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HEATWAVE

When the ice melts on the Rillito River.....Whaaaat?

Upon arriving in Tucson on a toasty July 27th more years back than I like to admit I was actually intrigued how this was going to pan out for the Tucson folks. To top it off our new neighbors next to our first home were just frolicking at the clouds of my first monsoon storm ever. I thought they were delirious, coming straight off the 'boat', well actually a Boeing 747 from Frankfurt, Germany I could not believe my ears.

Anyone who spent more than 4 days in Germany knows that clouds are our enemy! Rain follows for weeks on end the temperatures drop to require firing up the furnaces and picnics were out the window.

While disembarking the plane in Tucson I attained Nirvana instantly. YES, sunshine, warm weather, suntan, and oh, the works!

Never mind the Nirvana, the picnic, BBQ, and the works during my 9th year as a Tucson resident I was kvetching for clouds and a good rain and temperatures low enough that I need a blanket!

Nonetheless, Tucson still beats out many other locations. So have a cold Margarita, jump in the pool and keep cool.

Yours Truly,
Jutta Lunario
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This kind of unseasonable heat shows once again the superior engineering and manufacturing of our wonderful Mercedes. When you think of it, the outside temperatures hovering around 115 degrees F or even higher, it really stresses machinery. Just touching your car that has been out in the sun can burn you! Pavement temperatures must be in the high 120 F or more! The systems in our Mercedes, or at least mine, do not seem to mind and I have not seen any over temperature indications in either my 88 or 2002 vehicles. The engine temperatures must be something else, but the careful and conservative design seems to take it in stride!

I still carry a gallon of water in my cars in this heat, not for the vehicle, but in case of an emergency, we would have water to hold us over, God forbid, should there be an emergency until help arrives!

One appreciates the conservative design even more when one realizes that these automobiles operate in temperatures from well below zero to highs like we experience in Arizona, a temperature spread that can exceed a range of some 145 degrees or so, no small feat! The stress on all the components is amazing, and the Mercedes handle it with aplomb!

Please welcome Susan Pace to our board of directors! We always need "new blood" on our board to offer fresh ideas. Thank you Susan, we look forward to working with you! If you would like to be on the board of directors you will be most welcome! The board meets at 5:00 PM the second Thursday of each month at Tucson Mercedes dealership on East Grant Rd. They have graciously hosted our board meetings for several years, thank you Tucson Mercedes! All members are welcome to attend as well!

Keep cool through the summer, and above all drive safely!

Mike Zonnefeld

President

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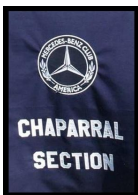
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Annual DM- 50 Event
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DATE	EVENT	HOST
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July, 2017	CLUB WILL BE DARK	
August, 2017	CLUB WILL BE DARK	
October 2017	History Drive	Tracy Long
October 21, 2017	Tucson Classic Car Show Gregory School	Jerry Tucker/Michael Cooper
December 9, 2017*	Holiday Luncheon Mountain Oyster Club	Michael Cooper/ Jutta Lunario

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.**

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Annual DM- 50 Event

DM50 Picnic and 9th Annual Casual Classics Car Show

Michael Turner

Saturday morning, April 8, 2017, four immaculately prepared Mercedes-Benz automobiles and their drivers paraded onto Davis-Monthan Air force Base for the DM50 Picnic and 9th Annual Casual Classics Car Show. Today's event was the 8th straight year the Chaparral Section has supported the event.

Photo 1 (4 cars)

The picnic started at 10:00 AM with several blow-up type amusements for the kids and parents. A long lunch, consisting of freshly grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and soft drinks, started about an hour later and lasted until 1:00 PM.

Photo 2 (picnic area)

Several Tucson area businesses helped sponsor the picnic, which enables the DM50 to provide needed funding for some of the Airmen and Family activities which are not funded by the US Government.

Photo 3 (DM50 and TEP banner)

All 125 spots were registered for the show, which was held again this year on the softball field in the Bama Park recreational area. The participants, Michael Cooper (1980 280SL), Hal Biestek (2003 CL55 AMG), Ron Isler (1989 550 SL) and Michael Turner (2008 C300) participated in several of the events, including tours of the Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Center (AMARC) and joining with several military families in interesting conversations.

Photo 4 (Car show field)

We were again treated to a display of Mother Nature's mastery of the warm desert wind as a couple of shad tents wound up on the losing end of a dust devil. A good time was had by all and we look forward to the 10th Anniversary of the DM50 Picnic and Annual Casual Classics Car Show in 2018.



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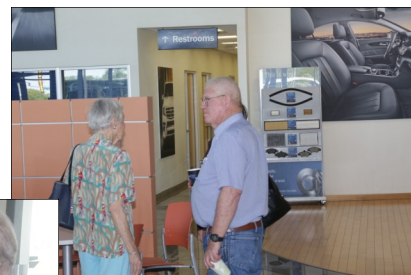


Breakfast At the Dealership April 22, 2017

At the invitation of Mercedes Benz of Tucson the Chaparral section members enjoyed a wonderful VIP breakfast and meet and greet while admiring the latest Mercedes Benz models.

During the breakfast the Chaparral Section President Mike Zonnefeld and Newsletter Editor Jutta Lunario presented an award to Mercedes Benz of Tucson for their generous support of our club.

Thank you Mercedes Benz of Tucson!



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A man in his 40's bought a new Mercedes convertible and was out for a nice evening drive. The top was down, the breeze was blowing through what was left of his hair, and he decided to open her up. As the needle jumped up to 90 mph, he suddenly saw flashing red and blue lights behind him. "There's no way they can catch a Mercedes," he thought to himself and opened her up further. The needle hit 100, 120.... then the reality of the situation hit him. "What the hell am I doing?" he thought and pulled over. The cop came up to him, took his license without a word, and examined it and the car. "It's been a long day, this is the end of my shift, and it's Friday the 13th. I don't feel like more paperwork, so if you can give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before, you can go." The guy thinks for a second and says, "Last week my wife ran off with a cop. I was afraid you were trying to give her back."

"Have a nice weekend," said the officer



BBQ—Chuckwagon Cookout May 13th, 2017

Saturday May 13th, 112 Chapparal Section members attended the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch Chuck Wagon BBQ. Unfortunately, 4 of our other valued members were unable to attend last minute due to unforeseen circumstances.

Nonetheless, this cookout is always a lot of fun. Tanque Verde Guest Ranch is a dude ranch resort located on the far eastside of Tucson. Folks come from all over the country to be a dude at the ranch for a few days or more. Their weekly Chuck Wagon BBQ cookout offers all you can eat steak, potatoes, corn, fish and pie. A real western feel with a cowboy guitar singer and even a few Javalinas passing through. In case you don't know Javalinas look like a small wild hog but really are in the rodent family and when they have their young ones near you or not you don't want to mess with them. It is all part of nature though.

Those of you who missed it we hope to see you next year!





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THE ANNUAL DRIVE TO MT. LEMMON

On Saturday June 10, 2017, the Chaparral Section had its annual drive to Mt. Lemmon. Those in attendance were Mike Bailey, Tracy Long, Ryan Neuhaus (was one of our photographers!), Kevin and Elisabetta Sherlock, Mike and Mary Turner, Howard and Donna Lapidow, Jutta Lunario and Michael Cooper.

Between 9:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. we all met at the north east corner of the Catalina Highway and Tanque Verde Road in the Safeway Shopping Center's parking lot adjacent to the Rancho Rustico Family restaurant. Mike Bailey then led our group up to our first stop which was at the Windy Point lookout where we had photographs taken, and saw wonderful views.

When our visit at Windy Point had been completed, Mike Bailey continued leading the group up the Catalina Highway where we saw beautiful scenic views and began experiencing the cool weather. In fact, some members needed to put sweaters on.

Just prior to reaching Summer Haven, we turned onto the Ski Run Road and drove a little farther to the Iron Door Restaurant where we parked across the street from this restaurant.

We had our outdoor lunch at "The Grub Stake Patio Cafe" located at the Iron Door Restaurant. At this location we had wonderful and filling lunches. During our lunch, we saw a few species of Hummingbirds feeding at the feeders located along the edge of the patio.

Michael Cooper
Vice President Chaparral Section



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Annual Drive to Mount Lemmon continued...



Annual Mount Lemmon



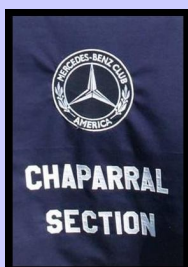
Wonderful lunch and great company
at the Iron Door Restaurant
elevation approx 9000 feet



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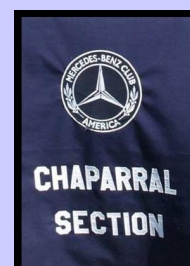
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