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President's Message



Summer is officially here in Central Texas. It's hot, but we have had pretty nice weather the past couple months and we have been busy!

We have had some fantastic Tech Sessions in March and are working on plans for more later in the summer. Some of our members joined the Fort-Worth section for the Hill Country Run in Bandera in April, they had beautiful weather and lots of fun at the Purple Sage Ranch.

We also started May with our Shine & Show held along with the new Hill Country Section. It went well and I think everyone enjoyed meeting some enthusiastic members.

Our next event is this week. We have reserved the Lone Star Charter Boat on Lake Austin for June 2nd. Come out and join us for the bat tour. It promises to be a great time.

We will again host the Fall Tri-Marque Concours in partnership with the Tejas Chapter of the BMW Club and the Texas Audi Group. We are working out the details as to when and where and will be looking for volunteers to help with the event , please contact me if you would like to get involved.

As always, I encourage our members to take an active role in the Club. We are always looking for help in providing content for the newsletter and the website. We also value your feedback regarding future events you might like to attend.

Drive Safely!

Bryan Harter

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

I would personally like to welcome our newest members to the Lone Star Section!

Susan Burk	Gary Homsy	Kip Richmond
Derrick Chubbs	Mike McAnally	Fred Shin
Theresa Corsentino	Jerry Miller	Alice Sparks
Brad Deeley	Sondra Murray	

I hope you will join us for some events that are of interest to you. We encourage you to make the most of your membership. The club is about enhancing the ownership experience. We all share an appreciation of a fine automobile, some like the old, others like the new, we drive them slow, we drive them fast, thru education we can make them last. We will host a number of technical sessions on repair and maintenance, some socials to try out new restaurants and bars around town, drives thru the hill country and car shows of various types and styles.

If you have any suggestions for events, please let us know. Our event coordinator can be reached at MBCALoneStar@aol.com

RENEWING MEMBERS!

Cheryl Barrett	Larry Koch	Charles Purbaugh
Kathy Bell	Lawrence Koren	Jack Reed
Michael Boland	Youssef Lahlou	George Reinhart
Darla Cole	Don Larson	Edwin J Rogers
Ella Dula	John Marlett	David Silvestro
Alfred Garcia	Marvin Merriweather	Larry Smith
Jack Huynh	William Ohlemueller	

Thank you to all our loyal members for renewing their membership with the Lone Star Section. I hope to see each of you at many of our upcoming events!



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BENEFITS

2011 Loyalty Rewards Program (U.S.) Get \$1,000 off the price of your next Mercedes-Benz. Being and staying a member of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America has its privileges. Members of the Club who have enjoyed 12 consecutive months of membership or longer without lapse, and who are current members today, qualify for the NEW Loyalty Rewards Program offered by Mercedes-Benz USA to Mercedes-Benz Club of America members only.

Mercedes-Benz Classic Center Club members receive 15% off hard-to-find parts from the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center in Irvine, California. The Center caters to the needs of classic car enthusiasts like you with a vast array of services. From car sales to meticulous restorations, its manufacturer-trained technicians offer a wealth of expertise you won't find anywhere else. Because in the end, the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center isn't only restoring cars ... it's restoring dreams.

Visit them at <http://www.MBUSA.com/Classic> or speak to an expert directly at 866.MB.CLASSIC (866.622.5277).

Brooks Brothers A maker of fine clothing since 1818, is offering Members 15% off all regularly priced clothing and accessories. Like Mercedes-Benz, Brooks Brothers dedication to quality and craftsmanship is unprecedented within their industry.

SEARS NBO Marketing Director Lisa Juhl has negotiated a partnership with one of the largest retail companies in America, Sears. All MBCA members can now receive special pricing (from 5 to 50 percent off) on the everyday products that help make a house a home — from flat screen TVs, fitness equipment, water heaters and appliances to lawn and garden, garage storage, mattresses and gift cards. Even Craftsman® Tools.

The Hotel del Coronado One of America's most iconic resorts, The Hotel del Coronado has offered guests the finest in hospitality for well over 120 years. Only Mercedes-Benz Club Members receive 20% off the best rate, plus complimentary daily breakfast for two and a host of other preferred guest benefits when you stay at one of the most well known and desirable destinations on the west coast.

La Costa Resort and Spa, Carlsbad California Lush gardens, two legendary golf courses and relaxation all vie for your attention when visiting this gorgeous Southern California utopia. Make your next vacation or business trip absolutely exquisite by visiting this award winning hotel and resort. Only preferred MBCA Members receive 20% off room rates, complimentary daily breakfast for two and a plethora of other exclusive services.

Barton Creek Resort and Spa, Austin Texas Southern hospitality unlike any other resort, meticulously maintained championship golf courses and an unparalleled spa supply guests with plenty of reasons to return. MBCA Members have access to exclusive discounts and services that other guests don't.

Read more about these and other Member benefits in the current issue of The Star® and on the national MBCA website: www.mbca.org > "Membership" > "All Benefits"



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Saturday, May 5, 2012 Shine and Show

We joined members of the Texas Hill Country section for a BBQ picnic and car show on Saturday, May 5th. Section President's, Bryan Harter (Lone Star) and Bob Holbrook (TX Hill Country) welcomed everyone. Together, we had a total of about 40 members. Several members of the TX Hill Country section drove in a caravan from San Antonio to link up with us.

We rented a pavilion in Landa Park located close to downtown New Braunfels, Texas. Our pavilion was near Landa Park Lake with fantastic views of the surrounding park. Members walked to the lake to watch the ducks and swans and some fed the birds bread. At noon under the shade of the pavilion, we ate BBQ from nearby Rudy's restaurant with all the fixins.

After lunch, we focused on the car show looking over the beautiful Mercedes-Benz parked in front of the pavilion. Members were given ballots so they could vote for their favorite car. We voted on Pre 1970's, 1970's, 1980's, 1990's, 2000's and People's Choice! Section members Tom McCarran, Ned Davitt, and Jeff Brown each won awards for the Texas Hill Country Section. We then drew names for many great prizes such as Mercedes-Benz coffee mugs, hats and a fleece blanket before members left at 2:00 pm to enjoy the rest of the day.

It was great event and a nice day. Lots of laughs and good food. Thanks to the event coordinators Charlene Casillas and Kathie Steele as well as all the MBCA club members that came out to join us.





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CHUCK THE MECHANIC

1029 Reinli St. Suite #11
Austin, Texas 78723



On Saturday March 31st the Lone Star Section dropped in on the shop of Chuck Heafner for a short tech session and a bbq lunch of bratwurst. I received great feedback from the group, everyone enjoyed meeting Chuck and seeing his shop. Thanks again to Bill Donnelly for putting this together for us.





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UPCOMING EVENTS



Lone Star Riverboat Cruise

Lady Bird Lake, Austin

South of 1st Street Bridge @ Hyatt Hotel

Saturday, June 2, 2012

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM (7:30 PM boarding)

RSVP by Wednesday, May 30 To: MBCALoneStar@aol.com

Prices per person are:

\$20 per adult

\$13 per child (12 and under)

Children under 2 No Charge

Make check payable to

"MBCA-Lone Star Section" and mail to:

Joyce Melugin, Treasurer

4205 Bluffridge Drive

Austin, TX 78759

**Please bring your favorite beverage, soda, beer or wine and an appetizer to share.
Enjoy the cruise from the rooftop deck or lounge in the air conditioned lower level area.
Please see the website for directions and parking information: www.lonestarriverboat.com**

**Feel free to invite your friends & family!
They do not have to be members of the club to attend.
The more the merrier!**

The was a very popular event in 2011 with over 50 attendees. Sign up now!



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TECHNICAL EVENTS

JEFF'S RESURRECTIONS, LLC Fine Motoring Restorations

Invest in the future. Resurrect the past.

Saturday, March 17
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
106 Porter Street
Taylor, Texas

Owner, Jeff Snyder, gave the club a private tour of his shop. This is one of the leading restoration shops in the country. We were fortunate to see an old MB 220 convertible just getting ready for paint. Also got to see a real 260 Cobra.

Visit their gallery of restored vehicles at:
www.JeffsResurrections.com





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Thursday, January 12, 2012:

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Austin Daily Grill

Main Street Center @ The Domain

11506 Century Oaks Terrace

Austin, Texas 78758

512-836-4200

Thursday, February 9, 2012:

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Austin Daily Grill

Main Street Center @ The Domain

11506 Century Oaks Terrace

Austin, Texas 78758

512-836-4200

Thursday, March 8, 2012:

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Saturday, March 17th

Tech Session

Resurrection Tour

9:00am—11:00am

Jeff's Resurrection's

106 Porter St. Taylor Texas

Saturday, March 31st

Tech Session

Chuck The Mechanic

9:00am—1:00pm

1029 Reinli St. #11

Austin, Texas 78723

Thursday, April 12, 2012:

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Thursday, April 21-22, 2012:

Hill Country Run—Bandera

(see details pg 6-7)

Thursday, May 5, 2012:

Show and Shine

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

Landa Park—Pavillion 6

New Braunfels, Texas

Thursday, May 10, 2012:

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Austin Daily Grill

Main Street Center @ The Domain

11506 Century Oaks Terrace

Austin, Texas 78758

512-836-4200

Thursday, June 2, 2012:

Lone Star Riverboat Cruise

7:00 p.m. Boarding

7:30 p.m. Launch

Ladybird Lake

Thursday, June 14, 2012:

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Austin Daily Grill

Main Street Center @ The Domain

11506 Century Oaks Terrace

Austin, Texas 78758

512-836-4200

Thursday, July 12, 2012:

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Austin Daily Grill

Main Street Center @ The Domain

11506 Century Oaks Terrace

Austin, Texas 78758

512-836-4200

Thursday, August 9, 2012:

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Austin Daily Grill

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11506 Century Oaks Terrace

Austin, Texas 78758

Thursday, September 13, 2012:

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Austin Daily Grill

Main Street Center @ The Domain

11506 Century Oaks Terrace

Austin, Texas 78758

512-836-4200

Thursday, November 8, 2012:

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Austin Daily Grill

Main Street Center @ The Domain

11506 Century Oaks Terrace

Austin, Texas 78758

512-836-4200

Thursday, November 15th—

Sunday, November 18, 2012:

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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, Attn: Karen, 1907 Lelaray St. Colorado Springs, CO 80909
and have the badge mailed directly to you.

Don't forget to 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).

OR: Go to MBCA.org and order badges online.

Would you like to Advertise with us?

Classified ads FOR PERSONAL USE items are printed free for current members of Lone Star Section MBCA. Ads will run for four issues, unless stopped earlier. Ads may be extended by a request in writing to the Lone Star Section mailbox or by email. Members are limited to five (5) classified ads running at a time. The ad rate for non-member ads or member ads of a COMMERCIAL nature is \$10.00 per issue. These ads will be accepted on a monthly basis and payment must be received before ad is printed. Classified ads submitted for publication in the Lone Star are also placed on the Lone Star Section's website.

Please UPDATE your MBCA EMAIL ADDRESS

The Lone Star Section uses Constant Contact (an Email Service) to "remind" Members of upcoming Meetings and Events. We try to limit these Emails to one per week. If these Reminders are not desired, Constant Contact makes it easy to "Unsubscribe".

We are still in need of Email addresses from 5% of our Members and we encourage you to send yours (and any changes, of course) to our Newsletter Editor, Bryan Harter at bharter@austin.rr.com.

If you have concerns as to how your address and the information attached to it is safeguarded, please read the Club's Privacy Statement, found at the bottom of the Home Page of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America's National Website www.mbca.org.



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WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

The Lone Star Section is looking for members to assist in the following roles:

Newsletter Editor: Oversee the publication of the Lone Star Section newsletter 4 times per year.

Content providers: Assist Webmaster and Newsletter Editor by providing content for publication, document events and send stories into the STAR for publication.

Webmaster: Work with the NBO to integrate changes to website, update website with content from events, schedules etc.

Secretary: Attend monthly meetings, document the minutes of the meeting.

Dealership Liaison: Interface with dealer to facilitate communications, organize events, encourage advertising.

Vendor Liaison: Interface with vendors to facilitate communications, organize events, encourage advertising.



**We are now on Facebook! Follow us at
Lone Star Section for updates, news and events.**

Or find us on our website at www.mbca.org/lone_star

Or email us at MBCALoneStar@aol.com



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New Members

Because of who you are and the car you drive, full membership privileges for you and one additional person in your household await you at the Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Come Join us!

Enriching the Mercedes-Benz ownership experience since 1956

There's always been something special about people who buy or lease Mercedes-Benz automobiles. Since 1956, the Mercedes-Benz Club of America has been bringing them together in an owner-support network that shares a common passion for an uncommon automobile.

Share the experience with members in over 80 North American Sections

Since our founding, tens of thousands of people have come to recognize the value of membership. From day one, you too can enjoy unique member-only privileges like these:

- Complimentary membership for one Associate Member
- A subscription to our bi-monthly magazine, the Star, winner of 12 medals for excellence
- Discount off parts, service & Accessories at participating Mercedes Benz Dealers
- Exclusive access to local, regional & national Mercedes-Benz Dealers
- Defensive driving classes, performance driving schools and technical seminars
- Accessories, gifts & apparel for our online Club Store
- Group trips to Germany
- Discounts off parts from the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center
- New car raffles & prize-winning contests
- Free or reduced-price admission to Mercedes-Bens worldwide
- Rental discounts from Avis & Hertz
- Discounted moving & real estate services through our Allied Moving Benefits Program
- 24/7 access to interest groups, technical advice & "first-to-know" automotive news @ mbca.org
- And so much more....

To join visit www.mbca.org or Call 800.637.2360

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