

January 2, 2019 2018 Q4 Newsletter

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Message from the President

Can you believe it is gone, 2018 is just about in our rearview mirrors, and what a year it was. K-1 racing, Star Fest, Show & Shine at Horse Shoe Bay, Autobahn Icons at Treaty Oaks Distillery, Hill country Run with Fort Worth just to mention a few.

And Just look what we have in store for 2019 K-1 racing, Trattoria Lisina (Valentine lunch), Hill Country Run in April, Regional Car Show in Dallas, Perrisos's Winery, and possible drive to the Beach just to mention a few.

All this to be said we have a very active club and we need to get the word out to everyone we know that is not a member but drives one of Mercedes fine cars. I challenge each and every club member to bring on at least one new or one returning member in 2019. I have plenty of applications to share, carry them in your car with you when you are talking to a perspective new member give them an application. It works I think I personally with the help of my wife Debbie have had at least 3 to 4 successes this past year. As a member you will need to show your membership card to receive the discount.

When you are in your local shop ask if we might place some applications and a Star Magazine or two in their waiting room. Be sure to mention the club discount when booking appointments at the major dealerships. But please don't be demanding these are given as a courtesy they are not a right and I have always been given mine.

We have a great story to share about our Club but we can not grow if we do not share that story. It also can not be done by one or two individuals we all need to take ownership if we want to continue to grow and be a healthy club. More information about this to follow soon.

> Safe Driving Rick Everett



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Annual Christmas Party

Mulligans White Wing Golf Club

The Lone Star Section Christmas Party was held at Mulligan's White Wing Golf Club in Sun City, TX. The 2019-2020 Officers were introduced, the member of the year was recognized, and Ron den Hoed was recognized as the oldest member in attendance.

The Officers will be Rick Everett, President, Dana Skillman, Vice President, Jill Brown, Treasurer, Frank Irwin, Secretary, Arno Pitzen, ex-oficio and Ginny Pitzen, communication. After a fabulous meal we had fun with the "White Elephant" gift exchange. It was wonderful to see so many old members in attendance. By Peggy Hoag



Officers shown Rick Everett, Dana Skillman, Frank Irwin and Jill **Brown**

Ron & Laurel Den Hoed Lone Star Section Oldest





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Day Trip to Waco, Texas

Several members from the Lone Star Section, from deep in the heart of Texas, met on a November morning for breakfast at the Monument Café in Georgetown. After breakfast we caravanned to Waco for a fun day of shopping. Our first stop was the Magnolia Market at the Silos for a bit of shopping. Next was a bite of lunch at Jakes Texas Tea House, before making our way to Spice Village for more fun shopping. After shopping we all drove to Florence to taste the excellent wine at "The Vineyard at Florence" and visit with each other. By Peggy Hoag

2019 Upcoming Events

K1 Speed Racing

Tratorria Lisina

Wine Tasting

Hill Country Run

Regional Car Show

Welcome New Members

Joanie Abou Samra
Paul Danneman
Bob Herwig
Brian Lawrence
Jacques Lowe
Erny-Jay Mezas
Mark Nokeley
Dougla sRay
Michael Rockafellow
Alan Syme
Jack Tennant
Gretchen Van Cleave



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Loyal/Renewing Members

Agustin Arzeno

Jack Bego

Marsha Brooks

Robert Brown

Richard Call

Dean Clark

Joseph Donnelly

Chris Eddy

Charles Eden

Rick Everett

Patricia Figures

Jon Forbes

Victor Garcia

Joseph George

Jens Gruenkemeier

Francisco Hernandez-Peraza

James Hill

John James

Christie James

Cora Klein

Patrick Lawson

R Marmann

Billy Martin

Billy Muench

Thomas Murray

Donald Nelson

Donaid Telson

Chris Neugebauer

Louis Parrillo

Nathaniel Ross

David Silvestro

Charles Smith

Jason Stansell

Hanspeter Tobler

Sergije Urukalo

Roger Vitko

Monica Woods



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MEMBER BENEFITS THE STAR MAGAZINE



Your membership to the Mercedes-Benz Club of America includes a subscription to our bi-monthly magazine, The Star. Each issue is packed with in-depth information including the latest news and vehicle previews from Mercedes-Benz USA; details about local, regional and national Club events; plus articles on restorations, new-car reviews, road tests, exotic road trips and so much more. This four-color, 120-page read is delivered directly to your home or office every other month and advertising in The Star's classified section is free to Members.

In 2012, The Star was awarded 14 "best of" medals from the International Automotive Hall of Fame for excellence in writing, design, production, graphics and photography.

Club members have exclusive rights to read The Star on this website and gain access to hundreds of historically-valued back issues at any time.

2019 Club Trips to Germany



MBCA European Trips

Membership benefits include the exclusive opportunity to experience a first-class European vacation and VIP tours that places you at the heart of Mercedes-Benz rich history. These member only trips provide direct and personal access to Mercedes-Benz facilities, museums, assembly plants and the many amazing European landmarks.

Many MBCA members and their guests have traveled on European trips, including the famous Stuttgart trip. Take MBCA's guided trip through the Stuttgart Region and experience the rich heritage of Mercedes-Benz first-hand. Enjoy VIP destinations, accommodations and five-star cuisine. No worries, just "WOW!" on this command-performance excursion for Members, families and friends.

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