



Mercedes-Benz Club of America Texas Hill Country Section

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Don Dionisi

Our May 30, 2020, Rebecca Creek Drive and Picnic in the park is fast approaching. This past Thursday Charlie, Martin, and I took the opportunity to drive the route. We decided it would be easiest for the group to meet at the Walgreens Drug Store parking lot on Hwy. 46 just west of the intersection of Hwy 46 and 281. We will meet in the parking lot at 10:30 on Saturday May 30th and leave at 11 am. From there, the drive takes a little over an hour to get to Rebecca Creek park. The creek is still flowing and the park is beautiful this time of year. Charlie will post some pictures of the two silver SL's we drove. It was a nice scenic drive to Rebecca Creek Thursday. We will

be practicing social distancing and will use masks. Some may want to eat in your car at the Rebecca Creek Park or bring lawn chairs. There will be restroom facilities and some picnic tables. Depending on the number of members attending there might not be enough picnic tables. The park is large and not used that much so I doubt that there will be many non-MBCA members there. Bring your favorite beverage and your picnic lunch. And don't forget a lawn chair.

Don

We will meet up at the Walgreens Pharmacy parking lot located on HWY46. Take 281 north to HWY46. Turn left (west) on HWY46. The Walgreens will be on your right.

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Spring Branch, TX
78070*



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Three cars from the past. All great cars and all different.

AUTOMOBILE HISTORY THREE CARS FROM THE PAST...

C. Dove

My first experience with the Mercedes Brand came in the early 1990's. At that time, my friend Martin owned a 1976 450SEL. What a great car that was. Soon that

turned into a 1983 380 SEC picture on the left. In addition to that, a 1991 560SEC was added. And then a 1992 500SL. Those 3 are gone—but not forgotten.



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Board Member /
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Board Member*



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Member*



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Board Member*

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Hold On Pandemics End



*We'll get
through
this*



OUR JANUARY EVENT— DINNER AT LEMON GRASS THAI C. DOVE

We had a great turnout for our 1st event of 2020. 24 club members attend the dinner at Lemongrass Thai Restaurant. We had a great evening. The menu items were many - the service was excellent. Everyone enjoyed food and friendship. The wait staff at Lemongrass was exceptionally nice to us. We have been to this restaurant in the past, so it was nice to be welcomed again. Club member Gary Joiner brought 2 of his hand made writing tools. An Olive Wood pen, and another spe-

cialty wooden pencil that he made and donated to us for a raffle item. Dan Coburn won the pen. And Tosca Haag won the pencil. Gary's handy work is pretty nice and we thank him for the gifts.

As a special award, we presented club President Don Dionisi with a plaque for Officer of the Year in appreciation for all the hard work he has done for our members. Don received an Officer award at last month's holiday celebration from our Regional Director Brett Jurick. This night's award was given to Don from The Texas Hill Country section. Thanks Don for all that you do.

Left: Don, Gary, Charlie and Shirley



Ms. Lean, Bebe, Sak, Ban & Dan



Group photos at Lemongrass



Group photos at Lemongrass Thai



OUR FEBRUARY HOLIDAY EVENT— TECH SESSION—MBOFSA

C. DOVE

We had a very fun and informative tech session at Mercedes-Benz of San Antonio for our February event. 18 club members attended. We were welcomed by Mark Woods, the new owner of the dealership. Mark is also the proud owner of the 1956 Mercedes-Benz Gullwing that is on display in the showroom. We were also greeted by our friend and host for the day Wayne Burchard, the shop Forman. After brief introductions with other staff members, Wayne escorted us through the showroom and on to the very clean, climate controlled service area. While we enjoyed coffee and refreshments, Wayne gave us an overview of the service department and talked about the special benefits that dealer maintenance provides. And the fact that our club membership offers us a 20% discount on parts and labor, it makes

good sense to have our cars serviced there. If you compare some of the independent service centers pricing, you may find that the Benz dealer is very competitive... and also offers you the peace of mind that the job is done right and guaranteed.

For fun, we took a trivia test to test our knowledge of the Mercedes brand. I love my Mercedes cars, but I got only 10 out of 20 questions correct. One of the trivia questions asked was in what old movie did Mercedes-Benz make its first film debut. It turns out it was an old drive-in type movie from 1958 called 'The Screaming Skull'. I love old movies – especially old Sci Fi movies. I checked out my collection of DVD's and I found that I had a boxed set of old Drive-In 'B' movies and the 'Screaming Skull' was in that collection. So Martin and I watched it over the weekend.

It is a good hokey 'B' movie and it was pretty good, considering the poor sound quality.

And the plus was that there were several scenes with the 1958 Gullwing.

After the trivia quiz, Wayne raffled off several prizes to the members. Then we talked about Mercedes-Benz parts and why they are of better quality than parts you can buy for a cheaper price. And I have found this to be true. Many times you think you are getting a good price for an off brand part, when actually with our 20% discount, you aren't saving anything at all, or very little at best.

It was a great day, and a lot of information for us all. We give our thanks to Mark Woods (who is also a club member), Wayne Burchard and the staff at Mercedes-Benz of San Antonio for their gracious hospitality.



MB of SA Tech Session— Continued



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Classified Section For Sale



For Sale: 1989 Mercedes—Benz SL560. The Mercedes-Benz R107 SL-Class was produced from 1971-1989 and is now settling into the role of an appreciating classic. Many of these still show modest miles, as many were used only seasonally and on pleasant days.

This 560SL is such an example: 18,500 miles, black exterior and convertible top, which has never been wet, with gray interior leather showing little if any wear. This vehicle since 2010 has been impeccably serviced by MB of SA to include annual maintenance and service with recent AC update. All service has been performed by the same senior technician who takes care of all of our vehicles.

Mercedes-Benz of Germany selected this 560SL to showcase in a special You Tube feature which was released in Germany, December of 2018. The focus of the show was to showcase an example of an original, unrestored, exceptionally well maintained example of the R107 SL class with the 560SL earning the reputation as the Star in the heritage of this M-B model.

(AUTO WEEK said this past year, that the 560SL is one of the five cars of the 1980s you should be buying right now...)

Bill Rasco

210-860-3400

Member of MBCA for over 40 years

Classified Section Continued



Contact Bill Rasco for more information about this 1989 SL560 - 210-860-3400

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:

May 30, 2020—A scenic country road drive to Rebecca Creek. And a picnic in the park.

June 13, 2020—~~Texas Transportation Museum and lunch at the Brown Bag.~~ *

July 16, 2020—~~Lunch in Blanco, Texas. Redbud Café and tour of the Ben Milam Whiskey Distillery.~~ *

August 2020—~~Lunch (TBD) and tech session at Mercedes-Benz of San Antonio.~~ *

September XX, 2020—~~Lunch at the Petroleum Club.~~ *

October 24, 2020—~~Texas Clay Festival.~~ *

November 2020—~~New Braunfels Christmas Market and Hill Country Gardens Holiday House.~~ *

December 5, 2020—~~Holiday Party and dinner—Matamoros Restaurant y Cantina.~~ *

- All of our events are subject to change due to the health situation we currently are in. Events will be planned with social distancing and all health precautions in mind. We encourage face mask protection.
- Watch your E-News for updates and future upcoming events.



**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; and bring you the latest technical, maintenance and general driving information about your Mercedes-Benz vehicle(s).

**Welcome
New Members!**

- Ellie Massarra
- Karl Wendl
- Margorie Gillette
- Terry Urbanczyk

Loyal Member Renewals!

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| Bill Ghedi | Ann and John Woody |
| Bill Nation | Ban Lean |
| Cleofas Garza | Richard Taylor |
| David GGiese | Brigitte Booker |
| Gregory Haag | Carolyn Ruble |
| Joesph Aaron | Robin Schroeder |
| Michael Yost | Susan Paloczy |
| Nickey Smith | Thomas Tredici |
| Alex Quiroz | |



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Benefits 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.

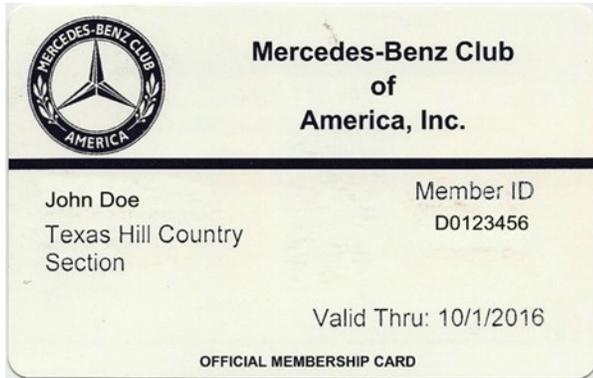
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See all the benefits available to you as a club member at www.mbca.org/membership.



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.



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.

Texas Hill Country Section | MBCA Is On The Web!

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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)
- Section Newsletters

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