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It's the start of a new year! We're here to give you a jump start:

- Mike Zonnefeld, our President, talks about the great progress we've made and the outlook for 2010
- Upcoming events: The 16th Annual Tubac Car Collector Show ... Annual Sweetheart Member Mixer ... Palm Creek Car Show in Casa Grande
- 2009: What a fantastic year!
- The 2010 Calendar of Events

plus, a few special reminders:

- Board Meetings occur every 2nd Thursday of the month.
- Be sure to notify a Board member of your e-mail address or send a message to tucsonsmclub@gmail.com.
- All about our club, all the time: Visit our 24/7 website; just open your browser to www.tucsonsmclub.org.

To stay current on **National Events**, check <http://www.mbca.org>; you'll find news about events around the nation and in other regions. Go to <http://www.tucsonsmclub.org> for **The Chaparral Section Trading Post**. Are you receiving our e-mails? This Chaparral Section newsletter comes out four times a year. Immediate communications to members is by way of the website or by e-mail. **We use electronic means to announce new events, date changes, and other important information.** If you have not received any information from us since the last newsletter, please contact a Board member or e-mail us at tucsonsmclub@gmail.com and let us know your e-mail address. There is also a convenient link on <http://www.tucsonsmclub.org>.

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We've come a long way, Chaparral members!

Here's hoping you had the best of holidays. *Happy New Year from the Chaparral Section Board of Directors!*

We have made great strides this past year. Some of you may know that the Chaparral Section was being considered by MBCA to be canceled as a Section due to lack of activity. The Board of Directors was reorganized and it set two broad goals for 2009: First, to establish an effective newsletter, and second, to increase membership.

We now have an outstanding newsletter as well as a bonus website to boot! Jerry Tucker is to be commended on his efforts in making this possible! Through a group effort, we have designed a logo for our newsletter and for the club.



We have also managed — through recruiting by all the members — to maintain our membership, when other Sections are decreasing in size! We have gained national attention, and we even had several events this year.

The upcoming year will have its own issues, but the board has decided to concentrate on events for our members! I am confident that 2010, too, will prove to be another exciting year for Chaparral Section. Come join us, check out the events on our web site, and participate!

Please drive safely, have a wonderful holiday season, and come join us in our Mercedes events! For the Chaparral Section,

Mike Zonnefeld, President



upcoming events

16th Annual Tubac — Collector Car Show — January 22-23, 2010

Start planning now to shine up your Benz beauty and join with fellow Chaparral members in the **16th Annual Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts Collector Car Show**. This event was the “coming out” event for the Chaparral Section in 2009. Our first event as a renewed and re-energized Club. We had eight cars at the event. Everyone had a great time and committed to making this the annual New Year’s kickoff. The Club would like to have a great turnout.



Haven’t registered? Please do so as soon as possible. Please contact either Bill Hooper at wwhooper@cox.net or Michael Cooper at michael_31475@msn.com for more information. Or visit the website: <http://www.carnuts.org> for more information and registration forms.

Annual Sweetheart Member Mixer — February 20, 2010



February 20, 2010 — put this date on your calendar NOW.

Our second annual Sweetheart Member Mixer. Last year’s event was a huge success — including Steve Ross’s presentation of **Southwest Region Member of the Year** to Fred Finney and **Chaparral Member of the Year** award to Gary Fielding.

Watch the website for details of this upcoming event.

Palm Creek Car Show — Casa Grande — March 13, 2010

The **Palm Creek Car Show in Casa Grande** is scheduled for March 13, 2010. In 2009, the Chaparral Section won a prize for our group attendance, and we plan to have an even bigger turnout this year. Be sure to watch for an e-mail blast and website information regarding registration and other details.

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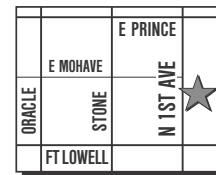
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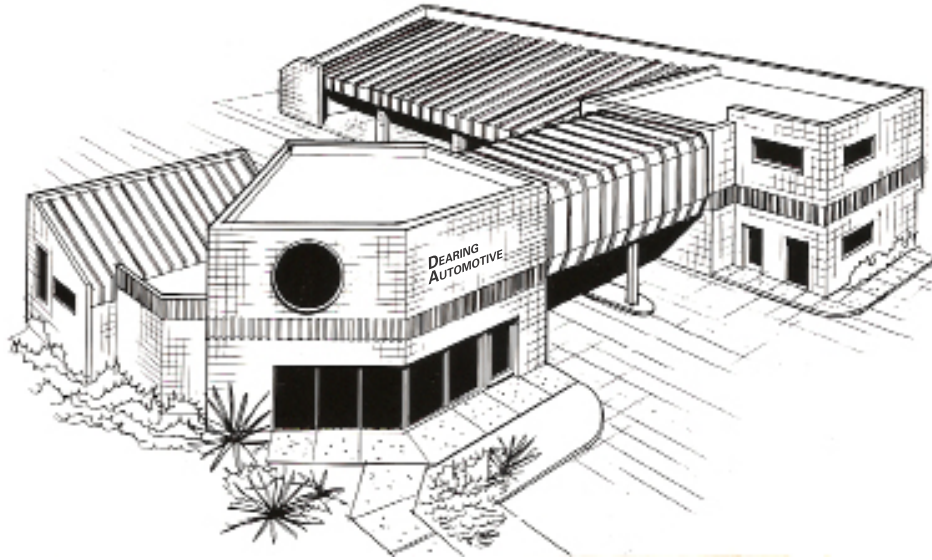


What a
fantastic
year!
2009 —
a quick
review



In late 2008 a few members of the **Chaparral Section of the Mercedes-Benz Club of America** began an effort to revitalize our organization. They recruited a core of people to the Board. Mike Zonnefeld agreed to be President, Gary Fielding became Vice President and “chief advertising salesman,” Fred Finney became Treasurer, and Michael Cooper, Secretary. Also joining the Board were Ed Gladish, Bob Pascalar, and Jerry Tucker. As 2009 progressed, Bill Hooper and Carole Spackman also joined. However, the *real* success of a club could be measured by member participation. For every event, we had a wonderful turnout of members. The spirit of fun and camaraderie prevailed, and with each event the group has grown closer and more participative. These few photos try to capture the year. We look forward to 2010 and wish each of you unbounded success and happiness.





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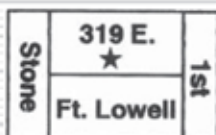
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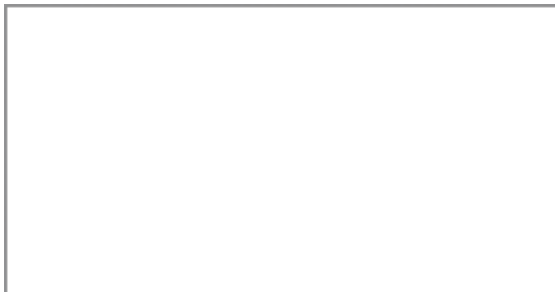
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2010 Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	HOST-CONTACT
January 23, 2010	Tubac Classic Car Show	Fred Finney & Michael Cooper
February 20, 2010	Annual Sweetheart Member Mixer	Mike Zonnefeld
March 6, 2010	Technical Session (TBA)	Gary Fielding
March 13, 2010	Annual Palm Creek Car Show at Casa Grande	Michael Cooper
April 17, 2010	Davis-Mothan Air Force Base Car Show	Michael Turner
May 8, 2010	Annual Brunch at Tanque Verde Ranch	Fred Finney
June 5-6, 2010	Regional event in Las Vegas	Mike Zonnefeld
July & August 2010	Club is dark: No activities (please see other region events in upcoming newsletters)	
September 11, 2010	Kit Peak and Tohono O'Odham Cultural Center	Gary Fielding & Fred Finney
September 25, 2010	Pima Air Museum	Gary Fielding & Mike Zonnefeld
October 1-3, 2010	Havasupai Rallye (Regional event)	Fred Finney
October 16, 2010	4th Annual Tucson Classics Car Show	Fred Finney & Jerry Tucker
October 31, 2010	Cops & Rodders Car Show	Michael Cooper & Dan Martin


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