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May – June 2015

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New Member Old Member Event

Welcoming newcomers to our Channel Islands Section is always a special pleasure as is honoring our members of long standing. This year we welcomed 18 new members who joined us in 2014. There were a total of 17 members who have been members with memberships ranging from 5 years to 40 years. Special recognition was made of Dieter Shaltinaut's involvement with the founding of our Section back in 1979.

With approximately 50 members and guests in attendance, the picturesque setting of the outdoor patio room was perfect for encouraging everyone to mingle as they met new people and enjoyed conversations with other members of long standing. Referring to this event as a Social (Happy Hour) Event was extremely apropos.

The variety of appetizer combinations was superb, everything you could desire to custom design a salad just to your liking was available, and the biggest decision we had to make was choosing our favorite pasta from the dishes presented. Each looked wonderful and tasted as good as they looked – they truly represented the flavors we associate with homemade Italian food. Appropriately, the deserts were light, cool and delicious.

Our raffle was a great success with many raffle prizes associate with homemade Italian food. Appropriately, the deserts were light, cool and delicious!

Our raffle was a great success with many raffle prizes and winners. Several of our members won multiple prizes but relinquished acceptance giving someone else a chance to win. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. To all who donated baskets and assisted in the preparation for this event, a heartfelt thanks to each of you. To the staff of the Bellini Osteria, thank you for your superb attention and service.

Tamara Samaha

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**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR
OUR**

**NO MYSTERY BRUNCH
SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH 2015 11:00 AM**

AT

SAFIRE AMERICAN BRISTO

4850 SANTA ROSA RD

CAMARILLO, CA.

Price per person \$22.00

Contact/Host: Bob Scudder

Phone (805) 479-1815

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Phone: 1-800-637-2360 M-TH 8:00 am-4:30 pm FRI 8:00-4:00 pm MT or go online at www.mbca.org

President's Message

Hello To All Members,

I would like to thank all of you that attended the New Member Lunch and the Ronald Reagan Library Event. Some of the Long Beach Members joined us at the Ronald Reagan Library and we enjoyed having them with us. A special thanks to Kathy Wilbur for coordinating the event.

As noted on the calendar, for Sunday, 7 June there will be a No Mystery Brunch. If some of you would like to go on a mystery rally and end up at the Safire Bristo in time for the event, contact Jim Wiens or myself and we will gladly send you the meeting place for that part of the event.

Currently the section has several positions on the Board that need to be filled. Both positions require no more than a couple of hours a month. The Board meets every other month. Section Members are always welcome to attend and share their ideas.

As always, I remain proud and happy to be the President of such a great Section and an awesome group of people.

See you at the next event,
Peter Samaha

Welcome New Members

It is always a pleasure when we can welcome new members to our Club. This month I would like to extend a very special welcome to our newest members:

Robert Gardner	Thousand Oaks CA
Thomas Gilson	Goleta CA
Kimberly Miletta	Ventura CA
J Erik Swartz	Westlake CA
Pam Watling	Santa Barbara CA

We are pleased you chose to become a member of our Channel Islands Section. We look forward to seeing you at one or all of the upcoming events.

Calendar of Events

JUNE

06/07 SUNDAY **TIME: 11:00 PM**
No Mystery Brunch
Safire American Bistro
4850 Santa Rosa Road
Camarillo, CA
RSVP NLT 1 June 2015
Contact/Host: Bob Scudder
Phone: (805)-479-1815
Cost: \$22.00 Per Person

JULY

07/11 SATURDAY **TIME:**
BOARD MEETING
Time and Location to be Announced

AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

09/19-20 SATURDAY-SUNDAY
Fleet Week/Speed Test
Southwest Regional Event
Contact/Host: Steve Ross
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RSVP NLT: September 1, 2015

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Do you have a friend that might be interested in joining our MBCA Channel Islands Section? Bring them as a guest to our next event. Let them see what a great group of people we have in our Section.

MBCA Channel Islands Section
 June Event
THE 2015 NO MYSTERY - MYSTERY BRUNCH
 11AM Sunday 7 June 2015
SAFIRE American Bristo
 4850 Santa Rosa Rd, Camarillo, CA

Yes, this year we're letting you know exactly where we're going - no mystery - no driving directions or getting lost along the way. None of that this time!

Join our MBCA Channel Islands friends at Camarillo's SAFIRE American Bistro for Sunday Brunch at 11AM Sunday 7 June 2015. <http://www.safirebistro.com/>

We have patio seating in the **SAFIRE'S** enclosed patio – a beautiful place to enjoy a June day

Choose your brunch selection from the following menu:

** *Joe's Special*. As the story goes in San Francisco a long time ago, a chef made a special breakfast for Joe the bartender. It's a scramble of ground beef, mushroom, onions, spinach and eggs and it's been a legend ever since!

** *Croissant French Toast*: with 100% pure Vermont Maple Syrup, cut fruit and apple wood smoked bacon

** *Egg white omelet*: with spinach, tomato and Swiss cheese

** *Corned beef hash and poached eggs*

** *Two eggs any style*: with O'Brien potatoes, cut fruit and apple wood smoked bacon

** *The Benediction*: "Dearly beloved we are gathered here to fully enjoy this creation, Amen!"

Sear the Canadian Bacon, toast the English Muffin, poach the eggs, lay it all together and ladle on the Hollandaise. Served with potatoes O'Brien

Included with all:

- * Choice of orange, tomato, apple or cranberry juice
- * Coffee or tea
- * Complimentary glass of champagne

Total Price Per Person: \$22.00

Directions to **SAFIRE**: From 101 Fwy take Santa Rosa Rd East. Turn Right on Verdugo then immediate Right at McDonalds. Drive to end and see **SAFIRE** on the Right.

-----*Cut and mail to arrive not later than 1 June 2015*-----

Yes, I/we will attend the June "No-Mystery" brunch at 11AM Sunday 7 June 2015. My/our brunch choices are as below (indicate number each):

- Joe's Special
- French Toast
- Egg White Omelet
- Corned Beef Hash and Eggs
- Two Eggs any style
- The Benediction

\$22 per selection X _____ = \$_____

Name: _____

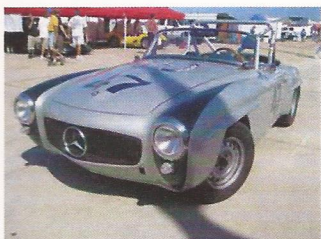
Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail this form (to arrive NLT 1 June 2015) along with total amount due (checks payable to MBCACI) to: Bob Scudder, 184 Valencia Dr., Camarillo, CA 93010. email Lp2riv@aol.com 805-479-1815

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 Bring a friend. Your guests are always welcome.

SOUTHWEST REGION GET TOGETHER

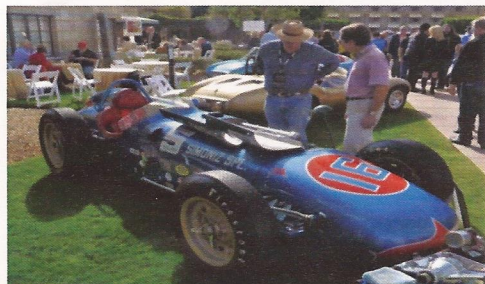


Every year in September the United States Navy has an event in San Diego called Fleet Week. One of the Highlights of this week is the SpeedFest held at the Naval Air Station North Island the weekend of September 19-20, 2015. For two days vintage automobiles race on a 2 mile unbanked track and yes it does get exciting. The venue has nine categories ranging from production to formula and NASCAR racers. The vehicles allowed to race are 1972 and older. One of the highlights for us is the race that includes the 190SLs and the Gullwing. These are wheel to wheel genuine races and there is a winner and many losers.

Just about every brand of automobile are in the races including Ferrari, Lotus, BMW, Mercedes Benz, Curtis and Cunningham to name a few. Many of the automobiles have performed at Laguna Seca as well as other tracks in the U.S. Then there is the big block American iron that are the life blood of the NASCAR circuit. The pits are open to the public and you may get up close and personal with the cars and talk to the drivers and mechanics.

Plans are to make this a Southwest Region get together for a weekend of car fun. Car Clubs are given corral passes free which gives us parking right behind the grandstands. There is also a judged car show each day and several awards are made. In past years the winners have given a victory lap around the race track. For those who really don't want two days or even one day of racing, there are a lot of other things to do in Coronado and San Diego. The San Diego Section plans to host a dinner Saturday evening. Reasonable accommodations are available in San Diego and even in the Crown City of Coronado. For more information on Fleet week and the SpeedFest go to <https://www.fleetweeksandiego.org/>.

If this sounds like fun please notify Steve Ross at inewsx@sbcglobal.net or 619-508-3925. We will need a firm headcount by September 1, 2015.



This 1939 Watson "Simonize Special" Indy Roadster was the winner in the Post War American Race Car Division of the American Concours Show. Owners of this vehicle are Larry and Jan- Pfitzenmaier. Some years ago, Larry and Jan were members of our Channel Islands Section. Perhaps some of you will probably remember them.



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"GAME ON" EVENT Sunday May 17, 2015

Even though there were some snafus in getting the event publicized, "Game On" Sunday turned out to be a perfect day for a series of competitions for our more "Olympian" inclined guests. The most challenging part of the day was choosing their game - bocci ball, shuffle board, table tennis or corn hole toss.

It seemed that the most popular game was bocci ball. There were multiple matches and different team formations. Some of the aspiring champions were Rafael Franke, Scott Dool, John Turturro, Bob Scudder, Bob Wilber and Al Gottlieb.

There were board games available to our less athletic guests but it seemed everyone was having a wonderful time converging in the gazebo where they could view the bocci ball competition and still enjoy conversing with each other.

As is usual, the club members provided a bountiful and delicious "potluck". There was no lack of dishes from appetizers to desserts. With their willingness to help with last minute preparation, they made this an easy and pleasant experience for all.

As an added bonus, Al led all interested guests on a guided tour of the property with the last leg of the tour being our Syrah vineyard and orchard of varied fruit trees - (picking was allowed).

It was a pleasure to host this event. We enjoyed having you as our guests. You are a great group of people!

Al and Carol Gottlieb

Thank You

Dear Al and Carol,

You were the most gracious of hosts for our "Game On" event. Your lovely yard imparted an atmosphere of being at an exclusive resort. What a wonderful, relaxing afternoon. Thank you for your hospitality.

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**Ronald Reagan Library Tour
Sunday, April 19 2015
Ultimate Amazing Car Tour**

Arriving at the designated gathering spot for our group of approximately 22 visitors, we met our docent, Mr. Chuck Regan, who would be leading us on our tour of the Reagan Library. Even though most of us had visited the Library before, we soon found that much had changed.

Our first stop along the tour route was a pictorial journey chronicling the life journey of a young Ronald Reagan (nicknamed "Dutch" by his father who, upon seeing his son commented, "He looks like a fat little Dutchman.") This life journey encompassed high school and college athletics; radio sports broadcaster, movie star, President of SAG; entry into the race for public office winning the election for California governor – a position he held for 2 terms. In 1980 he ran for the office of President and subsequently went on for a 2nd term.

Continuing on we viewed many of the personal items of both President and Mrs. Reagan. One of the favorites for the women seemed to be the display of the suits and gowns worn by Mrs. Reagan. A more unusual item was a "portrait" of President Reagan made entirely of butterfly wings.

At the Air Force One 27000 Pavilion, we boarded the plane, viewed the Marine One helicopter, as well as the Presidential limousine and motorcade vehicles. Off in the distance from this elevated position, we could see the Unique Amazing Cars collection on display at the far end of ground level 1.. Each of these cars had been featured in the movies.

Visiting the Unique Car display was a truly impressive experience. The center of the display was "The Bat Mobile". At 25-feet long, black paint that glistened as though it was patent leather and huge decorated fins, it was definitely amazing when you consider it was built on a Chevy chassis, bits and pieces from various other cars and grill work that had lived another life as the grill for a large airplane engine. The VW nicknamed "The Love Bug". had a cousin, "Herbie" who had joined this display. Our docent shared several tales about other cars in the display:

Clark Gable was purchasing a Cadillac for Carole Lombard who had some specific requests for what the car had to look like. Before it even left the showroom, Clark wanted the roof removed, modification of the windshield and several other mods. The forerunner of a "beach buggy" was born.

Another interesting tale revolved around Fred Astaire. Not only did he have to decide how formal his attire had to be for any affair he was attending but he had to decide if the affair was formal enough to require him to arrive in his 1927 Rolls Royce. (I have problems deciding what dress to wear – let alone having to worry about which car to use.)

At this point, we took time to enjoy lunch and conversation with our friends from Long Beach. We then returned to view the vehicles that were on loan from the Petersen Museum. Each vehicle was different and each was beautiful.

Our final stop was to view the grave site of President Reagan .His final words of inspiration to all of us:

"I know in my heart that man is good, that what is right will always eventually triumph and there is purpose and worth to each and every life."

Kathy Wilber

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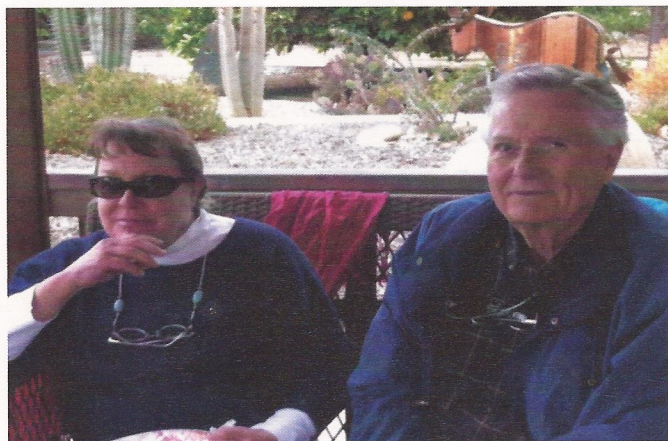
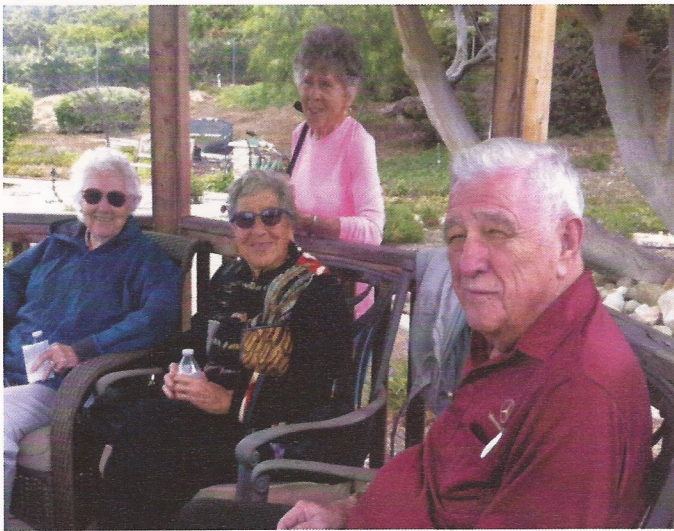
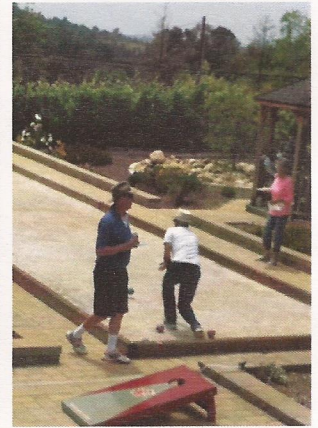
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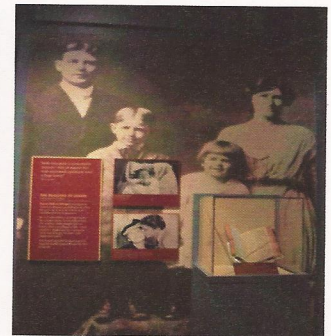
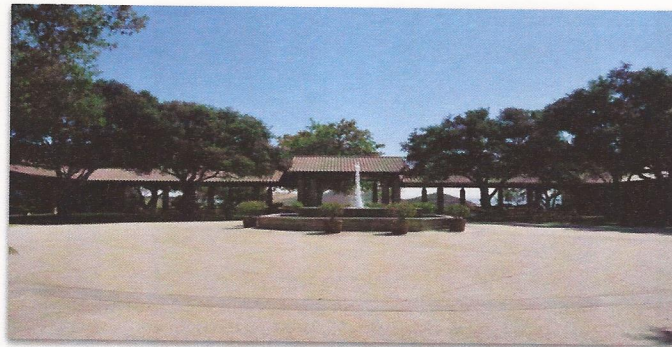
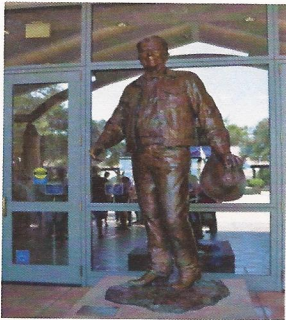
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GAME ON PHOTOS



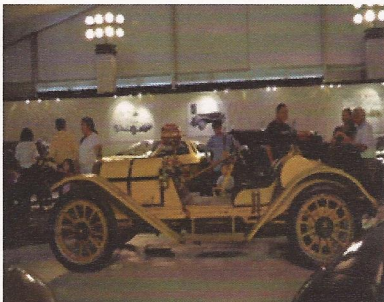
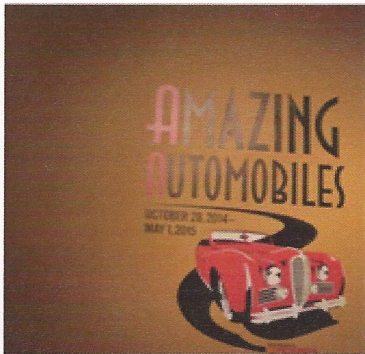
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Bits and Pieces

Positions To Be Filled

As published in our March - April newsletter, we are in need of a **historian** to maintain a historical record of photos and various written articles relating to the history of our club. Position requires categorizing and processing of the various items into PDF format. Material to be loaded to our Website. Some computer skills required.

We are also in need of a **club photographer** to take pictures at various events. Such photos would be provided to our editor for inclusion in the newsletter.

If interested in either or both of these positions (or if you know someone who might be), please contact Peter Samaha (805)-980-8489.

Growing Membership

Our membership count fluctuates from month to month with an average count being approximately 92 members each month. We each need to see if we can help make that number grow. If you have a friend that has expressed an interest in what we do -- bring them to an event. Share a newsletter. Let others see the types of activities we enjoy. We have been at 100+ members in the past.. At last count we have acquired 3 more members bringing our count to 95. Let's work on getting that number up to 100.

Event Invitations

As you may have noticed, our last few events have been sent out as an invitation separate from the usual event article in our newsletter. It is absolutely essential that we have the latest contact information for each of our members. Contact numbers for membership information, help with address changes or other related matters are listed at the bottom of this page.

Is This Your Car

As our group proceeded to our cars, we found one more car to view and admire. It was parked in the Staff Parking Lot with all the other Mercedes. If you were the owner of this older Mercedes, which was a beautiful shade of blue, our editor (Verna Eason, Phone 805-985-5959 E-mail: greneyes@verizon.net) would be interested in possibly featuring your car and story in our newsletter.



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