



Jan – Feb 2023

# The StarDust

## DESERT STARS SECTION | ARIZONA

## Mercedes-Benz Enthusiast Dinner

Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 5:00 PM

By Jim Boyle

As car lovers' descent on Arizona for the car auctions, we will again celebrate auction week with the Mercedes-Benz Enthusiasts Dinner.

This year the dinner will be held at Collins Brothers Chop house located at:  
8220 N Hayden Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85258  
Crossroads: Hayden and Via De Ventura

Cost \$75 per person

5:00 – 6:00 Mingle with fellow enthusiasts Cash bar (all drinks will be \$12 Cash only no CC)

6:00 Buffet Dinner Prime Rib and Salmon

7:00 Auction review and history of Mercedes long run values.

Seating is limited to 50 folks so don't delay. Registration deadline is January 21, 2023

Please note that the event is on the Gainey Patio which is a closed in patio.

See registration form on page 8. For questions or credit card payments please call Debbie Ichiyama at 480-268-9535.

Check out the Auction schedule listed on page 3 of the Newsletter

# President's Message

By Debbie Ichiyama

For those who might not know our newly elected Regional Director is our very own Ron Borino.  
I am honored to have Ron as our new Regional Director.

Ron has been a member of the MB club since November 2007. He was "recruited" into the club by a close friend who invited he and his wife Rhonda to events. Only after meeting members and attending some events did he buy a Mercedes Benz. The first one was a CLS550. They both loved this car which began an affair with the brand. Ron has served on the local board in a number of director positions beginning in September 2010. Most recently he has been in charge of soliciting businesses for advertising in our club's newsletter.

Ron and Rhonda have either planed or assisted in the planning a number of Poker Runs, dinner events, driving events and our clubs main event called the Havasupai over the years. They have participated or planned club events that appealed to multi-sections. Ron is a people-centric person and a great asset to the Club.

Congratulations to Ron

Ron's contact info is [1southwestregion@gmail.com](mailto:1southwestregion@gmail.com)  
602-550-9939



*Debbie*



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## Welcome our new Members!

October

Eric Huber  
Gary Johnson

November

Douglas Bryson  
Madona Hensen  
Diron Scott

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## Car Auctions 2023

By Mark Ichiyama

Here's the projected schedule for January 2023 Auctions:

Barrett Jackson - January 21<sup>st</sup> through the 29th – Westworld  
[www.barrett-jackson.com](http://www.barrett-jackson.com)

Bonham's - January 27th at Westin Kierland Resort and Spa  
[www.bonhams.com/auctions/upcoming/?query=scottsdale](http://www.bonhams.com/auctions/upcoming/?query=scottsdale)

Motorsport Auction Group January 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Ft McDowell  
[www.motorsportauctiongroup.com/details/170/2023-January-Collector-Car-Auction](http://www.motorsportauctiongroup.com/details/170/2023-January-Collector-Car-Auction)

RM Sotheby's - January 25th - 26th at the Arizona Biltmore Resort [rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/az23](http://rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/az23)

Worldwide Auctioneers - January 25th 1490 E Weber, Tempe, AZ 85281  
<https://worldwideauctioneers.com/scottsdale-2023/>

## Desert Stars 2023 Spring Picnic

By David Cesal

On Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 12-3 pm the Club will have a spring picnic in the very heart of central Phoenix. The theme of this event is the celebration of life, friendships and our common passion for our Mercedes-Benz vehicles. Kim and David Cesal are opening their backyard for this club picnic event. There will be light Mexican fare, soft drinks, fun and games. A cover charge of \$25 per attendee. The picnic will be BYOB.

Attendees will be limited to 60 current and prospective members. This will be a great time to introduce friends and neighbors to the club.

If you have lawn/camping chairs please bring them. And don't forget your putter.

This promises to be a fun event. Don't miss out. Please RSVP by 3/11/23

Registration form is on page 8. For Credit Card payment or questions please call Debbie 480-268-9535



You are welcome to bring your putters

## Volunteers Needed for running Events

We are looking for members to Volunteer to organize the Poker Run in 2023. The event is traditionally held late February, March or early April. 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 Debbie Ichiyama [dichiyama@me.com](mailto:dichiyama@me.com) or Karen Manser [nspinaz@gmail.com](mailto:nspinaz@gmail.com)

In addition to the Poker Run we need your help in organizing other events. Anything from a casual lunch, dinner or a scenic drive.


Thank you

## Become part of the team

Would you like to be on the Board of Directors of the Desert Stars, if so please contact Debbie Ichiyama [dichiyama@me.com](mailto:dichiyama@me.com). We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from September to April with the Annual Business meeting in May. Meetings are held both in person and via zoom.

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## Mercedes Benz Classic Center

By Carey Hobson

We are currently working on a possible trip to the new classic center that recently relocated from Irvine to a spacious location in Long Beach, CA. To my surprise long time front desk greeter, Mariella de Wilde, has also relocated to the new venue. We spoke of a possible open Saturday during the month of February or March. They are only open one Saturday a quarter, so the date has yet to be determined. The new location has great access from Long Beach Airport, for those who prefer to fly, with a shuttle to the hotel which is literally across the street. Both a Hampton Inn, Homewood Suites and Marriott Courtyard are all fairly new and very nice. There are also numerous restaurants that are walking distance from the hotels, all very convenient for a nice weekend trip. Please watch for updates in the NL or via email blasts for updates and once we have a date solidified will pass that along.

Carey



## Holiday Party

By Debbie Ichiyama

I want to thank all who attended the party this year. It was great to meet many new members and catch up with everyone.

The rain held off allowing us to enjoy the beautiful setting and once again the Grayhawk Golf Club was a big hit. After a delicious meal, we proceeded with our tradition of recognizing our member anniversaries. Resident Emcee, Chuck Stanford, presented the anniversary recognition pins to the recipients who were in attendance. This year's recipients for 10 years were Harman & Susan Cadis, Victor Ferriera, Bob & Maryann Tokle. For 15 years Carey & Kathy Hobson. Twenty years John & Hilary Fiscus. Forty years Peter Gannon. Forty-five years (presented 2 years late due to Covid) Phil & Corky Hammond. Fifty years to Ed & Joyce Kasmar. Congratulations to all.

Thanks to all who brought toys for the 2022 Toy Drive, which were delivered to the Scottsdale Fire Department. As always, the firemen were truly impressed by all the toys collected and they expressed their gratitude for all the club's efforts.

It is really an honor to be associated with a giving and caring group of people.



Susan & Harman Cadis



Victor Ferriera



Bob & Maryann Tokle



Kathy & Carey Hobson



Hilary & John Fiscus



Peter Gannon

### Enthusiasts Dinner

Please register and pay by, January 21, 2023

Name(s) Registering: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Day/ Night Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee is \$ 75 per person

Make your check payable to: **MBCA Desert Stars**; and mail to:  
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### Spring Picnic

Please register and pay by, March 11, 2023

Name(s) Registering: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Day/ Night Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee is \$25 per person

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Corky & Phil Hammond



Joyce & Ed Kasmar



Brynn & Debbie at Registration Table

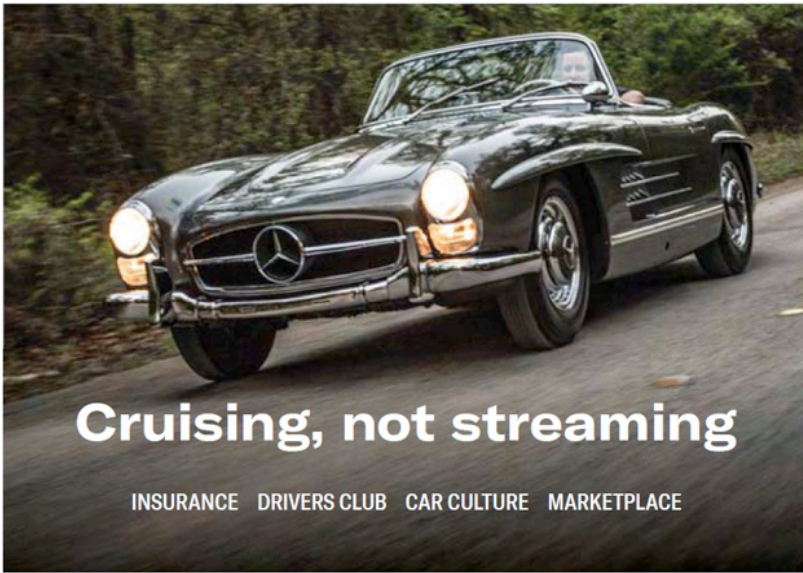


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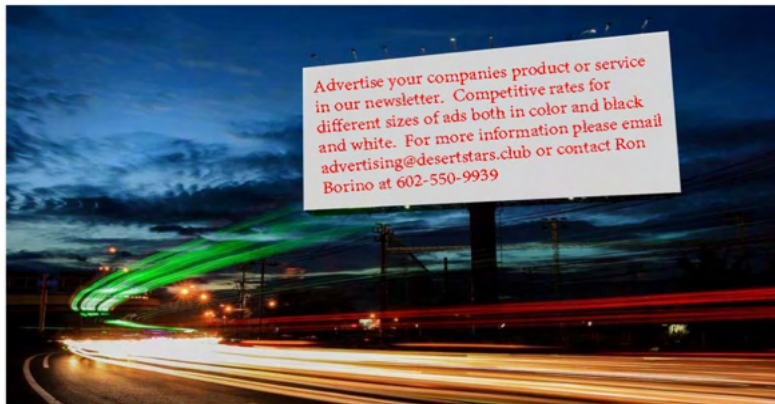


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## Alzheimers Medallion Rally

On December 10, 2022, National President Doug Geganto presented Indiana Crossroads President, Roger Brummett an appreciation award for his vision and hard work to make the 2022 Inaugural Medallion Rally a success. After expenses MBCA will present over \$25,000 to the National Alzheimer's Association from our members. Doug said to the Indiana Crossroads members that he was extremely proud of all our members for their support of the 2022 Inaugural Rally and that he hopes we will double, triple or quadruple that number in 2023.



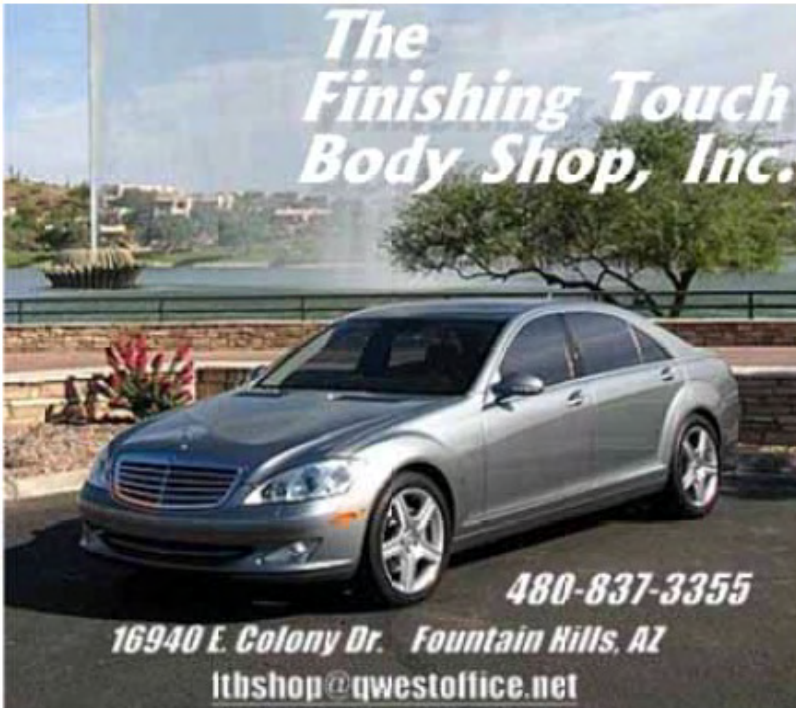
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