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MEMBER'S RIDE-Bryce Johnson July-September 2015

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1967 250 SE owned by Bryce Johnson. Thanks for bringing to the Fall Hill Country Ride. See page 9 for complete write-up.

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Annual "Wash & Shine" Pool Party At The Cunningham's



On July 25, 2015 the Lonestar MBCA had their annual Wash & Shine-Pool Party at Craig and Lynn Cunningham's house. We want to thank them for their gracious hospitality and having the party for us. We had over 42 people show up and a good time was had by all. Please come out next year if you missed it this year. We also welcome the new members that were there. Come out next year as we grow the club and create new and exciting venues to add the the already successful activities we enjoy.





Riverboat Cruise and 30-year Celebration

The Lone Star Section commemorated its 30-year of incorporation on Saturday, August 29 aboard the Lone Star Riverboat. The 60 attendants were entertained by Greg and Lisa Sutphin from A Trace of Gold. Many door prizes donated by H2O car wash, Julio's Café, Lee Melugin, Liz Gregowicz and Chuck the Mechanic, were handed out throughout the evening. The event ended with the raffle of the Old Modern Handicrafts 1886 Mercedes Benz Motor Car donated by John and Melanie Wallace. Thank you all that came out to help celebrate the 30th Anniversary. We all had a good time and also had a spectacular view of the bats going out to eat.

Thank you to new members Tena Pinion and Tom Cowan, officers Beverly Darilek, Joyce and Lee Melugin, Mark and Virginia Anderson for all their help with this event.



Thanks to Arno and Ginny for organizing the event!



Some fun on the upper deck.



The bats are flying! Beautiful Night it was.



Fall Hill Country Ride– Austin to Fredericksburg, Texas

September 26, 2015

Saturday was a beautiful morning for a drive through the Hill Country. 22 cars joined in on the drive to Fredericksburg for lunch at the Bavarian Inn. The food was excellent and the forty plus attendants enjoyed meeting new and old members. We hope you can join us for the next event.



Meeting place along the route.



At the Bavarian Inn.





Upcoming Events



As noted by the previous pages of this newsletter, we are active with events that are either planned or just materialize out of desire to get those Mercedes out of the garage and socialize. There is always something going on in the Lone Star Section whether it be a trip to the COTA facility, a cruise to a brewery, winery or having a dinner dance in downtown Austin. We are also planning events that focus more on the car hobby. Some of those events are tech sessions, wash & shine, or just meeting at the local car hang out to talk about the cars. In any event, this club knows how to have fun and make life enjoyable whether you like cars or you just go along for the ride because your significant other dreams about cars. You Car Crazy people know who you are... I admit to being one of them.

October:

October 10, 2015: Octoberfest Celebration at Walburg German Restaurant 3777 Farm to Market Road 972 Walburg, TX 78673. Please check your e-vite invitation.

October 23, 2015: Formula One Pre-Party Gathering, Green Mesquite BBQ at South Park Meadows. Parking will be reserved for Mercedes Benz and others attending.

November:

TBD

December:

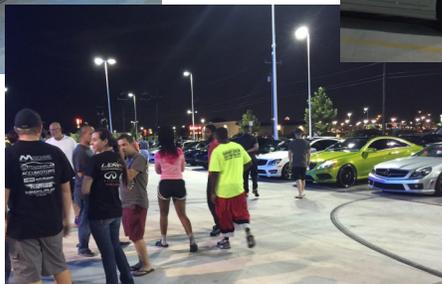
Christmas Party-Pitzen Haus

Keep in mind that every month there is a Cars & Coffee in the Austin area and most likely at the Oasis. This is a good opportunity to meet new people and help grow the membership. This is held the second Sunday of each month.

<http://austin.carsandcoffee.info/>



Found this group meeting down in San Antonio a few weeks back. SAMB Car-Group.





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Offer excludes Sprinter Vans, smart, SLS AMG Coupes and SLS AMG Roadsters. Discount CAN be combined with other MBUSA incentive programs; including Guest Appreciation Certificates, European Delivery, seasonal event discounts and other (select) Dealer offers. Please check with your Dealer in advance to confirm which offers may be combined with your \$500 Loyalty Reward discount.

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More Than a Car Club | We're a Community

Welcome to the Lone Star Section.

The Lone Star Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America serves Mercedes owners and enthusiasts in Austin, Texas and the central Texas Hill Country. Like the exciting area in which we live, the Lone Star Section's membership is growing and very active. We currently have over 300 members. They include men and women of all ages and occupations. Our members' cars range from everyday drivers to works-in-progress to true classics.

The Lone Star Section maintains an active calendar of events. Our activities include monthly meetings and tech sessions, driving events or social gatherings.

In addition to all the benefits of normal membership in the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Lone Star Section members enjoy receipt of our section newsletter The Lone Star, free classifieds there and on our website, discounts from our local section sponsors and participation in our many events and activities.

Web Site: lonestar.mbca.org



Join us in New England on August 3-6, 2016 for StarFest 2016. StarFest will take place in Connecticut's "Quiet Corner" with lush Green Valleys and picturesque Hilltop Farms, it's also known as the Antique Capital of Connecticut. From the seashore near the host hotel, Mohegan Sun, to the lush greenery near the host track, the two linked by a short trip on I-395. Spectacular scenery and iconic New England towns await your discovery.

Date: Wed, 08/03/2016 (All day) -

Sat, 08/06/2016 (All day)

Location: 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd

Uncasville - Connecticut 06382

Contact: [John Piekarczyk](mailto:John.Piekarczyk@mbca.org)

Events include:

Track | Concours d' Elegance | Rallyes | Nautical Cruises | Ladies of Mercedes-Benz | Sponsor Displays | Welcome Reception | Golf | Grand Awards Banquet



1967 250 SE Convertible owned by: *Bryce Johnson.*

It has a manual 4 speed, A/C and 46000 miles on the odometer



I bought the car in Austin in 1998. I drove it for a year or so before sending to Lexington Ky where I grew up. My good friend David Trapp was in the car business there and agreed to help me get the car restored. We had grown up working on and playing with David's father's classic car collection. The car had considerable frame and body rust so it was dismantled and went into the body shop. For various reasons, the car remained disassembled for nearly 15 years.

When the body work was finally nearing completion, David and I collected all the mechanical pieces and began reassembly of the engine and other systems. I can't thank David enough for all of his work and suffering. I could never have finished the project without him. He even sacrificed the end of a finger to the door lock mechanism as he was adjusting the door fit! We used the MB classic center for parts and found them very helpful. The interior and top were done in Lexington using materials purchased 10 years earlier.

The car returned to Austin last November and it is a real joy to have her back. I joined the club around that time so I could meet other Mercedes enthusiasts in the area and to have a network to help me keep the 250 in good shape. The recent trip to Fredericksburg was the first event I have been able to attend and it was a fun way to meet club members and get the car out for a good drive.