



# SAGUARO STAR

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Fourth Quarter Newsletter

October, 2018

## SAVE THE DATE!



The yearly Christmas luncheon and annual meeting will be held at the Desert Diamond Casino on December 1st. Our Regional Manager, Bud Cloninger, will be attending with his wife and will be presenting the "Member of the Year Award" so come meet him. Marcus Wyatt of Autohaus in Tucson has donated \$250

for our drinks at this years Holiday Party, thank you Marcus. There will be plenty of parking near the entrance to the Events Center where the luncheon will be held. We will be sending out more information after the Board meets on October 11th.

## BYLAWS REWRITE

The committee is working with some of the more seasoned club members to update our bylaws. It is expected to be presented to the Board at the October 11th meeting and a final document will be emailed to the members in November for a discussion and vote at the annual meeting. Thanks for your comments!

## CLASSIFIED ADS



Selling your car? The Board approved putting classified ads in the newsletter. You must be a current Chaparral section member and are selling a Mercedes you own. There will not be a charge for this ad.

Send a single photo that shows the car, keep the ad under 4 sentences and include contact information. (We reserve the right to trim the ad if too large) Let us know if it sells so we can cancel the ad.

Please send the ads to our newsletter editor,  
Marge Garneau, at [MBCAchaparral@cox.net](mailto:MBCAchaparral@cox.net).

We tried to get your input through a short survey but got only 2 responses. The

Board is working on a survey and hope to have this emailed out to you in November

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Club President Marge Garneau's 2007 SLK350

## President's Message



We have been busy this last quarter getting our "act" together! Being a fairly new board, it has been my pleasure to visit with some of our "seasoned" club members to get some perspective on what has happened and what needs to happen. I have been in contact with Bud Cloninger and National Staff members to be sure we are doing the stuff we need to do to qualify as a section. All is well with the Board at this time and we welcome John Peters as our new Treasurer. John has been with the club for quite some time so not only brings his investment expertise but his love of Mercedes. Welcome John!

We have been attempting to get every club member a name tag. This had not been done for a while, so if you did not get a name tag contact Reggie and he will see about getting you one. We provide one free to our members, and if you have an associate member it is \$11 for their name tag.

The Board voted to start a new tradition. All officers will be provided with a gold background name tag. The club membership tags have a blue background. This will give you some indication when attending the events of the section who might be able to answer your questions. We will ask the officers who retire to continue to wear their gold background tags.

Our Events committee of Coop and John are working on the events calendar for 2019. If you have something you want to do contact Coop and talk to him about it. They will be bringing their draft to the October 11 board meeting.

We will be changing officers at the December 1st annual meeting. WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE BOARD! Contact me if you have an interest.

Marge Garneau  
Board President

## FUN LUNCH BUNCH

The monthly lunch has been a great success. Each month we have had more members attend. They enjoy the company. The reasonable food and free ice cream.

We do not require you to plan to come. Just show up.

With the summer here and travel plans of our members, attendance has declined but we will be at Jason's Deli by the Tucson Mall every third Wednesday at 11:30 am.

This lunch has given us the opportunity to better know our members and certainly well worth the time.

Contact Dan Hargreaves if you have questions.

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## CHAPARRAL COMMITTEES

Photographer: Brad Taylor

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Newsletter: Marge Garneau

Survey: Norm Garneau

Advertising: Vacant

Bylaws: Marge Garneau

Holiday Celebration: Dan Hargreaves, Shelia Browning

# EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

## OCTOBER

**\*AZ Sonora Desert Museum:** Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 9:00 am. This 98-acre renowned combination zoo, natural history *museum*, botanical garden & art gallery reflects the diverse flora/fauna of the Sonoran *Desert* & is recognized worldwide as a model institution for innovative presentation & interpretation of native plants/animals featured together in ecological exhibits. Details to Follow. Tour by Docent & Club member Bill VerDuin RSVP Bill Verduin

**\*Lunch & Fun Bunch:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed Each Month, October 17, 11:30 am, Jason's Deli, 4545 N. Oracle, Cross Street Auto Mall, 407-1100, Join MB enthusiast for food and fellowship. Coordinator Dan Hargreaves

**\*Tucson Classic Car Show:** Saturday, October 20, 2018, 10:00 am-4:00 pm The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual 2018 Tucson Classics Car Show at Gregory Preparatory School, 3231 N. Craycroft Rd. It is hosted by the Rotary Club of Tucson and benefits local charities. This premier show is limited to the first 420 cars. Register/RSVP Michael Cooper

## NOVEMBER

**\*Traveling Happy Hour:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, Nov. 1ST, Being planned for the Oro Valley Area. Will send out updates once it is confirmed.

**\*Lunch & Fun Bunch:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed Each Month, Nov 21, 11:30 am, Jason's Deli, 4545 N. Oracle, Cross Street Auto Mall, 407-1100, Join MB enthusiast for food and fellowship. Coordinator Dan Hargreaves

## DECEMBER

**\*MBCA S. AZ Club-Chaparral Section Holiday Social, Luncheon & Annual Meeting:** Saturday, December 1, Private Meeting Room Desert Diamond Casino. Details to follow closer to event. RSVP Dan Hargreaves

**\*Lunch & Fun Bunch:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed Each Month, Dec 19, 11:30 am, Jason's Deli, 4545 N. Oracle, Cross Street Auto Mall, 407-1100, Join MB enthusiast for food and fellowship. Coordinator Dan Hargreaves.

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## DISCOUNTS

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New car or lease discounts are given to club members. Be sure to show your sales person your Mercedes club card.

It's important to carry your card when using the dealerships. Not all dealers give club members a discount but show your card with pride and maybe you will receive a reward!

## Jerry Tucker

Long time MBCA member and past Board of Director of the Chaparral Section for many years, died unexpected on June 19, 2018. Jerry was a key principal, along with Mike Zonnefeld (President), Fred Finney (Treasurer) and Mike Cooper (Secretary) in the total remaking of the Chaparral Section back in the early 2000's. Jerry was the driving force in creating and distributing the newsletter that serves the section members today. Jerry was an exceptional communicator and a valued friend to all who had the good fortune to know and work with him.



## MESSAGE FROM BUD

Hello Chaparral Section.

I am happy to say that I will join your section at your holiday party and business meeting On December First. It's my pleasure to come back to Tucson and join a great group of people. One of the things I would like to do is to address your members and answer any questions you may have. I also want to lend a hand in assisting you to move your section forward! The Chaparral Section to say the least has had a few challenges over the past year or so, and I am happy to assist in anyway I can. I look forward to seeing you and celebrating the Holidays!

Bud Cloninger

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an ad

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have 92 members and 35 Associate Members. Year-to-Date 2018, four new Members joined the Club along with one Associate Member.

This year a number of Members and Associates have left the Club for a variety of reasons, but mostly due to relocations. Ten members who relocated have transferred their member to local MBCA Clubs. Two former Members failed to renew due to an oversight, but have noted their intention to renew soon.

Shelia and I continue to send out Welcome Letters and links to our website for new members. We are very optimistic about the growth of our Club in 2019 as membership drives, having new Officers/Board Members in place as well as a number of ideas are coming forward to grow the Club. Our Events and Activities are increasing and as evidenced this year, participation in the Lunch & Fun Bunch get-togethers continue to grow. We will continue to implement grow efforts and we welcome your input going forward.

REGGIE AND SHELIA PARKED THEIR MERCEDES  
AND DID AN ARIZONA TOUR VIA BIKE:





Club Secretaries Dick and Judy Buckingham's 2015 SLK250 manual shift ordered in Germany—FYI you cannot order SLKs with larger engines with a manual transmission!



## BOARD MEMBERS:

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## WE NEED YOU!

The board holds office until December, then in January new board members take office. We plan to present a slate of board members to you at the annual meeting on December 1st. BUT TO DO THIS YOU NEED TO STEP UP AND VOLUNTEER!

Yes, we need new people to offer their time and service to the Board. We have been meeting during the day, September through May (if there is business). Hopefully some of the existing board members will return to provide experience and continuity to the board. BUT WE NEED NEW PEOPLE INVOLVED.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:



John reports that as of September 28th the checking account balance was \$3,624.60. There were expenditures for bank fees, website hosting and name tags totaling \$216.97 with deposits from name tags and the 50/50 drawing of \$64.50; making the ending balance \$3,472.13. John has purchased a Quicken program to make it easier to track our financial information and report to the Board.

## SEND YOUR MERCEDES PICTURE AND INFORMATION TO MARGE GARNEAU FOR THE NEWSLETTER

IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO CONNECT TO THE WEBSITE, DELETE YOUR BOOKMARK AND TRY AGAIN WITH THIS LINK. THE CLUB WAS PAYING FOR TWO DIFFERENT WEBSITE ADDRESSES.

THIS IS THE CORRECT ONE: [TucsonMercedesClub](http://TucsonMercedesClub)

## WEBSITE

[Tucsonmercedesbenzclub.org](http://Tucsonmercedesbenzclub.org)

## CONTACT

**Reggie & Shelia:**

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## MEMBERSHIP

*Membership Fees*

*3 years is \$157*

*2 years is \$107*

*1 year is \$55*

## MEETINGS

Next meeting will be October 10, 12 noon at BJ's on Oracle Rd. The board is testing luncheon or early afternoon meetings.



### Komputer Whiz Kid

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## MONSOON AUTO TECH

Monsoon Automotive Tech Session & Luncheon

We are sorry but our planned Tech Session and Luncheon hosted by Monsoon Automotive on Saturday, July 14 from 9:00 am-12 noon had to be cancelled! We did not have enough people sign up for this and apologize to owner Rick Becker and his Mercedes-Benz Mechanics, Seth Levy and Jeff Ramion. They had planned to tell us all about your Mercedes-Benz including why these vehicles are so special.

Shelia and Reggie have almost exclusively used Monsoon Automotive for Service on their Mercedes: S430, CLS500 and GL450 since attending their first Monsoon Automotive Tech Session on March 19, 2016.

Special thanks to coordinator Reggie Browning for setting up this Tech Session and Luncheon and hope they will give us another chance.