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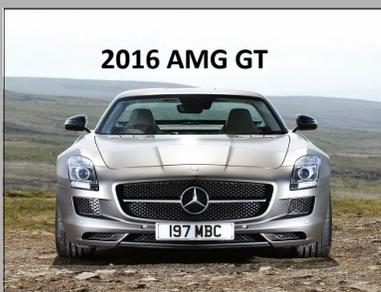
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Memories of German 'Sonntagsfahrer' (Sunday Driver)

Growing up in Germany during the 60's allowed me to observe Germany while still re-building after WWII and blossom into an ever so industrial and well organized society yet keeping their traditions prominently displayed to collect my impressions as a child and young adult.

Were you aware that from the 1950's all the way to the 1980's the male German Mercedes Benz driver would never be seen driving without wearing a hat. I recall my grandfather and other gentlemen of his age all wore a plaid or grey hat;

Something that looked like this:



Of course, ladies wouldn't have been caught dead without a lovely silk scarf protecting their coif in a MB cabriolet that looked something like this;



Another interesting observation was that Mercedes Benz owners were usually old and grouchy. When I learned to drive myself I knew what my dad meant by calling them 'Sunday Drivers' (Sonntagsfahrer) known for spending the better part of the weekdays polishing and waxing their pride and joy to shine and stand out on Sunday when taking it for a slow drive in the country or through town. Never expect them to go over 60 Kilometers/hour (37mph) on the highway. Naturally, on the rare occasions they would be forced to drive their MB during the week, however, with the utmost caution not to exceed 35 Kilometers/hour (20mph) they could quite possibly find my dad's car on top of their bumper and he would call them yet another name which I will spare you from.

Fewer of the 'Sonntagsfahrer' species are found these days but a number of them are still on the road should you find yourself on the road in Germany watch out for:



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President's Message

President's Column, Jan. 2016

2015 was a great year for our Chaparral Section, and 2016 promises to be even better!

We have the largest membership ever! We have put together several exciting events for the coming year, and our event attendances are also at an all time high! Our holiday party luncheon for example had the largest attendance of any of our events ever!

I believe Chaparral Section is one of the most active and vibrant ones in MBCA! Nothing is so constant as change, the saying goes, and that is true of MBCA as well.

Steve Ross, our Regional Director is now moving on to a National Vice President MBCA, and he is being replaced by Bud Cloninger, former President of Phoenix Desert Stars Section. Our own Board of Directors has had a few changes as well! Some outstanding members have moved on, and are being replaced by more outstanding members. We plan on continuing to offer services and benefits for our section members, and strive to make your membership even more valuable for you!

You are always welcome to attend the monthly board meetings held at Tucson Mercedes at 5:00 PM the second Thursday of every month. We welcome your input, and ask you for it, as we wish to be responsive to your desires as Chaparral Section members.

Plan to attend many of the events this year and be sure to check out the Passport to Arizona program put together by your Board of Directors, as a means to use your Mercedes to explore Arizona! See the web site for all the details.

2016 promises to be an even better year than 2015, particularly with the type of members we have in our Section!

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible this coming year!
Drive safely!

Mike Zonnefeld
President
Chaparral Section



We'll take a rain check
and
come back next year!

October 17, 2015 Tucson Classic Car Show

Inclement weather. That pretty much sums it up. Heavy rain the evening before and throughout the night, then assurances that the October 17 event was still on from the Tucson Rotary Club. But that didn't build enough confidence for the 14 Chaparral Section members who had signed up. Only two members elected to actually chance a possibly rainy day (it actually turned out to be a quite nice partly sunny fall day) and some possibly muddy field conditions on the soccer field. Oh, well, there's always next year for the Tucson Classics Car Show.

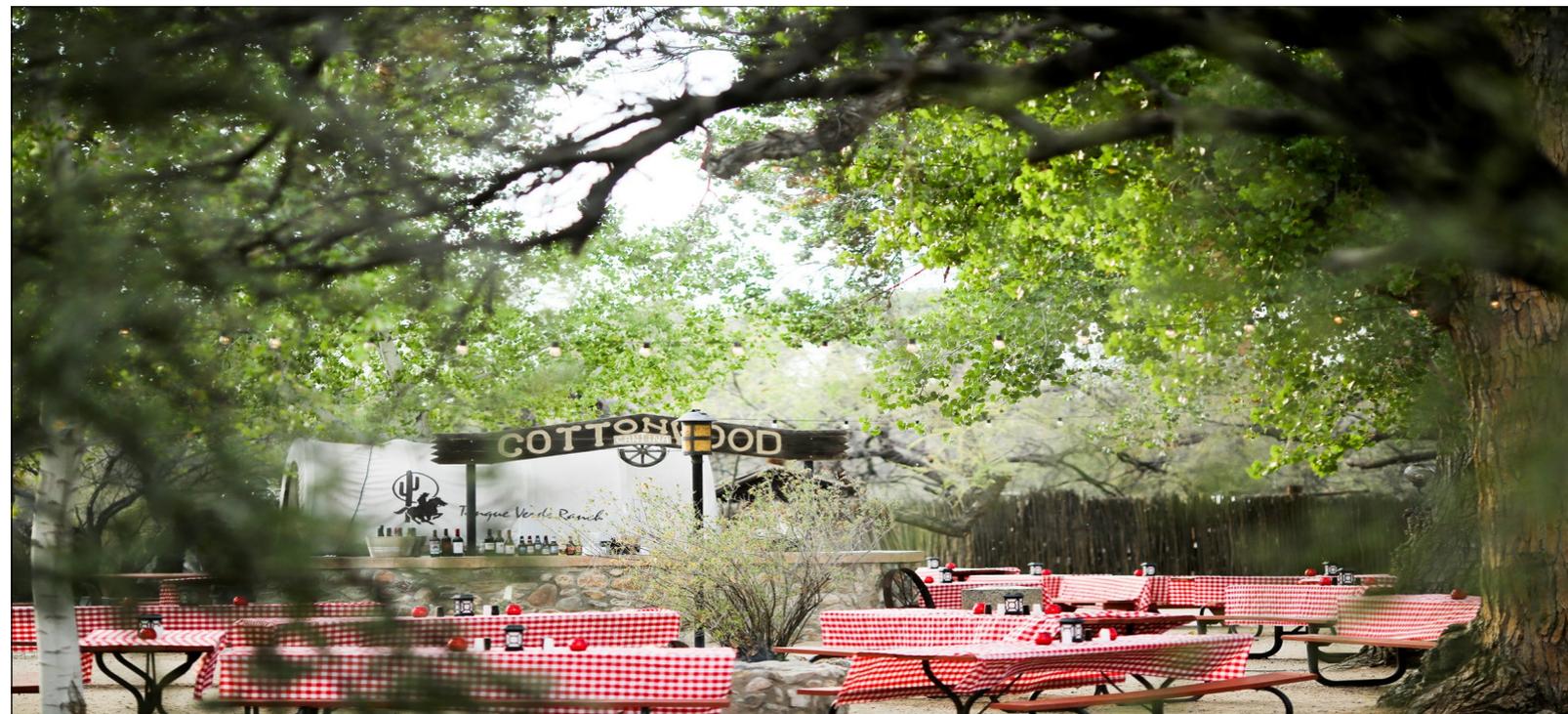
Submitted by Lynn Davison



The event took place with fewer cars and spectators than the previous years. We look forward to clear skies again 2016 see you then.



Event—Tanque Verde Guest Ranch



Thirteen Chaparral Section members and guests walked down the wagon path to the Cottonwood grove as the sun gave another Tucson sunset at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch chuckwagon BBQ supper on Saturday, November 7th, 2015. Tables set with red and white checkered table cloths beckoned. Of course the ramada with all the enticing beverages called to most of us as we enjoyed the ambience of a genuine country western picker and singer. Once the dinner bell rang promptly at 6PM, the line formed for juicy steaks cooked to order, smoked pulled pork, grilled chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs and all the side dishes from baked beans, corn on the cob, collard greens, salads, and mac and cheese. But the best was yet to come: blueberry and cherry cobblers served warm with lots of cookies on the side for the younger ones. Our out of towners already escaping the colder northern climes enjoyed the starry skies, gentle breezes, and warm evening temperatures. The walk back to the parking lot was much slower than our rush to get to those enticing smells when we arrived. Everyone left happy and full of Mercedes club and western hospitality and food. We'll be back!





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Upcoming Events 2016



| Date | Event | Host/Contact |
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| January 16, 2016 | Tucson Rally | Tracy Long |
| January 30, 2016 | Tubac Car Show | Mike Cooper |
| February 13, 2016 | Sweetheart Mixer | Mike Zonnefeld |
| March 19, 2016 | Tech Session @ Monsoon Automotive | Lynn Davison |
| April 2, | Bisbee Copper Classic Car Show | Michael Cooper |
| April 16, 2016 | DM-50 Car Show | Michael Turner |
| May 14, 2016 * | Kartchner Caverns | Jutta Lunario |
| September * | Kitt Peak Tour and Picnic | Michael Turner |
| December 3, 2016 | Holiday Party/Annual Meeting | |
| Summary of upcoming events next page please | | |

***Please check the Chaparral Section website for the most current information and updates concerning these events and all other section activities.
www.tucsonmercedesclub.org***

*Exact date and time to be announced

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Events Summary 2016



January 16 Tucson Rally

We in the Chaparral Section start off 2016 with a great event. For snowbirds, this is a chance to learn more about your winter home. For natives and longtime residents, be prepared to learn more about your Arizona home. Tracy Long, our event planner, has promised a rally with several stops around town to fascinate you. Of course, we'll end up at a restaurant to rejuvenate.

January 30 Santa Cruz Valley Tubac Car Show

This car show tops them all. Set on the greens and fairways at Tubac Country Club, our cars will shine along with several hundred others. Yes, other clubs may have more cars to show than us, but we'll beat'em with enthusiasm.

February 13 Sweetheart Mixer

We move to a new venue this year for our traditional February gathering. The 49'ers Country Club has promised a scrumptious meal for us.

March 19 Tech Session

We've been short on tech sessions of late, so this one will let you learn all about your Mercedes from Rick at Monsoon Automotive. Ladies of Mercedes, don't you dare be intimidated by anyone. This one is for you too.

April 16 DM 50 Car Show

DM 50 is an organization that supports Davis-Monthan AFB and its mission. Every spring they throw a superb picnic for all the base personnel and their dependents. Part of that is a car show which we support wholeheartedly. Come on out, enjoy the picnic and a fine time in the spring sunshine.

April Bisbee Car Show

Exact date is unknown, but those who went last year enjoyed the Bisbee ambience. This year we plan to go earlier and stay later for dinner in downtown Bisbee.

May 14 Kartchner Caverns

It's starting to get warm in May, so where better to spend time than a cool cave? We'll have reservations for the tour, then have lunch after the tour. This is one of the destinations for Chaparral Section's Arizona Passport, so bring your camera and a Mercedes or MBCA logo to get credit for the visit.

June Mt. Lemmon Drive and Dine

This traditional drive is always a favorite because it leaves hot Tucson behind for cooler mountain temperatures, a neat road to enjoy with your Mercedes, and the Sawmill Restaurant is always a favorite.

Of course there are other Section gatherings. Don't forget Cars and Coffee at La Encantada parking lot on the second Saturday of every month. If this is an El Nino winter, the wildflowers should be the best in years. We'll scope it out and organize a drive to see them, but notice for the drive will be short. Be Ready! Likewise short notice a little later to see wildflowers on the back road to Coronado Memorial. The first few miles are paved, but the last half is not, so plan on a high clearance ML, GL, or another brand of truck or SUV. This trip is also on the Passport list. See you at an event soon.

Lynn Davison

Events Guy





It is not too late for you to be part in this exciting event!!

Ready...Set...Go!

Chaparral Section's Passport to Adventure in Arizona

contact

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Event—Cars and Coffee Toys For Tots Dec. 2015

If you can count on anything, it's bad weather for Cars and Coffee and Toys for Tots in December. For the third year in a row, the Chaparral Section's toy drive in conjunction with Cars and Coffee was hampered by cold, wet, blustery weather. In Tucson we have the luxury of not turning out in our automotive treasures when it's nasty, and we didn't this year either. Still a success for the kids, we collected four large barrels of new, unwrapped toys for the Marine Reserves to distribute to those who need them. Ah, next year, sunshine and warm air....



Not your typical Tucson Day of



Sunshine



Meet our Board Member Ken George



Ken's family moved from Ohio to Tucson in 1964. In 1975 Ken left Tucson to join the Navy until 1982 and returned to Tucson. Once settled in Ken attended school again and graduated with an Associate Degree in Computer Engineering.

Soon after that accomplishment he met his lovely wife Lizzie who is originally from Panama. They were married in 1987 and have 3 children who are grown ups. For some time now they made Ken and Lizzie grandparents eight times over and great grandparents twice early in 2016. The grandchildren are one of the highlights in their lives and aside from their loving family the George's love to travel. In 2014 they traveled to Alaska, Colorado, Texas and California. They love to hook up their trailer, hit the road and camp out while taking in the beauty of nature and the wonderful sites in the good ole USA.

While on the subject of traveling, ***two and one half times*** Ken traveled around the world as a Merchant Marine working as an engineer. Twice it took him to the former Soviet Union (before the iron curtain came down) where a keg of German beer there was cheaper than in Germany itself! That's a good enough reason to stop over in the Soviet Union for sure. Ken has many interesting stories and memories to share from his time at sea and foreign travels just ask him about it. During a conversation with a ship's mate Ken realized that he had spent ample years as a merchant marine and was eligible to retire. So, he took the dog by the tail and retired in 1999. Of course, retirement did not mean retirement yet for 9 more years Ken took a position as chief maintenance mechanic with the Pima County.

A few years after Ken had retired Lizzie joined Ken in retirement and during a life changing event Ken and Lizzie decided to get a sports car. For Ken there was only one color option the roadster had to be a red exterior and white leather interior. The search was on and soon they found a gorgeous '99 500 SL at the Tucson MB dealership. Between Ken's mechanical skills and two sons who are also in the automotive business maintenance issues are easily addressed and fixed.

Approx. 5 years ago Ken joined the Chaparral Section and soon after was voted in as a board member. In addition to being a director Ken is in charge of advertising vendors and recruiting new advertisers **BUT** as the saying goes 'behind every great man is an even greater woman' and that is Lizzie. She keeps an up-to-date spread sheet of the advertisers, who joined when, paid what and so on. Thank you Lizzie! Ken and Lizzie have joined most of the Chaparral events and are looking forward to attend many more.

Ken & Lizzie's '99 500SL





Hello, Ladies of Mercedes.

2016 lends itself to be the perfect beginning to bring together the ladies in the club and unite once a month or quarterly for a luncheon affair.

Perhaps we meet for lunch sampling different cuisines or seek out restaurants with special ambience and best of all get to know each other a little better.

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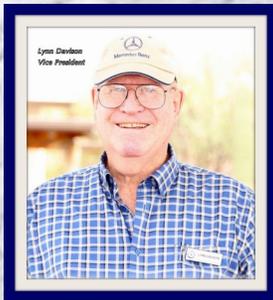
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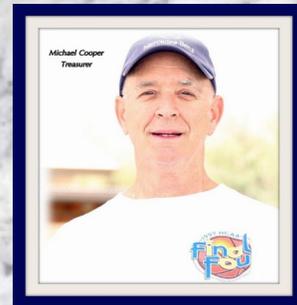
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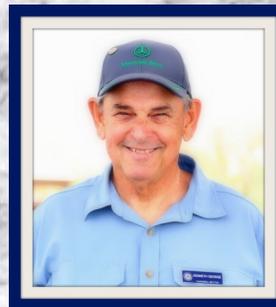
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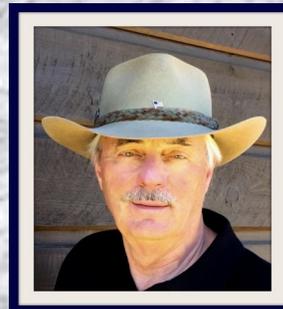
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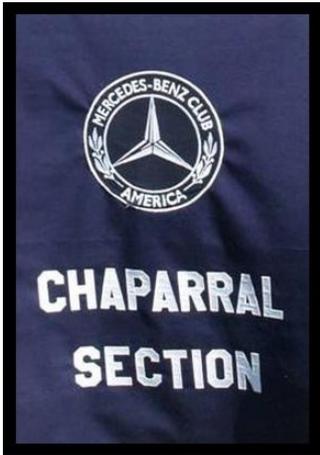
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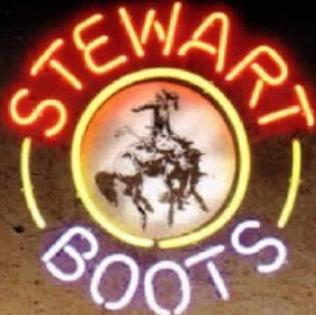


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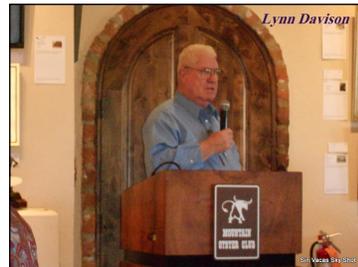
2015 Holiday Luncheon Event

Chaparral Section's best event yet, and best Holiday Party ever! That's what all 50 of the attendees said about our gathering at the Mountain Oyster Club on December 5th 2015. About 20 cars lined up for the car show in the parking lot below our venue, where they were on display for everyone to see on this gorgeous late fall day. Mercedes-Benzes, blue sky, bright sunshine, and temperatures in the 70's made it all come together.

Once inside the Mountain Oyster Club after taking the obligatory group photo, we all enjoyed the western art show and sale on offer. Jerry Tucker, our emcee for the day, introduced MBCA National Vice President Steve Ross, then told us the history of the Club from territorial days in the Old Pueblo. After settling into our choice of entrees from flat iron steak, pistachio crusted sand dabs, or grilled chicken Caesar salad, President Mike Zonnefeld started the annual membership business meeting. In short order we received a Treasurer's report from Mike Cooper, reading of the minutes of last year's meeting from Secretary Beverly Maddalone, then Lynn Davison thanked outgoing members from the Board of Directors. Ed Gladish, Fred Finney, and Michael Turner all received appreciate applause for their past years of service. Next Lynn presented the slate of nominees for the 2016 Board. Mike Zonnefeld, Lynn Davison, Mike Cooper, Beverly Maddalone, Jutta Lunario, Ken George, and Mike Bailey were all reelected to the board.

Steve Ross came from San Diego just to present the prestigious Southwest Region Officer of the Year award to Mike Zonnefeld. Lynn Davison then presented the Section's Member of the Year award to Jerry Tucker. Asked to stand, Mike and Lilliane Zonnefeld, Jerry and Kathy Tucker, Fred and Vera Finney, along with Steve Ross were recognized for their leadership by a standing ovation for their contributions to reviving Chaparral Section when it had no events, no newsletter, and no funding. These individuals are credited with bringing the section back from the ashes.

In conclusion, Lynn Davison described upcoming events, such as the Toys for Tots drive on Saturday December 12th as well as events that are sites for the Arizona Passport, our signature club event for the next two years. Everyone in attendance received a holiday gift, either an MBCA mug or Mercedes-Benz flash drive. Yes, it was the best Chaparral Section Holiday Party yet.



Hello fellow Members.

As your new MBCA Regional Director for the South West Region I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bud Cloninger. I have served as a section board member, Publicity Director, Vice President and Section President for six years. I understand the challenges faced by sections and their board of directors in keeping up with the demands of the membership. We are all doing this without pay, and doing this out of the love of our automobiles. I understand this, and want to help as your Regional Director.

Per MBCA By-laws this is my job description:

Section 8. Regional Director: The members of each Region shall elect a Regional Director to represent them on the National Board. Each Regional Director shall be a member of the National Board. Regional Directors shall promote membership growth and the formation of new Sections within their Regions and shall promote and coordinate combined Regional Events whenever possible. The Regional Directors shall have the power to appoint Committees within their Regions to assist in the performance of their duties. The Regional Director and the Presidents of all the Sections within a Region shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Region. No Regional Director shall be a Section Officer but may be a Section Director.

What this means is that I am to help you in furthering the goals of our National organization, and to enhance the memberships enjoyment of the club. And In the words of Steve Ross our outgoing Director and now Vice President “If your not having fun, your not doing it right” I am looking forward to meeting with all the South-west regions sections in the next year and helping you in any way I can. My door is always open; so feel free to contact me at any time.

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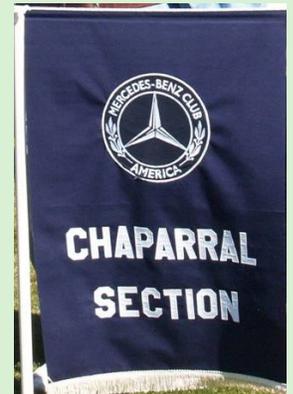
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