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President's Message

By Don Dionisi

I can't believe it is spring already! Summer is fast approaching and we have some wonderful events coming up this summer and this fall. Check out our upcoming calendar and make plans to attend.

I have some great news from our two Mercedes Benz dealerships that I want to share. Mercedes Benz of San Antonio and Mercedes Benz of Boerne are offering discounted "A" and "B" services to the Texas Hill Country Section membership. The "A" service is \$145 and the "B" service is \$279. All you need to do is have your MBCA membership card available when bringing your Benz in for service. For those of you that have AMG or Diesel models, your cost is \$50 more per service. These two services are basic or economy services, so what does that mean to you? If you have high mileage or drive your Benz exceptionally hard (Like on the race track every weekend) then you will need to consider upgrading from these two offerings. Most of us do not put over 10,000 miles or more annually on our cars so these services will more than meet the needs of our Benzes. The dealer will be able to tell you if additional services are required depending on the model. These prices are actually less than what local garage mechanics charge and you have the added benefit of having a qualified Mercedes Benz specialist work on your investment.

There are some other benefits now available to you from Mercedes Benz of Boerne and San Antonio. The two dealerships will now give \$500 off any new or CPO vehicle on their lots. We have always enjoyed the \$500 off on the new Benz models but now the dealerships have added the CPO Benz models just for us. So how does this work and what does it mean to you as members??? Simply chose the Mercedes of your choice at either dealer; negotiate your best deal and then present your membership card and ask for the additional \$500 off. Your \$55 membership just saved you \$500! Cont'd

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The two dealerships are also offering 15% off parts for Texas Hill Country Section members. It was 10% off. We now enjoy an additional 5% more off parts. Fluids are included.

Last but not least.....both dealerships are donating to the Texas Hill Country Section, coupons for A and B services. We will start raffling these coupons starting in June at our events, so yes you will have to be present to enter the raffle. We plan on raffling one or two per event and then have several to raffle off during our December end of the year dinner. We will raffle one coupon per membership per year except for the December dinner. If you are awarded one during the year then you **can** receive a second one in December.

We send a special thank you to **Mercedes Benz of Boerne** and **Mercedes Benz of San Antonio** for offering of the service coupons to us and their support of The Mercedes Benz Club of America, Texas Hill Country Section. Check out their ads in our newsletter and please support our local dealerships!

See you at the next event!

Sincerely,
Don Dionisi
President, Texas Hill Country Section

1971 Mercedes-Benz Pulman – Keels & Wheels 2018



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*Joe Aaron
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Board Member*



*Robin Schroeder
Board Member*

We welcome Robin Schroeder (left), the newest member of our Board of Director team. He was elected unanimously by the current board in February.

Keep up to date with all section information at www.texashillcountry.mbca.org or in our quarterly newsletter. If we do not have your email address, you're missing out on the majority of communications from the Club. Please go to www.mbca.org, log in, and update your personal profile to stay up to date with all club news. Be sure to add your associate member's name and email address too.

If anyone has an idea or suggestion for a club event, please let us know about it. We are always looking for new adventures and activities for our club that we think everyone might enjoy.

February Event News – Dick’s Classic Garage San Marcos, Texas Lunch at Fuschak’s Pit Barbecue *By: C. Dove*

For our February 2018 event, we drove to San Marcos, Texas for lunch at Fuschak’s Pit Barbecue restaurant. We had a short membership meeting and talked about some opportunities we are looking at for our club. Mary Ann has been working with a local charity group called John’s Kids. They have been helping community children with donations of school supplies. At this meeting, we asked members to bring an assortment of school supplies for us to donate to the cause. We had a good lunch and some nice conversation, took a few photos and went on to Dick’s Classic Garage which was about 5 minutes away. This car museum has about 80 cars on display.



Above: Don collecting donations of school supplies from club members for 'John's Kid's' a local charity.



Exhibits include a 1901 Curved dash Oldsmobile to several 1959 models. The newest model at the museum is a 1966 Batmobile replica. If you have never been to this car museum, you are missing a big part of American automobile history. It is worth the 40 mile drive. One of the very special cars on display at the museum is one of the remaining 1948 Tuckers. This car has 6 tenths of a mile on the odometer. Our friend and club member Norm Glorioso gave us the grand tour of the cars with a little history to go along with the tour.



We were even invited to go behind their public display area to the back where there were several cars in the process of being readied for display. And that was a real treat for us too.





1928 Duesenberg Model K



Norm shows us the engine of a 1931 Chrysler Imperial Dual Cowl Phaeton



Above: A 1953 Buick Skylark Convertible



A 1941 Packard



Above: A 1950 Mercury Coupe



Above: A 1947 Ford Super Deluxe Sportsman Convertible

It was a fantastic day for us. Everyone enjoyed the tour and we thank you Norm for graciously providing us with such a great day and sharing your knowledge!

As we were leaving the museum, we found out that the museum had lost their maintenance man due to his retirement. He was the guy that dusted off the cars and kept the finger prints clear. Norm asked if we might get a few volunteers to help out with some of the maintenance with the use of some California Dusters, and a little detailer spray. That sounded like another fun day in the works. Since we had to do this on a weekday, it narrowed down the prospects for the task.



Detail Day!

Don, Charlie, Martin and Norm were the volunteers. So a couple of weeks later, on a Wednesday, we drove back to San Marcos. It took us a couple of hours work to get all the cars dusted off and cleaned



up. We had a great time too! After we finished, it was lunch time. So we drove down the road to a very interesting burger restaurant called Centerpoint Station. This is definitely a place we will visit again. They offer very good burgers and sandwiches, a bakery and a gift shop.





Above: Don and Charlie inside the 1948 Tucker...





Photos of Centerpoint Station – where we had great Burgers, onion rings and fries. We visited the bakery and gift shop before we left. It is well worth giving this place a try. We will certainly pay a visit to the museum and to the Centerpoint Station again soon.



To see more photos from our February event at Dick's Classic Garage: [Click Here](#)

To see photos from 'Detail Day' at the museum, and some up close pictures of those classic cars, [Click Here](#)



Our Mercedes-Benz Club Group

February 10, 2018

Dick's Classic Garage

The Texas Hill Country Section



March Event News – The Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard Elmendorf, Texas

By : C. Dove

In March, we drove to Elmendorf, Texas to visit the Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard. Sandy Winokur, the owner and operator of the olive orchard greeted us and helped us arrange our Mercedes vehicles in a row at her back parking area. She had her staff prepare a buffet lunch for our group. We gathered in the gift shop before heading to lunch. The gift shop offers an assortment of olive oil, vinegars, olive bread, hand crafted soaps, various natural based skin care products and many other interesting gift items. Also onsite is a nursery where you can purchase olive trees of many sizes.

Sandy gave us a tour of the orchard and talked about the variety of olive trees that she grows there. We also visited the area where they prepare the olives for pressing and making the olive oil.



Above: Sandy Winokur explains the process of making olive oil.



Our tour of the olive orchard



Left: the resident cat and rodent control officer



Right: Lunch under the pergola.





Above: Inside the gift shop



Below: a tour of the orchard – and a few cool cars.





March 31st – Lester's Automotive Charity Open Car Show

By: C. Dove

The Texas Hill Country Section participated in an open car show charity event hosted by Lester's Automotive in Boerne, Texas. This was to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. There were 10 club members that entered cars in the show. We made a couple of new friends that may be potential new members. Bebe and Sak Reeves won Best in class for their 2018 AMG GTC; Don Dionisi won Best in Class for his 1972 280SE 4.5. Everyone enjoyed a great day. We were fortunate to have a nice cool day too. Thanks to the many oak trees, we had plenty of shade.



Below: Don's 1972 280 SE 4.5.



Above: Bebe and the 2018 AMG GTC



Classified Section For Sale



Mercedes-Benz



For Sale: 2015 Mercedes-Benz SL550. 12,000 miles. Excellent condition. \$59,500. Call (713) 823-2213 for more information and to see the car. Located in Fulshear, Texas 77441. (West of Houston)

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Set of four AMG style 5 Spoke rims. Two 18 inch by 9.5 wide and 2 rims 18 inches by 8.5 wide off an SL 550. Set is in excellent shape no curb rash Set of four \$400 (Does not include Shipping) Contact Don: don.dionisi@yahoo.com



Staggered set Two 20" x 8.5 and Two 20" x 9.5 Mercedes AMG rims from an S 550, in like new condition....Perfect no blemishes, Set of four \$800 (Does not include Shipping) Contact Don: don.dionisi@yahoo.com



2 rims 17 inch by 9.5 and 2 rims 17 inch by 8.5 from an E class. Fits others Mercedes class vehicles as well. Price \$300. These rims are in near perfect shape. (Does not include Shipping) Contact Don: don.dionisi@yahoo.com

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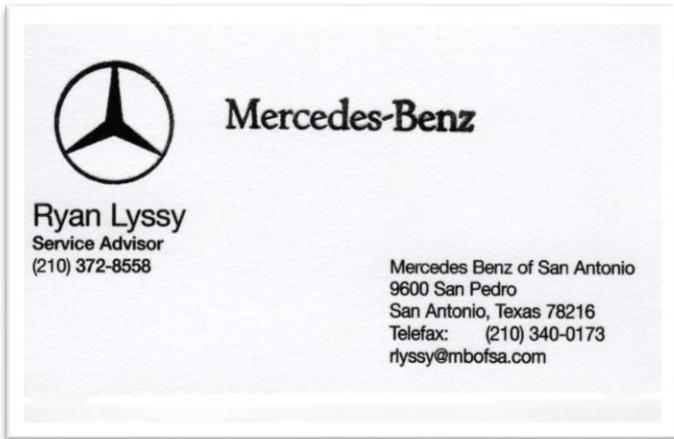


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Upcoming Events:

June 9th – A tour of the Porsche San Antonio Dealership located at 9455 IH-10 West. We will meet at 10:00 for a tour by the General Manager. More on this event to follow. [Porsche Dealer](#)

July – A tech session and tour of [Mark Motors](#) in Boerne, Texas. 10:00 a.m.

August – A performance drive through Devils Backbone, & lunch at the [Leaning Pear](#) in Wimberley, Texas. *

September – Tech Session at MB of Boerne Dealership in San Antonio. *

October 27th – [Texas Clay Festival](#). In Gruene, Texas *

November – Club dinner – Location to be determined. *

December – Holiday Dinner. Date and place to be determined.

January 2019 – Tech Session at MB of SA. *

February 2019 – Tech Session at MB of Boerne. *

March 2019 – Buying tips when purchasing a 20+ year old Mercedes-Benz and newer CPO Benzes. A panel of experts and club members will speak on this topic. It will be a lecture and walk around event. *

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

**Willkommen
And
Dankeschon!**

We want to thank everyone for being a member of this Club. Because of your loyalty and support, your yearly membership dues helps to support our section financially and we are able to produce and deliver a Section Newsletter; host fun and unique Section Events; Oktoberfest; and bring you the latest technical, maintenance and general driving information about your Mercedes-Benz vehicle(s).

Loyal Member Renewals

New Members

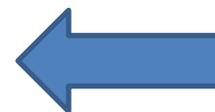
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Benefit with your Membership!

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.

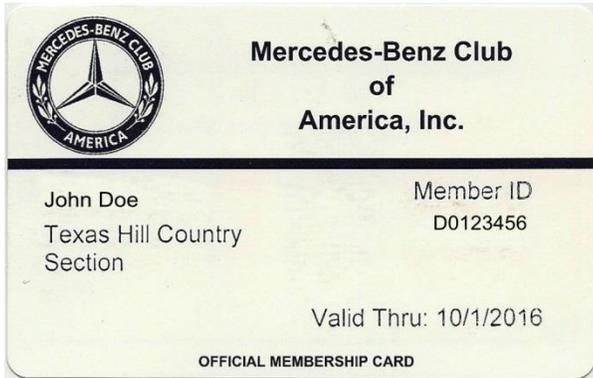


See all the benefits available to you as a club member at www.mbca.org/membership.

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



If you know someone that owns a Mercedes, please 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 purchase or lease of any New Mercedes-Benz. The \$500 discount applies after you've made your best deal.



Can't find your Membership Card?

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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Articles and Submissions - Copy should be e-mailed to the newsletter editor (riopaloma@sbcglobal.net) by the 10th of the month prior to the next issue. For example, submissions for the August issue should be received by the editor by July 10th. If you have an interesting story about your Mercedes, we would like to hear about it. If you've purchased a new or new to you Mercedes, we want to hear about that too.

In Memory of Richard L. (Dick) Burdick
1929 - 2018

Richard L. "Dick" Burdick, founder and former CEO of Thermon Industries, Inc., passed away peacefully at home with his family after a brief illness on February 25, 2018, at the age of 88.

He founded the Central Texas Museum of Automotive History in Rosanky, Texas in 1982. This non-profit educational foundation currently has on display over 80 antique and vintage automobiles. In July 2009, he opened Dick's Classic Garage in San Marcos. His love for antique automobiles and racing was further highlighted in 25 years of participation in an annual event called the Great American Race, an 11-day transcontinental antique car rally. He consistently placed among the top finishers in his 1924 Bentley Racer, and most recently, a 1916 Hudson Speedster, having won the Best Cumulative score for two years; the World Class Champion in 1995, and the Grand Championship in 1989, 1990, 1992, 2000, and 2003.

