



September-October

The StarDust

DESERT STARS SECTION | ARIZONA

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!

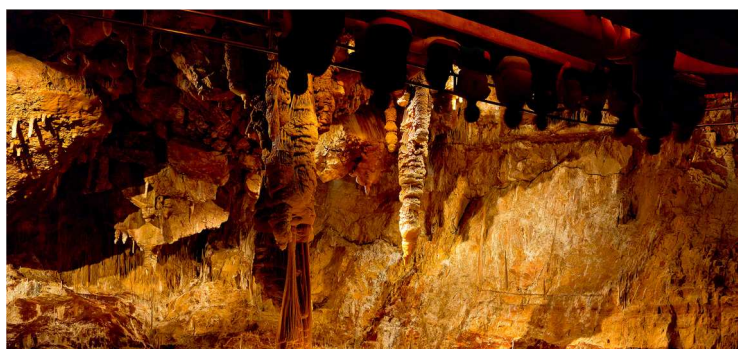
Veteran Rallyemasters Chuck and Ava Stanford have promised an exciting and memorable weekend with scenery guaranteed to put plenty of "WOW's" and "Oh My's" in your Facebook pages. You'll be driving Arizona's picturesque scenery and winding roads, share a glimpse of Arizona's thriving wine country, and 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 13 and return it to Debbie Ichiyama. We look forward to seeing you in October!



President's Message

By Debbie Ichiyama

Hope this finds everyone well and enjoying the summer.

We have a great club and do our best to have events that interest our members. Please see the Save the Dates on the last page to see what is coming up for the balance of the year.

One thing that would benefit us greatly is more people who are willing to help with managing events. Our Board of Directors is made up of all volunteers. Some of them work full-time. If you are willing to help with basic tasks to manage events, please email us desertstars@desertstars.club.

Thank you and hope to see you at an event soon.



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Welcome our new Members!

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Paul Wang

July

Steve Baker

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Cars & Coffee

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



Website

Please go to the new website 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. If you have not yet registered for the site please do so now.

Need help in logging in? Send an email to info@mbca.org or contact the National Business Office at Tues-Thurs: 9 am - 3 pm MT, phone: 719-633-6427.



Desert Stars did you know that if you sign up for an unlimited car wash plan with you will receive a 15% discount from CobbleStone Auto Spa as a member of the club? This discount is available at all locations. To receive this discount simply call Alaina Watson at 602-314-5847 and she will further explain the process. Be sure to let her know you are with the Desert Stars Mercedes Benz Club so she can make sure to keep track of the accounts.

Alaina Watson
Regional Fleet Sales Manager
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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 26th

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 13

We look forward to celebrating Oktoberfest with fellow MB enthusiasts!

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

Holiday Party Dec 8, 2024



The holidays will be here before we know it. Clear the 8th of December for the Desert Stars Annual Holiday Party - with the always-important Member Anniversary recognition celebration. It is time to reflect on 2024 as we spend time with friends and fellow members catch up and enjoy the spirit of the holidays.

The event will be at the Grayhawk Golf Club in the Fairway House. There will be a no-host bar. The food at Grayhawk Golf Club never disappoints.

Anniversary celebrants must attend to receive your recognition pins (or you need a *really* good excuse for not being there!) So, we want to see you! List of anniversary recipients can be found on page 6

Oh, don't forget we are collecting for Toys for Tots so please bring an un-wrapped gift! Make this holiday season a special one by joining your friends in the Desert Stars Mercedes-Benz club.

Festivities will begin at noon. Registration form is on page 13

Debbie Ichiyama

The **Holiday Gift Exchange** (*Emphasis on Exchange*) Continues for 2024....

The fun and excitement continues for this year's holiday party. Now in its second year, we will continue with a "Holiday Gift Exchange" event. Introduced at the 2023 event, this new twist on holiday gifting proved to be both exciting and engaging for both participants and guests. If you would like to participate, all you need to do is bring a wrapped gift with a \$25 - \$30 value. You can participate as a couple or individually, it is completely up to you. The gift can be something Mercedes Benz themed, automotive themed, holiday themed, or even a bottle of wine or spirits. It is your choice on what you wish to bring as a gift. Be sure the gift is wrapped when you come to the party to be eligible to participate! This holiday gift "exchange" makes for some holiday excitement and cheer. Look forward to seeing you at this year's event.

Ed & Annette Crawford

Anniversary Recipients

50 Years

Walt Anderson

40 Years

Ron Barzen

John Hutchison

35 Years

WC Kaesche

30 Years

Orester Harper

Kenny Hasanoff

25 Years

LK Green

20 Years

Iren Ackalitis

William Bergner

David Gronsky

Brian Imdieke

Kris Pathuis

Artemis Shamamian

Tim Wiseman

15 Years

Kyle Bybee

Matthew Crawford

Andrew Flynn

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Beat the Heat meets POKER RUN – Winners All!

By Harman and Susan Cadis

There were no losers on this clear Saturday in the north country for the Desert Stars. After a hearty breakfast at Phil's Filling Station in Fountain Hills it was off to the Pine Creek Lavender Farm Pine/Strawberry. Lavender chocolate chip cookies were enjoyed by all, and on the scent!

The drive on the back roads through the trees to Flagstaff past Lake Mary was as green as it could be. In Flagstaff the Taverna Modern Mediterranean hosted us in their private dining room complete with couches and a fireplace for a great lunch.

Next it was off to Mercedes-Benz of Northern Arizona where we saw (and even sat in) more Maybachs than any of us have ever seen and 1 of the 100 AMG SL 63 Motorsport Collector's Edition. All were treated to goodie bags courtesy of Mercedes-Benz of Northern Arizona.

We ended the day taking pictures at the famous corner with a flatbed Ford in Winslow AZ with Jackson Browne and Glenn Frey.

The Social hour with prizes at the La Posada Hotel was fun to see who the best poker player is. The 1st place winner Rhonda Borino won a brand-new G Wagon (RC Car), 2nd place winner was Melanie Searle with a SL RC Car and the low had prize went to Chuck Stanford receiving a Benz Lego race car.

Closing a wonderful day was dinner at the world-famous Turquoise Room enjoyed by all.



Harman giving driving instructions at breakfast



Lavender Farm



More pictures on pages 8, 9 & 10



Some of the days participants Standing on the Corner in Winslow Arizona



On left Mark & Debbie Ichiyama

On right Ava & Chuck Stanford



Rhonda & Ron Borino



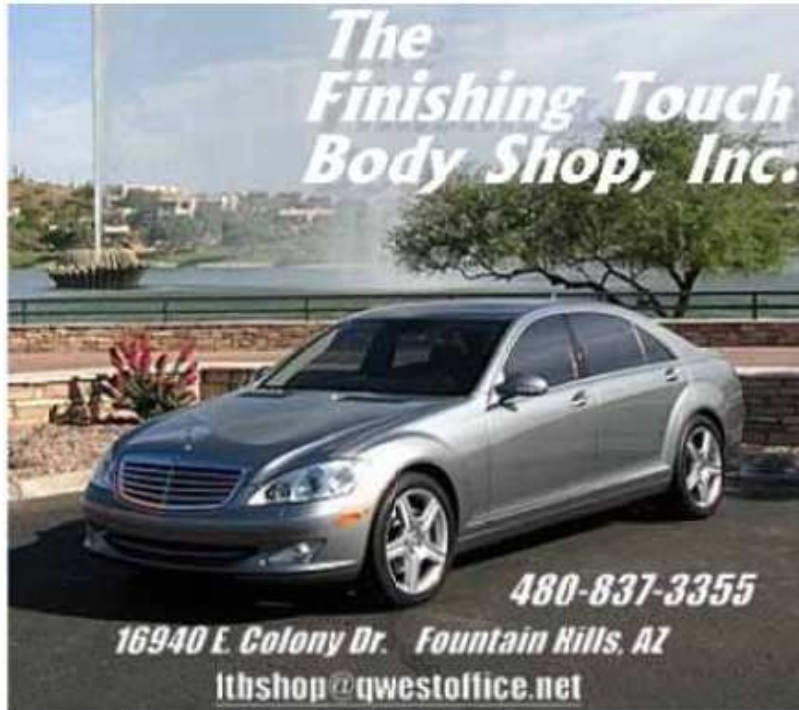
Susan & Harman Cadis



Pamela Bryson



We left our mark on the flat bed ford



Prize Table



Rhonda Borino Highest Hand Winner



Melanie Searle Second Place Winner



Chuck Stanford Low Hand Winner

Sponsor Spotlight - Millers

Tell us a little about Miller's and its history

As many of you may know Miller's has been in business since 1981 established in California by its previous owners and has been a mainstay in the industry for better than 43 years. As the new owners we have created a bit of history recently that is notable. We have spent the last several years attempting to expand our brand presence in many other markets as well as the US. While statistics may not speak loudly to some folks it's a milestone for Miller's, as of August 2024 our website has had some 4.25 million requests, 816,000 site visits per month, and is now present in 141 countries and 3 different languages also appearing under 18 different domain URLs for different car models. We currently advertise in 16 different magazines with ads reaching many different nations. We have been busy in the web and advertising arena. How has this helped? Only the future holds those answers. Several years ago, with the introduction of the North Valley Chip plant (TSMC Arizona) we were forced to move our operations again to a warehouse farther north near Carefree and Cave Creek. This move has allowed us to restructure some of the basic business functions allowing for some needed updates within the business. However, there is still much more to do in order to make Miller's the best it can be. We are active on many social networking sites including but not limited to Facebook, Wimkin, "X" (Formerly Twitter), MeWe, YouTube, Rumble, LinkedIn, Next-door and others.

What products and services do you offer?

Our line of products includes parts and accessories for all classic Mercedes-Benz from the 60's and 70's as well as SL's from 1963 through 1990.

While you may have read the above in the Spotlight before, there are new products we have begun to offer the enthusiasts. Being a car person myself I discovered a very handy product to keep our furry little mouse friends from having a snack on our cars wiring harnesses with MOUSE BLOCKER. We have additionally added some maintenance items for those folks that need to keep a battery fresh with BATTERY TENDER, we also offer some memorabilia as well as some vintage Tin Signs for that Man Cave or She Shed. Since not everything is listed on our website as yet please give me a call if you are interested and we can chat. There are some exciting new things that we are trying to implement with Miller's as well so keep your ears peeled and we will indulge when the time is right. Additionally, we have been growing in the local Arizona markets with help from Desert Stars and other folks spreading the word through referrals and word of mouth, this growth is much appreciated and has been well received by the local community.

What else would you like Desert Star members to know about you or Miller's Inc?

Even though Miller's has changed hands, it is still owned by an automotive aficionado who has an enthusiasm for car restoration and a passion for helping customers find that specific part to get their own classic Mercedes Benz back on the road again for all to enjoy. We offer a 15% discount to Desert Star members! Use voucher code stardust15 when you order online at shop.millermbz.com or mention you are a member when you call us at 714-557-0115.

We would like Desert Stars to know that we appreciate the efforts shown toward our business even though we are well behind the scenes and have not been active as we would like to be in many of the events held by the group. We look forward to hearing from folks like you and appreciate your thinking about us.

Owners: Eric and Tracie Hasselbring

Any volunteers out there to put together some weekend drives? These might be fun and could give members a chance to plan a trip event that could include a lunch or a stay over at one of these destinations. The board will provide all the assistance you need. If you are interested in helping to plan an event/drive, please contact Debbie dichiyama@me.com or Ron at advertising@desertstars.club

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- Phoenix to Payson: 90 miles
- Payson to Mogollon Rim: 29 miles
- Rim Road Drive: 51 miles

Flagstaff

- Phoenix to Flagstaff: 145 miles

Prescot National Forest

- Phoenix to Prescott: 99 miles
- Prescott to Jerome: 35 miles

Mount Lemmon

- Phoenix to Tucson: 113 miles
- Catalina Foothills to Marshall Gulch: 26 miles

White Mountains

- Phoenix to Hon-Dah: 188 miles
- Hon-Dah to Eager: 37 miles

NEAR PHOENIX

please drive safely

Havasupai

Please register and pay by September 4, 2024

Name(s) Registering: _____ Number Attending: _____

Phone No.: _____ Day/ Night Email Address: _____

Registration Fee is \$ \$389 per couple (\$259 for a single)

If you are sending a check to register please leave a message for Debbie 808-282-5249 to insure we have your info before the deadline,

Make your check payable to: **MBCA Desert Stars**; and mail to:

MBCA Desert Stars c/o Debbie Ichiyama
6502 E Evans Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Credit Card payments available: Call Debbie Ichiyama at (808) 282-5249

Oktoberfest

Please register and pay by October 12, 2024

Name(s) Registering: _____ Number Attending: _____

Phone No.: _____ Day/ Night Email Address: _____

Registration Fee is \$30 per person for members, \$36 per person for guests of members

Make your check payable to: **MBCA Desert Stars**; and mail to:

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Holiday Party

Please register and pay by December 2, 2024

Name(s) Registering: _____ Number Attending: _____

Phone No.: _____ Day/ Night Email Address: _____

Registration Fee is \$75 per person

Make your check payable to: **MBCA Desert Stars**; and mail to:

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Local Car Culture

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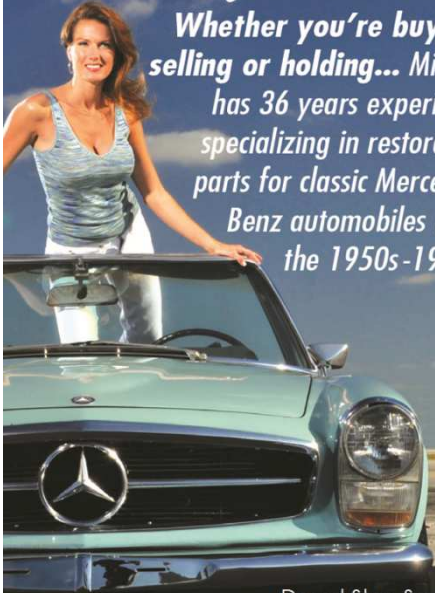
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Help Wanted


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.
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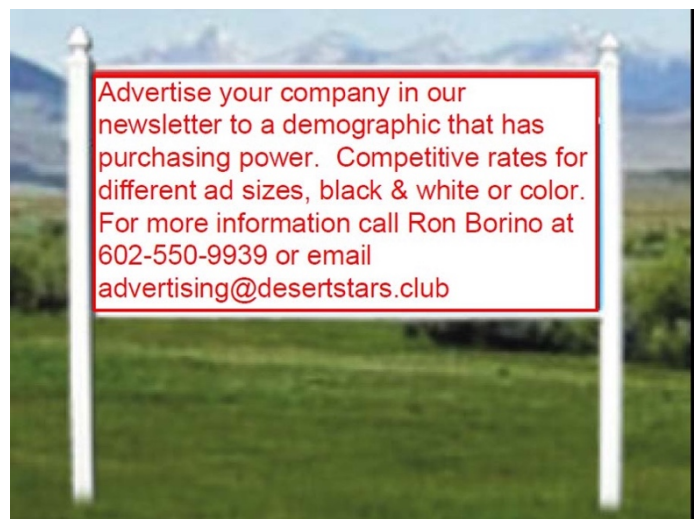


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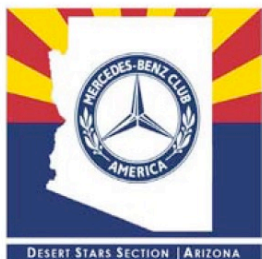
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Tino Ferrulli

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 <h1>2024 CALENDAR</h1>	R1	 29 FEB-02 MAR BAHRAIN SAKHIR	R13	 19-21 JUL HUNGARY BUDAPEST
	R2	 07-09 MAR SAUDI ARABIA JEDDAH	R14	 26-28 JUL BELGIUM SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS
	R3	 22-24 MAR AUSTRALIA MELBOURNE	R15	 23-25 AUG NETHERLANDS ZANDVOORT
	R4	 05-07 APR JAPAN SUZUKA	R16	 30 AUG-01 SEP ITALY MONZA
	R5	 19-21 APR CHINA SHANGHAI	R17	 13-15 SEP AZERBAIJAN BAKU
	R6	 03-05 MAY MIAMI MIAMI	R18	 20-22 SEP SINGAPORE SINGAPORE
	R7	 17-19 MAY EMILIA ROMAGNA IMOLA	R19	 18-20 OCT USA AUSTIN
	R8	 24-26 MAY MONACO MONACO	R20	 25-27 OCT MEXICO MEXICO CITY
	R9	 07-09 JUN CANADA MONTREAL	R21	 01-03 NOV BRAZIL SAO PAULO
	R10	 21-23 JUN SPAIN BARCELONA	R22	 21-23 NOV LAS VEGAS LAS VEGAS
	R11	 28-30 JUN AUSTRIA SPIELBERG	R23	 29 NOV-01 DEC QATAR LUSAIL
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- Tires GOODYEAR Eagle F1 MOE, run flat, 245/35R20 95Y, made in Germany, 80% thread left.

Rear wheels:

- Original MERCEDES AMG turbine style rims 9J 20 H2-N, ET28. Mercedes Part no.2574012000, made in Germany.
- Tires GOODYEAR Eagle F1 MOE, asymmetric 3, made in Germany. 275/30R20 97Y. 75% thread left.

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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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