



# THE STARDUST

DESERT STARS SECTION | ARIZONA

Sept-Oct 2017

## A Drive to Lunch - Up the Creek

Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 12:00PM

By Todd Bush

Now that the hot weather is (mostly) behind us get ready to join your Desert Stars in the Verde Valley for lunch. Let's enjoy a scenic trip to the center of our great state. It's time to take out our cars and enjoy the fall weather in this drive to lunch event. Lunch will be at noon on October 14 at Up the Creek Bistro, 1975 N. Page Spring Rd in Cornville. We will have a private room for our event with a view of the creek, a limited menu of sandwiches and a few salad options.



Up the Creek has several world wine options as well as numerous Arizona grown wines from the Verde Valley as well as the southern Willcox region. While we will have a limited food menu the wine list is wide open. As is our custom, we will order off the menu and have separate checks. If you are interested in lingering a little while after lunch there are numerous vineyards, tasting rooms and boutique shops in the area to enjoy. Of note, Page Springs Cellars, Oak Creek Winery and Javelina Leap Winery are all within a mile of the restaurant; Old Town Cottonwood has four tasting rooms, antique stores and boutiques and it is about a 15-minute drive. RSVP to Todd at 928-699-7050 or [glamrox92345@yahoo.com](mailto:glamrox92345@yahoo.com). There is no need to call the restaurant as Todd is handling the arrangements.



*This is the guy to beat*

## AutoX (AutoCross)

Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 7:00AM

By Matthew Crawford

*"I registered and so should you!"*

We are way overdue for some track time so we are acting on our open invitation to run some laps with the Arizona Section of the Porsche Club of America (PCA) in their autocross at Arizona Motorsports Park Skidpad.

You do not need a race car to participate. In fact, I had such fun doing this in our SLK that I am curious about how our other cars will perform, so I am going to participate in my E350 'Estate' wagon. (I think the 4MATIC all-wheel drive may

Please see *AutoX*, on page 5

## Holiday Party & Anniversary Recognition

Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 12:00PM

By Debbie Ichiyama

WOW It is hard to believe that the Holidays will soon be upon us. Clear the 3rd of December for the Annual Holiday Party and Member Anniversary recognition celebration is here! It is time to reflect on 2017 and spend time with friends and fellow members and welcome in the spirit of the holidays.

Mr. Zoran Klisara has welcomed us back to Tommy V's Urban Kitchen and Bar. As is customary, he is opening up exclusively for us. We will have the restaurant and parking lot to ourselves.

Holiday shopping awaits in Old Town Scottsdale for you to pick up gifts for friends and family. Anniversary celebrants (page 3) must attend to receive your recognition pins. We want to see you! Oh, don't forget we are collecting for Toys for Tots so please bring an un-wrapped gift. Registration form on page 9 has details. Make this holiday season a special one by joining your Desert Stars friends.

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## President's Message

By Debbie Ichiyama

Fall is almost here and that brings the start of ideal Arizona weather to dust off our cars and head out to enjoy our surroundings. There are open roads away from the interstates and Loops. We have some driving events planned over the next six months or so that will provide us with not only the opportunity to get out and drive but also to enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow members.

September 16 is the Havasupai Rallye. This is always a fun event and this year promises to be also. We will drive through the Valley of the Sun's southern suburbs of Gilbert, Chandler, Mesa, and Tempe, ending up at a restaurant in the Indian School corridor.

October 14th brings a trip to Verde Valley for lunch. It is a beautiful part of the state, many road options to get to the destination and there are quite a few things to do after lunch in the area. Please check out the article on page 1 and plan on joining us.

For the members that might want to safely test your driving skills, there is an autocross event, organized by the local Porsche Club of America section but open to any make and model car at the Arizona Motorsports Park in Litchfield on October 21st.

February is the Annual Poker Run. Always a fun, non-competitive rallye and it is so much fun to explore parts of the state that we might not normally see.

In March, we have a road trip to Las Vegas, NV planned. This will be a weekend trip and promises to be one that you don't want to miss. Stretch your cars legs and see the sights. A preview of some of the drives that weekend are Saturday morning we will take a drive up through the Red Rock State park, see the visitor center and take the scenic drive through the park. We will then head to Pahrump for lunch at the Willow Creek Golf Course. After lunch, we will drive over to the Pahrump Winery to taste some of the local wines. Then there is the drive back to the resort with different options including driving along the Nevada test site and Creech field.

Watch the Newsletters for more details on the Poker Run and Las Vegas trip. I hope to see you out there!



*Debbie*

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## Dia de Los Muertos Luncheon

Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 11:00AM until 1:00PM

By Jim and Debra Larson

The Desert Stars align for a great luncheon held in the historic University Club of Phoenix. Good food, excellent conversation, and a presentation on the celebration of Dia de los Muertos are all in store for this event on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

The University Club of Phoenix is set in a beautiful estate built in 1925 near the heart of downtown. University Clubs have a long tradition of bringing together graduates from across the country in a private setting to socialize and entertain. Since opening in 1968, The University Club of Phoenix has hosted some of the state's most notable politicians, celebrities, and titans of industry. Boasting a professional kitchen with exceptional staff, dining at the University Club of Phoenix rivals any great restaurant in the city.

Serving its members and the community, the University Club of Phoenix Foundation curates an art show scholarship fundraiser featuring many of the best artists in Arizona. Enjoy the photographs from Gina Santi focused on the celebration of Dia de los Muertos. After lunch, hear a brief presentation on the cultural significance of the celebration in Mexico and how it manifests here in the United States and enjoy the altars built to remember others.

\$30.00 per Guest - including tax and service charge, Cash or credit card may be paid at the time of the event. No cancellations after November 1, 2017. Please RSVP to Jim and Debra Larson at (602) 954-0788 or email at [dlarsonphx@aol.com](mailto:dlarsonphx@aol.com)

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## Holiday Party Anniversary Celebrants

Anniversary celebrants must attend the Holiday Party to receive the MBCA 5-year incremented recognition pins. Please see page 1 for details.

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### 30 Years

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### 25 Years

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Charles Barrett  
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Egon Hagemann

### 20 Years

Michael Kosters  
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David Shapiro

### 15 Years

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### 10 Years

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### 10 Years

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## Tech Session: Tools of the Trade *Zen and the Art of Mercedes-Benz Repair*

November 11, 2017 9:00AM

By Bud Cloninger

Every professional requires a host of tools to make them the best at what they do. The seamstress needs to have the finest scissors, the cabinetmaker will need most accurate cutting tools and the Mercedes technician an endless array of diagnostic and hand tools. Unlike most professions we first need to disassemble our product in a broken state, before reassembling it in working order.

In the automotive world, the nuts bolts and fasteners that hold our cars together seem to be changing almost daily. This requires the technician to constantly retool to keep up with the advancements of the automotive world. With

modern assembly techniques robots build most of our engines, and for the most part manufacturers it seems are more concerned with assembly and not disassembly for repairs. Single use bolts, special sealants in place of gaskets and coolant hoses that snap into place without the use of hose clamps. Even the solvent tanks and parts washers of the past have faded away and we now use microbes to eat the grease and oil from our engine parts. No longer is it just nuts and bolts and a little common sense.

We will explore the evolution of Mercedes-Benz disassembly and repair and the tools needed to do the job correctly. Guest speakers will talk to us on the advancement of automotive products and tooling. Please join us Saturday November 11th at 9:00 am. The address is 2730 E McDowell Rd. Cost for this event is \$15.00 to cover the cost of refreshments and a catered lunch.

Please fill out the registration form or for credit card payments call Debbie Ichiyama at 480-268-9535. Do not forget to RSVP with me for this event (page 7) to make sure you have a seat at the workbench! Any questions about the event, call Bud Cloninger 602-326-6210.



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*AutoX* from Page 1

prove quite impressive against those Porsche guys – ha-ha!)

Instructors are available to ride “shotgun” for first timers. If you have a helmet, bring it, but a limited number of loaner helmets are available. Non-Porsches, and non-Mercedes are welcome to join in. Also, all drivers must volunteer in some capacity the day of the run. Some may handle time sheets, others can work a corner straightening any cones that may be knocked over. I would greatly appreciate knowing who plans on coming, but all registration for the event is handled via motorsport.reg (if you did any track events at StarFest 2012, you have an account already). There should be a hotdog food truck there, but bring a cooler, snacks, sunscreen, shade, and a folding chair if you wish. The only structures in the area are restrooms.

The price is \$60 if prepaid, otherwise \$70 if paid on site. Arrive when the gates open at 7:00 am. First car out is at 9:00 am. (Sorry but no go-karts, Polaris type, formula or other exoskeleton vehicles permitted). Note: AMP has a strict sound limit and your vehicle must pass sound tech.

Contact Matt with any questions at [StarDustMBCA@gmail.com](mailto:StarDustMBCA@gmail.com) or call/text 305-323-7696. Register at [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com) by October 20, 2017.

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## In the Mirror: Wine Tasting

Held July 22, 2017

By Todd Bush

We had a great time tasting some of the wine available at Central Wine in Phoenix on July 22nd. Over 20 Desert Stars were in attendance for this casual afternoon of conversation and sampling. It was a great time to get inside out of the Arizona heat for a refreshing glass. We enjoyed Arizona grown, California and Oregon wines.

It was nice to see most couples going home with bottles in hand.

While this was a local stop for our Desert Stars, our next one will be a "drive to lunch" event. Stay tuned!







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### Holiday Party December 3, 2017

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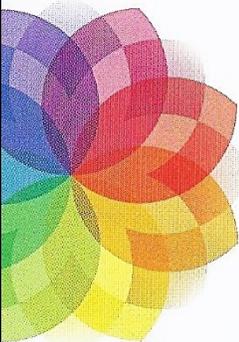


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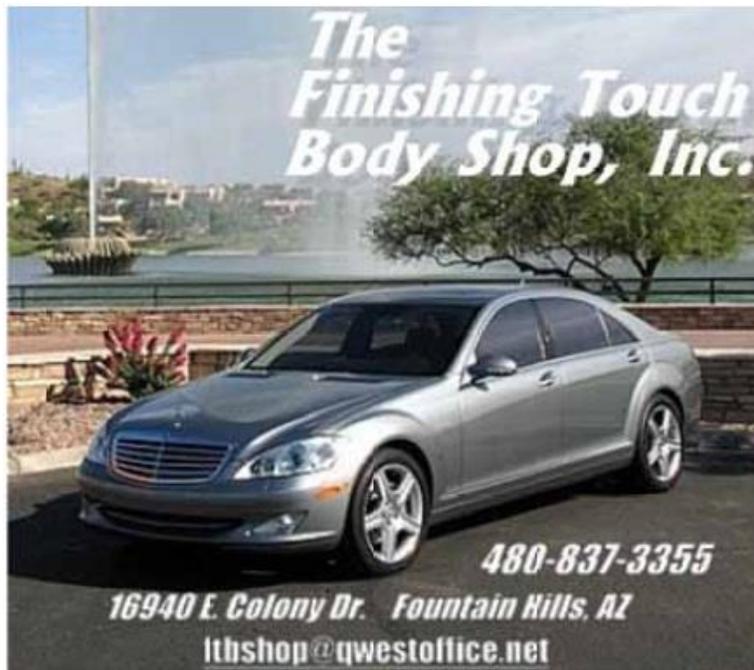
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