April 2017

Happy Spring!

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Oh Lord, won’t you buy me a Mercedes Benz……

Oh, Lord won’t you buy me a Mercedes Benz?
My friends all drive Porsche, I must make amends.
Worked hard all my life no help from my friends.
So oh Lord won’t you buy me a Mercedes Benz?

Lyrics as sung by Janis Joplin

Some or many of us have listened to this song back in the 70’s and prayed to become a Mercedes Benz owner most of us dreamed about the pagoda style SL’s some of us owned one in the 60’ or 70’s and some of us own one just like it today.

It is never too late to enjoy one of these beauties and never too soon to begin collecting!

Jutta Lunario
Editor

380 SL—R 107, 1971–1989

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380 SL—R 107, 1971–1989
Spring is here, and with it some wonderful top down driving weather! It is still a thrill every time I get a chance to enjoy a top down drive in my 1988 560SL! It is another great benefit of being in southern Arizona!

Your board has been working hard at getting another season of events together for our members. A coffee at Mercedes Benz of Tucson, a BBQ at Tanque Guest Ranch, more technical sessions at some of our advertising sponsors and now a planned cocktail hour gathering! Even though summer is just around the corner with our heat issues, it still promises to be another exciting year!

Your board of directors meets monthly at Mercedes Benz of Tucson at 5:00 PM the second Thursday of each month except for July and August. All members are welcome to attend and we invite you to do so. We would like your inputs to help the board make the club more attractive to its members, and put together events that are appealing to all!

Remember that we are always looking for new board members to enhance our club. If you are interested, come to one of our meetings and check it out. I think you will find it a rewarding experience while helping out our section to become even more successful!

Remember to patronize our gracious sponsors! Let them know that you saw their ad in our newsletter. Their support is very important to our section, lets make sure we let them know how much it is appreciated!

Safe driving!
For Chaparral Section
MBCA

Mike Zonnefeld
President
Membership has it’s rewards
Mercedes-Benz Club member specials

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For Questions or reservations please email: **Events@tucsonmercedesclub.org**

*Exact date, time and or details to be determined. Email blast notification will be sent.*

**Monthly Board Meetings are held every second Thursday each month 5:00 PM at the MB dealership 6350 E Grant Rd. EXCEPT July and August.**

Two roads diverged in a wood and I — I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.

*Robert Frost*
January 28th, 2017— SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CAR NUTS’ TUBAC
CAR NUT’S TUBAC COLLECTOR CAR SHOW

By Michael Cooper

The 23rd Annual Collector Car Show was held on Saturday, January 28, 2017. Three of our MBCA Chaparral members first met at the Cow Palace Restaurant at 28802 South Nogales Highway, Amado, Arizona at 8:00 am. for a very good breakfast. Those in attendance were Michael Turner (with his 2008 C 300 Sport), Richard Solomon (with his 2015 SLK) and Michael Cooper (with his “Walt” who is a 1980 280 SL). After breakfast at 9:05 am., the three of us drove together to the Tubac Golf Resort and parked in the club’s driving range in our assigned row Number 20 where we met MBCA Chaparral Club member Lynda Bosworth (with her “Muffy” who is a 1960 190 SL).

There were 456 cars and motorcycles registered in this show and I was advised by a “Car Nut” that there were around 420 vehicles in attendance at this show.

In the Mercedes-Benz Class Number 20, (there were a total of 22 classes) there were 9 Mercedes-Benz cars in which four were MBCA Chaparral members. The First Place winner was non-member Siegfried Rosenthal’s 1958 190 SL; Second Place was our own Lynda Bosworth’s 1960 190 SL and Third Place was non-member Bob Smith’s 2003 SLK 350.

The winner of the “Most Unique” Award was a Morgan Three Wheeler and the “Best in Show” Award was a 1955 Chevrolet Bel Aire.
March 11th, 2017 — Rincon Valley Farmers Market & Vail HotRod Drive

On a beautiful spring Saturday ‘The Gang of Seven’ took the back road following this event’s host Richard Solomon and met at the Rincon Farmers Market and Artisans Market where members strolled through the market and admired some of the heirloom vegetables and crafts for sale by local artisans.

After visiting the market the gang departed on a short scenic drive to Hotrods Old Vail a hotrods custom shop.

Hotrods Old Vail gets the job done from simple fixes to complete restorations. A huge picture window overlooks the workshop where visitors can watch the works in progress. At the restaurant overlooking the workshop everyone took a break for a hearty lunch and visit until it was time to say good bye.

Your Host Richard Solomon

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Elisabeth & Fred ....Around the world in their 1957 Mercedes Benz 220 S Ponton called Abel’

In 2014 the Chaparral Section had the honor of welcoming Elisabeth and Fred in Tucson breaking bread together while hearing all about their adventure which had just begun in the Americas. Since then I have been a follower of their blog and travels on Facebook.

Whether they travel hundreds of miles through a desert which does not look like it is on this planet or they are wedged between enormous trucks forging through steep canyons managing switchbacks that make me pass out just reading about. I can say I am addicted to their next blog and pictures to follow of each new leg on their trip around the world which will end in 2019.

This issue of the Saguaro Star, I thought I share their latest blog and some pictures since not all of you had a chance to meet Elisabeth and Fred or Abel. By last December they drove 82,872 km to finally arrive in Chile. With Fred and Elisabeth’s permission I am allowed to reprint their blog(s) and share photographs. They also send their love to all.

ABEL IN THE DESERT - ABEL EN EL DESIERTO.
For five days, the Classic Striders explored the Atacama Desert taken along by Abel’s youthful spirit of adventure. For hours, they drove off the beaten track loving the isolation and the inspiration this area - unchanged for many millions of years - provided. In the attached photographs, the Striders love to take you along the stunning beauty of the driest desert in the world, using Abel as the photo model to provide perspective.

You may also follow Elisabeth, Fred and Abel on their website at: www.classicstrider.com
Pistons control how much energy a car has, and mix fuel and air before they are ignited. Engines usually have four, six, or eight pistons that move up and down within the cylinders. The width and length of pistons and the speed they pump at help determine a car’s RPM and horsepower, says Car and Driver. The more smoothly the pistons pump, the better a car’s fuel economy, and the more power
CHAPARRAL SECTION MEMBER SURVEY

We are trying to determine some of the interest our club members have and so the survey below will help us determine what is desired. Please take the time to answer the survey questions below. You may either print it, then scan it, then attach it and then email it back to me or you may print it and then mail it back to me at my email and address noted below...THANK YOU!

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Other events you would like the section put on:____________________________
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This will be a fun weekend trip!!
Mark your calendars

Mercedes-Benz June 24th and 25th, 2017 "Drive to Pinetop"
What a great time to get away to the cool mountain pines and fresh air of the
White Mountains of Arizona.

Plan to join other Mercedes Benz enthusiasts for a

Rally to Pinetop, AZ on June 24th and 25th, 2017.

The details and highlights of the event:

Saturday, June 24th—at 8:30 a.m. Depart Tucson
- For those that would like to caravan we will meet at the Trader Joe's
  Parking area at the southeast corner of Oracle Rd and Mc Gee. Those
  not caravanning will see you Sunday morning... see below
- We will depart and caravan to Globe where we will have a rest stop.
- Then on to Salt River Canyon, stopping at mile post 297 for a photo op.
  over looking the beautiful Salt River Canyon and River.
- Following the photo op—drive on to Pinetop, arriving around 3:00 p.m.
  to allow everyone to check into your accommodations.
- Dinner is on your own in the many available restaurants in Pinetop and
  Show Low.

Sunday morning, June 25th At 8:30 a.m. Meet at the Sierra Springs Ranch
clubhouse 9515 Sierra Springs Drive, Pinetop,
AZ (www.sierraspringsranch.com) for a continental breakfast, (courtesy of the
Chaparral Section Club). After breakfast there will be a viewing of all the cars and
a discussion of things to do in the area before heading back to Tucson or following
one of several interesting and beautiful drives that will fit with the Chaparral
Passport Program:

Some of the “Passport to Adventure” locations

1. A drive to Fort Apache in White River on the Apache Reservation & museum.
2. Drive through the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest
3. Canyon de Chelly or points beyond. Visit this website for a variety of
   sites: http://visitarizona.com/
4. Visit historic Route 66, the original Tee-Pee Motel, the Rock Shop for shopping
5. Meteor Crater, and “stand on the corner in Winslow Arizona”
6. Famous, historic La Posada Hotel, its the hey day THE place of the rich and
   famous. (maybe an overnight stay (http://www.laposada.org).
7. Flagstaff and Sedona
8. The Grand Canyon.... absolutely beautiful i6. Return to Tucson via hwy 260
   along the Mogollon Rim (wikipedia.org/wiki/Mogollon_Rim) to Payson down the
   Bee Line Highway to Scottsdale/Phoenix and on to Tucson.
9. Take a scenic and historic drive from Pinetop to Eager/Springerville then south
to Alpine (great pies and lunch) , through Hannigan Meadows (maybe stay at
   Hannigan Meadows Lodge)(http://www.tripadvisor.com/) Then down the
   Coronado Trail (Spanish conquistador
   http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francisco_Vásquez_de_Coronado)
through historic Morinici Mine (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morenci_Arizona)
continuing on down to I-10 and return to Tucson from the southeast.
Our 1st **Happy Hour**

**Took place at Hacienda Del Sol, Thursday March 30th.** We had a wonderful turn out members came all the way from Nogales and Green Valley!! We are planning a Happy Hour every month and hope to see all of you. Look for our email blast announcing the next Happy Hour.

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