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Mercedes-Benz has a history as old as that of the automobile itself, from the original prototypes by Daimler and Benz to the cars of today. As the motorcar has evolved, so has the image of Mercedes. The three-pointed star is now a universal symbol of excellence. Belonging to the Mercedes-Benz Club of America is for everyone with an interest in Mercedes—"driving behind the Mercedes Star" is both a dream and a way of life.

Revitalized Chaparral Section A new direction in "Chaparral Section" Mercedes Benz Club of Southern Arizona has begun!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Chaparral Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America is back on the move! December 2 found members gathered at Mimi's restaurant in East Tucson reorganizing for a new start! Steve Ross, Regional Director, came over to give us encouragement and guidance in our new efforts to form a vibrant club with events, a newsletter and a new board of directors. Members elected Mike Zonnefeld, President; Gary Fielding, Vice President; Fred Finney, Treasurer; Jennifer Sprung, Secretary; Ed Gladish and Jerry Tucker, Directors-at-large and Newsletter editor. Jerry graciously volunteered to take up assembling the newsletter with help from volunteers. Dan Martin will be a member as the past President of the Section. Steve Ross stressed the importance of a newsletter, and events. Steve brought samples of other sections newsletters to stimulate our thinking in establishing one for our more than 70 some members!

Excitement ran high as four members of our Board met with Chapman Mercedes of Tucson and made this newly vibrant dealership a honorary member of our organization! Chapman Mercedes has taken major steps to improve their sales and service, so it is most significant for our newly reactivated section and Chapman Mercedes to form an alliance for our mutual benefit. Gary Fielding, Jerry Tucker, Fred Finney and Mike Zonnefeld presented a complimentary Chaparral membership to the dealership represented by John Hornbeck, General Manager, Scott Perkins, Service Manager, and Rex Calughron, Parts Manager. The group photo's are appropriately in front of a new SL-550, the height of current automobile technology and reliability! A new Mercedes, New Dealership Management, and a Newly revitalized Chaparral Section! How exciting! We had a wonderful discussion about preliminary plans for future joint

events and mutual support for our love of the Star vehicles. Our next meeting is to formalize the name of our newsletter, develop a template



Mike Zonnefeld, Gary Fielding, Fred Finney and Jerry Tucker meet with Chapman Mercedes Benz: John Hornbeck, General Manager, Scott Perkins, Service Manager, and Rex Calughron, Parts Manager.

to use in future newsletters, and brainstorm for future events involving, romance, technical sessions, driving events and social activities centered on our mutual love of these wonderful automobiles!

Like our Section, Chapman has wonderful expansion and improvement plans in the works that will be shared with our members and our national membership as they develop. As our plans mature, we anticipate including independent certified Mercedes service agencies as well into our fold.

Stay tuned as we move forward in obtaining more enjoyment and excitement out of the already pleasant experience of owning one of the world's finest automobiles!

Mike Zonnefeld
President
Chaparral Section

15th ANNUAL COLLECTOR CAR SHOW

Does displaying your beautiful Mercedes-Benz automobile surrounded by a sea of green fairways, stately trees and a grand mountain vista to the east sound like fun? Join with other Chaparral section members on Saturday, January 24, 2009 in this premier Southern Arizona car show presented by the Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts at the Tubac Golf Resort in Tubac, Arizona.

Everything you need regarding information about this event, including the application form, can be found on their web site, www.carnuts.org. The entry fee is \$25 and the deadline for registration is January 19, 2009. When filling out the form, be sure to specify Mercedes-Benz in the space for Club Affiliation. That will ensure that the show organizers group us together and provide enough spaces for all the M-B cars that register.

Saturday morning the day of the show, we plan to meet in the parking lot on the east side of the Tucson Convention Center downtown around 8:30 a.m. and caravan along paved back roads through mining and Indian country on our way to Tubac. At the end of the show everyone will be on their own for the return to Tucson (or Green Valley, Oro Valley, Sonoita, Sierra Vista etc. as the case may be).

Once you have mailed your registration and payment, please contact me by phone or email so we will know in advance how many cars to plan on for the caravan to Tubac. If you simply want a little more information about the show before deciding, please give me a call. We know there are many nice Benzes among the Chaparral membership and hope to see some of those on display in Tubac for car nuts and others to enjoy.

If you did not receive the recent email notice that went out regarding the upcoming Tubac Car Show it's because we don't have your email address. We presently have 73 active members in the section but only 43 email addresses in our file. Since we may want to send out some future notices to the membership via email we need yours. Please phone or email any board member and let us know your email address

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CHAPARRAL SECTION OF CALENDAR OF EVENTS -2009

Date	Event	Host/Contact Person(s)
January 24	Tubac Classic Car Show	Fred Finney
February 21	Sweet Heart Mixer @ 49ers Country Club	Mike Zonnefeld
March 21	Special Event @ Mercedes of Tucson	Mike Zonnefeld
April 18	Brunch/Meeting@ Tanque Verde Guest Ranch	Dan Martin
May 16-17	Rally to Pinetop/Sierra Springs Ranch	Jerry Tucker/Ed Gladish
June/July/Aug	Tentative for summer--other sections' events	TBA
Weekend in mid-Sept.	Run to the Pines Auto Show and more	Dan Martin/Jennifer Sprung
Early October	Restoration Event	TBA
Mid October	Tucson Rotary Club Car Show	Fred Finney
November	Annual Business Meeting	Gary Fielding
December	Holiday Party @ TBA	Mike Zonnefeld
	Times and location information is available in quarterly newsletter as well as from event host. You may also receive information by email Information will also be available in the future on a Chaparral Section MBCA webpage by April 2009!	



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CHAPARRAL SECTION TRADING POST

Items listed are for sale by MBCA members, ads are free and to be listed must include a phone number or email, member name and location/city.

Car for Sale: 1968 280SL, original owner since new-European delivery, US specs, female non-smoking owner, Ivory exterior/Brown leather interior, 81,000 plus miles, very good original condition, listed in the upcoming STAR magazine ads...asking \$30,000; contact 323-0039 for more info(F. Fernandez, Tucson).

WHEELS for sale: with tires (4), original MB equipment from 1991 300SL, fits other models, 5 bolt-250-55R16s, asking \$300.00. 891-7659 (J. Sprung, Tucson)

A Switch, Idle speed Interrupteur, PN A 006 545-8532: A Mercedes Benz Part originally ordered for a 1987 560SL. Did not need it, never installed, new in box, but box was opened! Ask \$250.00 Make Offer! Mike Zonnefeld 749-3525.

MBCA- NATIONAL NEWS

2009 National MBCA Election-MBCA will conduct a national election this year to select three directors at large and six regional directors. The directors at large whose terms expire in 2009 are Pete Lesler, Rodger Van Ness and John Olson. President Pete Lesler may not run again. Regional Directors in the six odd numbered regions will also be elected this year. Please see the National Board section in the Star. Active members interested in running for the office should refer to the election section of the Club's by-laws available at mbca.org for instructions and petitions. The deadline for submitting valid petitions to the NBO is the close of business on May 15, 2009. David Cummings, Executive Director.

TECHNICAL SECTION

(BLUE) Tec + Ad (BLUE) Green *Technical Report by Gary Fielding*

The Mercedes Benz Blue TEC clean-diesel offensive, first launched in 2006, continues this fall when the company rolls out the world's first diesel-powered SUVs equipped with the revolutionary Ad Blue injection technology.

Which means they'll boast the cleanest exhaust emissions ever. As if that weren't enough, the Ad Blue technology also means that the 2009 GL, M and R-class Blue TEC SUVs will meet the demanding emissions targets established by U.S. Government's BN5 standard. But perhaps most important, doing so opens up the California and New York markets to the Mercedes Benz diesel vehicles.

California has the strictest emissions standards in the United States, so we haven't been able to sell our diesels there, or in New York, for about 10 years, said Craig Iovino, assistant product manager, Advanced Product Planning.

The existing Mercedes V6 clean-diesel plant required a few modifications for use in the new GL, M and R-320. The fuel/air mix was improved, while its compression ratio was reduced from 17.7 to 16.5. The VNT turbocharger was also optimized and reconfigured. Blue TEC Technology includes an impressive array of integrated high tech developments designed to minimize engine emissions and provide effective exhaust gas after-treatment. One of the important goals was a significant reduction of NOx (mono-nitrogen oxide) which, due to its chemical structure, was the only exhaust component of a diesel engine that was higher than that emitted by a conventional gasoline engine. That's where the Ad Blue technology comes in. The Blue TEC, Ad Blue-a harmless liquid urea solution- is injected into the exhaust, releasing ammonia. In the SCCR catalyst downstream the ammonia converts up to 80% of the NOx emissions into harmless nitrogen gas and water; thus the dramatically reduced emissions.

It's not all about the environment. Mercedes Benz clean-diesel technology translates into engines that boast strong low-end

torque, improved fuel economy and high performance. The powerful V6 turbo diesel engine that purrs under the hood of the new Blue TEC models demonstrates that great fuel economy and world-beating emissions reductions are not incompatible with brawny engine muscle: The V6 in the GLM and R Class kicks out 210 hp and 398 lb-ft torque. The GL-320 achieves an estimated 23-mpg (highway), which represents a fuel consumption benefit of approximately 27 % over the GL450, making the vehicle by far the most fuel efficient full size luxury SUV for highway driving.

Mark Your Calendars! February 21st, 2009 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm Sweetheart and Member Mixer

At the 49ers Country Club for Feb 21, 2009 at 5 to 9 PM. Members and significant other-- Mixer, Dinner, Member car show and update on all the events for the revitalized Chaparral Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America. What a great opportunity to celebrate with your Sweetheart Valentine, mix with other Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts and share your ideas for making the Chaparral Section of MBCA a really great Club.

Cost for a sit down dinner will be \$25.00 per person, choice of chicken, salmon, beef, coffee, tea etc. NO host bar. Please RSVP to Mike Zonnefeld at 520-749-3575 or e-mail at MikeZonn@aol.com.



Fred Finney, Mike Zonnefeld and John Hornbeck sign the membership application for Chapman Mercedes-Benz.

WHO WE ARE

The Mercedes-Benz Club of America, established in 1956, has over 20,000 members in over 80 sections within the U.S. and Canada. Southern Arizona is represented in the Chaparral Section.

What We Do

Nothing beats the excitement of a new, gently used, or vintage Mercedes-Benz except the opportunity to share the fun with others. The Mercedes-Benz Club of America offers a wide variety of activities for men and women of all ages. Social gatherings, car shows rallies, driving events, national, regional and section events are part of the venue and fun!

Membership Includes:

- *The Star*, the club magazine
- Section Newsletters
- Trading Post
- Technical information
- National and Regional events
- Free classified ads in *The Star*, the national magazine
- Free expert technical & maintenance advice
- Defensive driving classes
- Selected dealer & vendor discounts
- New car raffle
- Web-site forums
- Special interest groups
- Club Store merchandise
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