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Havasupai'04 Date and Location Announced

The Warren Mining District was made up of several adjacent towns: Windwood, Johnson Addition, Bakerville, Lowell, Briggs, Saginaw, Jiggerville, Upper Lowell, South Bisbee, Tintown, Warren and Bisbee. At its peak, the area was inhabited by more than 25,000 residents, was the largest "city" between St. Louis and San Francisco, had its own Stock Exchange to keep track of what was going on in New York, had more than 50 bars, a red light district (until outlawed in about 1910), had an underground tunnel directly from the mine to downtown, had a 12-mile electrified trolley system going all the way from the north side of Bisbee to the Country Club and Golf Course south of Warren, the "planned" community of the day and pumped more than 8 billion pounds of copper into the AZ economy. Today, although lacking in population that it once had, the destiny of this once proud and important city within the Territory of Arizona has turned to tourism, and is one of the premier destinations for Arizonans and worldwide travelers. It is also the destination for the Desert Stars 39th Havasupai Rallye to be held this year on October 1-3, 2004.

As a reward for their "performance" in past rallyes, Bob Yoder, Elaine Petrick and John & Marianne Hutchison have consented to act as Rallyemasters for this year's event. Planning efforts are well underway with starting and ending points being determined, as well as a selection of intermediate "stopping" points. Questions, pictures, brain teasers will follow making sure that the rallye contestants are appropriately challenged.



The weekend will start Friday evening, October 1 with all rallyists meeting and getting acquainted at the Clarion Hotel-Tucson Airport around 5pm for refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. For those who can

arrive in Tucson earlier on Friday a tour of the Pima Air Museum may be made. After a restful night in the hotel and a full hot buffet breakfast (which comes with the room), the teams will be given their instructions and will depart for an interesting and insightful tour of the Southwestern corner of Arizona, visiting both familiar and possibly unfamiliar destinations. Along the route, each team will be challenged to closely observe the surroundings, landmarks, signs, buildings, museums, staged features and any other highlight, that might lend itself to teasing your brains.

After a stop along the way for lunch, a performance or two, and forensic investigation of a well known Arizona landmark, we will end the day with some final questions in our destination city of Bisbee before checking into the Copper Queen Hotel for an evening of refreshments, dinner and awards for your efforts.



So, you might want to search your magazine collection and read up on articles in Arizona Highways covering featured destinations from Tucson to New Mexico and the Mexican Borders to be adequately prepared for the questions.

On Sunday, we will have breakfast together in the hotel banquet room followed by an underground (or above ground if you are claustrophobic) tour of the Copper Queen Mine beginning at 10:30am (tour lasts approximately 1 1/4 hour). After the tour, you are free to spend more time exploring Bisbee, have lunch at one of the many restaurants in town, head north to hit some of the high points in Tombstone or Kartchner Caverns, or leisurely

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Havasupai'04 (cont'd)



drive back home with any "booty" that you were honored to collect as the result of your hard efforts on Saturday.

The cost for Havasupai'04 is still being determined and along with registration forms will be announced in the next issue of the **Stardust** Newsletter.

Please reserve the dates of October 1-3, 2004 on your calendar for Havasupai '04.

For more information, please call Bob Yoder or Elaine Petrick at 480.998.0194, or John or Marianne Hutchison at 480.473.0466.

Visit our website for additional information and to signup to receive an email when registration is available <http://www.desertstars.org>.

Slate of Officer Candidates

President	Rick Stacio
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Wrigley Mansion venue for Annual Meeting

Our annual business meeting will be at the beautiful and historic Wrigley Mansion this year on June 6th. We'll have lunch and our business meeting starting at noon, until 2:30 PM, followed by a guided tour of the mansion. We specifically picked this venue, and the section is heavily subsidizing it, in the hope we will improve attendance at this important function.

At the meeting we'll elect new officers (see left) and directors. We'll also brainstorm for a calendar of events for our club's next year.

Since the section is contributing approximately \$15.00 per person for this event and space is limited, we are restricting attendance to members and their spouses or a guest. Menu planning is still underway and a registration form will be included in the next issue of the Stardust.

New Members

January

- William & Miriam Wheeler
- Danny Molnar
- Sam & Moreen Koppula
- William Neidig
- Barbara & James Smith
- Richard Sharrott
- Lily & Hosea Harkness

February

- George Wall
- Mike & Julie Pavlik
- Ingard & Doris Clausen
- Leonardo Mora



- Esther Walker
- Thomas & Kathi Carmichael
- John & Carolyn Stinn
- Robert & Karen Dorsey

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Visit to Luke Air Force Base

For those attending, remember to bring a photo ID with you. Meet at the **Officer's Club** parking lot on Sunday, **10:45 AM**, March 21, 2004. Please leave time to clear base security, no later than **10:30 AM**. We will have a few words before entering the club. Then we'll have brunch in the club. Look for the tables with the MBCA Logo.

Any questions? Call Wes Squires, 623.546.8536.

OOPS, I did it again.. and again.. and again..

My son and I attended the 2nd Annual MBCA, Desert Stars, Defensive Driving and Accident Avoidance Course, Saturday, February 21, 2003, at Scottsdale Community College. Just like last year, this was a BLAST!!

There were 31 registered drivers (twice as many as last year) that put themselves in the capable hands of four-time MBCA National Driving Champions, Frank and Mary Alice Cozza and former (1996-1998) MBCA President Walt Anderson. Frank, who is Great Lakes Regional Director, and his wife Mary Alice, who is President of the Western Reserve Section, are perennial competitors in MBCA autocross and track events, and also volunteer their time to put on numerous defensive driving clinics annually. Furthermore, they're all just such darn nice folks, you don't mind their criticisms of your masterful driving techniques :-)

Locally, Chuck Stanford and Ed Kasmar, Desert Stars extraordinaire, again organized this FANTASTIC event!!

The 31 drivers brought 26 different vehicles, and as suggested, they brought their "daily drivers" so they could quickly put into practice what they learned. And what a terrific mix of vehicles there were: in addition to the obligatory SL's, S, E and C Class, and a couple of Diesels, there were two Hyundai's, a PT Cruiser, an extended body Econoline Van (that we know seats at least 12, because both Parents participated, and 9 out of their 10 children were with them, Woo-Hoo!!) and one old ML that next year will be wearing racing tires (just like Walt did for his "sleeper" E420.. at the end of the day, that thing SCREAMED around the closed circuit course in 20 seconds FLAT!!).

We started off with some safety basics, including how to REALLY set your mirrors (and NO, I'm NOT going to tell you how; you should have attended). Then, we were taught the basics of how to handle these 4 different driving conditions:

1. We would accelerate from a standing stop, and at a given signal, we would have to make a Lane Choice, either left or right, at speed.
2. We would accelerate from a standing stop, and at a given signal, we would have to make an evasive maneuver to avoid an obstacle, at speed.
3. We would accelerate from a standing stop, and at a given signal, we would have to stop quickly, activating AntiLock Braking, or pump the pedal.
4. We would drive a slalom, at a steady speed, around traffic cones, in a straight line, teaching us to look ahead (Ocular Driving Technique).



DURANGO & SILVERTON NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD

Our Memorial Day Weekend trip to Durango/Silverton Colorado is sold out. Dick and Mindy Sharp are trying to get more accommodations but for now a space available waiting list has been started for all newly received registrations. We'll let those on the waiting list know if more space is found or someone cancels out.

and I LIKED it!!

Everybody had an Instructor with them as they practiced these 4 basic maneuvers, making 3 or 4 attempts, at ever increasing confidence (read SPEED) and then, when everyone had "qualified" we were able to make additional "runs" until Lunch Time.

Then we rearranged the cones into a closed circuit autocross track, with over a dozen "gates" and a "finish box" that twisted and turned all over that parking lot. The free-form layout was the genius work of Frank Cozza, and thoroughly tested the skills we had learned earlier.. look ahead; brake hard, lift, then turn; and finally, be smoooooooooth to go fasssssstttttt..... (having young, quick, reflexes doesn't hurt either, as I was reminded by Mary Alice as she commented on how well the young lady in the PT Cruiser was doing.. a nice compliment to the young lady, and a reminder to the rest of us older folks to look ahead, and practice.)

And GO FAST, we did!!

It was fun to see some of the participants approach the circuit with a level of trepidation, and then watch them as their faces break into this huge GRIN when they put together a tire smoking 20 second run, or their own personal best of 45 seconds.. it didn't matter how fast you actually went, it was just the exhilaration of having learned something new, and having fun while doing it!! Knowing that we, and our vehicles, can be pushed further than we ever imagined could save our lives someday.. we heard several stories of "near misses" that are easier to look back on because of the driving skills we had learned and continue to practice.

Come One, Come All.. to next years Annual MBCA, Desert Stars, Defensive Driving and Accident Avoidance Course!! I promise you a FUN event, that will ASTOUND and AMAZE you, at what you and your Mercedes can do on the road.. and, it could save your life. Oh.. did I mention that it was FUN?? Yup.. heart thumpin', tire smokin', ground poundin', more fun that you ought to be allowed while doing something completely legal, moral, and downright good for you.. And you guys.. bring your wives, girlfriends, and children (unless you're afraid that they'll make your driving look bad.. BWAHAHAhaha...) See Ya next year!!

By Peter Kunka, Member, Desert Stars

Editor's Note: Thanks Peter for the enthusiastic write up. I'm sure everyone involved appreciates it. Checkout our website for high resolution color photos of this event.

Save these Dates

Luke Air Force Base Visit	March 21, 2004
British Euro Auto Tour (see the January issue)	April 17, 2004
Durango/Silverton, CO, Memorial Day Weekend Trip	May 28 – 31, 2004
Annual Business Meeting at Wrigley Mansion	June 6, 2004
Havasupai'04 -- Tucson to Bisbee	October 1 – 3, 2004

Don't miss this year's Annual Business Meeting at the 'must see' Wrigley Mansion

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