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President's Message

By Don Dionisi

I can't believe that it is already August. The Hill Country is a little toasty right now. Soon it will be Fall and cooler weather....just a few more months. Most of us have been very busy this year taking vacations, visiting friends and family and attending the MBCA Texas Hill Country Section's events.

It seems that a lot of our members really enjoy the dinner events that the section sets up. We will plan on continuing these dinner events and have a few driving events to break up the routine.

I was talking to some of our members and they shared with me that they have taken flights to other cities to visit friends and family. Some have attended Car Shows and really enjoyed them. I was in Los Angeles this past Spring and went to the Peterson Automobile Museum. They have a collection of fabulous cars and I took tons of pictures. I keep promising myself that I will share them with our members. Maybe Charlie will help me and we can have a special addition newsletter on the Peterson Museum and I can download something on the cloud. There were some fabulous vehicles there and I wanted almost every one of them. Speaking of fabulous cars I had the pleasure of being able to see one last week. I got to see and checkout a beautiful 1973 SL 450. Here is the link below with some pictures.

<https://www.atomicmotors.net/Pre-owned-Inventory-1973-Mercedes-Benz-Car-450SL-Atomic-Motors-7059778>

Section Leadership

President – Don Dionisi

Vice President – Charles Dove

Secretary/Director – Dan Coburn

Treasurer/Director – Martin Rios

Director - Joe Aaron

Director – Robin Schroeder

Director – Norm Glorioso

Newsletter Editor – Charles Dove

Webmaster – Martin Rios

Membership Chair – Louis Forrai

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I didn't buy it but really thought about it for a long time. I'm not getting a commission either. I enjoy looking at very nice Benz automobiles and when I see a Concours Benz like this one I am going to talk about it. There is quite a lengthy history behind this Benz and the owner has it on consignment with Atomic Motors. I won't go into too many details but I would like to share this 'eye candy' with you! Some of our section members also have Benz's in this category and just as nice too. I happened to like red older SL's along with newer Iridium Silver SL's, so when I ran across this one in an ad and then when I found out that it was in Las Vegas a city that I had just accepted a work assignment to, I knew I had to pay a visit to Atomic Motors. Atomic Motors is not quite as nice and as large as the Peterson, but you can touch the cars at the Atomic Motors and drive them as well. Something you can't do at the Peterson. If you are going to Vegas I would recommend that you pay a visit to Atomic Motors. They do restorations on almost any car or motorcycle. If a part is not available they will fabricate one. They have some beautiful examples of almost any car you can think of. I believe all the ones on their showroom floor are examples of their work. Most are for sale. When I went in and looked at the cars I ended up spending 3 hours checking out their inventory. I was given a tour of their facility where they have shops all under one roof that you can take your car in for a paint job, a new or rebuilt motor, transmission, and interior or any other

thing you would require to rehab a Benz or any other car for that matter. They also have on staff several Benz mechanics as well.

I know that there are other shops around the country similar to Atomic Motors but I have not been to them.....yet! Seriously if you find yourself in Vegas you should check out Atomic Motors. I promise it will be worth your time.

We have a new advertiser. "Alloy Wheel Repair" at 2450 Babcock Rd Suite 168 here in San Antonio. I have used them and they did a great job on two bent rims. They also refinish all types of wheels. The owner is Mr. Rodney Brisco. He will give Texas Hill Country Members a discount on repair work. Depending on the type work, either 5% or 10%. Their number is 210.767.0019. Just let them know you are a Texas Hill Country Section member. If you have curb rash on those wheels and want to make the Benz look better now you have a place that does excellent work.

In closing please remember it is back to school time so watch for the school zones in the next few weeks. Happy motoring in your Mercedes Benz! If anyone buys the red SL and needs a garage to store it in just let me know....no rental fee....just driving privileges for a Concours!

Best,

Don Dionisi

1973 Mercedes-Benz SL450 at Atomic Motors in Las Vegas...



Section Officers:



*Don Dionisi
President /
Board Member /
Activities Director*



*Charles Dove
Vice President /
Newsletter Editor
Board Member*



*Martin Rios
Treasurer /
Webmaster /
Board Member*



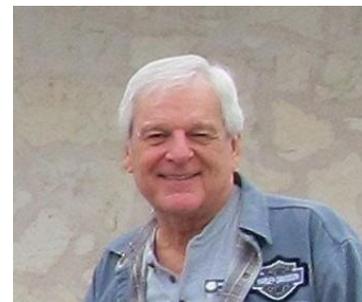
*Robin Schroeder
Board Member*



*Joe Aaron
Board Member*



*Dan Coburn
Secretary /
Board Member*



*Norm Glorioso
Board Member*



Photos from the Past

One of our club member's - first car...
on Easter - getting ready to take the
rabbit for a ride.

Can you guess who this is?

*Your Vice President:
Charles Dove*

The election for our Board of Directors is on for this year. Every two years, we ask members for nominations to serve as a Director.

There are seven board positions, and of those, four will be elected, by the Board, as officers. Please read more about the election below on this page.

In accordance with our by-laws, the Texas Hill country Section is conducting an election of members willing to serve on our Board of Directors. There will be seven director positions to be filled. The Directors will serve a term of two years beginning on November 1, 2019

Voting for nominees will take place during September. Below is a list of the current Board Members who are willing to serve an additional two year term. If there are no additional nominations, no membership voting is required to take place.

Don Dionisi

Dan Coburn

Charles Dove

Martin Rios

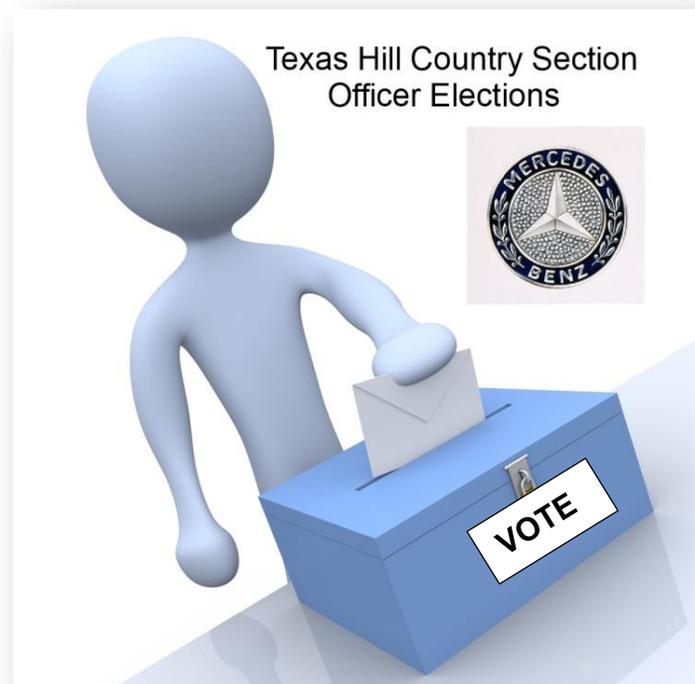
Norm Glorioso

Joe Aaron

Robin Schroeder

The newly elected Board of Directors will meet in October to elect the section officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) from among the ranks of the Board of Directors.

Further nominations may be made by any member or associate member in good standing and sent no later than August 31, 2019 to section secretary, Dan Coburn at dycoburn@gmail.com.



June Event Dinner at Matamoros Cantina y Mas

By: C. Dove

We had a great turn out for our June event dinner at Matamoros Restaurante y Cantina. 34 club members were in attendance for the evening. We had terrific service from the wait staff at Matamoros. The food was excellent... and of course, the company was superb! Good conversation with good friends. We had several new members attend. Ann Woody and her husband John attended their first event. Ann drove her CLK500 Cabriolet. Steve Ricketson and his wife, Trevor Lawrence and his wife Karen were also new members in attendance. We raffled off a few gift items that included a few Mercedes-Benz tee shirts, some Mercedes-Benz center caps, and the big prize of the evening was an 'A' Service courtesy of Mercedes-Benz of Boerne. That prize was won by Don and Lydia Garrido. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the evening talking cars, enjoying some good food, having a little fun and enjoying the friendships made with fellow Mercedes-Benz owners. We were sorry to hear that we are losing two of our members due to job relocation... Peggy Knox and her husband Troy will be moving to California next month. We did get a look at their newly acquired red 2005 C230 Kompressor, affectionately named Scarlett. Scarlett is in addition to their other 2 classic Mercedes-Benz's. Peggy is the head mechanic at their household. She just finished rebuilding the front end suspension on the C230. She enjoys working on her own vehicles... which is a great thing to be able to do. We will miss them and wish them the very best in California.



Our Group



Louis, Tony and Yolanda



Charlie, Ann and John Peggy & Troy



Martin, Ann & John



Lydia, Dan and Don

The July Event Lunch at Beefy's on the Green

By: C. Dove

We had a small turn out for our July event. Lunch in Spring Branch, Texas at Beefy's on the Green. It was a nice drive in a nice Mercedes-Benz on a hot day. We had a short board of directors meeting after lunch to discuss club news, and future club events. Don continues to work with the MBCA Officers in an effort to help promote Mercedes-Benz dealership participation in our club. Martin gave us his Treasurers' report, Dan discussed minutes from the last meeting and also some current news from MBCA. Norm shared information about the new Mercedes-Benz dealership being built in Austin. Louis agreed to accept a new club position as Membership Chairman, and also to serve as the Event Coordinator. I know he will serve in those roles very well.



Two cool cars...





New members Ann Woody and husband John recently acquired this gorgeous 2006 CLK500 cabriolet to go with the current car collection in their garage. Ann had been watching this car being readied for sale in her neighbor's driveway. The car got new plugs, valve cover gaskets and a full detail. It even got a new navy blue convertible top before the sale. A really nice driving car.

What's New?



Ann's friends and neighbors, Martin and Charlie, were helping friends sell the car. Ann watched the detailing and started getting attached to the car... and she decided it would look much better in her driveway... and it does!



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Mercedes-Benz



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Classified ads for Mercedes-Benz automobiles, Mercedes-Benz parts and/or accessories can be placed in our newsletter. Ad content should be sent to: riopaloma@sbcglobal.net by the 10th of the month before the quarterly newsletter is published. August ads should be received by July 10th. If possible, please include 1, 2 or 3 photographs to go with your ad. **Ads are offered FREE for Club Members.** Our newsletters are published quarterly – February, May, August and November.

Upcoming Events:

August 31st, 2019 - Dinner together on Saturday night, 6:30 at Stonewerks Big Rock Grill. 1201 Loop 1604 at Blanco. The Vineyard Center.

September 2019 – Tech Session at Mercedes-Benz of Boerne. 31445 I-10, Boerne, Texas Date and time TBD.*

October 2019 – Wimberley Glass Works. 6469 Ranch Rd. 12, San Marcos, Texas. Date and time TBD.*

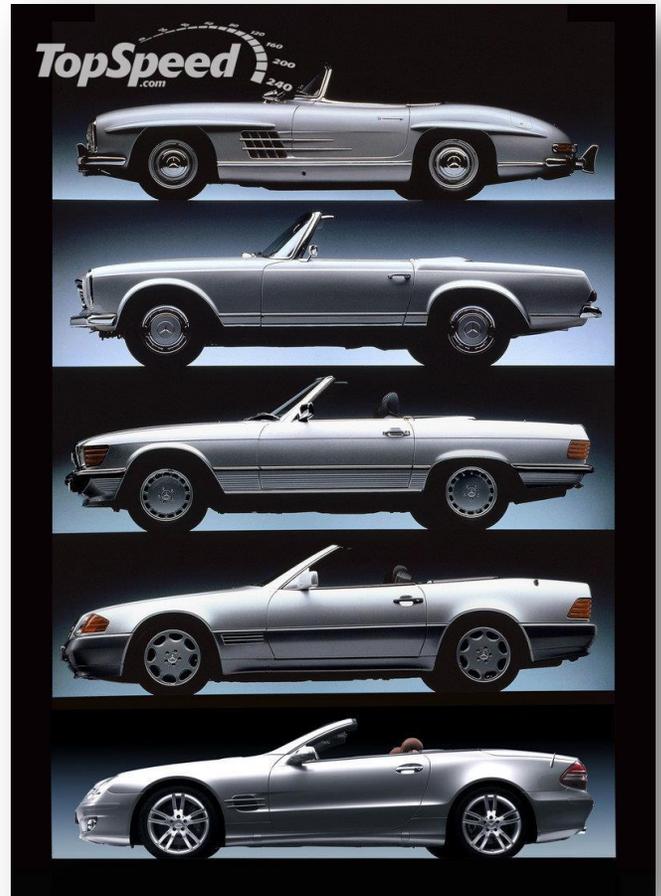
November 9th 2019 – San Antonio Botanical Gardens. 555 Funston Pl. San Antonio, Texas. Time TBD.*

December 2019 – Holiday Dinner TBD.*

* *More on these events will be coming soon to your in box. Watch for your E-News.*

Do you have an old photo of yourself with a 1st or favorite car from the past that you would share with us? We would love to put it in the newsletter and see if anyone can guess who it is. Send it to: riopaloma@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Photos from the past.



Willkommen And Dankeschon!

Welcome New Members!

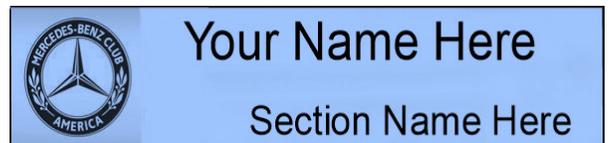
Scott & Tiffany Foley
David Kovac
Trevor & Karen Lawrence
Steve & Martha Ricketson
Nick Villejo

Bryon Bachschmid
Julian Beltran
Steven Bennett
Abram Bueche
Clarence & Theresa Cleveland
Daniel & Yaeko Coburn
Fred & Sherry Egloff
Rojelio Garcia
Bill Ghedi
Charles John & Lisa Petrosky
Joseph (Josef) Lancaster

Loyal Member Renewals

Zvonimir Lisac
Elinor & William McCarty Jr.
Stephen McCaskie
John B. McLaughlin Jr.
Steve Morehead
Tim Pappas
Alex & Jorge Quiroz
Antonio & Yolanda San Martin
Richard Taylor & Suzanne Paris
Carl Thompson
William Thornton

If you would like to order a Mercedes-Benz Club name badge, click the image below.



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Benefit with your Membership!

Dealer Discounts on Parts, Service & Accessories at Participating Mercedes-Benz Dealers - The presentation of your membership card may entitle you to 5%, 10% or (up to) 20% off parts, service and accessories from the U.S. and Canadian Mercedes-Benz dealers. Even if your vehicle is under warranty, not all service is covered. Call any of our local Mercedes-Benz dealers in advance to confirm their participation in the MBCA dealer discount program. You must present your MBCA membership card before having service performed or paying for parts.

Renew Your Membership – You **DO NOT** need to wait until your renewal date before extending your club membership.

Refer a New Member – You will get an extra month added to your membership.

Mercedes-Benz Models & Chassis Forums - Mercedes forums include every model made by Mercedes from A class to GLK, the Sprinter, Smart Car, Adenauer, Gullwing, vintage and collectibles. Go to www.mbca.org and sign in using your membership card to participate.

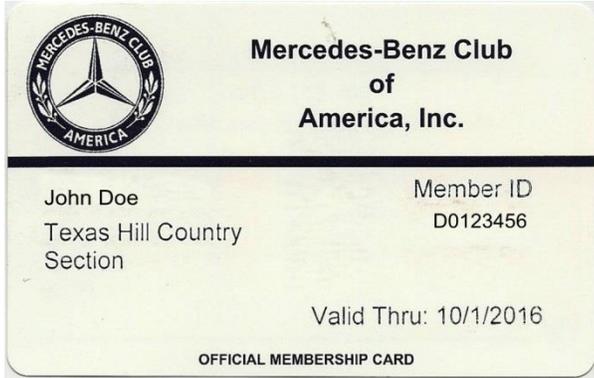
See all the benefits available to you as a club member at www.mbca.org/membership.



View all benefits - login in to www.mbca.org, click on the tab "Membership".



If you know someone that owns a Mercedes-Benz, invite them to join our club. We have plenty of applications on hand for membership – just ask for a few at our next event. Keep them in your car. Let your friends know the benefits of our club – like the discounts on parts and service. And mention the **Loyalty Rewards Program**. Any member of the Mercedes Club that has been a member for 12 consecutive months or longer entitles you to receive \$500 towards the lease, or purchase of a new or CPO Mercedes-Benz. The \$500 discount applies after you've made your best deal.



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No worries! Just call the national business office at 800-637-2360 or go online at www.mbca.org to request another card.

Keep the card with you to enjoy dealership and other member discounts.

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- Section website - <http://texashillcountry.mbca.org>
- [http://www.facebook.com/pages/ Texas Hill Country Section| Mercedes-Benz-Club-of-America](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Texas-Hill-Country-Section-Mercedes-Benz-Club-of-America)

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