



# Mercedes-Benz Club of America Texas Hill Country Section Quarterly Newsletter

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## President's Message

By Don Dionisi

It is hard to believe it is already November. I'm currently working on an assignment and sitting in a restaurant in Kansas City eating a late lunch watching it snow outside. Just glad I don't have one of my garage queens out in this mess. The rain snow mix is going to turn to all snow later this evening. Hope my flight is not late tomorrow morning, and I hope we can avoid snow this year in San Antonio.

This has been a very rewarding year for the Texas Hill Country Section. There has been some sort of activity every month this past year. Some months there have been more than one activity. Many thanks to our board and their hard work planning and making sure that our section members have an enjoyable event. Please join me in thanking them the next time you see them. Next year we have decided to have a driving event every other month and alternate the driving events with a lunch or dinner event. Many of our section members have asked us to plan more food events next year. When we have our next board meeting we will be doing just that so stay tuned for an announcement in January 2019 for our new schedule. Also please feel free to suggest new restaurants. We will test them out and if they can accommodate us and can handle large groups we will schedule them on our calendar. Please remember some restaurants are just not equipped to handle large groups and then we have disappointed members.

The other day I was discussing A and B service pricing with a club member and had to remind him that both Mercedes Benz of San Antonio and Mercedes Benz of Boerne offer special pricing to the Texas Hill Country Section members. The A service is only \$145. and the B Service is only \$279. Don't let these special prices go by. Remember your Benz should be taken care of by professionals.

### Section Leadership

- President – Don Dionisi
- Vice President – Charles Dove
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- Treasurer/Director – Martin Rios
- Director - Joe Aaron
- Director – Robin Schroeder
- Newsletter Editor – Charles Dove
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Please keep December 1st open for our annual holiday dinner. This year we will be going to Paesano's Italian Restaurant on 1604. We will have an area all to ourselves and we can enjoy ordering off their extensive menu and we can have separate checks. Please RSVP to [Charlie by Wednesday](#), November 28<sup>th</sup> so we can give the restaurant an accurate head count. This is our Holiday Dinner together, so you are welcome to invite family or friends. Your house guests or family guests are not eligible for raffle drawings.

We would like to start with cocktails at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7 pm.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday and we plan on seeing everyone December 1st at Paesano's.

Best,

Don Dionisi

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## 2019 Mercedes-Benz AMG GT with 4-Doors?

How about a 4 door sedan that can go from 0 to 60 in 2.9 seconds... and make a quarter mile in 11 seconds flat! That's what you can get with the new 2019 AMG GT Concept. This is the rumor - AMG thinking about a sedan that is not based on an



existing Mercedes-Benz model. The concept seems to be a mix of the AMG GT and the CLS. A 4.0 Litre, 456 horsepower V8 that has an estimated top speed of 186 mph. Estimated price would be between \$150,000 to \$170,000.

*Someone wrecked the left front fender on this one during a track test drive. They sent it to MB of Austin to be repaired. They were able to repair and repaint the fender and did a great job. They say they may only get one or two per year to sell. One they are receiving next year is already sold.*

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**Section Officers:**



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Keep up to date with all section information at [www.texashillcountry.mbca.org](http://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](http://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 everyone would enjoy.

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# August Event News – Lunch at the Leaning Pear Wimberley, Texas

*By: C. Dove*

Some of us met up just outside of Blanco, Texas to drive along the Devil's Backbone into Wimberley. It was a fairly short drive – about 25 minutes. We drove through the western side of Wimberley through some of the towns interesting arts and crafts shops. We arrived at the Leaning Pear for lunch at 2:00. Our group was seated together in the back area of the restaurant. Our server, Lauren was exceptional and gave us prompt and courteous service. I think everyone enjoyed their lunch and had a good time talking with friends. After lunch, some of us took the scenic route back to town through Purgatory Rd. and around Canyon Lake. Thanks to Mary Ann for suggesting this restaurant for our meet. Good Choice!



*Top right: Dan, Yaeko, Mary Ann and Helene. Dennis and Barbie; Ron and Dan. Below: Lucy and Bill.*





We encountered several vendors selling local fruit along our drive. Ron, Mary Ann, Charlie and Martin stopped to check them out.



Above: Jesse's E350 Coupe – nice wheels!  
Below: Martin, Charlie, Mary Ann & Ron.

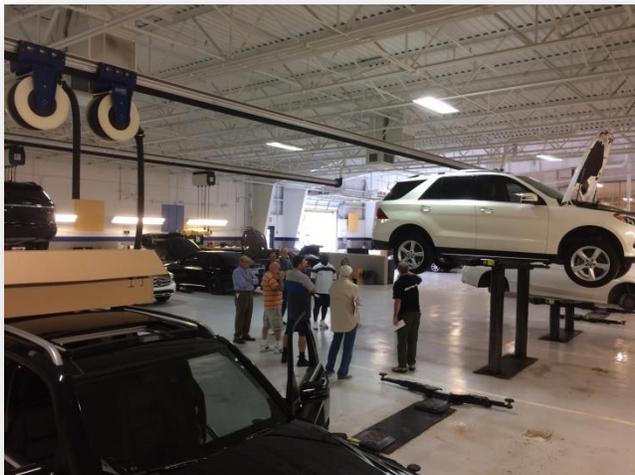


Above: Our group in front of The Leaning Pear

## September Event – Tech Session at Mercedes-Benz of Boerne And lunch at the Hungry Horse Restaurant

*By: C. Dove*

Club members met at the Mercedes-Benz of Boerne Dealership at 11:30 for a tech session. We were introduced to Neil Potter, the General Manager. He welcomed us and gave us an overview of their dealership. We were then introduced to Mike Svenson who is one of the top mechanics and number one in certifying a Mercedes-Benz for sale as a Certified Pre-Owned vehicle. They have an extensive check list to go by in order to certify a vehicle. Mike showed us a vehicle that he was working on to prepare it for sale. This particular car had a small blemish in the dash and for that reason the entire dash and all internals of the dash were removed so a new dash could be installed along with all the vents, switches and buttons. This was a major undertaking. But that certifies the car and is sold CPO and like new.



After our tech session at the Boerne Dealer, we drove into town to the Hungry Horse Restaurant for lunch.

Click the link below to:

[Check out our video slide show](#)



You can always check out stories, videos and photos from all our events by visiting our Events Report page in the [mbca.org](http://mbca.org) website.

[Mercedes-Benz Club Website.](#)

# October and the Autobahn Icon

*By: C. Dove*

Although the Autobahn Icon event was not our scheduled event for October, several club members drove to Dripping Springs to see the cars and to support the cause for the Special Olympics. This venue celebrates German engineering at its finest. It was open to Audi, BMW Porsche and Mercedes-Benz. The event was free to the public and consisted of a judged and non-judged show class. There were also dealers that participated, including Porsche of Austin, Mercedes-Benz of Austin, Audi of Austin and BMW of Austin. And many local vendors that provide products and services for automobile enthusiasts. All proceeds were donated to the Special Olympics Texas. After walking around the cars, talking to vendors and meeting some of the members of other clubs, we went in to Dripping Springs and had lunch at Thyme and Dough. A unique little café serving sandwiches made with fresh home baked breads. This is a great little place for breakfast or lunch.



*Above: Don, Norm, Cathy and Martin*

# October – Lunch at Freiheit Country Store and the Texas Clay Festival in Gruene, Texas

*By: C. Dove*

Our Club members met in New Braunfels at the Freiheit Country Store for lunch. Freiheit serves up some delicious burgers, fries, and onion rings. Not to mention their great homemade pies... topped with ice cream from their ice cream shoppe. We welcomed some new faces at this gathering. Members Maynard and Grace Green from Rock Port joined us for lunch. We also welcomed visitors Ruben and Barbara. They own a beautiful 2002 S430. After some socializing and visiting with friends we had a recognition award for 'Member of the Year'. This was presented to Norm Glorioso for his involvement with the club, especially his efforts in organizing our visit to the Dick's Classic Garage car museum in San Marcos, Texas. The museum by the way is being closed at the end of the year due to the death of the Founder and CEO, Richard Burdick earlier this year. We were saddened to hear of his passing and along with that, the closing of the museum.





After lunch, we drove to Gruene, Texas to the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Clay Festival. This year the festival featured over 80 artisans displaying and offering their artwork for sale. Some of them artists were demonstrating their wheel throwing sculpture and decoration techniques.

*Above: Don presents Norm with the Member of the Year award.*



*Above: Helene, Alex and Yaeko.  
Left: Ruben, Barbara, Martin, Yaeko and Dan.*

## *Classified Section For Sale*



Mercedes-Benz



*Above cars not for sale – ad display only*

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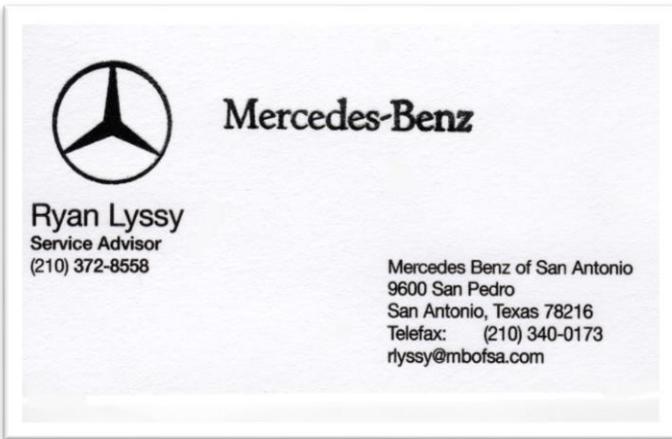


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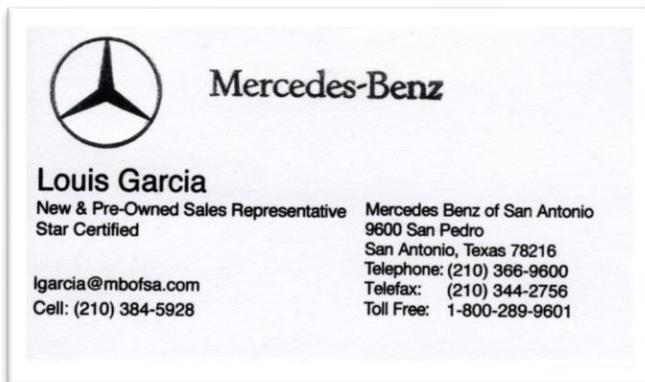
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## ***Upcoming Events:***

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch at Freiheit in New Braunfels at 11:00. Then we'll drive down the road to historic Gruene, Texas. Purchase arts and crafts at the [Texas Clay Festival](#). Celebrating it's 26<sup>th</sup> year in Gruene, Texas. Meet the artists and watch them create their works of art. \*

**November** – Club dinner – El Bucanero Mexican Seafood Restaurant 6:30.

**December 1<sup>st</sup>** – Holiday Dinner 6:30 at Paesano's Italian Restaurant on 1604.

**January 2019** – Buggy Barn Museum in Blanco, Texas. \*

**February 2019** – Tech Session at MB of SA. \*

**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).

## New Members

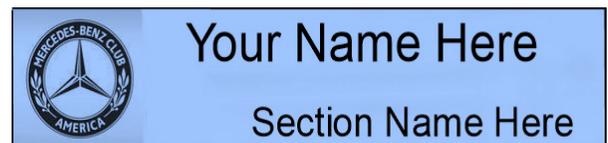
Burton Brasher  
Bobby Cuvelier  
Carolus Ford  
George Melnik  
Butch Rodriguez  
Carl Thompson

## Loyal Member Renewals

Michael Becquet  
Julian Beltran  
David Brooks  
Tutti Burkett  
Gil Coronado  
George Dixon  
Fred Egloff  
Jose Fernandez  
Richard Frey  
Bernard Gonzales  
Eric Herbert  
Charles Honore  
Elinor McCarty

Ross Miles  
Peter Mindermann  
Sheila O'Hair  
John Rothermel  
Brent Saba  
David Shulman  
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Douglas Haberman  
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## Benefit with your Membership!

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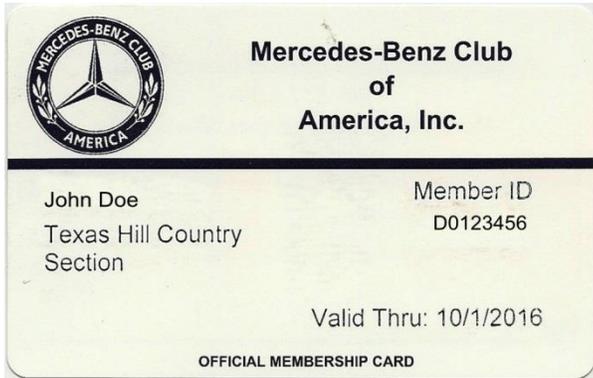


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