



Mercedes-Benz Club of America Texas Hill Country Section

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Message from the President

Don Dionisi

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Soon we will be into the 2022 calendar year so it is time to start thinking about what we would like to do as an organization for events. I have heard from some of the section members who want to have driving events during the 1st quarter. Then have some outdoor activities for the second quarter. I think many of our members are hoping that more treatment options for Covid will be available in late spring and early summer. That would allow us to have more social events together. If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see on the event calendar, please let us know in the next few weeks. I would like everyone to think

about the section finding a public location and having an MBCA car show with our members displaying their beautiful Benzes for the general public to see. We had a lot of nice comments at our last showing at Mercedes Benz of San Antonio. I'll ask some organizations if they would like to sponsor and help advertise an event like this. Who knows, maybe RBFCU on 1604 might sponsor something like this. Won't hurt to ask.

I have been brainstorming about how to increase our membership in the section and how to generate more funds.

I started to talk with other sections and explored what they were doing to achieve growth and improve the bottom line. I noticed that they have some additional roles within their section and that they recruited some additional coordinators. They all have a **Section Sponsorship Coordinator**, a **Section Event Coordinator** and a **Social Media Coordinator**. I really feel if we can adopt these three roles we have an opportunity to grow into a more robust section with more activities. So what are these three new positions and how would they interact with the section board and the officers in our section? I did do a little more research and—

2013 MERCEDES-BENZ S550 WITH BITURBO 4.6 LITRE V8

Beginning in 2013, Mercedes was able to get 20% more fuel economy and get an extra 32% of power from the 4.6. Based on the previous 5.5 litre V8, the smaller displacement generates 429 HP and 516 lb.-ft. of torque. The 4.6 litre V8 twin exhaust driven turbo chargers are

mounted on each bank of cylinders. The engine's compact layout includes an air-water intercooler that sits in the V of the engine where the intake manifold is located on conventional engines. Although this is a large car, it will do 0-60 in 4.6 seconds.



My 2013 Mercedes-Benz S550

C. Dove

President's Message Continued...

essentially they would attend board meetings and vote on different suggestions that the board normally votes on. So we have 4 board meetings a year, currently via ZOOM, but hopefully we will have board meetings at one of the dealerships in 2022. We always have the option to use ZOOM or phone into a meeting if you can't attend in person.

First the Section Sponsorship Coordinator would be responsible for speaking with dealerships, and other organizations to help promote the MBCA Texas Hill Country Section through advertising and sponsorship advertisement in our newsletter. This would generate funds that the section could use to promote events. There is a job description available to review if anyone would like to read it. The Section Event Coordinator would be responsible to put together and coordinate a team of members to come up with activities that would be of interest to a wide range of members. We would like to attract members from different backgrounds and different age groups and have events that would be attractive to a new diverse membership like activities that children might enjoy is one example. The Social Media Coordinator would be responsible for working with the board in developing more social media representations and again putting together a small team and coordinating with the membership team to

gain additional new members. You don't need a degree in social media but having a great working knowledge about social media would be a plus. These positions are all voluntary and with **no Salary...** but if we start increasing sponsorships and have funds available we could pay for social media fees and pay for events for our membership.

We currently have 151 members. There are a lot of sections that have close to 1000 members and they are very successful. These larger sections started with numbers smaller than our current membership and have grown over the past years. They all have these three coordinator positions filled and have 30 to 60 events annually. This is something we could do as a team. So put on your volunteer hats and consider one of these positions and help us grow our section.

Stay tuned to the future newsletter for upcoming news and information about 2022 events. Also please thank Charles Dove and Martin Rios for all their work with taking pictures at our events and putting together the newsletter we all enjoy. Thanks guys!!

Best,

Don Dionisi

Editor's Pick—A Mercedes Maybach 6 Electric Concept

The luxury class 2 + 2 Coupe. A reinterpretation of the Classics of the past.

The Maybach 6 is designed to be an all electric car. 4 magnet synchronous electric motors will propel all 4 wheels with about 740 HP. The under floor mounted batter will allow a range of about 200 miles.

C. Dove



Maybach 6 Concept



2 + 2—OR CABRIOLET?

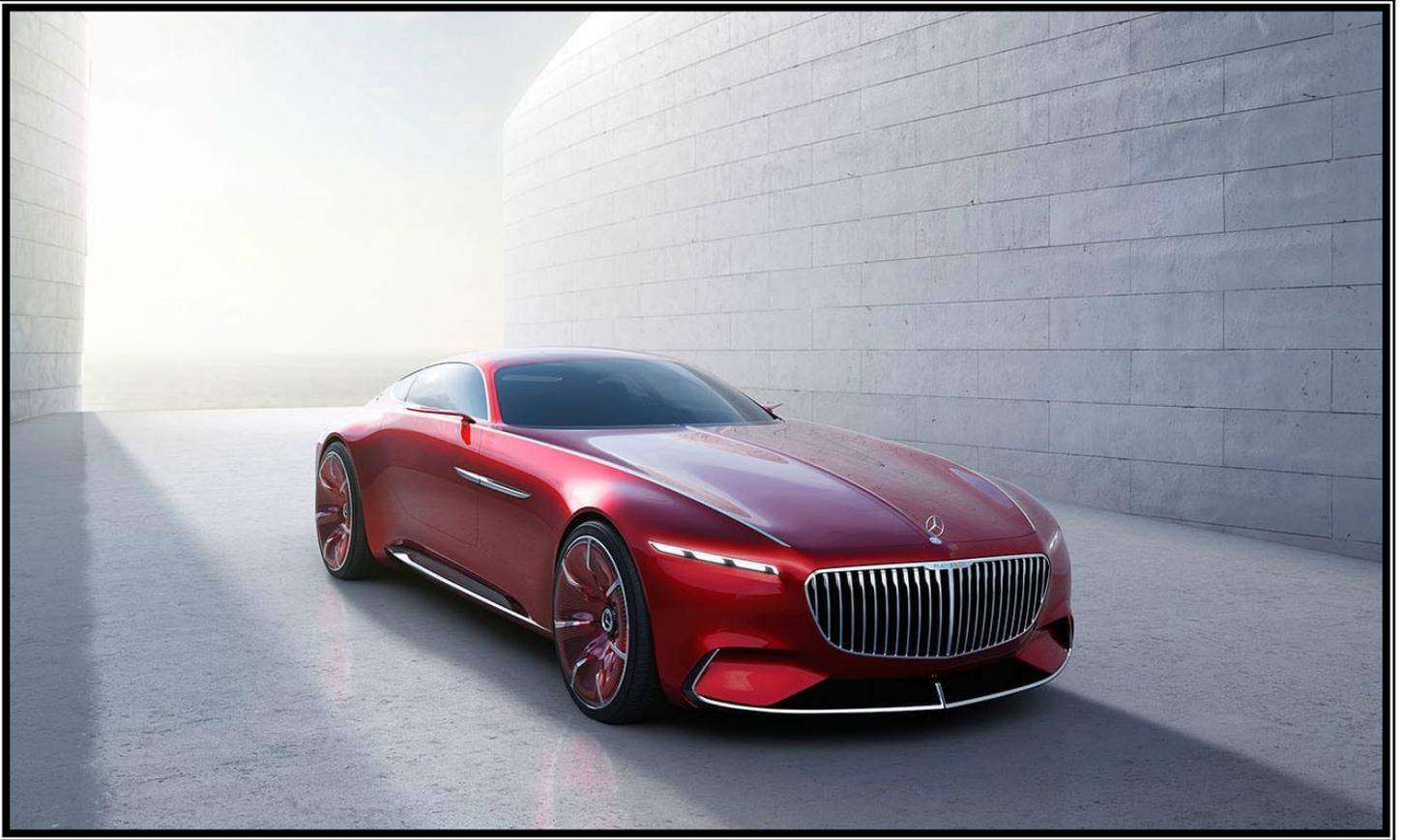


I've never driven an electric vehicle but I am sure that will come one of these days. From what I have read, they do have a lot of torque. The Maybach 6 EV claims to make 62 mph in just about 4 seconds. And it is a very nice looking car. In fact, it is gorgeous! A car you would be proud to be seen in. Many electric cars just don't hit the mark for being a classy looking car. Whether it be a 4 door sedan, an SUV, or a sports car, an EV needs to touch on the fun things of driving... performance, handling and looks. One of the drawbacks with an EV is the range—this Maybach

claims to have a range of 200 miles. And a quick charge of 5 minutes will allow another 62 miles. Still that is not enough range to span the state of Texas on one charge. I can drive from San Antonio to Dallas and back pretty much on one tank of gas in my 2013 S550. 429 HP with twin turbos. Even going on the toll road at speeds of 85—and maybe a bit more. I get a little more than 26 mpg. And it's a great road car. EV's are in our future, and that is a good thing for our environment. But car manufacturers need to keep performance and looks in mind when they build more of them.. That's just my opinion.

C. Dove

MAYBACH 6 EV CONCEPT



The interior of the Maybach 6 features wood trim in addition to elm wood in the floor areas. Other interior amenities include high quality padded leather upholstery. The seats include 'body sensors' for each passenger that will display the vitals of each occupant, and automatically adjusts the climate controls and massage functions. If that wasn't cool enough, the sensors also capture the light and color of the occupants clothing – so that it can cre-

ate different emotional lighting effects in the interior of the car.

The exterior design of the coupe displays the Hallmark of Mercedes-Benz – the gullwing doors.

I hope we will see this car come to production one day... we shall see.

SECTION OFFICERS



*Don Dionisi
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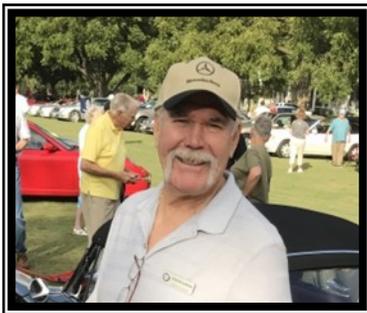
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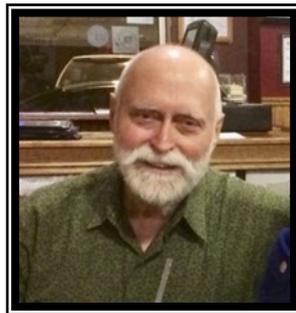
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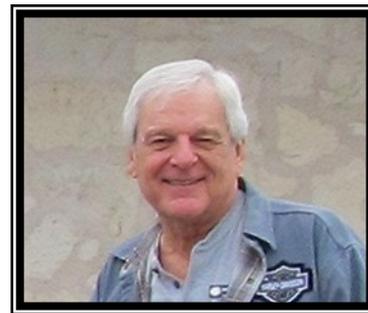
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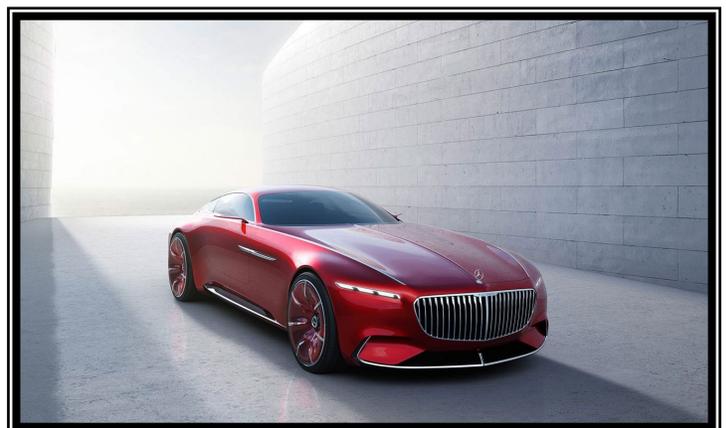
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Mercedes-Benz Maybach 6 EV

Things to come



AUGUST 2021— LEMONGRASS THAI RESTAURANT C. DOVE

For our August event, the Texas Hill Country Club met for dinner at the Lemongrass Thai Restaurant on Saturday night. There were 9 club members along with 4 guests. We hope our guests will consider joining our club especially since they are also Mercedes car owners. It would be nice to welcome a few new members into our Mercedes-Benz club family.

Dinner at Lemongrass was very good as it has been in the past. Again, the wait staff is always attentive, friendly and helpful. Our thanks to Joe for the excellent service that we had for the evening.



John and Trisha brought their new Mercedes S450 to this event. After dinner we got to walk around and check out the new addition. A 2018 S450 - black on black. Stunning! John traded his white E350 Coupe for the new car. I know John and Trisha will enjoy the new ride.



Robin enjoys his Volcano Shrimp! One of the chef's Specialties.



SEPTEMBER 2021— THE SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDENS C. DOVE

We had a small turn out and a super nice day for our September event. 13 members signed up to attend today's event at the Botanical Gardens. Sunshine, reasonably cool temperatures and low humidity made for a comfortable and scenic walk through the Botanical Gardens. They have a large and diverse collection of plants with landscape displays for people to enjoy in a tranquil shaded setting. Today's visit included the Frida Kahlo exhibit – The Casa Azul Garden. After walking around the gardens, and enjoying what nature has to offer, some members stayed for lunch at the Jardin Restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating.



Cathy, Norm, Charlie, Martin, Bill and Lucy



OCTOBER 2021— THE CAR SHOW AT SINGING WATERS VINEYARD

C. Dove

Again this year, Lester's Automotive held their annual charity car show in Comfort, Texas at the Singing Waters Vineyard. The proceeds went to help the **Hope for Hero's** and **Mal-FFunctions**. There were many great cars on display this year including several of our members cars. Bill Rasco and wife Lucy brought their 1989 Rolls Royce to the show. David Geise brought his 2008 SL550 sporting new Mandrus wheels. Kevin Schuble brought his white CL AMG. Our Houston Club members Kathy and husband Douglas also attended this years event at the Vineyard. Kathy, Douglas, Martin and I stayed at a Motel in Boerne on Friday night. Friday night, we dined next to the Blanco River at the Dodging Duck Brew Pub. It was a cool pleasant evening to sit outside and listen to live music. We had planned on dinner at the Little Gretel Restaurant, but we were surprised that it was closed on Friday night. The Dodging Duck was a good substitute and had good food and a pleasant atmosphere. Saturday was a gorgeous day and a very fun drive to the Singing Water Vineyard along Skyline Dr. Beautiful views of the Texas Hill Country with exciting curvy roads Perfect for a Mercedes-Benz drive. We checked out all the cars, had lunch and listened to more live music under the pavilion. Kathy and Douglas were on their way to Chicago from there - driving their C300. Their SL stayed at home due to a window malfunction.



NOVEMBER 2021— THE ALSTADT BREWERY—FREDERICKSBURG TEXAS

Club members met up at the CVS Pharmacy on HWY 281 and HWY46 to caravan on scenic back roads through Blanco and then through Luchenbach, Texas and on to Fredericksburg. The Alstadt Brewery is located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, and offers

a variety of brews on tap. Their Restaurant has a Bavarian themed full service menu. Some members sampled some of the beers on tap, and others had lunch at the restaurant.





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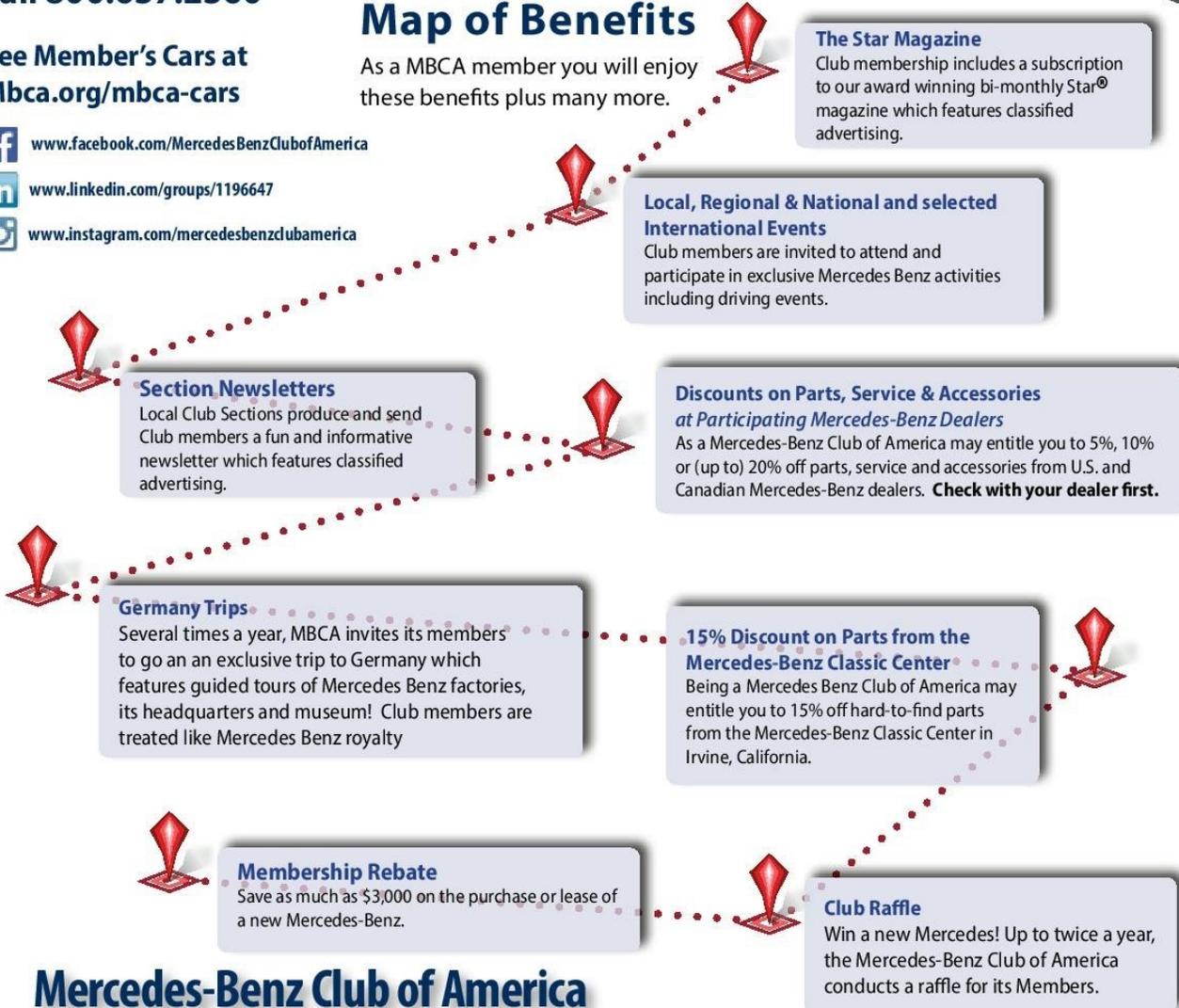
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Upcoming Events:

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December 4, 2021— Plan on celebrating your favorite holiday of the season at the [Matamoros Restaurante y Cantina](#) at 12844 Interstate 10 in San Antonio, from 6 to 9 pm. We will be sitting in the area outside the large party room away from other guests. We can only accommodate the first 40 members signing up so watch for the Google Form RSVP in November. The Section directors and officers will be treating the first 40 member guests to appetizers, stuffed Jalapenos with cream cheese, Spanish Ravioli, Flaquitos, Beef, and Chicken Quesadillas, Guacamole, and sour cream. The menu for this night will have three options to choose from, see below. ****If you would like a vegan or fish entree please let us know when you RSVP on Google Forms and we can take care of that.***

(1) Border Platter

Beef and chicken fajitas with a cheese enchilada. Served with guacamole, pico de gallo, Spanish rice, and beans. \$16.99

(2) Pollo Cilantro

Marinated and grilled chicken breast topped with our delicious cilantro white wine cream sauce. \$14.99

(3) Carne Guisada Plate

Beef tips simmered to tender perfection in a delicious sauce. Served with Spanish rice and beans. \$14.99

****Fish or vegan options are available, so just let us know in advance so we can let the restaurant know.***

- Watch your E-News for updates and future upcoming events.

All of our Events are subject to change following CDC guidelines. Events will be planned with social distancing with health and safety in mind. We encourage face mask protection.



**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!**

Dean Thornton

Loyal Member Renewals!

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| Douglas Haberman | Ronnie Swanner |
| Brent Saba | El Dr. Jose Correa Lettieri |
| George Dixon | Jose Fernandez |
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| John Rothermel | Gail Kilawski |
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