

January-February 2021

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Poker Run



By Ron Borino and John Hutchison

Saturday, March 27, 2021

Are you ready for some Poker fun? We have a day of exciting card action planned for you as we again visit several of the club's newsletter advertisers around the valley while gathering your winning hand. This year's event will commence Saturday, March 27, 2021. The starting location and time will be announced as we get closer. Again, we are planning on driving to various Desert Stars "Star Dust" newsletter advertisers' locations. This gives you a chance to meet and see these valued businesses and hear about what they have to offer. We intend this to be a 7-card hand with the opportunity to improve your hand. Throughout the day there will be some simple "challenge questions" and or pictures along the route; if you have the correct answers to some or all of the questions, or identify where the landmarks pictured are, you will earn "points" which can then be used to "buy" replacement cards at our final stop should the cards in your hand be less than desirable. Each replacement card will cost you "points", so the better you do at answering or identifying the "challenge questions or pictures", you may have enough points to purchase up to FOUR replacement cards. These replacement cards will surely "enhance" your draw to give you a much better chance of a WINNING hand!! Both the winners and those not as lucky will have an interesting drive and a great dinner with prizes presented during dinner. The cost of this extravaganza is \$20 *per person* which includes snacks and prizes. Your only requirement is to provide your own transportation, fuel, \$ for dinner and brainpower to "ace" the "challenge questions", assuming you don't yet have the winning hand!

We will end the day at approximately 4:00 to 4:30 PM at a location in the Hayden and FLW area for an early dinner. The restaurant has a large outdoor seating area. Dinner will be separate checks.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to ensure a spot for the event as it will be limited to 30 people. Registration form can be found on page 10. The deadline for registration is March 15, 2020. For more information please contact: Ron Borino at advertising@destertstars.club or 602-550-9939 or John Hutchison at johnhutchison@cox.net or (530) 304-2965.

Star Night @ Gertrude's Restaurant

Thursday January 28, 2021

Ron and Rhonda Borino

Known for its seasonally-inspired cooking, Gertrude's Restaurant combines American favorites with classic cooking techniques and flavors from around the globe. Seasonal menus celebrate Arizona's growers and producers, while offering a sophisticated culinary experience in a reserved oasis setting. The restaurant is located in the Phoenix Desert Botanical Gardens. A visit to the garden prior to dinner is encouraged and is optional. Dinner is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 28th. Gertrude's website is <https://dbg.org/gertrudes-restaurant/> This event, due to COVID restrictions, is limited to 12 and seating will be outside with no more than 4 to a table. Address is 102 North Galvin Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85008. Please RSVP to Ron at 602-550-9939 by January 15, 2021. Do not contact the restaurant directly. Event hosts – Ron and Rhonda Borino

President's Message

By Debbie Ichiyama

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! It's been a rough past year for everyone but hopefully things will improve in 2021.

The Desert Stars are very fortunate to have awesome members and volunteers who work very hard to make the club the success it is. However, we need your help. I encourage everyone to volunteer, either by helping and getting involved in future events, telling us about an idea you have for a Star Night restaurant, volunteering to help out at an event or even expressing interest for a position on our volunteer board of directors. We would like everyone to be involved in your club in order to continue to grow and prosper. Working together can bring in new ideas and demonstrate to new members that everyone is part of the team. Be a part of our future.

Please contact either myself or Karen Manser if you would like to help or just have questions about what is involved in becoming an active member. Send inquiries to desertstars@desertstars.club.

Stay safe and I hope to see you all in a better 2021.




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Holiday Party 2020

Held December 6, 2020
By Debbie Ichiyama

We had a great turnout this year for the 2020 Holiday Party “COVID Edition” at Tommy Bahama’s at Kierland Commons. Thank you to all that attended. It was great to see new members in attendance and to catch up with those we haven’t seen in a while.

After a delicious meal, we proceeded with our tradition of recognizing our member anniversaries. Ron Borino and Chuck Stanford presented the anniversary recognition pins to the recipients who were in attendance. This year’s recipients for five-year pins were Arnie Brown, Todd Bush & Terry and Katherine Coult. For fifteen years Ron and Rhonda Borino. Thirty years to Chuck and Ava Stanford and forty-five years to Manfred and Marlene Pfeiffer. Congratulations to all.

Thanks to all who brought toys for the 2020 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

I would also like to thank the staff at the Tommy Bahama’s. They did a great job setting the room with properly spaced tables and carefully abiding the safety protocols for us.

See pages 4 and 9 for pictures from the event.



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No Host Art Festival with the Desert Stars

Ron and Rhonda Borino

There are a number of the Desert Stars that love the many art festivals we have in the spring around the valley. As a person that attends these events regularly, two things I like are the creativity of the artists and unexpectedly running into people we know. Since the season is about to be upon us again, I have listed 4 art festivals below that are quite a bit a fun to attend. That said, Rhonda and I will definitely be in attendance at these events. We will plan on getting to the Art Festival by 11:00 and will wander through the show until at least 3 p.m. on the **Sunday** of the Art Festivals. It would be a blast to bump into other club members with similar interests at this event. Perhaps after we are done walking around, we could meet for a drink or dinner. The idea here is to get out, responsibly enjoy the venue [i.e., mask up and social distance], possibly buy some art and hopefully "run" in to other members. About as informal as you can get. There is no RSVP for this event and no host. If you want to possibly meet up excellent. If you want to attend on another date, great. The idea is to get out and enjoy. If we bump in to each other, wonderful.

Information on the shows we will attend is as follows:

28th Annual Winter Carefree Fine Art Festival

January 15th, 16th & 17th, 2021

101 Easy Street, Carefree, 85377

Admission is free Hours 10am - 5pm

The festival will take place in downtown Carefree, at the corner of Easy and Ho Hum streets. Hours are 10am to 5pm each day. Parking is free all weekend.

10th Annual Waterfront Fine Art Festival

February 12th, 13th & 14th, 2021

Downtown Scottsdale, 7135 E. Camelback Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Admission \$3.00 (cash only) - Hours 10am - 5pm

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17th Annual Fountain Hills Fine Art Festival

March 5th, 6th & 7th, 2021

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ADMISSION \$3.00 (Cash only) - HOURS 10AM - 5PM

The festival will take place on Avenue of the Fountains, between La Montana and Saguaro Blvd. Hours are 10am to 5pm each day. Admission is \$3.00 for all non-Fountain Hills residents.

26th Annual Spring Carefree Fine Art Festival

March 12th, 13th & 14th, 2021

Downtown Carefree - 101 Easy Street

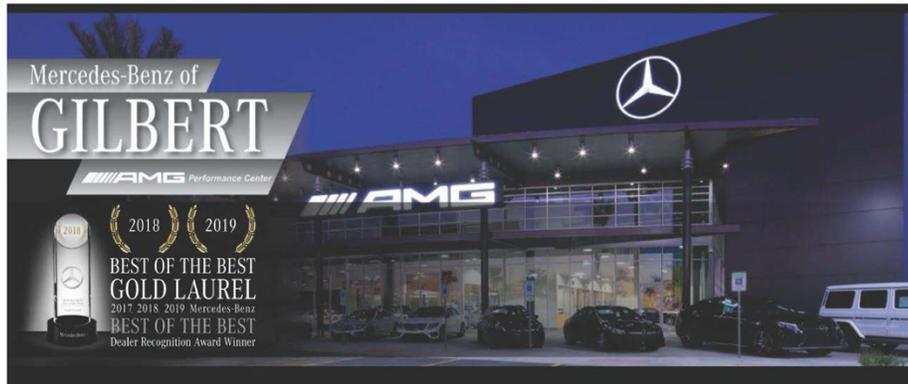
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The festival will take place in downtown Carefree, at the corner of Easy and Ho Hum streets. Hours are 10am to 5pm each day. Parking is free all weekend.

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Scottsdale Auction Week Update

By Mark Ichiyama

The pandemic has turned the Scottsdale auctions upside down, and leaving the folks that love the cars, the bidding and the people watching wondering what to do. Here's what we know.

Barrett-Jackson has postponed their event and will not be at Westword in January. "We decided it would be prudent at this time to safeguard everyone's health," said Craig Jackson, chairman and CEO of Barrett-Jackson. "We determined that moving our event to March 2021 seemed like the right thing to do to avoid the coronavirus spike that is currently being predicted." It is expected that the auction will be the week of March 22, 2021.

Gooding & Co. who is usually at Fashion Square in Old Town Scottsdale will be holding its sale online. There will be no local presence as the auction will be from their California facility on January 18th to January 22nd.

RM Sotheby's will hold a limited attendance "Livestream Auction on January 22nd but will be presented from the OTTO Car Club at 15550 North 78th Street in Scottsdale. Registered bidders only will be allowed at the club and viewing will be by appointment only.

Bonhams will present their auction from the Kierland Westin Hotel on January 21st and will be by live and remote bidding for registered bidders. According to their website, cars will be on "virtual display" on January 19th and 20th but will be "by appointment" or with a Bonhams specialist for a specific car.

Russo and Steele, will host an "exclusive private event" January 23rd at 7722 East Gray Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. Bidders will need to have submitted a proof of line of credit to gain entry, though the auction will be "live streamed."

As a reminder there will be no MB Enthusiasts Auction Dinner this year. Hopefully, it will be resumed in 2022.



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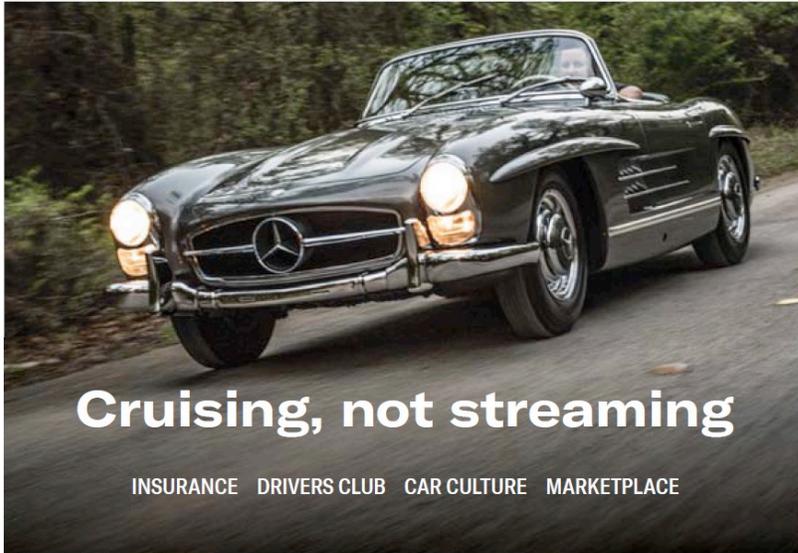
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The group at Scuderia Southwest have had members asking about the monthly Scottsdale Motor Sport gathering. After considerable work by Scuderia getting through the government bureaucracy the event has returned. For those not familiar with this event it is held the first Saturday of every month and is free for spectators. The event is held at:

Market Street at DC Ranch
20789 N Pima Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

More information about this group can be found at <https://www.scuderiasouthwest.com>

If you are planning on attending this event in future months please let Ron Borino know. Generally, several of our Desert Star members get together to walk the venue and then head for breakfast. You can contact Ron at 602-550-9939 or through advertising@desertstars.club

Poker Run

Saturday March 27, 2021

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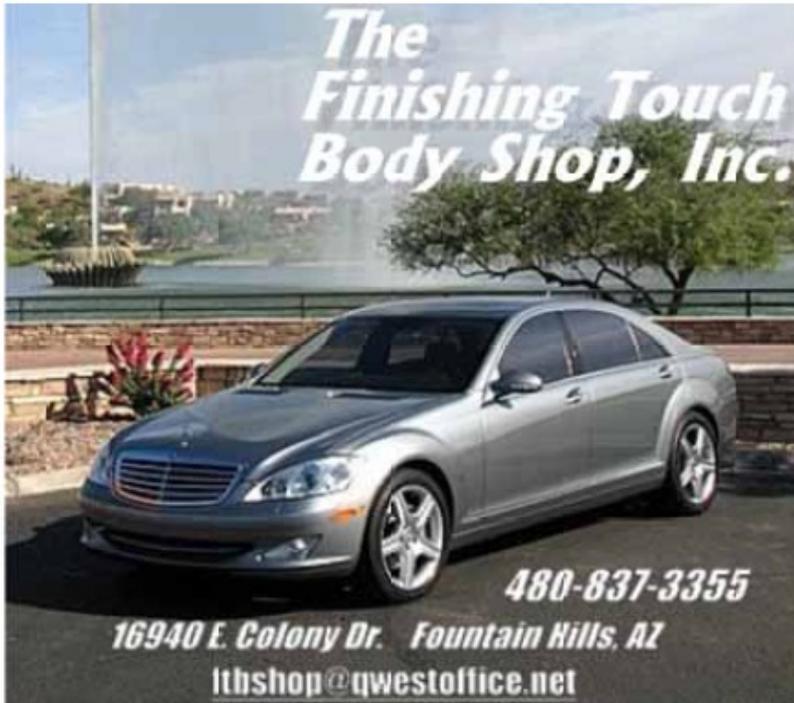
Many of these events have been cancelled and are in process of being rescheduled due to covid19. Updates will follow in future editions

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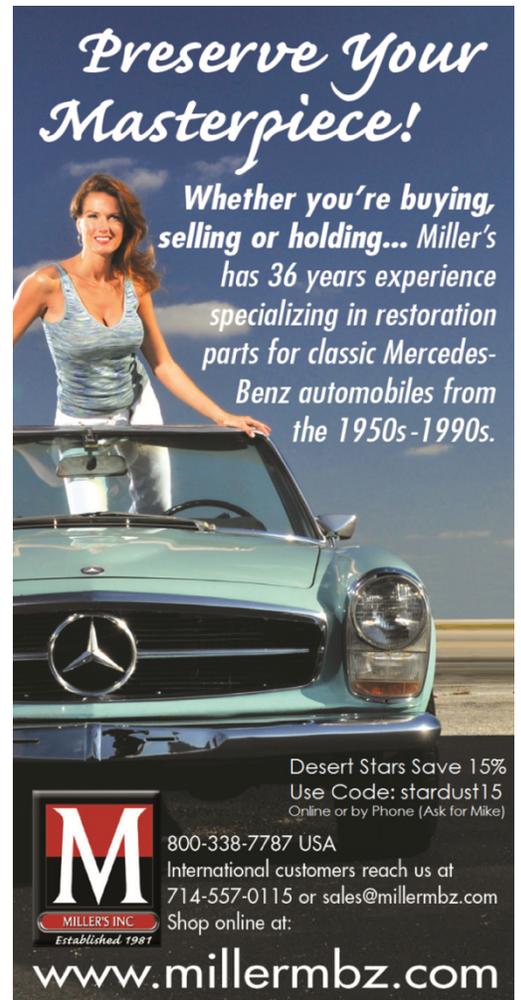
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January 28	Thursday	Star Night
February 14	Sunday	Art Festival
March 7	Sunday	Art Festival
March 14	Sunday	Art Festival
March 27	Sat	Poker Run
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