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# Lone Star Update

Lone Star Section - Central Texas  
APRIL 2021

## On the Road...with VP Ginny Pitzen

It looks like there may be a light at the end of the pandemic tunnel where we soon will be able to gather as a section again.

As vice president of the Lone Star Section, I am in charge of planning our programs. I have been busy working on events for the rest of the year. Beginning in June, our first event is the Show and Shine in Horseshoe Bay, where it has been hosted the last four years (more information to come). We are also putting together some impromptu driving meetings where we can socially distance and perhaps have lunch outside.

The Lone Star Section board has been brainstorming some events, and some of the ones we are exploring for 2021 are: a cruise on the Lone Star Riverboat (rescheduled from last year) in August; a tour of Painted Churches; the Hill Country Run with the Fort Worth Section in October; and Hilton Head Island in November for the MBCA German Freude. We will end the year on Dec. 4 with our annual Christmas party.

For information on upcoming events, watch our monthly newsletter, [Facebook page](#) and [website](#).



We are looking forward to renewing friendships with long-time members and also hope to greet new members at our future events.

A quick note about communication about events: We are discontinuing the use of Constant Contact for our event coordination and RSVPs. We will start using Mail Chimp and the [event section of the MBCA Lone Star Section website](#).

What events would you like to see in the future? We're always interested in hearing ideas from Lone Star Section members. If you have a suggestion (or any other comments), drop me a line at [ginnypitzen@yahoo.com](mailto:ginnypitzen@yahoo.com).

We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

## Upcoming Events

### SATURDAY (April 17): Bluebonnet Viewing Drive



Join us for an impromptu road trip to view the bluebonnets in bloom and have lunch. We will meet at the HEB at 170 E Whitestone Blvd in Cedar Park at 8:15 a.m. with a departure time of 8:30 a.m. From there we will drive down 1431 through Marble Falls, with a stop at [Wakepoint](#) in Kingsland before continuing to lunch at [Alamo Springs Cafe](#) at 107 Alamo Road, Fredericksburg (on the southern outskirts of town).

**Saturday, April 17**  
**8:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**  
**Meet at:**  
**HEB Cedar Park**  
**170 E Whitestone Blvd.**  
**Cedar Park, Texas**

You are welcome to join the whole route of the drive or meet any of the locations listed above. If you are planning to attend, please contact Ginny Pitzen at [ginnypitzen@yahoo.com](mailto:ginnypitzen@yahoo.com) or at 512-925-4481.

You can find route maps from HEB to Wakepoint and from Wakepoint to Alamo Springs Cafe [here](#).

### JUNE 26: Show and Shine

Get ready to show off your Mercedes-Benz when the Lone Star Section meets up at 11 a.m. in Horseshoe Bay for a Show and Shine event.

Details coming soon.



### NOV. 2-5: Mercedes Freude



Several members of the Lone Star Section are planning to attend Mercedes Freude in Hilton Head, S.C., in November and perhaps turn it into a Section road trip with a possible stop and tour at the [Mercedes-Benz U.S. International Inc. Visitor Center/Museum and plant](#) in Vance, Alabama. The museum is the only one outside of Germany and has several vintage Mercedes on display. Interested? Contact Section Vice President [Ginny Pitzen](#).

[Visit Mercedes Freude website](#)

Have an idea for an event? Contact Vice President [Ginny Pitzen](#).



### #MeAndMyMercedes

Arno Pitzen checks out the Perissos Vineyard and Winery in Burnet in his SL55 Brabus.

Have you and your Mercedes been on an adventure or trip? We'd like to highlight it here and on social media. Send a photo and description to Newsletter Editor [Kirsten Voinis](#)

## Mercedes-Benz coming to COTA

Several Mercedes AMG GT3 teams were in Austin recently doing some test laps at the Circuit of the Americas, which will host the GT World Challenge America from April 30 through May 2. [Learn more about the race](#) and how to attend.



## Welcome New & Renewing Members

### New Members

Mark Abrams  
Richard Hansen  
James Hensley  
Steve Hickerson  
Niccolò McLeod De Masi  
Esteban Monclova  
Cari Patterson  
Michael Picolo  
Edward Sherwood  
Mary Stribling

### Renewing Members

Frank Adams  
Kenneth Blake  
Thomas Chavez  
Kobus Pleters  
Darla Rule  
Michael Smith  
Myra Smith  
Larry Smith  
Oliver Street II  
Chris Willingham  
Monica Woods

Need information on membership? Know someone who wants to join?  
Contact Vice President [Ginny Pitzen](#).

## MBCA offering special bonuses for membership renewals

Is your Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) membership about to expire? Now is a great time to renew. MBCA is offering three special bonuses to members who renew their membership by May 31 -- records show that 11 members of the Lone Star Section will have their memberships expire between April 1 and that date, although any member can extend their membership in order to take advantage of these bonuses.

**BONUS 1:** One additional month added to your membership for every year you renew. You can earn up to an additional three months of extended membership for a three-year renewal. (Bonus months are added onto the expiration date of your membership)

**BONUS 2:** All members who renew their membership during this promotion will be eligible to win a \$50.00 gift card of their choice. (AMEX, VISA, or Amazon) Drawing to be held on June 2nd.

**SPECIAL BONUS:** If you enroll in Auto-Renew at the same time you renew, you will automatically be entered into the drawing for a \$50.00 gift card of your choice. (AMEX, VISA, or Amazon) Drawing held at every 1,000 auto renew enrollment goal. The next drawing will be held at the 3,000-enrollment mark.

Renew online at <https://www.mbc.org/> or contact the National Business Office at 800.637.2360 and one of the staff will gladly assist you. (Disclaimer: This program is not retroactive)

Interested in advertising in the Lone Star Update, the Section's monthly newsletter?

Contact Newsletter Editor Kirsten Voinis for information on sizes and pricing for monthly and annual ads.

### Wanted: Membership Coordinator

**Join our team!**

The Lone Star Section is looking for a membership director to guide membership recruitment and also offer input and guidance overall as part of the Section's executive committee.

Interested individuals should contact Section President Alan Syme.

## ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize**  
2021 E450 4MATIC Cabriolet  
MSRP - \$90,770

The International Stars Mercedes-Benz Club of America Spring 2021 raffle is open through June 17.

- First prize: 2021 E450 4MATIC Cabriolet
- Second prize: 2021 Mercedes Freude Event

Visit [www.mbc.org](http://www.mbc.org) for more information and to read the [rules and regulations](#).

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