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## Mercedes G-Wagen

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Saturday, September 15, 2018



## Welcome New Members

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| Gretchen/Mark Brewer-Tillotson | Gorge Norsworthy           |
| William Carter                 | Michael/Elizabeth Lovelett |
| Halee Fischer-Wright           | Derrick/Mari Shannon       |
| Donald Looney                  | Ron Trujillo               |
|                                | Robert Wilson              |

If you have not received your New Member Packet or if you have questions about your membership, please contact MHS Membership Chair Person, Natalie

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**Letter From The President**

Bob Mashburn

President, Mile-High Section



**September Behind the Wheel**

Where did Summer go? Fall is here and we have a great fall drive planned on September 15th it's our drive to Ft Collins with lunch alongside the river. Contact Michael Davison at 720-233-7411 or at mdh539@msn.com. If you are planning on attending this event.

October 13th is our Annual Meeting at the Perfect Landing Restaurant. This meeting is open to all members. Elections for Board members will be held after dinner, if you would like to become a Board member please let me know by October 1st at bob\_mashburn78@yahoo.com or 303-988-2710. A short board meeting will be held after elections.

Our planning breakfast is on November 3rd at Golden Coral in Englewood, Colorado. We are looking for events ideas for 2019 and need your input for monthly and regional events. We are also needing to plan a regional event for 2019, if a member from Utah or Wyoming would like to plan something that would be great. You don't have to attend the meeting, send in your ideas to nataliemashburn@yahoo.com . This meeting is open to all members.

December 1st is our Annual Christmas Dinner, this year it will be at the Columbine Country Club.

Drive Safe

Bob

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# AMG PLAYED A HUGE ROLE DEVELOPING THE NEW G-WAGEN

Mercedes wanted to improve the G-Wagen's performance on- and off-road, and for that, it turned to AMG.



The [new Mercedes G-Wagen](#) might look a lot like the old one, but it should be leagues better to drive. At least Mercedes-AMG head honcho Tobias Moers thinks so, and he should know, since he helped develop it. We caught up with Moers at the Detroit Auto Show, just a day after the new G made its debut.

"We did almost everything regarding the G-Wagen to make a proper base for our car," Moers told us. "Suspension, adaptive dampers, the front axle, the rear axle was done by us, drivetrain, the shaft, knuckles. Everything."



The G-Wagen retains a live rear axle, but it's a new design that utilizes a Panhard bar. The real revolution is at the front, where there's a trick double wishbone setup—a first for the G-Wagen. Going for independent front suspension is an easy way to improve on-road performance, but to maintain ground clearance AMG developed tall upper wishbones that are bolted directly to the frame.

Of course, off-road fans know that a solid front axle is better for navigating tricky terrain, but Mercedes R&D boss Ola Källenius reassured us that the new G doesn't suffer for it. At a roundtable interview, Källenius said that the new G is quicker up and down Mercedes' favorite Austrian off-road proving center, [the Schökl](#).

"The G is the go-everywhere car," Källenius said. "We must make sure that in terms of off-road performance, it is the pinnacle of SUVs."

But like Moers, Källenius is quick to highlight the G's on-road improvements. Charitably, he describes the old G's recirculating ball steering as "authentic" and said that the G's new electric power assistance makes a world of difference.

"When you take a car where the base concept has stayed more-or-less the same for 40 years, and you get the chance to redo everything, then you just look at what's state of the art," Källenius said.



And there's more to look forward to with the new G-Wagen. Moers said AMG's work on the base model lays a strong foundation for the inevitable AMG G63, which he hinted will arrive sooner than later.

The proof is in the driving experience, but it does sound like the new G will be big step forward for Merc's classic 4x4. We can't wait to drive it.

<http://www.roadandtrack.com/car-shows/detroit-auto-show/a15163319/2019-mercedes-benz-g-class-amg-tech>

# 2018 EVENT CALENDAR

Event		Contact	Contact Information
<b>September</b>			
Sept 15th	Fort Collins Drive	Michael Davison	720-233-7411...mhd539@msn.com
<b>October</b>			
13-Oct	Annual Meeting/ Dinner/ Location: Perfect Landing Restaurant	Michael Davison	720-233-7411...mhd539@msn.com
<b>November</b>			
Nov 3rd	2019 Planning meeting/ Board Meeting - TBD	Bob Nashburn	303-988-2710...Bob_Mashburn78@yahoo.com
10-Nov	Private Tour of Bronco's Mile High Stadium	Max Townsend	303-770-1128....diandmaxt@aol.com
<b>December</b>			
Dec 1st	Annual Christmas Dinner - Columbine Country Club	Michael Davison	720-233-7411...mhd539@msn.com

## FORT COLLINS DRIVE



### JOIN US FOR A LOVELY FALL DRIVE

Saturday, September 15, 2018

1. Meet at 9:30am at Starbucks, 45 East 120th Ave. Thornton, at the northeast corner of I-25 and 120th Avenue. From I-25 drive east on 120th one block to Grant Street. Turn left and drive north a bit to enter the retail area on the left. Starbucks is way over in the southwest corner of the retail area. People who live up north are welcome to meet us at the restaurant.
2. Vote for our preferred route: either north on I-25 or west on 120th (Hwy 128) to Broomfield, then north on U.S. 287.
3. At about 9:45 or so, head for the rustic venerable restaurant on the Poudre River northwest of Ft Collins: The Mishawaka Amphitheatre, 13714 Poudre Canyon Highway, Bellvue, CO, 970-482-4420, [www.themishawaka.com](http://www.themishawaka.com).
4. If we vote to take U.S. 287, drive north through Ft. Collins. The road curves around to the west and about 8 miles from Ft Collins splits between U.S. 287 and Hwy 14 (Poudre Canyon Road). A Shell Station is on the corner. Take Hwy 14 about 14 miles to Mishawaka on the right near MM (mile marker) 109.
5. If we vote to take I-25, drive north to Hwy 14 (Mulberry in Ft Collins). Go west on Mulberry to North College Ave. (U.S. 287). Turn north and continue as in #4 above.
6. Meet for lunch about 11:45 to noon and enjoy good food and socializing at a beautiful setting next to the river.
7. So that I can give the restaurant a head count for lunch, please inform me by **September 8**, if you plan to go. And thank you. Michael Davison, [mhd539@msn.com](mailto:mhd539@msn.com). Ph 720-233-741

# **SPECIAL NATIONAL SILVER STARS & GOLDEN ASPENS EVENT**



**When:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 - 12:00pm to  
Saturday, September 29, 2018 - 12:00pm

Ending in Telluride Colorado

**Contact:** **Judy Bennett - 719-576-9737 or**  
**[bennett91212@comcast.net](mailto:bennett91212@comcast.net)**

**For more information go to: <https://www.mbca.org> silver stars**



# 2018 Annual Dinner Meeting

Once again this year, the 2018 Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on October 18, 2018, at 6:30PM, at the great restaurant, the Perfect Landing, next to the runway of the Centennial Airport. Many of us have been there before and know it as a venue with excellent food and a beautiful view.

We have reservations for twenty club members, but that number can increase with notification. No advance fee is required, but please let me know if you and yours plan to attend so that I can give the restaurant an accurate head count. **Please RSVP to Michael Davison by October 8, 2018.**

Thank you.

Michael Davison, mhd539@msn.com, 720-233-7411

The main club business to be conducted is election of Directors for a 2 year term.

Current Directors in bold print are up for re-election in 2018.

**Greg Birkett 2018**

**Mike Redel 2018**

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**Lou Rogers 2018**

Natalie Mashburn 2017

Max Townsend 2017

**John Nordman 2018**

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Our sincere thanks to Randy Williams who had to resigned from the board of directors due to personal reasons. Randy served the club for many years and made us a better organization. We will miss him.

If any club member would like to nominate someone to serve as a director, please send contact information to Bob Mashburn (303-988-2710 or Bob\_Mashburn78@yahoo.com)

The final ballot will be posted in the October Constellation.

# BRONCO'S MILE HIGH STADIUM PRIVATE TOUR



Save the date: November 10<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10:30am

Location: Mile High Stadium 1701 Mile High Stadium Cir. Gate 1. Use Parking lot C

Tour will last between 75 to 90 minutes

Cost: \$15 per person for the tour. Payment must be made by November 3rd. Send check with the following information to Max Townsend 6088 East Otero Drive, Centennial Colorado 80112-3043. 303-770-1128, email: diandmaxt@aol.com

**RSVP By: November 3, 2018**

Tour Includes: Colorado Sports Hall of Fame Museum, Executive Suite, United Club Level, Visiting Locker Room, Team Locker Room/Keg Room, Thunder's Stall, End Zone, Television Truck Production Area, and the Press Center

Lunch after tour at The Original Brooklyn's 2644 West Colfax Ave, Private Pay

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