



SAGUARO STAR

Mercedes Benz Club of America – Chaparral Section

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FROM THE DESK OF MICHAEL WELTON..

Greetings to all of our dedicated Board of Directors, Loyal members and interested Parties.

2023 has been a great year so far. A number of events that were fun driving such as Mt. Lemmon and others.

As we finally get some cool weather , events planned for the future months will be much more enjoyable.

Our Holiday party this year will be a lot of fun. The club is subsidizing a significant portion of the food cost so your contribution to the event will be relatively small. Hacienda Mexican Restaurant in Oro Valley will be catering the event.

On October 11th, our first Star Dinner will occur at the Wild Garlic Restaurant and there are a few spaces left. Please RSVP to Donna Infald before October 6th.

I look forward to seeing more of you at our upcoming events. We will be planning some great events for 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Welton

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JOHN PETERS

Minutes from the Board Meeting which took place on September 9, 2023.

Members present: Michael Welton, Ruth Mahoney, Judy Buckingham, Dick Buckingham, Hal Bistek



TREASURY REPORT

As the Treasurer Cynthia was out of the country, President Michael reported that there had been no great change in the balance of approximately \$2,600.

Website and Facebook

Are being updated.

Membership:

Fees for MBCA

3 Years	\$157
2 Years	\$107
1 Year	\$55

Newsletter Ads

Ads are only \$35 for cards for 4 Issues, \$120 for a half page ad, and \$250 for a full page ad.

Please contact Cynthia VerDuin if you have some interest or email us with some information and we will gladly contact them with some information.



This is the approximate size of cards

Upcoming events:

Star Night dinner – Michael reported that Donna Infald has planned a dinner for members to socialize informally at Wild Garlic restaurant on October 11. Attendance is limited to 20. Please RSVP, RSVP are required no later than October 6th to Donna Infald at dinfald@wbhsi.net or call at 520-818-1596.

It was decided to have a Christmas luncheon on December 9th. Ruth Mahoney kindly volunteered to hold lunch at her home with a catered meal. Several caterers in her area were mentioned, and Hal volunteered to contact them as to their availability, menu, and prices. Details and info to follow. The theme of this event will be “Horsepower and Horses.” Ruth has four horses.

Possible driving events were discussed, and a drive to the St. Anthony's Monastery followed by lunch at the Greek restaurant in Florence, Mt. Athos, is being considered an event. November 11th was mentioned as a possible date. When the date is decided, Judy will be making arrangements as to meeting place, route, and restaurant reservations.

The next Board meeting will be Oct. 14th at 9:30AM at Coco's.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Saguaro Star Holiday Event
“Horsepower and Horses”
December 9th at Ruth Mahoney’s
Place at noon.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers Needed for running Events

We are looking for members to Volunteer to organize events. You won't be alone doing this; you will have the guidance of folks experienced in running events. Please consider helping us out. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Michael Welton mjwprofconsult@aol.com or Ruth Mahoney thunderheadmorgans@hotmail.com Events can be anything from a casual lunch, dinner, or a scenic drive.



The Newest Member..

Kent Driesbock, Tucson, AZ

John Morris, Tucson, AZ

Donna Infald, Tucson, AZ

Thomas Friedberg, Tucson, AZ

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Holiday Party Dec 10, 2023

The holidays will be here before we know it. Clear the 10th of December for the Desert Stars Annual Holiday Party - with the always-important Member Anniversary recognition celebration. It is time to reflect on 2023 as we spend time with friends and fellow members catch up and enjoy the spirit of the holidays.

The event will be at the Grayhawk Golf Club in the Fairway House. There will be a no-host bar. We are changing things up a bit and this year we will be serving a festive brunch. Included in the brunch will be an omelet station, beef medallions and so much more. The food at Grayhawk Golf Club never disappoints.

Anniversary celebrants must attend to receive your recognition pins (or you need a *really* good excuse for not being there!) So, we want to see you! List of anniversary recipients can be found in the Newsletter. Oh, don't forget we are collecting for Toys for Tots so please bring an un-wrapped gift! Make this holiday season a special one by joining your friends in the Desert Stars Mercedes-Benz club.

Festivities begin at noon.

Debbie Ichiyama

Another exciting change will be the **Holiday Gift Exchange** (*Emphasis on Exchange*)

We are planning a fun and engaging enhancement to the traditional "holiday gifting" that has taken place during past annual Desert Stars holiday parties. New for this year is a "Holiday Gift Exchange" event. This event will be exciting for both participants and guests. If you would like to participate, all you need to do is bring a wrapped gift with a \$25 - \$30 value. You can participate as a couple or individually it is completely up to you. The gift can be something Mercedes Benz themed, automotive themed, holiday themed, or even be a bottle of wine or spirits. It is your choice on what you wish to bring as a gift. Be sure the gift is wrapped when you come to the party to be eligible to participate! This holiday gift "*exchange*" makes for some holiday excitement and cheer. Look forward to sharing more details at the event and seeing everyone!

Ed Crawford

To register please see the registration form in the September Newsletter or call

Debbie at 808-282-5249