



## Beat the Heat meets POKER RUN – August 10<sup>th</sup>

By Harman and Susan Cadis

**Get ready for some Poker Action in the cool Northern Arizona mountains!** Don't worry, you don't need to bet or bluff your way to winning the big prize (but bribes will be accepted). Just enjoy the day driving to interesting places and having fun with your friends in Desert Stars.

This year we have another great event planned – Come explore interesting (high and low) places in Arizona while building your Poker Hand (high and low) along with enjoyable friends and fellow car enthusiasts. So, put on your poker hats and sleeve garters, breakout the deck of marked cards and join us in having a good time!

The winners and losers will both enjoy prizes and a fantastic dinner in the world-renowned Turquoise Room at the Winslow La Posada Hotel. We have a block of rooms already waiting for you on Saturday night.

We plan to meet at Phil's Filling Station in Fountain Hills (breakfast if you like) and leave at 8:30 AM with a cool Saturday morning drive through the mountains past Pine and Strawberry to the New Mercedes of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff. After our lunch in Flagstaff, we will then make our way East to visit Meteor Crater and end up at a "corner in Winslow Arizona" for photo ops! Make sure you have a full tank of gas or charge, as we will be traveling many miles to find those cards.

Rooms and meals are not included in the registration fee. To reserve your room, call the La Posada Hotel at 928-289-4366. Tell them your booking code is DES081024. The block of rooms is only held until July 10<sup>th</sup>. After that it is by availability.

Registration form is on page 11. Please complete the form and send to Debbie Ichiyama with your payment. The registration fee of \$30 per person includes goodies and prizes.

For questions contact Harman or Susan Cadis 480-242-8087. Registration forms should be received by August 3<sup>rd</sup>, after that date, contact Harman for availability.

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# President's Message

By Debbie Ichiyama

Summer is upon us and I hope everyone is staying cool and hydrated.

We have two great driving events planned in the coming months. In August Beat the Heat meets Poker Run. This promises to be lots of fun. Then Oct 4 to 6 is the annual Havasupai rallye.

Please read more in the StarDust newsletter for all the details of the event.

For those of you who are sticking it out in the Valley this year, stay cool, get the good sunscreen and keep refreshments nearby. For those of you who are taking off to escape the heat, safe travels.



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## Welcome our new Members!

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## ***Havasupai '24 is Heading to Spectacular Kartchner Caverns***

By Chuck and Ava Stanford

Of all the beautiful destinations that Arizona offers to the enthusiast driver, it's hard to beat the Kartchner Caverns for sheer amazement and uniqueness. And if you've lived in State 48 for more than a few years and not yet seen these beautiful caves, you've GOT to do this! You're in for a real treat!

The 2024 version of ***Havasupai***, the Desert Stars' annual fall rallye will head south in early October and visit the world-famous Kartchner Caverns State Park. We're going 'spelunking' in what have been voted the "Most Beautiful Caves in the US" along with some other special and scenic detours though a less traveled part of our state. Not to worry, this will be a mobility-friendly tour!

Veteran Rallyemasters Chuck and Ava Stanford have promised an exciting and memorable weekend with scenery guaranteed to put plenty of "WOW's" and "Oh My's" in your Facebook pages. You'll be driving Arizona's picturesque scenery and winding roads, share a glimpse of Arizona's thriving wine country, and enjoy unique beauty that took Mother Nature millions of years to create.

Start by making your own reservations at Tucson's comfortable Foothills Embassy Suites Hotel. The rate of only \$194 per nite is a sweet deal that includes cooked-to-order breakfast, welcome reception, and all the resort amenities! Call 520-352-4000 and ask for "*the MBCA package*" of a King or Double Queen Room for two nites (Friday and Saturday, October 4 and 5). You may also register via [Mercedes Benz Reservation Link](#) Note that the Cutoff Date for the hotels special rate is September 04, 2024. .

We'll meet Friday nite at the Embassy Suites and kick off the weekend while enjoying their lite Happy Hour Welcome Reception. On Saturday morning following a hearty breakfast, we'll hit the road for local scenery, some beautiful Arizona roads, and a few surprises and puzzles along the way. There will also be a *Havasupai "Lite"* option for the non-competitive among us. After lunch, we'll visit the Kartchner Caverns State Park's informative "Discovery Center" before taking a tram to a guided walking tour of the spectacular Rotunda/Throne Room to view thousands of years of cave growth. This is not to be missed!

Saturday nite we'll celebrate our driving accomplishments with an awards dinner that will feature prizes for all and, of course, we'll award traditional Kachinas for those whose mileage, observation, and puzzle skills from the morning rallye best match the Rallyemasters.

You won't want to miss this unique weekend – attractively priced at only \$389 per couple (\$259 for a single) for the entire weekend. This all-inclusive amount covers all your meals and prizes, venue entries and tickets, in fact, everything but your hotel, adult beverages, and fuel. Due to strict limits on the tour group sizes in the caves, our Rallye size is limited and will sell out early! Make your hotel reservations NOW and then fill out the form on page 11 and return it to Debbie Ichiyama. We look forward to seeing you in October!



## Desert Stars Oktoberfest 2024

By David Cesal

### Brats, Beer & Benz



#### Mark your calendars!

This autumn join the Desert Stars for a delightful afternoon of German-inspired festivities, returning to the home and gardens of Dave and Kim Cesal in the heart of Phoenix. Whether you're a proud Mercedes owner or a passionate enthusiast, this event promises good company, delicious food, and a celebration of all things MB.

**Date:** Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Location:** Residence of Dave and Kim Cesal in Central Phoenix

#### Event Highlights:

- **Prost! Garden:** Bring your own authentic German brew and enjoy the garden grounds, crisp autumn air and festive German folk music.
- **Bratwurst Barbecue:** Indulge in mouthwatering bratwursts hot off the grill and salted pretzels.
- **MB Car Showcase:** Park your vintage or contemporary Mercedes-Benz along the quarter-mile stretch of the Phoenix Country Club.
- **Contests and Prizes:** Test your knowledge of Mercedes Benz related trivia, compete at lawn games and win MB prizes.

#### Dress Code:

Feel free to don your lederhosen, dirndls, or your favorite Mercedes Benz gear!

**Fee:** \$30 for members/ \$36 for guest.

Registration info on page 11

We look forward to celebrating Oktoberfest with fellow MB enthusiasts!

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*Note: This event is exclusively for Mercedes Benz Car Club members and their guests.*

## Cars & Coffee

We will be having a Cars & Coffee at Mercedes Benz of North Scottsdale on Saturday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 11am. More info to follow.



## 2024 Mercedes Grande – Indianapolis

Roger Brummett

MERCEDES GRANDE will take place again this year September 6, 7, and 8 here in Indianapolis.

We will again participate with Artomobilia and will present the Mercedes Monumental Car Show and Car Corral as a part of Artomobilia. In addition, we will be hosting a road rally to benefit a national charity, an event called Show & Shine that is a combination car show, fashion show, cocktail party, and Polo Match at Hickory Hall Polo Grounds in Whitestown, Indiana, and we will once again host the Racing Simulator Challenge at Silo Auto Club. There are a couple of more evening events that are being sorted out.

As soon as more information is available it will be posted. Last year this was a great event, and I can only imagine it will be just as much fun this year.

Any questions please contact me [roger.mbcaindianacrossroads@gmail.com](mailto:roger.mbcaindianacrossroads@gmail.com)

## Website

Please go to the new website [mbca.org](http://mbca.org) and confirm all information is correct including your cars, add your significant other (if they are not already listed) and all contact info.

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**MBCA Desert Stars  
Annual Meeting  
Minutes**

**Saturday May 4, 2024  
9:00 AM**

**Board Members Present:** Debbie Ichiyama, John Hutchison, Rhonda Borino, Brynn Burton and Katherine Coult attended.

**Board Members Absent:** John Truttman, Ed Crawford, David Cesal and Carey Hobson

Attending: Mark Ichiyama, Don Burton, Ron Borino, Nancy Kuhn, Mike Welton, Maryanne Hutchison, Rich Schulte, Donna Willemsen, Regina Miskewitz, Jim and Barb Boyle, Susan and Harman Cadis, Ed and Joyce Kasmar and Terry Coult

**Minutes Taken by:** Katherine Coult

- **Call the Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Debbie. Breakfast Meeting was held at the Orange Tree Golf Resort.

The annual election was held to elect the new board members with 20 voting in person and 10 voting electronically.

Those elected are: Debbie Ichiyama, President, Ed Crawford, Vice-President, Rhonda Borino, Treasurer, Katherine Coult, Secretary. The Director's elected are Carey Hobson and Michael Welton.

- **Treasurer's Report**

The Desert Stars Financial Report shows it to be solvent with no debt. The checking account has a current balance of \$7,952.64 and the certificate of deposit has a balance of \$20,683.75. The total balance is \$28,636.39.

- **Activities and Events**

There have been 10 events held including one Regional and one Star Night event. There is an event at the Martin Auto Museum 4320 W Thunderbird Rd, Glendale, AZ with lunch afterward at Cucina Tagliani located at 17045 N 59<sup>th</sup> Ave #101, Glendale, AZ. Sign up with Ron Borino by May 10. There will be a Poker Run organized by Harman and Susan Cadis the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August. The event will be a two-day event in the Cottonwood area. The next activity will be Havasupai which will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October. Chuck and Ava Stanford are hosting with the assistance of Ron and Rhonda Borino. There will be an Octoberfest picnic on October 26 at the home of David and Kim Cesal. It will be a bring your own beer. The food will be brats and pretzels will be provided and there will be lawn games. The holiday party is firmed up at the Gray Hawk Golf Course set to be held on December 8, 2024.

- **Advertising**

Ron reminded everyone to go to the Mercedes Club website and social media sites to patronize our Advertisers. Positive reviews are greatly appreciated.

- **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Debbie at 10:30 am

# Martin Museum

By Ron Borino

The Desert Stars had a nice event Saturday, May 11th at the Martin Auto Museum in Glendale, Arizona. This was a curated event with the museum providing a very knowledgeable docent who took our group around the facility describing many of the automobiles. Members of the Desert Stars were in attendance taking advantage of the reduced entry fee for the museum. In all 20 of us were present which made for a manageable group. After the museum tour most of us headed over to Cucina Taglioni for a nice Italian lunch.

If you have not been to this museum, please add it to your list of things to do or a place to bring out of town family and friends. It is a Phoenix treasure. <https://www.martinautomuseum.org>





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**2. What other types of luxury products does AZ Fine Time offer?** We have fine time pieces from, Alpina, Ball, Bulova, Casio, Citizen, Frederique Constant, Hamilton, Luminox, Seiko, Tutima and more. Along with an extensive selection of fine tobacco products, too many to list, see or extensive selection on our web site, to suit everyone's taste, plus an opportunity to join our Cigar King Club with Cigar of the month with many great benefits. We also offer a line of fine Men's shaving products.



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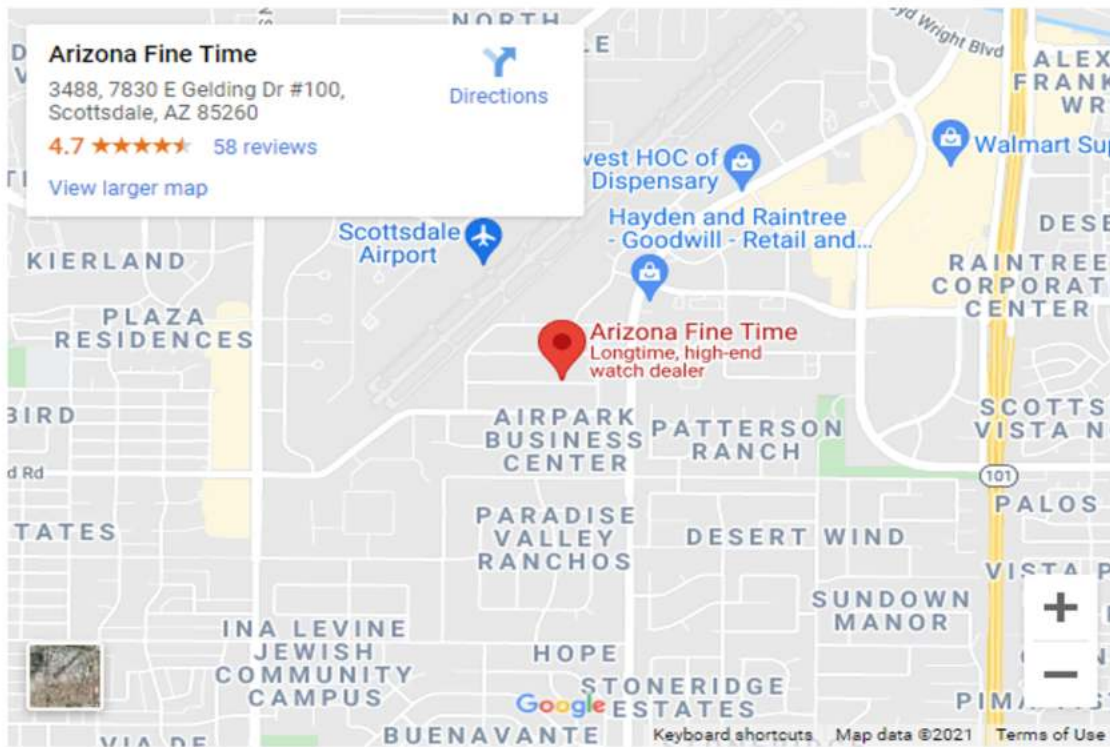
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**4. What kind of events can be hosted at AZ Fine Time?** We can host many different activities here with our extensive back area set up with lounge chairs and multiple overhead TV's. We can, and have held special Watch and Cigar events, we are available to discuss any possibilities at our shop.

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## Havasupai

Please register and pay by September 4, 2024

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## Oktoberfest

Please register and pay by October 12, 2024

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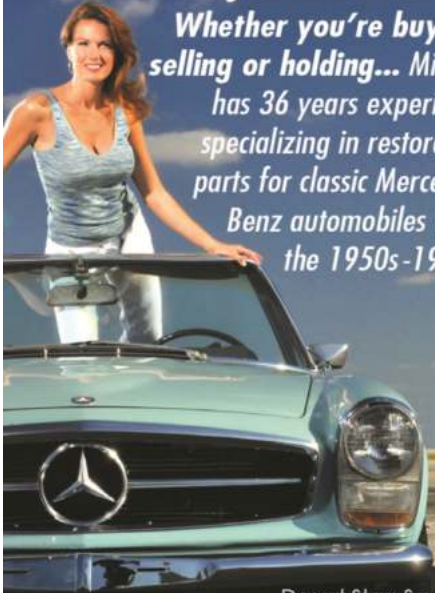
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The Desert Stars is looking for an Activities Director. If you have time and would like to have a little fun with a challenge contact Debbie Ichiyama for information on the following position:

The Activity Director oversees and coordinates chapter activities such as drives, dining events, tours, outings, picnics, dealer events, etc. The focus should be assisting in creating activities that enhance participants' appreciation of their vehicles, enrich their lives, and create camaraderie of members. Specifically, an activity director's duties may include:

- Maintaining a calendar of activities and effectively communicating it to participants.
- Coordinating and communicating with the board and members.
- Ensuring that participants follow all safety protocols.
- Submitting budgetary recommendations for events as required.

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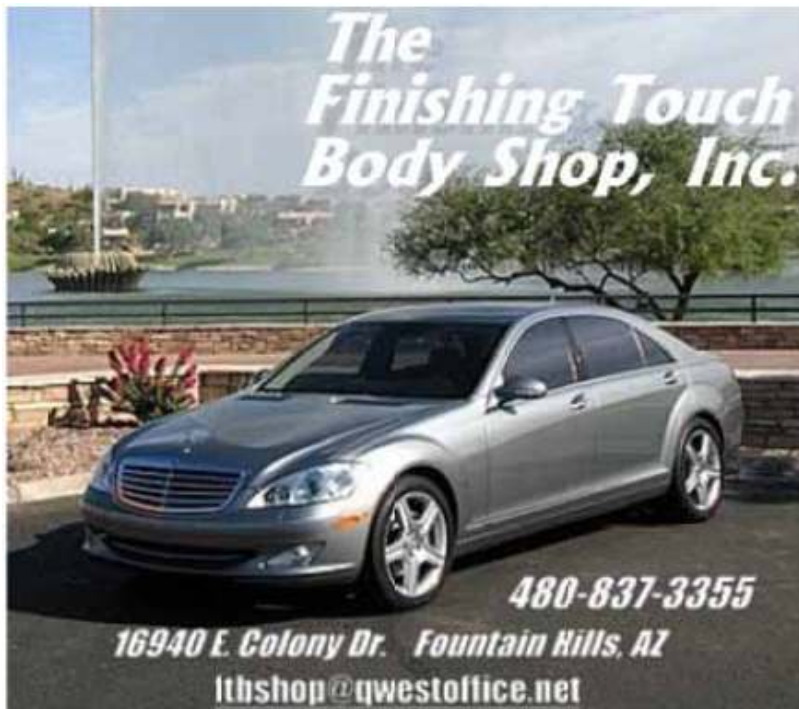
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	<b>R2</b>	 07-09 MAR <b>SAUDI ARABIA</b> JEDDAH	<b>R14</b>	 26-28 JUL <b>BELGIUM</b> SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS
	<b>R3</b>	 22-24 MAR <b>AUSTRALIA</b> MELBOURNE	<b>R15</b>	 23-25 AUG <b>NETHERLANDS</b> ZANDVOORT
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	<b>R5</b>	 19-21 APR <b>CHINA</b> SHANGHAI	<b>R17</b>	 13-15 SEP <b>AZERBAIJAN</b> BAKU
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Scottsdale European Service is your dealership alternative for Mercedes Benz repair and maintenance in the Scottsdale area. We offer you dealer-level service at a price that is affordable. Our goal is to be the best independent Mercedes Benz service and repair shop in the valley. With over 70 years of combined Mercedes Benz dealership experience and factory diagnostic equipment you can trust us to service and repair your Mercedes Benz right the first time!

Our services include, but are not limited to Mercedes Benz scheduled maintenance, A service, B service, oil changes, electrical issues, windshields, tint, paint repair and detailing. We can handle pretty much anything you need for your Mercedes Benz at a fraction of the cost compared to the dealership. We use Factory recommended fluids and OEM parts to keep your Mercedes Benz operation as you would expect and will not void your warranty.

With your busy schedule let's face it getting your car into the shop can be a hassle, that's why we offer a pick up and delivery service from your home or place of business to make it even easier to take care of your Mercedes Benz! Schedule online or give us a call you won't be disappointed!

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## SAVE THESE DATES

August 10-11	Sat - Sun	Poker Run
Oct 4-6	Fri - Sun	Havasupai
Oct 12	Sat	Cars & Coffee
October 26	Sat	Oktoberfest
Dec 8	Sun	Holiday Party
Date TBD		Holiday Lights Tour

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