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2022 Mercedes-Benz
All Electric EQS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Don Dionisi

It is difficult to believe that we are almost half way through this year and starting to see a lot more activity due in part to the vaccines available to us. So naturally I guess part of the reason there is more activity is a lot of us have already been vaccinated with both doses and we are seeing more of this activity occurring in our community. Last year was a difficult time for many of us and our activities with the Texas Hill Country Section were minimal at best. This year, 2021, we will have a few more events to consider as we emerge from the unforgettable viral pandemic of 2020

Speaking of events, we

have one scheduled on May 15, 2021. It starts out as a driving event that's scheduled for mid afternoon and it is to one of the local Vineyards, Singing Water Vineyard in Comfort, TX. In case you missed the announcement email we will drive from Boerne, Texas to the winery in Comfort and have a late lunch at their Bistro. The Winery has asked us to limit dining to 24 members due to other groups that have already planned on attending on the 15th. This will be a masks required—

(Except when eating... and if you have found a way to eat with a mask on let me know) and social distancing event so even if you have decided not to get a vaccination for the Covid 19 virus you should be okay. We recommend that you bring a lawn chair just in case all the tables are full. Tables will accommodate either 2 or 4 individuals. . Don't hesitate to ask others that you are sitting with if you don't know them well if they have had the Covid 19 vaccine or not. I know I will not sit with an—

AN ALL ELECTRIC MERCEDES-BENZ?

C. Dove

That's right! Mercedes-Benz has announced the unveiling of an all electric Saloon for the 2022 model year. It will compete with the Tesla Model S, The Porche Taycan, and the Audi E-Tron GT. The new EQS will have a different look from the gasoline powered S class. The inte-

rior of the new EQS will feature a massive infotainment center. In addition to the standard EQS, you can also opt for the AMG version. All EQS models come with 'Face Recognition' that will let the car know who is at the wheel and adjust all controls to that person's preferences. EQS Cont'd on page 3

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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unvaccinated individual and will voice my concerns. Why am I going into such detail about seating and masking??? We want everyone to feel comfortable in our new emerging world we have found ourselves in, so we will continue to social distance, mask during activities we promote here at the Texas Hill Country Section and ask that all members observe these rules while attending an event with us. Our hope is that in a few more months we can get back to more normal activities. BTW the winery also requires masking and social distancing.

Speaking about normal activities I know that several of our members want to have more "TECH EVENTS", but unfortunately the dealerships are not to that point yet. MB of SA is hoping that after August they might be able to host an event but like the winery they might have to limit the number of our members they will allow to attend. We are also talking to various other organizations about tech events

We will be doing a survey soon asking you what type of event you currently feel comfortable participating in and if you would attend one or not. So be on the lookout for the survey in the next few weeks.

I am sure a lot of you are wondering what activities are happening at MBCA corporate. We are still holding the car raffles and trips to Germany pending any travel restrictions. Corporate is contracting with a new vendor to replace our current website with a more up to date one. There is an ongoing push to remind members to renew their membership. We now have a new option much like Sam's and Costco, in that we now have an auto renewal option available. Just go online and go to MBCA.org and renew. Our section is also sending out reminder emails in case you forgot to renew so if you are one of those who forgot you will be given an application or a reminder email to renew.

I know that I have mentioned to everyone many times about Fleet Pricing, but if you are in the market for a new Benz MBCA members can now purchase a Benz of your choice at Fleet pricing. You will need to be a member to get this pricing....simply go to the MBCA.org website, sign in, select the Membership Tab, then click on MBUSA Rebate Incentives and you can check out what savings are available to you... currently \$7,000 on a new S class. If you don't see the car of your dreams on the website call Fleet Operations at 1-866-628-7232 and ask about your favorite model. I called last January and they had \$6000 off an SL but not a 2021 model, it was a new 2020 model. The person told me that there were several 2020 demo SL's around the country and suggested I call...so just for the fun of it, I made a few calls. I found a California dealer that had a 2020 SL550 loaded to the max that was a demo/loaner with 2700 miles for \$98,499. So I asked him would I get the additional 6K off for being a MBCA and he said yes. This got my attention real quick....so he emailed me all the particulars, i.e. the window sticker; unfortunately it was not 'my' color combo and more than I wanted to spend, but!!!! !!!! Had it been the right color combo I would have been on a plane immediately. (With a mask of course) So if you are interested in a great deal remember that demo and loaner cars are still considered NEW and qualify for the fleet pricing. I was really surprised that some dealers will put SL's and S class in their demo pool and sometimes their loaner pool. We hear rumors that CPO Benzes might enjoy Fleet pricing as well....certainly hope so!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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One last thing....the spring Raffle is almost over so take a chance and buy a raffle ticket! Safe driving and see everyone soon!

Don Dionisi

The New Mercedes-Benz EQS

EQS Cont'd...

The EQS is truly Executive class luxury in an all electric sedan. Although it is a close relative of the 2022 S Class, the EQS is distinctively different. An LED light band stretches the width of the front grille. The power retracting door handles allow for a 0.020 coefficient of drag. And if that wasn't cool enough, the doors open and close automatically. From the front seats, just wave the doors to shut.

The EQS will offer 2 power options. The EQS450+ - rear wheel drive that makes 329 HP. The EQS580 4Matic is dual motor all wheel drive with 516 HP. Both versions will have the adaptive air suspension and four wheel steering. Top speed is limited to 130 mph with a driving range of 400 to 478 miles depending on driving speed. In a pinch, the EQS can get a quick charge in 15 minutes to allow for another 186 miles.



Exclusive to the EQS, is a 56" curved glass instrument panel that stretches from door to door to seamlessly merge three screens.



Mercedes-Benz EQS

107.8 kWh battery capacity

11.25 hours charging time (10% - 199%) AC Charging @240V

31 minutes (10% - 100%) charging time DC fast charging @ 200kW

0-60 mph in 5.5 seconds for the EQS 480+ and 4.1 seconds for the EQS 580 4Matic

Six 100W USB-C Ports

Take a Virtual Tour of the Mercedes-Benz EQS—[Click Here](#)



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The 2022 Mercedes-Benz EQS



MARCH 2021— REBECCA CREEK PICNIC

C. DOVE

Our Benz Club enjoyed a hill country drive through some back winding roads to Spring Branch, to our destination—Rebecca Creek Park. The day was overcast, cool and a pleasant day for a cruise through the hill country in a Mercedes-Benz. We had the park to ourselves, with only one other picnic site being used. We had a quiet peaceful lunch sitting under the Cypress trees next to Rebecca Creek and listening to the little water fall. The creek is pretty low since we have not had any rain to speak of in quite a while. Everyone brought their own picnic lunch. We exchanged stories about our experiences with the recent

snow and freezing weather along with the power and water outages. We all survived to tell our stories surviving the winter of 2021.

Don brought his newest acquisition to show us all. A brand new CLS 53 AMG! Really a gorgeous car. He traded two cars for this one... so his 2016 S550, and his 2013 SL550 became the CLS 53 AMG. Both of those cars sold quickly - someone got very good cars with those. I know Don is thrilled with the new ride.



Above: Tim and his daughter



Don & Louis having lunch...



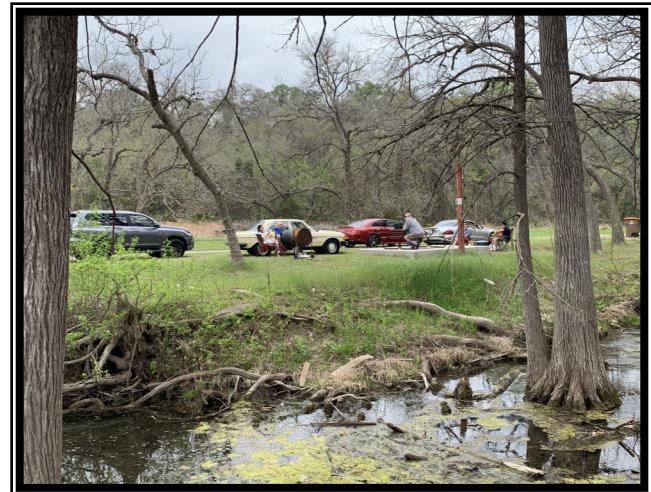
Our group standing with some classy cars!

MARCH 2021—
REBECCA CREEK PICNIC CONT'D

C. DOVE



Don's New CLS
53 AMG—





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MBCA Membership Road Map of Benefits

As a MBCA member you will enjoy
these benefits plus many more.

The Star Magazine

Club membership includes a subscription
to our award winning bi-monthly Star®
magazine which features classified
advertising.

Local, Regional & National and selected International Events

Club members are invited to attend and
participate in exclusive Mercedes Benz activities
including driving events.

Section Newsletters

Local Club Sections produce and send
Club members a fun and informative
newsletter which features classified
advertising.

Discounts on Parts, Service & Accessories at Participating Mercedes-Benz Dealers

As a Mercedes-Benz Club of America may entitle you to 5%, 10%
or (up to) 20% off parts, service and accessories from U.S. and
Canadian Mercedes-Benz dealers. **Check with your dealer first.**

Germany Trips

Several times a year, MBCA invites its members
to go on an exclusive trip to Germany which
features guided tours of Mercedes Benz factories,
its headquarters and museum! Club members are
treated like Mercedes Benz royalty

15% Discount on Parts from the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center

Being a Mercedes-Benz Club of America may
entitle you to 15% off hard-to-find parts
from the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center in
Irvine, California.

Membership Rebate

Save as much as \$3,000 on the purchase or lease of
a new Mercedes-Benz.

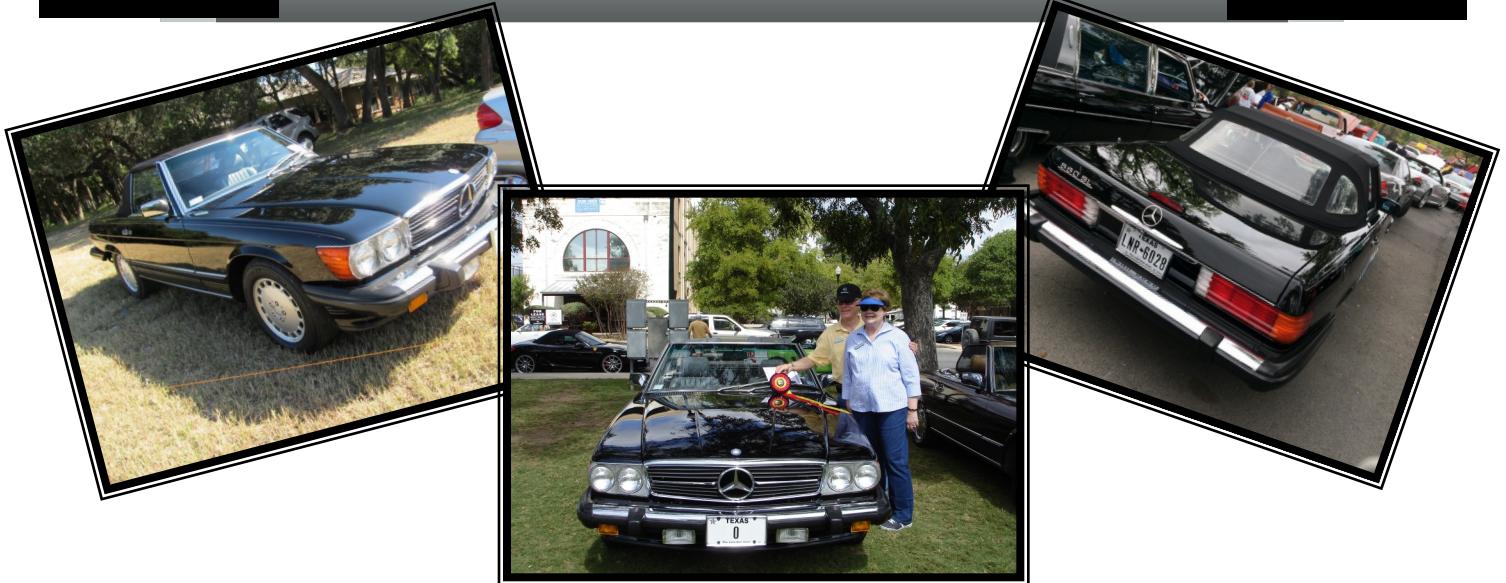
Club Raffle

Win a new Mercedes! Up to twice a year,
the Mercedes-Benz Club of America
conducts a raffle for its Members.

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Classified Section

- For Sale -



1989 Mercedes-Benz SL560

*A Beautiful example of an R107 chassis...
With less than 20,000 original miles.*

For Sale: 1989 Mercedes-Benz SL560. The 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. This car has both the soft convertible top and the removable hardtop.

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 R107 SL class with the 560SL earning the reputation as the Star in the heritage of this M-B model.

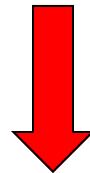
(AUTO WEEK said this past year, that the 560SL is one of the five cars of the 1980s you should be buying right now...) - [*More photos and a link to a short video of this car on the next page*](#)

Bill Rasco
210-860-3400
Member of MBCA for over 40 years

Classified Section Continued-



See a short video of this car on our utube channel—click the link below...



[1989 SL560 Video](#)

Contact Bill Rasco for more information about this 1989 SL560—Call: 210-860-3400
Or email at: billrasco@me.com

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. May ads should be received by April 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.

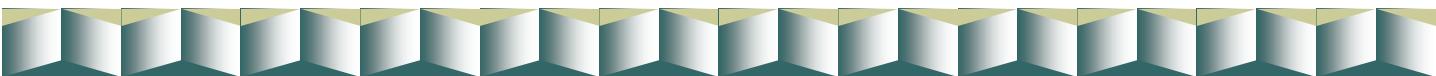


Upcoming Events:

May 15 2021—Comfort, Texas and the Singing Water Vineyard. We visited the Vineyard in October where several of us participated in the car show sponsored by Lester's Automotive. They have a bistro on site where we can have a late lunch. There is outside seating. It is a really nice scenic drive to the Vineyard and worth going if just for the drive. The event will be 3 parts which you can choose one of, two of, or all of. More information will be sent to you email through our E-News correspondence. Check the website too.: [Singing Water Vineyard](#)

June 2021— TBD.

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



**Willkommen
And
Dankeschon!**



More Than a Car. We're a Community.™

Welcome New Members!

Hugo Ramon Galindo Leal
Alex White
P. Gleason
Richard Larson
A. San Martin
Dell Sheftall
Don Brown

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).

Loyal Member Renewals!

Carolyn Ruble	Charles Gonzalez
John Cooper	James Mosbey
Michael Yost	Robert Banks
Stephen McCaskie	Brigitte Booker
Robin Schroeder	Gregory Haag
Tom Enloe	Jeff Aykroyd
William Fugate	Kemal Cinaroglu
George Matecko	Nickey Smith
Ann & John Woody	Thomas Tredici
Kevin Schuble	



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



Your Name Here
Section Name Here

REMINDER: If we do not have your email address, you are missing out on the majority of the communications from the Club. Please go to www.mPCA.org, log in and update your info to stay updated on all that we have going on. Also, please list your spouse/partner as an associate member on the mPCA website.

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. Dealership discounts will usually pay for a membership.



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.mbc.org and sign in using your membership card to participate.

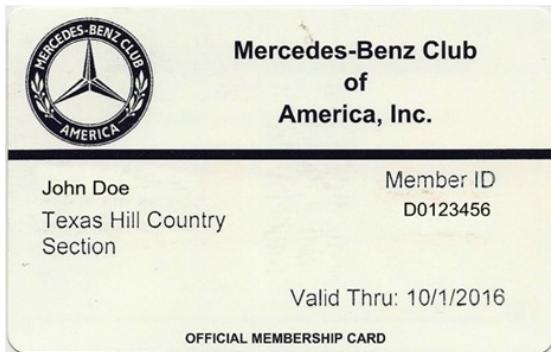
See all the benefits available to you as a club member at www.mbc.org/membership.



Click the Star to
renew your
membership!
Or go to:
mbca.org



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.mbc.org to request another card.

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

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If you have an interesting story about your Mercedes experience, we would like to hear about it. If you've purchased a new or new to you Mercedes, we like to hear about that too.



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2016 S63 AMG—guess who in our club recently got one of these?
Normal