



Texas Hill Country Section

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Message from the President

John Briggs

John and Trish are on a cruise, so there will be no message from the President this quarter.

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Mercedes-Benz Club

C. Dove

The one things that we, as a car club have in common is the fact that we all have a special interest in cars – especially the Mercedes-Benz brand... and that is what has brought us together in the Texas Hill Country Section.. We all have a story about how we got interested in cars... and we invite you to send in your story so that we can share it in our newsletter, whether it is the story of your first car, or your first Mercedes-Benz.

I purchased my first *real* car at age 16. I paid \$250 for it. It was a red and white 1959 Ford Galaxy 500 2 door hardtop with a T-Bird 312 V8 engine. It was missing all the hubcaps, and had a few flaws in the paint, but to me, it was just perfect! I bought new hubcaps, seatcovers and fixed the radio. I learned a lot about car maintenance with that 1st car from my dad. He knew a lot about cars and could do just about anything to fix what was wrong. Through the years I have owned many cars and I loved all of them. I've owned several American cars, a few muscle cars, an Italian car, a British car, and eventually I discovered German cars – and the Mercedes-Benz! Although I loved all the cars that I owned in the past, and each one was special in it's own way. the Mercedes-Benz brand has been some of the most fun, the most reliable, and honestly the easiest to maintain. I have owned 6 Benz's' over many years... from a 1983 380 SEC, a 1991 560SEL, a 1992 **500SL**, a 2002 **S430**, and currently a 2009 SL550 Silver Arrow Edition and an S550 – with an AMG package and Sport package with a twin turbo 429 c.u. V8. Both of these cars are really fun drivers.



Rebecca Creek Park—Charlie & Yaeko...



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It doesn't matter which model Mercedes you own, I know you enjoy them as much as I enjoy mine. Being a member of the Texas Hill Country Section of the Mercedes Benz Club of America has been rewarding in many ways. We all benefit from discounts on parts and services at the local Mercedes dealers. But most importantly, our membership gives us the enjoyment of club events each month. Whether it be lunch, dinner or a tour of a museum or other place of interest. I especially enjoy the driving events along the back roads of the Texas hill country. And one of the best things about our club membership are the many friendships that we have made along the way.

Our Club leaders work together to plan events that we think everyone will enjoy. We welcome suggestions from our members for events—we want our club members to continue to join us for fun, friendship and share your enthusiasm of your Mercedes-Benz. Ownership.

If you do have an idea or suggestion for a club event or outing, a place to have dinner, just send us an email or mention it to any one of the board members at our next event.

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1985 Mercedes-Benz 250D

W124 Chassis

1985–1994

With the end of the W123 chassis coming to a close, (1976-1985) Mercedes-Benz had a need to replace that very successful W123 chassis series. They actually began work on the new model – W124 chassis starting in 1976.

The German automaker took their time with development. After 9 years in development, the W124 was born.

The Mercedes-Benz 250 D - A 4 door sedan designed by Bruno Sacco/ Joseph Gallitzendörfer/Peter Pfeiffer. The chassis is a W124 with a 5 cylinder, 2.5 litre diesel engine and rear wheel drive.. The 5 cylinder, single overhead camshaft naturally aspirated power plant has 2 valves per cylinder. The 250D produces power and torque of 94. It is claimed have a top speed of 109 mph and gets about 33 to 35 mpg.

Fellow club member Stuart Mosbey has a 1985 250D that he brought to our dinner event in January. He has had the car since 2009. Although this European model was not imported and sold in the U.S., James bought the car from a—

friend that he knew in the Air Force many years ago. His friend bought the car new in 1985 during an assignment in Germany. His friend drove the car for 3 years in Germany while he was stationed there. He brought it to the U.S. in 1989 where he did the modifications to make it street legal in the U.S. – Modifications were mostly done to the lighting. Stu bought the car in 2009 when it had 300,050 miles on the odometer. Currently the car has 395,050 miles. So he has driven the car 95k miles in 14 years. It continues to serve him well.



***Stuart Mosbey
Owner of the 1985 250D.***

1985 Mercedes-Benz 250D



January Dinner Event

DALLAH MEDITERRANEAN RESTERANT

Club member met for dinner at Dallah Mediterranean restaurant located on Babcock Rd. in San Antonio for our first dinner event of the year. We enjoyed a selection of exquisite Mediterranean dishes. All prepared with the finest, highest quality ingredients. Along with fresh pita bread and many traditional Mediterranean selections. Rose water iced tea and the freshest humus, shawarma and kabobs. A great meal and great company for everyone. And our thanks to Dee Ann Raz for organizing this event!



Tech Session at Mercedes-Benz of San Antonio

Our Hosts: Jonathan Mohler, and Mark A. De La Fuente II

Club members were given a special technical session about the innovations of the new EV and hybrid vehicles offered by Mercedes-Benz.

January 2024



Mercedes-Benz E350

The new 2024 E350 offers nearly as much class as the S-class... just slightly less in size, options and price. The entry level E350 offers a turbocharged 2.0 liter 4 cylinder engine that is paired with a 23 hp electric motor that reduces the turbo lag and creates a smooth acceleration. That boosts the inline 4 up to 255 hp. The E450 also gets the hybrid setup for its turbocharger making it a bit heftier boosting the 3.0 inline 6 up to 375 hp 4 wheel drive is standard on all models.

Prices for the new E-class start at \$63,350 up to \$71,800 based on trim and options. For more on the E350, and any other new or pre-owned Mercedes-Benz, see Mark De La Fuente II at Mercedes-Benz of San Antonio.



Lunch at Pappadeaux's Seafood Restaurant

After our informative technical session with Mark and Jonathan, and a tour of the service area, we were off to lunch at Pappadeaux's Seafood Restaurant. We enjoyed a great selection of some of the best seafood in town.



Picnic in the Park

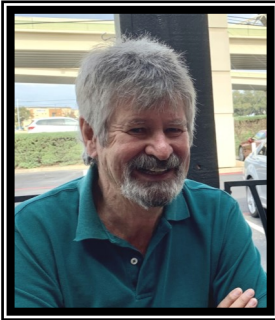
We had a beautiful drive to Rebecca Creek Park on Saturday the 23rd of March. 17 club members attended this event. We had a nice lunch followed by BINGO games—and a Trivia question and answer session.



Rebecca Creek Park Picnic



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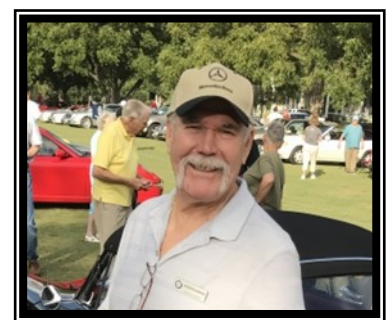
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Member Chair,
Board Member*



*Continue to have strength and courage
and know that we stand with you...*




Upcoming Events:

April 8th—Luncheon and the Solar Eclipse—RSVP in your inbox communication.

May 4th & 5th Keels & Wheels at Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, Texas. Outside of Houston. Dinner on Friday night TBD.

June—TBD



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\$125—\$150—Schedule your appointment with Tee.



*Esan Thai Noodle Restaurant
For exceptional Thai and Asian
Cuisine—Owned and operated
By Club members Sak and Bebe
Reeves.*

All of our Events are subject to change following CDC guidelines. Events will be planned with social distancing with health and safety in mind. We encourage face mask protection.



**Willkommen
And
Dankeschon!**



We want to thank everyone for being a member of this Club. We appreciate your loyalty and support,

**Welcome
New Members!**

- Dylan Perera
- Jeffrey Weissman
- Dalayn Barling
- LeDana Zadorozny
- Mike Vergara

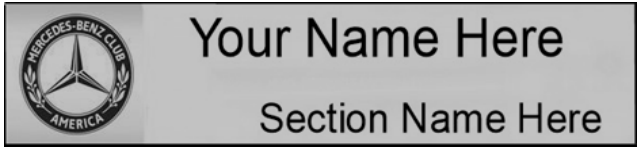
Loyal Member Renewals!

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| Lydia Garrido | Dennis Moroney |
| John Cooper | Joseph Aaron |
| Jeff Aykroyd | Ralph Williams |
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If you would like to order a Mercedes-Benz Club name badge, click the image here:



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