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Tribute to Mike Zonnefeld…

It was with sadness and a sense of loss that we mourned the August 28, 2017 passing of our beloved president Mike Zonnefeld. He was our president for nine years and loved by all.

Mike had a full and productive life from Iowa farm boy, to the U.S. Air Force, a BA degree, technical writer, sales and marketing director plus starting his own business as an aircraft broker and consultant.

Mike loved his wife, children and Mercedes-Benz automobiles as well as aviation. He attained his private, commercial, instrument, instructor, multi-engine pilot ratings and was an Arizona Business Aviation Association board member. Mike was an avid bike rider, amateur radio operator, played several instruments and sang.

Without a doubt, Mike is watching over us and enjoying flying high with angels in the hereafter!!!

Susan Pace
President MBCA Chaparral Section
Tucson and Southern Arizona Club

Chaparral Section Board Meetings occur every second Thursday at 5:00 PM at Mercedes-Benz of Tucson, 6350 E Grant Rd, Tucson, AZ. For national Mercedes-Benz club information, go to www.mbca.org. The Chaparral Section "Trading Post" and other local news are posted at www.tucsonsmercedesclub.org. The Saguaro Star newsletter is published four times per year. We announce new events, date changes and other important information electronically. Not receiving our e-news? Contact any of our Board members (see the list on page 2), email us at tucsonsmercedesclub@gmail.com or click the "Contact Us" link on our home page at www.tucsonsmercedesclub.org

President's Message

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Happy New Year!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. It is with enthusiasm and a positive attitude that your Board of Directors' and I are planning for a very productive and successful 2018. Our goal is to meet your needs, involve more members and grow our club. If you wish to help in any way, please let me know.

We look forward to seeing you at our 2018 Board meetings, events and activities (see website Events' Calendar). These get togethers provide an excellent opportunity to keep up with what your club is doing as well as renew old friendships and make new friends. I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you. Feel free to contact me with your ideas, suggestions, questions and/or concerns.

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Please talk to your family, friends and neighbors, who own a Mercedes-Benz or love Mercedes-Benz, and invite them to join our Mercedes-Benz Club of America (MBCA) Chaparral Section, Tucson and Southern Arizona Club.

May 2018 bring you happiness, health and prosperity as well as be your best year ever!

Happy Trails,

Susan Pace
President MBCA Chaparral Section
Tucson and Southern Arizona Club

Membership Update...

Our average memberships have been running roughly 95-110 paid members, not including Associates, over the past 4+ years. To-date, we have 96 paid members and 37 Associate members.

A key part of our membership effort is the inclusion of a "Welcome, you are invited" MBCA Chaparral Section Letter in all new and pre-owned Mercedes-Benz sales at Mercedes-Benz of Tucson. This letter provides an overview of our club, some of the benefits, along with contact information. Another key contributor to growth of our membership is your personal, active involvement in the process. When you see another Mercedes-Benz driver at the Gas Station, Mall, Convenience Store, Car Wash, etc., strike up a conversation with them about their Mercedes-Benz and lead into a discussion about our MBCA Chaparral Section. Give them our Club's business card and discuss some of the many activities we engage in throughout the year. For reference a few such events are listed on back of the business card. If you need additional MBCA business cards, please let Shelia Browning (Assistant Membership Ambassador) and I know. [See email addresses in the Board of Directors information on page 2…Ed.]

Please note: prospective members do not have to own a Mercedes-Benz to become a member of the Club. If they are Mercedes-Benz enthusiast and appreciate the beauty, quality and sophistication of the car, we welcome them to the Club.

In addition to the efforts mentioned, our Board will continue to meet with local Mercedes-Benz support businesses, such as Maintenance, Service and Repair Shops, Auto Detail Shops, Tire Companies, Paint and Body Shops, pre-owned Mercedes-Benz Auto Sales Companies, etc., to help grow our membership. Our Board of Directors welcome your ideas toward growing our membership and we appreciate your support on this topic.

Reggie and Shelia Browning

New Chaparral Members...

September 2017

Earl Clayton,Tucson,AZ
Shelia Browning, Oro Valley, AZ
Luis Herrera, Nogales, AZ — 2018-GLC43 AMG

October 2017

Richard Buckingham, Green Valley, AZ
Kenneth George, Tucson, AZ — 1999-SL500

November 2017

Marsha Anderson, Tucson, AZ
Antonio Rivera, Tucson, AZ
Paul Watkins, Oro Valley, AZ & Champlin, MN

December 2017

Marge Garneau, Green Valley, AZ

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Upcoming Events...

January 2018, Wings Over Willcox, Return of the Sand Hill Cranes:

See wave after wave of huge cranes and observe their unique behavior. Then, enjoy lunch in Bisbee, visit the Killer Bee Guy, wine tasting in Tombstone and dinner in Benson. The date will be determined by the crane's arrival; it could be in late November to mid-late January on a Saturday. RSVP Susan Pace. SusanKayP@aol.com 275-8980.

January 27, 2018, 24th Annual Collector Car Show, Tubac, AZ

Green Valley's Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts will host their 25th Annual 500 vehicle show at the Tubac Country Club on Saturday, January 27 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Breakfast at the Cow Palace in Amado.

February 1, 2018, Traveling Happy Hour - Ventana Canyon

Guadalajara Original Grill, 1220 E. Prince Rd, 323-1022. RSVP Susan Pace. SusanKayP@aol.com 275-8980.

March 3, 2018, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

Located at 2021 N Kinney Rd, this 98-acre renowned combination zoo, natral history museum, botanical garden and art gallery reflects the diverse flora and fauna of the Sonoran Desert and is recognized world-wide as a model institution for innovative presentation and interpretation of native plants and animals featured together ecological exhibits. Details/Directions to Follow.
RSVP Susan Pace. SusanKayP@aol.com 275-8980.

March 31, 2018, Verde Valley Train-Eagle Sighting Season

We'll twist and turn seeing spectacular views along historic road US 89A. It was a trail 600 years ago and is now one of only three historic AZ roads recognized by the State of Arizona. Just outside Clarkdale, we'll visit the Tuzigoot National Monument dating back to 1100AD. Then all aboard the historic Verde Valley Train 12:45-4:00 pm. It's time to enjoy dinner in Cottonwood then return to Tucson. Lodging information is available, if you want to spend the night. A discount available on train/food with 20 participants. Details to follow. ***Payment Deadline 3/9/18*** RSVP Susan Pace. SusanKayP@aol.com 275-8980.

Please note, the Chaparral Section takes the months of July and August off from all activities. Please visit the Chaparral Section website for the most current information concerning these events and all Section activities.

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Section Events...

Holiday Celebration
Susan Pace

Thanks to those, who attended our Holiday Celebration! Once again, we celebrated at the Mountain Oyster Club and viewed the current beautiful western art, sculptures and other creations – not to mention the lovely grounds. It was a great group all dressed for the holidays and in fine spirit.

During our Happy Hour, Board members circulated meeting everyone and then sat two at a table so our members could get acquainted with them. We began with a President's welcome and asked everyone to stand, give their name and where they lived.

All members were given a beautiful Mercedes-Benz key chain. We provided holiday decorations for the tables and some candy to satisfy our sweet tooth. A great time was had by all!

Michelin Taylor volunteered to be our Holiday Celebration Team Leader, which is charged with finding a 2018 location. If you are willing to help with this task, please email or call me.

All of us are Stronger than any One Of Us – Thank You!
Susan Pace

Once again, we are grateful to Ed Gladis for sponsoring us at the Mountain Oyster Club. Special thanks to our immediate past president, Jutta Lunario, for speaking with Autohaus owner Marcus about sponsoring a pre-luncheon drink for all attending. A big thank you to Michael Cooper for following up with Marcus and getting the check. Hip! Hip! Hurrah to Marcus for his generous contribution and support of our club.

Hats off to the Mercedes-Benz Dealership for the beautiful Mercedes-Benz key chains they donated and Mike Bailey for picking them up.

Special acknowledgment of Michael Turner's willingness to step in and do this newsletter, when we lost our newsletter editor.

I value the extra efforts of our Board members and their spouses arriving early to handle registration, drink tickets, decorating tables, distributing candy plus mixing and mingling with members.

See Page 8 for more photos...

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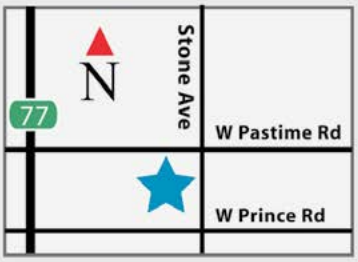

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Section Events...

11th ANNUAL TUCSON CLASSICS CAR SHOW

Michael W. Cooper

The 11th Annual Tucson Classics Car Show put on by the Rotary Club of Tucson is one of the premier car events in Tucson, and was sold out with over 400 classic vehicles. This show was held on Saturday, October 21, 2017. The following four Chaparral Section members attended this show. They were Michael Turner (2008 C 300 Sport), Raymond Gearhard (1971 280 SL), Terrell Thomas (1998 SLK230), and Michael Cooper (1980 280 SL).

The club members met at the River Center Shopping Center on the North East corner of Craycroft Road and River Road in "Car Club Row" where they all received their "goodie" bags and window signs. Then at 8:00 a.m., the group was escorted as a caravan to the Gregory School at 3231 North Craycroft Road where they had their own "Mercedes-Benz-Row". This entire show was held on grass.

Just prior to the opening of this show at 10:00 am., Boy Scout Troop 339 posted the colors and led the over 400 car owners in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then Liz McMan sang the National Anthem. After the singing of the Anthem, everyone was then asked to honk their car horns at the same time as a very loud announcement that the show was officially opened!

This year the featured vehicle was a 1926 Bentley convertible race car. Last years "Best in Show", which was a 1949 Chevrolet 3100, was also featured.

This year's "Best in Show" Award was for a 1952 Desoto Custom Convertible, the "Title Sponsor Award" was for a 1956 Cadillac El Dorado Seville and the "Mayor's Choice" Award was for a 1956 Ford Victoria with a 1963 Chris Craft Mahogany Run-A-Bout boat. In "Section W – Foreign/Sport through 1979" our Club's Raymond and Nancy Gearhard won third place in this category. Congratulations Ray and Nancy!

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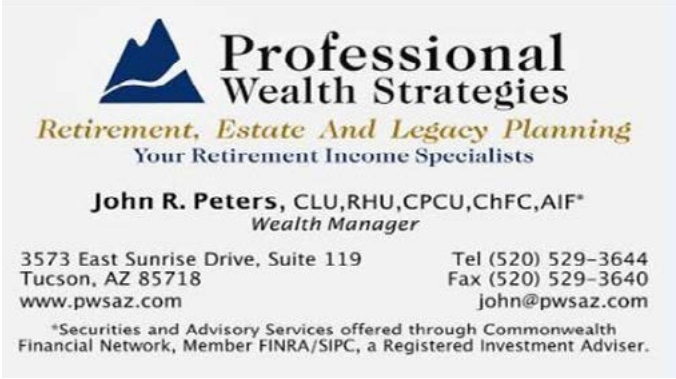

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Calendar of Events - 2018...

Date	Event	Host / Contact
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February 1st, 2018	Traveling Happy Hour - Ventana Canyon	Susan Pace
March, 3rd, 2018	Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum	Susan Pace
March 31st, 2018	Verde Valley Train - Eagle Sighting	Susan Pace
April, 2018 *	DM-50 Casual Classic Car Show	Michael Turner
May 3rd, 2018	Traveling Happy Hour - Lodge At Ventana Canyon	Susan Pace
June, 2018 *	Annual Drive to Mount Lemmon	Mike Bailey
July, 2018 *	Biosphere 2	Susan Pace
August, 1st, 2018 *	Traveling Happy Hour - Hilton El Conquistador	Susan Pace
September, 2018 *	History Drive	Tracy Long
October, 2018 *	Tucson Classic Car Show - Tucson Rotary Club	
November 1st, 2018	Traveling Happy Hour - Marriott Starr Pass	Susan Pace
December, 2018	Chaparral Section Holiday Luncheon and Annual Meeting	
	* Exact dates to be determined	

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Membership Fees:	
3 Years	$157
2 Years	$107
1 Year	$ 55

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Full Page Ad	$ 250/yr *

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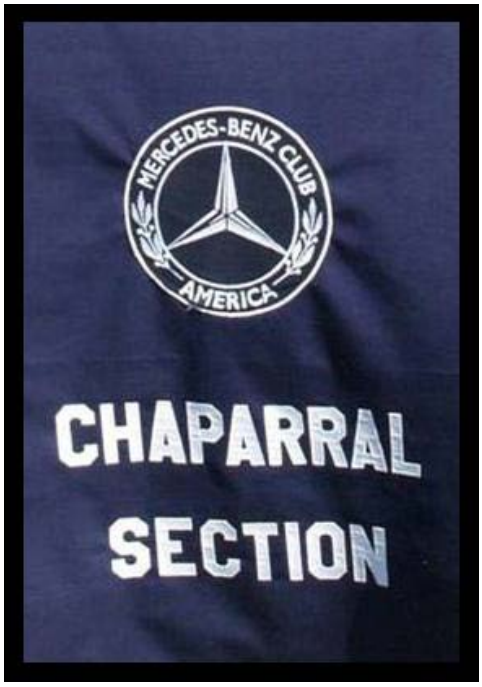

More photos from Tucson Classics Car Show...

Taking the Bull by the Horns

Susan Pace

Past President Jutta Lunario wasted no time taking action when our beloved president Mike Zonnefeld passed. After she accepted the office of president, she immediately called the MBCA National Office for information, scheduled an emergency Board of Directors' meeting to make plans and fill the office of vice president as well as called a special general membership meeting. At that membership meeting, we were able to fill a number of positions including secretary, membership ambassador, assistant membership ambassador, a Board position and photographer. It was with sadness that we accepted Jutta's resignation. We will miss her energy, ideas, strength and smiling face. But, Jutta is still a member and we look forward to seeing her at events.

Thanks Coop!

Susan Pace

At our Holiday Celebration and General Membership meeting, all were surprised and sorry to hear Michael "Coop" Cooper announce his retirement from the position of treasurer. Coop has served our club well for four years and his dedication is appreciated. Since he has been around quite a while, we are hoping he will provide us information on our club's past activities and actions. Coop you will be missed!

Members Stepping Forward

Susan Pace

Special thanks to those at our Holiday Celebration and General Membership meeting for responding to requests to fill several vacant positions: Brad Taylor-Treasurer when Michael Cooper retires, Marge Garneau-Board Newsletter Editor, Tracy Long-Assistant Photographer and Michelin Taylor-Holiday Celebration Committee Chairperson. Remember, our club would not exist without volunteers. Here's hoping some of you will share your time and ideas to serve as Publicity Chairperson, Historian Chairperson, Holiday Party Location Committee, Adversiting Chairperson or Events Team Committee. Each and every member is important to our club. We ask that you check the events on our website, put them on your calendar and join us for fun, fellowship and making new friends! We're looking forward to seeing and getting to know you.