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President's Message



It's been a great summer! It was hot, humid but we avoided a drought. We've had over 10 days straight of blue skies, zero humidity and cool temps. I couldn't ask for better weather for working on my cars out in the garage. The Club hosted the 2010 Austin German Tri-Marque Concours and Show on September 25th here in Austin along with the Tejas Chapter of BMW CCA and the Texas Audi Group. We were threatened by the weather as the date approached but the clouds broke the evening before the show and it was beautiful!

We raised almost \$2500 for our charity, the Center for Child Protection, Who's Mission is to reduce the trauma for children during the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases here in Austin. To the many volunteers who made it all happen, I say thank you!

We've got some fun events coming up, an afternoon of wine tasting at The Driftwood Estate Winery on Saturday, October 9 and our Annual Officer Induction Banquet at the Steiner Ranch Steakhouse on Saturday, October 23rd. In November on the 6th, we have planned a trip to Wursfest in New Braunfels and finally our annual Christmas Party on December 6, 2010. Please check the weekly communication for more information. We've made great progress on moving away from a paper based publishing system. Our newsletter has grown, we are able to provide more information and share more with our members as well as cut publishing and postage costs. It will make us more efficient and reduce our carbon footprint.

Our member database is being verified and the information is more accurate now than ever. We hope to use that information to improve the accuracy and timeliness of our communications. If you haven't heard from our new membership coordinator Ginny Pitzen, you will soon as she is working very hard on this process!

If you have an email address, please be sure to update us with any changes in the future.

Time to hit the road and enjoy fall in Texas. Hope you can join us!

Best Regards,

Bryan Harter

AUSTIN TRI-MARQUE 2010

In the dark early morning hours of September 25th a group of volunteers from the Lone Star Section along with members of the Tejas Chapter of BMW CCA and the Texas Audi Group came together for a common cause...To raise money for the Center for Child Protection and to have a little fun.

During the day hundreds of German auto enthusiasts joined us to view and show off their cars, many entered the judged category and some were rewarded for their attention to detail. Congratulations to all the winners!

Several teams took on the difficult task of judging the three marques. Thank you to Anthony Atencio for coordinating the judges and thanks to all of the judges who helped with a difficult task.

While the judging was going on, many vendors were set up to provide information or displays such as car detailing. We had Black Forest Workshop, Falcon Detailing, Liberty Insurance, Pampered Auto Care, Proreflection, Revolution Motors, Showroom FX, SoulSpeed and Total Lubricants.

For food, we also had Speedy Tacos set up in their mobile kitchen for breakfast tacos, fajitas and other lunch foods. Throughout the event, younger family members took on the task of providing water (at \$1.00/bottle for the charity). The day became quite hot so their service and the water were greatly appreciated. In addition to the water, they also sold people's choice ballots. Everyone who entered their car for judging and display received one free vote, but everyone who came could vote or get additional votes by purchasing ballots. There was a possibility of storms coming into the area in the early afternoon, so when the judging was over earlier than expected, it was decided that the awards could be presented earlier than originally scheduled. The award plaques were beautiful and uniquely designed to each marque, representing first through third place. In addition, there was a Best in Show category and also a People's choice award. A big thank you to Greg Greeson for his help in designing the artwork and awards for us!

Representatives from each club planned and worked on the event for many months. Thanks to their hard work this was a very special event.

Thanks again to my core Tri-Marque 2010 committee members, Charlene Casillas and from the Tejas Chapter of BMW CCA, Allan Gazza, and to Shawn Olsen from the Texas Audi Group.

I'd also like to thank our MBCA-Lone Star Members: Anthony & Bambi Atencio, Joyce & Lee Melugin, Bev Darilek & Larry Koch, Arno, Ginny & Andrew Pitzen, Kay & Jack Reid, Tom & Hannah Murray, Dave & Madeline Silvestro, Jim Gully, Jim Briggs, Larry Jameson and Sydney Harter. I am thankful to have had such great club participation all your hard work really helped make the event a success!

Thanks again to all our sponsors, Roger Beasley Audi, BMW of Austin and Mercedes-Benz of Georgetown for their generous donations to help with the event.

I also would like to thank our vendors that supported the show. We enjoyed having you share your knowledge and experience.

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SHOW RESULTS

Best In Show : John Wallace 1969 Mercedes-Benz 280SL

People's Choice : Ginny Pitzen 2002 BMW 325i Convertible

AUDI

- 1st - Marc Schulz 2010 S5 Sprint Blue
- 2nd - Kyle Riddle 2009 S5 Silver
- 3rd - Morio Sierras 2001 TT Brilliant Black

BMW

- 1st - Hugh Fisher 1987 325iS
- 2nd - Johnny Mitchell 1999 M Coupe
- 3rd - Lee Rector 1998 M Roadster

MERCEDES-BENZ

- 1st - Joe Aaron 1985 500SL European Black
- 2nd - Thomas Anselment 2000 SL500 Brilliant Silver
- 3rd - Bryan Harter 2002 CLK55AMG Cabriolet Brilliant Silver



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What's Happening in the World of Mercedes-Benz

United States Grand Prix Scheduled for Austin in 2012

On May 25, Formula One announced that the Formula One United States Grand Prix will be held in Austin, TX from 2012 through 2021. While Formula One is no stranger to Texas (once holding races on the streets of Dallas), this will be the first time a facility specifically built for Formula One will be built in the United States.

We are really excited about this and are working on hosting some big events for the kickoff!

Mercedes-Benz Vehicle Quality at an All Time High

In the current quality study conducted by market research institute J.D. Power and Associates for the American market, Mercedes-Benz achieved the best result since 1990. The IQS study ("Initial Quality Study") assessed the as-delivered quality of vehicles from model year 2010 after 90 days.

Read the article in its entirety at the link below

<http://www.emercedesbenz.com/autos/mercedes-benz/corporate-news/mercedes-benz-vehicle-quality-at-an-all-time-high/>



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Up Next....

The Lone Star Section 2010 Event Schedule

All dates & times are subject to change

Saturday, October 9:

Social/Drive Event

Driftwood Estate Winery

3:00 pm - Meet @ Pitzen home, 12509 Tabor Oaks, Austin

3:30 pm - Drive to Winery (note time change)

4:00 pm - Tour & Wine Tasting

6:00 pm - All invited back to Pitzen home for dessert to celebrate Arno's birthday!!

Contact Event Coordinator: [Ginny Pitzen](#) for "late reservation" details.

\$5 Tour/Tasting fee collected day of event

Website: [Driftwood Vineyards](#)

Thursday, November 11:

Monthly Meeting-6:30 p.m.

Brick Oven Arboretum

Bring your ideas for next years events!

Sunday, November 28:

Cars & Coffee Cruise-In

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

200 W. Willis, Leander

Meet at Lowes 183 and Crystal Falls between 10:15 and 10:30am

Saturday, October 23:

MBCA Lone Star Section Annual Banquet

6:00-9:30 p.m.

Steiner Ranch Steakhouse

5424 Steiner Ranch Road

Austin, Texas

Event Coordinator: [Bryan Harter & Char Casillas](#)

Website: [Steiner Ranch Steakhouse](#)

Saturday, December 4:

Christmas Party-6:30 p.m. home of

Arno & Ginny Pitzen

12509 Tabor Oaks, Austin

Sunday, October 31:

Cars & Coffee Cruise-In

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

200 W. Willis, Leander

Meet at Lowes 183 and Crystal Falls between 10:15 and 10:30am

Sunday, October 31:

Social/Drive Event

Meet 1pm at Southpark Meadows In front of theaters join the caravan to Wurstfest.

Wurstfest, 120 Landa Street, New Braunfels

Event Coordinator: [Ginny Sanchez](#)

Website: [Wurstfest](#)

Miscellaneous Ramblings

Need an MBCA Lone Star Section Name Tag?

Please note...this is a new ordering method...

To order badges please call Karen Hilborn at MBCA (1-800-637-2360). Ask for postage amount for number of badges ordered. Send a check made payable to MBCA, and have the badge mailed directly to you.

Include:

- Your name as it is to appear on the badge
- Our MBCA Section name (Lone Star Section)
- Choice of badge color (blue, silver, or gold)
- Type of closure (magnet, safety pin type, or tie tac type).

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AREA CAR SHOWS

Rudy's Texas Classic Car Show October 9th

www.texasccs.com

Cars and Coffee

We had a great group attend Cars and Coffee on August 29th in Leander, Texas. We had about 12 cars from the Club attend. It was sunny but reasonably warm for August. We were there to get the word out regarding the Tri-Marque, we also found some new members.

We plan to attend the October 31st event if the weather is nice. Meet at Lowes parking lot at 183 and Crystal Falls Road at 10am and we'll drive into the show as a group at 10:30 to make parking us together a bit easier. If you plan to attend, please let me know and I will arrange for parking for the group.

Jaguar Car Show

When: Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: Austin Marriott North, 2600 La Frontera Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78681

Website: www.jaguarclubofaustin.com

Chairperson: Kathy White, 512-341-3453 or kwhite33@austin.rr.com

A WEEKEND IN THE COUNTRY



A Typical Texas Weekend...Tour the Brewery, tour the Jail, tour the Churches...Oh Yeah!!

August 20-22, 2010

MBCA members from Austin Lone Star and Fort Worth Sections escorted their Benzes to the Czech/German communities of Shiner, Gonzales, Moulton and Schulenburg for a weekend of road trips, historic touring, and local dining and hospitality.

The Lone Star Section got an early start Saturday morning caravanning through BBQ Capital Lockhart, taking a "pit stop" at the fabulous Buc-ee's Store in Luling, then over the northern most rolling hills of the Hochheim Prairie on our way to the Spoetzl Brewery in Shiner, Texas, home of Shiner Beer. We teamed up with the Fort Worth Section (who had arrived on Friday) for the brewery tour past the five highly polished copper kettles, then to fermentation and filtration, on to the bottleshop and keg line, and finally to the tasting room! Then off to lunch at the Shiner Restaurant in the historic Green Building, home to Shiner's first surgical hospital.

The Fort Worth Section then guided the group on a scenic afternoon excursion to Gonzales, Texas, site of the first skirmish of the Texas Revolution and home to the "Come and Take It" cannon used in the Battle of Gonzales. First stop at the former Gonzales County Jail (1887-1975) included visiting the dungeon, lunatics and death cells on the first floor, and metal cells in the top two floors that surround the interior gallows. The afternoon ended with a guided driving tour past the many beautiful and historic mansions and cottages in Gonzales.



An evening of good food, fun and games followed at Award-Winning Texas favorite, Kloesel's Steakhouse & Bar in Moulton, Texas, located on historical landmark site of the Moore Hotel.



On Sunday morning the groups split into two excursions. The Lone Star Section traveled from Moulton through miles of scenic country roads to visit five of the Famous Painted Churches of Texas. Built by 19th century immigrants, church exteriors are in stone or white frame siding, but interiors are not simple wood. Nearly every surface is covered with bright painting: exuberant murals radiate from the apse, elaborate foliage trails the walls, and wooden columns shine like polished marble. Inscriptions on the walls read not in Eng-

lish, but in the mother tongue of those who built them: German and Czech. First stop is St. Mary's in Praha, followed by Ascension Catholic in Moravia and St. Mary's at High Hill. Via 2-way radios, our tour guide (a life-long resident) told the stories of the people and the community, and pointed out sites of interest such as Clydesdale horses, longhorn cattle, a corn maze, a local dairy and much more. After lunch at Frank's Restaurant in Schulenburg, the tour continued to Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Dubina and St. John's in Ammannsville.



View a video of the photos from the church tour at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWVdw9-xeRE>

The Fort Worth Section, having taken the Schulenburg Painted Churches Tour in Fall, 2009, caravanned through the scenic back roads of Lavaca County, visited two of the Painted Churches not on the tour (Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Shiner and St. Mary's Catholic near Hallettsville) and proceeded to lunch at Bistro 108 in La

Grange, then back to Fort Worth.

View a video of the photos of the Brewery and Gonzales tours at <http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=1348632878918&ref=mf>

A fabulous weekend enjoying a wide variety of activities, good friends, and of course, great cars!!

Annual Banquet 2010

Saturday, October 23

An Invitation From Our President...

I would like to personally invite all members of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America - Lone Star Section to join me for an evening of exceptional food and camaraderie at the Steiner Ranch Steakhouse overlooking the beautiful main basin of Lake Travis.

This year's banquet will be held in the uniquely impressive "Bucks Loft" which has a penthouse view and wrap around deck to enjoy the signature vista and beautiful sunset over Lake Travis.

The banquet will consist of a Happy Hour (cash bar), delicious appetizers, sit down dinner, awards and video presentation plus raffle prizes!

For those interested in staying after the banquet there will also be live music on the Steiner Ranch Hill Top Stage to enjoy around a fire pit.

This year our delicious dinner menu will include your choice of Grilled Chicken Breast, Grilled or Blackened Salmon or a 10 oz Certified Angus Prime Rib with Texas Style Mashed Potatoes and vegetable of the day!

Cost for the banquet is \$50 per person.

Please RSVP to the [EVITE](#) invitation you received in your e-mail if you plan on attending and mail your *payment no later than Monday, October 18, 2010 to:

Joyce Melugin-Treasurer
4205 Bluff Ridge Dr.
Austin, Texas 78759

*Please make checks payable to:
MBCA-Lone Star Section

I sincerely look forward to seeing you all there!

With warmest regards,
Bryan Harter

President

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