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### **Welcome New Members!**

We’re excited to have you as part of our Section and look forward to seeing you at any of our events.

**David Finberg      Max Santa Cruz  
John Krampf**

### **Thank You Loyal Members!**

We sincerely thank you for renewing your membership and continued support of the Mile High Section MBCA.

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## **President's Message – 'All About The Benz'**

By Stan Rios

**G**reetings Mile High Section Members! Well, 2021 has finally come to an end and I am looking forward for what we have in store for 2022. We had a great turnout for our annual holiday party at Cherry Crest. Thanks again to Michael Davison for putting such a successful event together. We did have our last Virtual Happy Hour of the year. Our first event of 2022 will be on January 8th, 2022, at 10:15 a.m., we are going to Rodz & Bodz Movie Cars and More Museum with lunch at around 11:45. If you have not already sent in your RSVP, please do so by January 5th, 2022.

I would like to take the time to again thank Michael Davison for being the Mile High Section Editor until we found another member in our section to step up and take it on. You did a fantastic job and stayed the course. Well, guess what, we now have a new Mile High Section Editor and a long-standing member of our section. Our new section editor is Deb Hokanson. I would like to thank Deb for stepping up and taking on this role. Deb has been our section editor in the past for many years, so she knows how to get it done. Beginning in February, you will see a new version of the section newsletter, The design and layout will change somewhat. In addition, I would like to take a moment to thank Natalie Mashburn for stepping up and rejoining the section board once again. As you can see, we are kicking off 2022 in style and there has been movement within our section board.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our events in the coming months!

Stan Rios  
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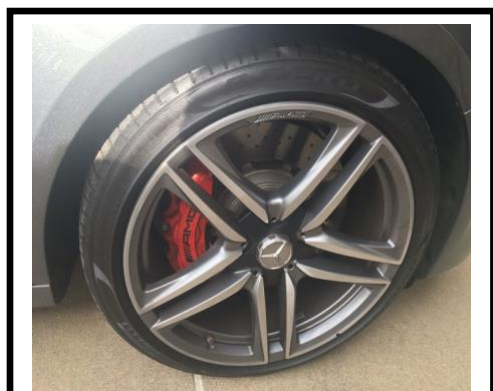
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**For Sale:** 1981 Mercedes-Benz 380 SL, 2 tops, 182,100 miles, cream color with brown interior, maintained by owner. Contact Mr. Bob Bird at [lynnebob@comcast.net](mailto:lynnebob@comcast.net).

### Mile High Upcoming Events

**January 8, 2022**

Rodz & Bodz Movie Cars and More Museum  
– 10:15 a.m.

Stan Rios – [rican6987@gmail.com](mailto:rican6987@gmail.com)

### Pikes Peak Upcoming Events

**January 4, 2022**

Board Meeting – 5:00 p.m.  
Andrew Nelson – 719-217-9481

**January 5, 2022**

5<sup>th</sup>@5 – 5:00 p.m.  
Henry Russell – 719-649-0276

**January 30, 2022**

Annual Potluck  
Glenn Hamill – 719-575-7931

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The expenses for *each* mailed recipient for the 4th Quarter of 2021 (3 mailings to each person) break down as follows:

Postage	\$4.36
Envelopes, 9x12	78¢
Paper	42¢
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Printer cartridge	<u>\$4.62</u> (average per quarter)
TOTAL	\$10.32 (for each quarter year)
TOTAL	\$41.28 (annual cost for each mailed recipient)

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Questions? Call your Section President at 720-404-6362, or our National Business Office at 1-800-637-2360, Monday-Thursday, 8:00am – 4:30pm MT; Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm MT. Or visit [www.mbca.org](http://www.mbca.org). Visit us on the web at [mbcamilehigh.org](http://mbcamilehigh.org)



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## 2024 Mercedes-Benz EQG – *By Caleb Miller*

Starting at \$150,000 est



**Overview** - Over several decades the Mercedes-Benz G-class built a reputation as an all-conquering off-roader before becoming a six-figure status symbol for celebrities. Now, with the automotive landscape shifting away from gas-powered cars, the G-class is spawning the all-electric EQG. So far Mercedes has only shown the Concept EQG, which it refers to as a “near-production study.” The EQG retains the classic boxy styling of the G-class, and Mercedes says that the EQG will continue to be an extremely capable all-

terrain vehicle. The 2024 Mercedes EQG is expected to have four electric motors, one per wheel, and will integrate its batteries into an old-school, robust ladder frame.

## What's New for 2024?

The EQG will be an all-new model for the Mercedes brand when it launches. We expect it to arrive for the 2024 model year, meaning it could go on sale in late 2023. Although it will probably share a similar suspension and chassis with the gas-powered G-class, the batteries and electric motors will be new to the EQG.

## Pricing and Which One to Buy



We estimate that the price of the 2024 Mercedes EQG will be in the \$150,000-range when it reaches dealerships. We'll know more about the different EQG trims and their pricing closer to the electric off-roader's on-sale date.

## Engine, Transmission, and Performance

The EQG is expected to be powered by four electric motors, one near each wheel, that will be individually controllable, which should improve on- and off-road driving performance. If the concept is any indication, the EQG will also come with a shiftable 2-speed gearbox for traveling far off the beaten path. The EQG will use a similar chassis setup to the gas G-class, with a sophisticated independent front suspension, which should help with on-road driving, and a rigid rear axle.



## 2022 Mile High Section Event Schedule

Events are subject to change. Please refer to the schedule of events. An email will be sent if an event changes.

<b>Jan 8</b>	Rodz & Bodz Movie Cars and More Museum	<i>Stan Rios</i>	720-404-6362 <a href="mailto:rican6987@gmail.com">rican6987@gmail.com</a>
<b>Feb 10</b>	Board Meeting via Zoom	<i>Stan Rios</i>	720-404-6362 <a href="mailto:rican6987@gmail.com">rican6987@gmail.com</a>
<b>TBD</b>	5280 Restaurant Week	<i>Stan Rios</i>	720-404-6362 <a href="mailto:rican6987@gmail.com">rican6987@gmail.com</a>
<b>Mar 12</b>	Scuderia Rampante Ferrari Tour	<i>Jared Simons</i>	201-888-6600 <a href="mailto:simons.jared@gmail.com">simons.jared@gmail.com</a>
<b>Apr 9</b>	Family Day @ Denver Aquarium	<i>Natalie Mashburn</i>	303-988-2710 <a href="mailto:nataliemashburn@yahoo.com">nataliemashburn@yahoo.com</a>
<b>May 12</b>	Board Meeting via Zoom	<i>Stan Rios</i>	720-404-6362 <a href="mailto:rican6987@gmail.com">rican6987@gmail.com</a>
<b>TBD</b>	Steamboat Springs Cars & Coffee Trip	<i>Francis Abate</i>	240-401-4624 <a href="http://francis@firstridere restoration.com">francis@firstridere restoration.com</a>
<b>Jun 11</b>	The Broadmoor Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway	<i>Whitlow Wong</i>	720-220-1800 <a href="mailto:whitlowwong@comcast.net">whitlowwong@comcast.net</a>
<b>Jul 9</b>	Red Feather Lakes Drive	<i>Whitlow Wong</i>	720-220-1800 <a href="mailto:whitlowwong@comcast.net">whitlowwong@comcast.net</a>
<b>Jul 16</b>	Joint Section Picnic – Flying W Ranch	<i>Judy Bennett</i>	719-332-7768 <a href="mailto:bennett912@comcast.net">bennett912@comcast.net</a>
<b>Aug 11</b>	Board Meeting via Zoom	<i>Stan Rios</i>	720-404-6362 <a href="mailto:rican6987@gmail.com">rican6987@gmail.com</a>
<b>Aug 12-16</b>	Park City Utah Trip	<i>Stan Rios</i>	720-404-6362 <a href="mailto:rican6987@gmail.com">rican6987@gmail.com</a>
<b>Sep 16-18</b>	Vail Car Show	<i>Michael Davison</i>	720-233-7411 <a href="mailto:mhd539@msn.com">mhd539@msn.com</a>



<b>Oct 3-6</b>	Santa Fe New Mexico Trip	<i>Stan Rios</i>	720-404-6362 <a href="mailto:rican6987@gmail.com">rican6987@gmail.com</a>
<b>Oct 8</b>	Annual Elections Dinner	<i>Michael Davison</i>	720-233-7411 <a href="mailto:mhd539@msn.com">mhd539@msn.com</a>
<b>Nov 12</b>	2023 Section Events Planning/Board Meeting	<i>Stan Rios</i>	720-404-6362 <a href="mailto:rican6987@gmail.com">rican6987@gmail.com</a>
<b>Dec 3</b>	Annual Holiday Party	<i>Michael Davison</i>	720-233-7411 <a href="mailto:mhd539@msn.com">mhd539@msn.com</a>

## Rodz & Bodz Movie Cars and More Museum

Date: January 8, 2022

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Address: 14500 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80401 – Colorado Mills Mall Entry 1

Cost: Group rate for 5 or more \$10.00 per person

Police, military and first responders always FREE with ID

Contact: Stan Rios, 720-404-6362, [rican6987@gmail.com](mailto:rican6987@gmail.com)

Lunch will be at the Yard House. Reservation has already been made.

Time: 11:45 a.m.

Address: It's located in the Colorado Mills Mall at the same address listed above.

Please RSVP by January 5<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend this event.

Just a little bit about Rodz & Bodz ...

It's the home of the 1<sup>st</sup> movie car museum in Colorado's history. They provide classics & hot rods for movies, corporate events, weddings, commercials and more. From a dream 53 corvette to movie cars to cool trucks to crazy hot rods. They have over 100 vehicles to choose from at any time. They can make your next special event stand out. They handle vehicle transport shipping of vehicles across the lower 48 as well. Just a small sample of the inventory are vehicles like the A Team Van, Ghostbusters Ecto-1, Transformers Camaro, The Scooby Doo Mystery Machine, and so much more. You can checkout their website at <https://www.rodzandbodz.com/> and watch a brief video at <https://youtu.be/7Wz3IXPCxM>.