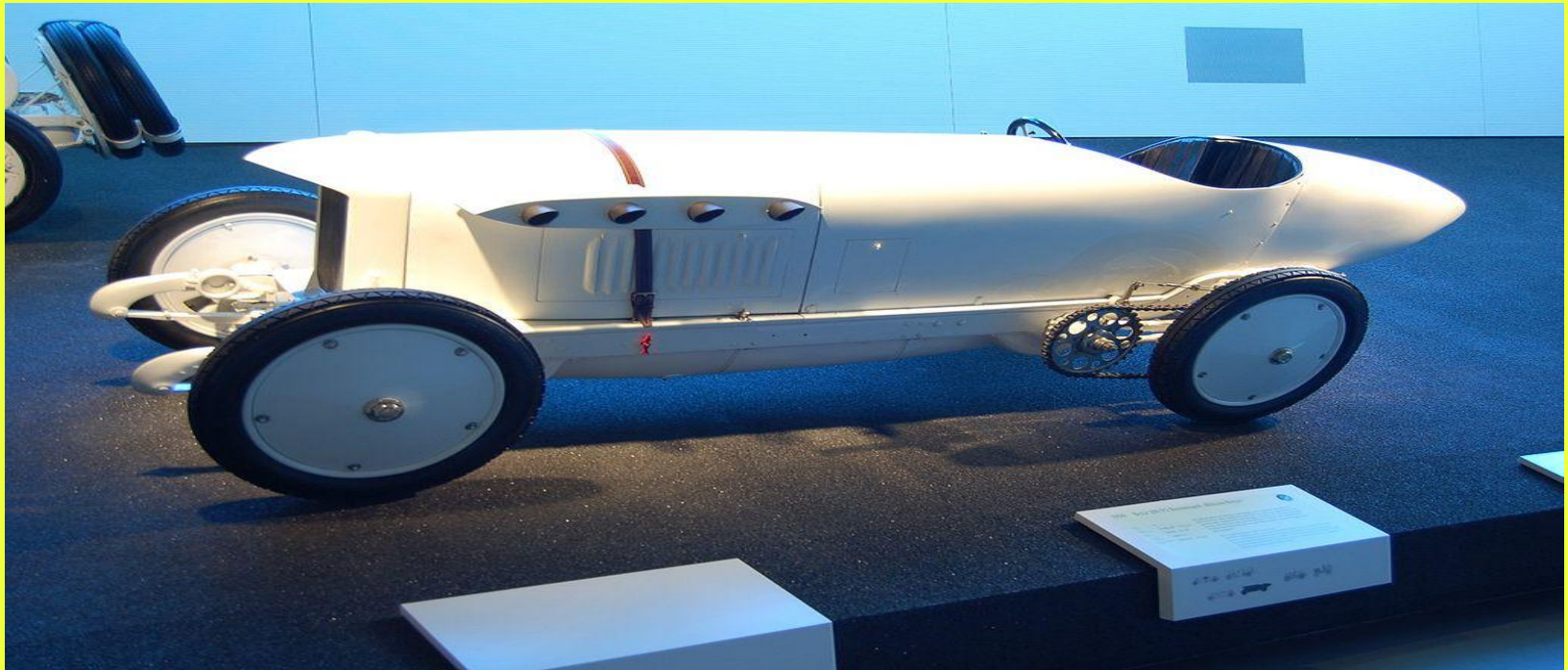


1902

That year, sales of Benz & Cie. reached 3,480 automobiles, and the company remained the leading manufacturer of automobiles.



In 1909, the Blitzen Benz was built in Mannheim by Benz & Cie. The bird-beaked vehicle had a 21.5-liter (1312ci), 150 kW (200 hp)



Karl Benz, Bertha Benz, and their son, Eugen, moved 10 kilometres (6.2 mi) east of Mannheim to live in nearby Ladenburg, and solely with their own capital, founded the private company, C. Benz Sons (German: Benz Söhne) in 1906, producing automobiles and gas engines.



In 1912, Karl Benz liquidated all of his shares in Benz Sons and left the family-held company in Ladenburg to Eugen and Richard, but he remained as a director of Benz & Cie.



In the last production year of the Benz Sons company, 1923, three hundred and fifty units were built. During the following year, 1924, Karl Benz built two additional 8/25 hp units of the automobile manufactured by this company, tailored for his personal use, which he never sold; they are still preserved.



The next year 1927 the number of units sold tripled to 7,918 and the diesel line was launched for truck production. In 1928 the Mercedes-Benz SSK was presented.



On April 4, 1929 Karl Benz died at home in Ladenburg at the age of eighty-four from a bronchial inflammation. Until her death on May 5 1994 Bertha Benz continued to reside in their last home.

