



The Lone Star



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NEED A NEW NAME TAG??

Our treasurer is taking orders for nametags. The club will pay for SHIPPING. All you need to do is send \$8 check, color, and name info to:

Joyce Melugin

**4205 Bluffridge Drive
Austin, TX 78759**

President's Message

Spring blew into Central Texas last week. The bluebonnets are exploding into bloom along many of the central Texas roadways. As the forecast for this week is sunny and warm, we'll have some wonderful scenery to view while enjoying our cars.



Appropriately, Mercedes-Benz has debuted a new E-Class convertible for spring. It has received great reviews from the automotive press, I can't wait to take one for a ride.

We are co-hosting the upcoming Hill Country Run weekend event with the Fort Worth Chapter, April 10-11th. It should be fabulous!

Mike and Amy McGuire from the FW section have planned a great weekend, please check out the FW website (www.mbca.org/fortworth) for more information and try to join us.

On Sunday April 25th, the club will be attending the Cars and Coffee, car show in Leander, Texas. Check our website for details.

On Saturday, May 1st at 10:00am, we'll be spending the morning with Edin Huskic at Pampered Auto's other location in Cedar Park on 1431 just west of Lakeline blvd. as he performs a STAR diagnostic on a couple Lone Star member's vehicles. You must attend the April meeting to be entered in the drawing for a diagnostic session or an A-Service....So put Thursday April 8th on your calendar and attend the monthly meeting.

Again, if you have an email address, please sign up to receive the newsletter online along with other timely e-mail reminders from the club. You can always find out what's happening at our website, www.mbca.org/lone_star. Together we can reduce costs for the club and reduce the amount of paper we consume.

Bryan

Cars and Coffee

Cars and Coffee Austin held their 3rd monthly car show. The director of economic development for the city of Leander approached the club at our March 2010 meeting and personally invited our club to participate....and participate we did! We had great showing, probably larger than any other car club there and the event planners put us front and center across from sponsoring dealer, John Eagle.

We had room for 15 cars and almost filled the space. A couple of Ferrari owners slipped in our row, but that's ok - we like Italian cars too!

Thanks to our past president, Joe Aaron for bringing out his pristine 1985 500SL Euro which had the best black paint of any car at the show. I would like to welcome all the Mercedes drivers that we met at the show. I hope you took the time to sign up and are reading this!

Overall there were 450+ cars in attendance, the sun was shining, and it was a beautiful, breezy spring day. I am looking forward to attending the next event on Sunday, April 25th @ 11 am. John Eagle and the event coordinators are also doing this for a good cause. They are working with Capital Food Bank to raise money and canned goods for donations. So if you come out next month, please bring a couple of canned goods or look for the donations table in the main row....there are a lot of people that could use the help right now.

Hope to see you soon!

Bryan Harter



Apr 8 (Thurs):

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Brick Oven Arboretum

10710 Research Blvd.

Drawing will be held for Tech Session service on May 1

Apr 10-11 (Sat & Sun):

Hill Country Run

w/Fort Worth Section

mbca.org/fortworth

Apr 20 (Tues):

Social - 6:00 p.m.

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Dulces - The Art of Mexican Cuisine, Lakeline Mall

May 1 (Sat): 10:00am

Tech Session

Pampered Auto

1403 W. Whitestone Blvd. (FM - 1431)

Cedar Park 78613

May 13 (Thurs):

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Brick Oven Arboretum

10710 Research Blvd.

May 15 (Sat):

Wash & Shine

Cat Mountain Club House

6007 Mount Bonnell Road

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Packard Meet

Saturday March 27, a handful of club members met at the Georgetown Mercedes dealership at 9am to begin their 30 mile ride up to Salado along Interstate 35. We took the Salado exit and a hard right off the frontage road turning into town. One block from the highway and the you were transported back 100 years. Salado is truly a charming little town. I've driven by it hundreds of times, even stopped a few times at the DQ on the way home from Dallas. I had no idea the rest of downtown was there, resting peacefully, just a block away. Some of us were excited and some simply along for the ride having no clue what a "Packard" really was. My co-pilot's face lit up as we pulled into the parking lot and she saw the majestic vehicles displayed in rows along the perimeter of the parking lot.

The 33rd annual Texas Packard Meet was held at the Salado Inn, a charming hotel, restaurant and grounds. There were Packards from all over the Midwest, some very original and some overly restored...but most were "just right". Magnificent cars in their day and even more so now. We had a fantastic (huge) lunch at the Restaurant at the Inn. Then took our leave and departed for home.

Some members were still wandering about when I left but time was scarce....had to clean up the cars and get ready for the Mercedes Club Cars & Coffee showing the following day....

Thank you Jim Carlson for organizing this event.



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