



## Rock and Roll Car Show and Dinner at the Pink Pony

Saturday July 18, 2015 at 4:30 PM

By John and Roberta Phin

Join Desert Stars for a car show at The Pavilions in Scottsdale, 9140 E. Indian Bend Rd., and dinner at the newly revitalized Pink Pony, also in Scottsdale, on Saturday, July 18th. The Rock and Roll Car Show is a Saturday standard combining classic, antique and perhaps a hot rod or two. It is free to the public and well-supported by local car nuts for years. We'll convene at 4:30 and after an hour or so looking at the cars on display, we'll drive to Downtown Scottsdale where the Shugrue family



has undertaken an extraordinary remake of the Pink Pony. This once old and tired steak house, is now an upscale and modern new-cuisine dining venue emphasizing fresh and local ingredients. We'll arrive at 6PM and as is our custom, order off the menu with separate checks. The Pink Pony's address is 3831 N. Scottsdale Rd. No need to call the restaurant as John and Roberta will handle reservations but do RSVP to John at [jjphin@cox.net](mailto:jjphin@cox.net) by July 11.

## Havasupai 2015

Friday through Sunday, September 18 – 20, 2015

By Ron and Rhonda Borino

This year's Havasupai will have the participants traveling through north central Arizona. We will begin our event Friday evening September 18th in Payson [the Heart of Arizona] with a reception at the El Rancho which is right next to the hotel. The next morning the participants will be sent off through Payson looking for various clues and landmarks. From Payson participants will drive towards Strawberry and ultimately over to Camp Verde for lunch. Once done with lunch the participants will be sent back out for round two which will take them across I-17 and into the Verde Valley passing through Cottonwood, Cornville and ultimately Sedona. Sedona will be the end of the line and where we will enjoy an awards dinner and spend Saturday night. September 20th we will plan an event in or around Sedona for those interested.



Above, Right: *Zane Grey's Cabin*  
Left: *Camp Verdes*  
Below, left: *Sedona*



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## President's Message

By Debbie Ichiyama

Happy July to All

I find it difficult to believe the year is already half over, where has the time gone? Well part of the time has been spent enjoying awesome events, some of which included The MB Enthusiast Dinner, Poker Run, Technical Features Demo, Annual Meeting, Lunch at the Lake and Prescott Tour and Mile High Brewfest.

The next 6 months will probably seem to fly by too, with many more fun packed events. Upcoming events include the Rock and Roll Car Show, Havasupai Rally, Death Valley National Park, Technical Session at Airpark Collision Specialists and of course the Holiday Party. Please check out the StarDust Newsletter for dates and details as they become available.

Our membership has grown by almost 20 since the beginning of the year. It has been great to see new members come out to events and as well as a lot of familiar faces. The coming events would be excellent opportunities for new members or long time members who haven't been to an event to meet and mingle with other Mercedes Benz enthusiasts.

I know with all the hard work and dedication that we will continue to grow. Thank you to all and stay cool this summer. ☺



*Debbie*

### Update your email address with The National Business Office

Contact our Membership Chair, Debbie Ichiyama, at 480-268-9535 or [dichiyama@me.com](mailto:dichiyama@me.com)

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## Star Night 2.0

By Roberta and John Phin

Talavera at the Four Seasons Resort, Sunday August 9, 2015 6:30 PM

Join Desert Stars for dinner at the Talavera restaurant at the Four Seasons Resort at Troon North in Scottsdale. This restaurant has a renowned executive chef who oversees an eclectic menu featuring steaks and seafood. The resort is nestled in the foothills, so we will enjoy dramatic sunset views of the slopes of Pinnacle Peak. The restaurant is best described as “upscale casual” befitting a high-end vacation destination. The date is August 9th and the time is 6:30. The address is 10600 East Crescent Moon Drive which is off Alma School south of Dynamite. RSVP to John and Roberta Phin by August 2 at 480-272-8851 or [jjphin@cox.net](mailto:jjphin@cox.net). No need to call the restaurant for reservations as John will handle those arrangements. 

## Legends of the Autobahn® 2015

**Special National Event:** 9am Friday, August 14, 2015 Monterey, CA



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Legends returns to the prestigious and beautiful **Nicklaus Club** in Monterey, California, so close to Mazda Laguna Seca Raceway that you can hear the racecars. Michelin is also returning as the presenting sponsor, along with MBUSA as our major sponsor, special display cars from the M-B Classic Center, and Keith Martin (editor and publisher of Sports Car Market) as emcee.

This year Legends is special for MBCA for two reasons: celebration of the 60th anniversary of the 190SL with a separate concours class for this model, and introduction of the MBCA Silver Star Preservation Class. This class is for members who want to show their well-preserved, largely original and unrestored-since-new Mercedes-Benz on the concours field, but not for judging. Whatever model you drive, you can register it in one of the judged classes, Silver Star Preservation class, or display-only corral. Registration for all three categories is at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com). Registration entry fees are: \$75 for the judged concours classes for 1995 or older vehicles, \$60 for the Silver Star Preservation Class, and \$40 for the display-only corral (Mercedes of any age). Buffet breakfast, buffet lunch, VIP lunch and event polo shirts are optional. All registered cars will receive one SWAG bag as a special MBCA gift.

The discounted early-bird registration deadline is August 1, and all registration closes August 7. There is no admission fee for spectators, however a small parking fee is charged by the golf course. Contact Laura Simonds 650.592.7613

*This article, from MBCA.org, has been edited to fit the StarDust. – Ed.* 

## Volunteers Needed for the Arizona Concours

By Chuck Stanford

The Arizona Concours d'Elegance, to be held January 24, 2016 on the beautiful grounds of the Arizona Biltmore Hotel and Resort, is looking for volunteers to help as class and entrant hosts and in various day-of-event roles including hospitality, field management and the awards ceremony. The Arizona Concours, co-founded by our own Desert Stars Chuck Stanford and Kevin Cornish, is a totally volunteer 501(c)(3) organization that benefits Make-A-Wish® Arizona, the founding chapter of the national organization that grants wishes for children facing life-threatening medical conditions.

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## In The Mirror: Desert Stars Annual Meeting

By Mark Ichiyama

We had a great turn out for our annual meeting luncheon on May 3rd at The Gladly Restaurant. The day was perfect, the venue was ideal, the food was delicious and it was a great opportunity to catch up with members and welcome all of the new members who attended the event.



Following the “mingle” time, we gathered for a delicious lunch and were entertained by a slide show recap of the past events and important club information.

After lunch we had a short business meeting where Debbie Ichiyama reported that our membership grew by 21 over last year, our finances are strong.



Activities Directors John and Roberta Phin gave us a preview of upcoming events this summer and fall.



Plaques were presented to the retiring Directors; Roberta and John Phin, and Mark Ichiyama.

The election for Officers and new Directors was then held. The Officers are President Debbie Ichiyama, Vice President Bob Yoder, Treasurer Dick Sharp and Secretary Don Burton. The New Directors are Bud Cloninger and Matt Crawford.

# In The Mirror: Lunch at the Lake

May 30, 2015

By John & Roberta Phin



Twenty-three Desert Stars, including thirteen month old Ariana, took a tour from downtown Scottsdale to the Lakeside Restaurant on Canyon Lake. Canyon Lake is east of Apache Junction so our tour took us through parts of this area that many had not seen previously. This group of enthusiasts showed great flexibility and creativity as we changed the course en route in response to the ever-changing ADOT detours in the East Valley. We first reconnoitered for some car-plus-people photos at the Superstition Mountain Museum in Apache Junction, then drove down to Canyon Lake through some challenging descents and turns and spectacular scenery. We had lunch on the deck of the Lakeside Restaurant, overlooking the lake and enjoying the beautiful day. Canyon Lake is truly a treasure of spectacular beauty that Arizonans can enjoy all year round. After a most amicable lunch, several members cruised up the Canyon in a self-driven pontoon boat, others made the trip on the stern-wheeler Dolly and a few drove off to see Apache Lake. This was a lovely way to spend a warm and sunny Saturday, enjoying our cars and the friendship of the group. 🐾

*See more photos on pages 9, and 10. – Ed.*



*Emanuel, Ariana and Kathleen Novac on the water*



*Mamiko showed up for a photo with Greg!*

## Sponsor Spotlight

By Ken Borowitz

In this edition of our new “**Sponsor Spotlight**” article, we take a closer look at **Reinhard’s German Autohaus**, located in Mesa.

Family owned and operated by Reinhard and Pamela Zorko, their business actually started in 2006 as “Benz Parts” on eBay (and located in Hereford near Bisbee), appealing to those looking for used MB parts. A year later, they re-located to their present location at 5350 E Main St in Mesa.

**Q: What is your main business focus?**

**A:** We maintain and service all German makes, but Mercedes is our main passion, and customer service is our top priority. No matter what your repair needs might be, we can take care of it, and will ensure your satisfaction using original parts or manufacturer equivalents.

**Q: Do you have any special qualifications / certifications?**

**A:** Reinhard is a German Master Trained Mercedes Technician, and has also worked in the US for 20+ years with many of the best independent repair shops and factory dealers. Our staff is well-trained and qualified, and we guarantee you will experience the highest quality repair.

**Q: Besides regular maintenance and repair services, are there any other services you offer?**

**A:** We offer pre-purchase inspections to ensure you are purchasing a quality vehicle. Occasionally, we restore and sell vehicles, making sure that the buyer will be safe and confident in the mechanical condition.

**Q: What are your business hours?**

**A:** We are open Mondays thru Fridays from 8am to 5pm. We aren’t open on Saturdays because we feel it is really important to spend time with our children Karissa and Reinhard. If anyone visits the shop when school not in session, you’re likely to see them here.

**Q: Tell us more about your children.**

**A:** Our son, Reinhard, is a HUGE Mercedes Benz enthusiast, and at age 15, he can tear a complete engine down and put it back together. He can also inform you about any motor specs on any Mercedes. He hopes to design and engineer for Mercedes one day. Our daughter Karissa, loves to help in the office, and is also a big help to Dad in the shop.

**Q: Do you own a Mercedes-Benz?**

**A:** Reinhard is the proud owner of a 2002 CL500, 1987 Euro 560SEC AMG, and recently acquired a 2000 ML55 AMG. He and our son are also in the process of restoring a 1989 560SEL for the young Reinhard. We also have a few 126 spare cars around for parts.

**Q: Tell us more about yourselves, and what you like to do away from the shop?**

**A:** We are HUGE HUGE F1 fans. We never miss watching a race, even if it means we have to get up in the wee hours of the morning to watch it. We are also avid diners, always seeking new dining experiences. One of our favorite local spots is Tapas Papa Frita in Old Town Scottsdale.

**Q: Any MBCA / Desert Stars events which are special for you?**

**A:** One of the reasons why we are active Desert Star members is the chance to help the community charities, especially the...



Please see *Spotlight* on page 9

*The Zorko family: Karissa, Pamela, Reinhard and Reinhard, Jr.*

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Friday night, September 18, in Payson is Self-Pay. Please contact Comfort Inn at 928-472-7484. Please let them know you are with the Mercedes Benz Club. Our negotiated rate is \$85.99.

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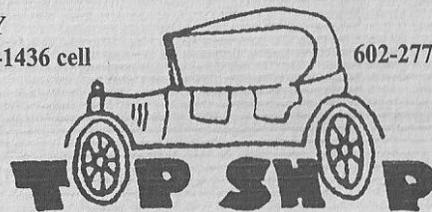
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...Christmas / Holiday toy drive for the children. We always strive to give back to the community whenever possible.

**Q: Anything else you want our members to know?**

**A:** We want our customers to have a great experience. We work hard to ensure we repair only what you need. Also, customers can drop off their car anytime – we have a key drop box for after-hours needs. If you are waiting on your repair to be completed, we offer complementary Wi-Fi.

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Even more photos from *Lunch at the Lake!*



*Starting top left, clockwise: One-lane bridge before the marina; Lunch was enjoyed after that drive; Dolly ready for the tour; a dock fish who eats well.*

*Below: This silly group skipped the boat, and went for a dusty drive*



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August 9, 2015	Sunday	StarNight - Talavera at the Four Seasons Resort
September 18-20, 2015	Weekend	Havasupai
October 16-18, 2015	Weekend	Death Valley National Park
November 14, 2015	Saturday	Tech Session hosted by Airpark Collision
December 6, 2015	Sunday	Holiday Party
January 30, 2016	Saturday	MB Enthusiast Dinner

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