

# THE CHANNEL ISLANDS STAR

July August September 2017

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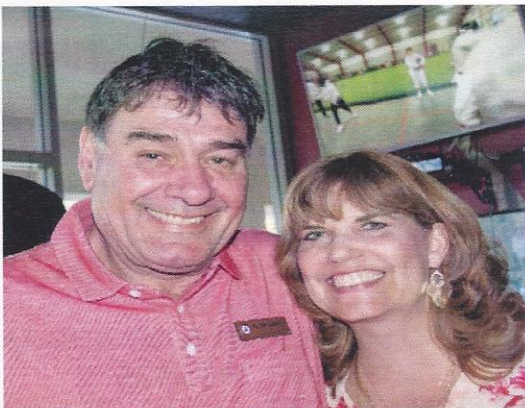
## Mystery Drive And Lunch Event Saturday, August 12, 2017

This event was brought back by popular demand and was enjoyed by many of our members. Not until everyone gathered at the staging site did they find out where the drive would take them.

As we drove leisurely along the scenic route to our final destination, we marveled at the diversity of the ever-changing landscape of Ventura County. How lucky we are to live here!

We arrived at the Manhattan of Camarillo restaurant. As we entered the dining room, the aromatic smells floating on the air hinted at the delicious lunch we were about to enjoy. We were not disappointed.

The whole event was a most pleasant and relaxing way to end the week.



Thank you to all who participated in this event.  
Your support is appreciated.  
Peter and Tamara Samaha

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**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP  
FOR OUR ANNUAL  
SUNDAY BRUNCH BY THE SEA  
ON  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017 12:00  
AT THE  
CLIFF HOUSE INN'S  
SHOALS RESTAURANT  
6602 OLD PACIFIC HIGHWAY  
VENTURA, CA  
HOSTESS: KATHY WILBER  
PHONE: (805) 402-5539  
(Text preferred)  
(See Details and Reservation Info on Page 4)**



## Presidents Message

### Greetings To All Members:

It is with great sadness I report to you the passing of Jim Wiens. I was shocked to hear the news. Both Tamara and I are saddened. Jim was a long-standing member with a long history of accomplishments in his personal life and as a Board Member for many years in our Section. I know we will all miss Jim's enthusiasm, willingness to help, that little devilish look he had in his eyes sometimes, the great stories of days gone by, and most of all his spunkiness. Jim was a go getter. Our deepest sympathies go out to Lee and the family.

This has been a year of changes and challenges. among these have been our methods and frequency of communicating with our members. Our club officers have been dedicated to maintaining a long-term involvement in directing our section. We all must share in this process if we hope to meet current and future challenges.

Even though we are one of the smaller clubs in the Southwest Region, we are proud of the fact that our member participation is one of the highest in the Southwest Region. Please consider helping

Requests for Nomination of Officers Ballots were part of the last newsletter (Page 7). A second request was made. The responses to the second request have been received and counted. Based on the Committees' count, we are pleased to present the Slate of Officers for this election. Nominate yourself or someone you know. All positions are open and our support is always there. Please take a few minutes to review the Ballot on Page 7 and cast your vote

See you at the next event.  
Peter Samaha

## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER

11/12 SUNDAY TIME 12:00

**Brunch By The Sea**  
The Cliff House Inn, Shoal's Restaurant  
Ventura, CA

**RSVP NLT: NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

Hostess: Kathy Wilber

Phone: (805) 402-5539 (text preferred)

*(See Details On Page 4)*

### DECEMBER

12/17 SUNDAY TIME 5:30

**Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange**

The Samaha Home  
1600 Hobart Dr.  
Camarillo, CA

**RSVP NLT December 10, 2017**

Host/Hostess: Peter and Tamara Samaha

Phone: (805) 890-8489 Peter

Phone: (805) 844-0844 Tamara (text preferred)

*(See Details On Page 5)*

**PREVIEW OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2018**  
*Dates and Times Tentative*

### JANUARY

01/21 SUNDAY TIME 11:00

**CLEAN CAR SHOW**

Camarillo Airport  
Camarillo, CA

Host: Peter Samaha

Phone: (805)-980-8489

### FEBRUARY

02/18 SUNDAY TIME 11:30

**MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL**

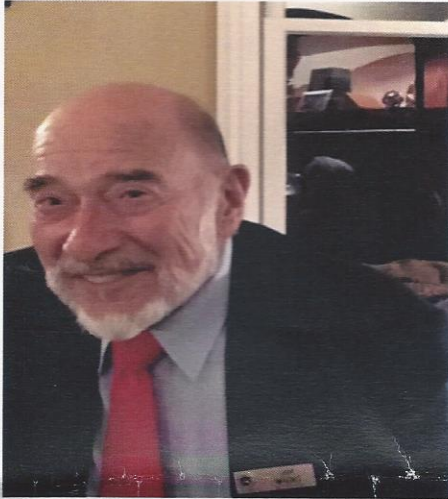
The Manhattan of Camarillo  
5800 Santa Rosa Rd  
Camarillo, CA

**SAN DIEGO SECTION REGIONAL EVENT**  
March 22-24 2018  
**BORREGO SPRINGS RESORT AND SPA**  
**BORREGO, SPRINGS**  
**CAR SHOW, RALLYE AND MUCH MORE**

*Watch for more details in the next newsletter*



## IN MEMORY OF JIM WIENS



Mystery Rally 2014



Sadly, MBCA has lost a great friend and Mercedes-Benz fan. Jim Wiens passed away on Thursday morning September 21<sup>st</sup>. Jim was a member of the Channel Islands Section almost from its founding in 1979.

Jim held various positions within our Section, the most recent as Section Vice President.

Additionally, Jim was past-president of MBCA Los Angeles Section and was in charge of the LA Section's National Event, "Star-Fest" in 1978.

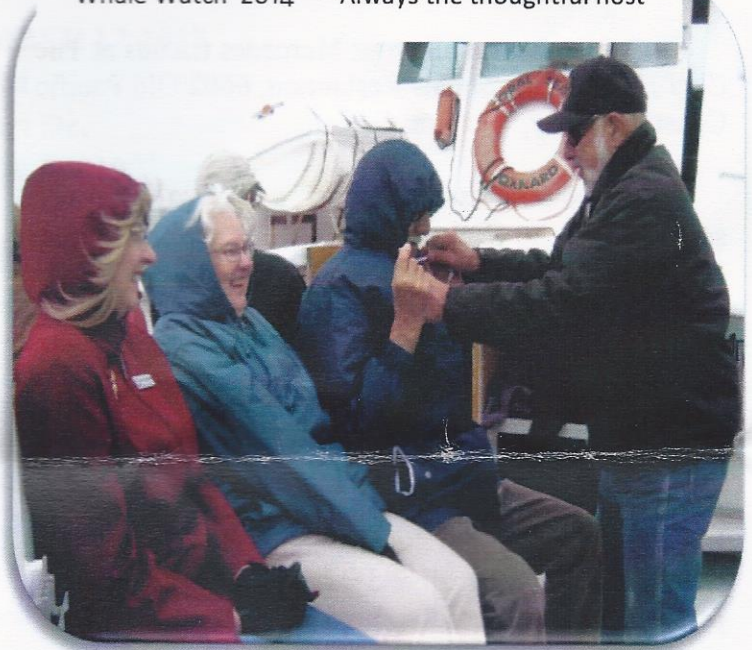
Many section events were hosted by Jim over the years. Among these were our annual Clean Car Show, visits to the Nethercutt and Mendenhall Museums, Whale Watching Cruise, Santa Barbara Land Shark as well as several Oktoberfest celebrations among others.

Jim was a true friend and an inspiration to all of us and will certainly be missed.

Farewell Jim

Bob Scudder

Whale Watch 2014 – Always the thoughtful host







## SUNDAY BRUNCH BY THE SEA

November 12th 2017

12:00

Can you think of a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than enjoying the beauty of the ocean as you dine on some of the finest cuisine in the area?

We invite you to join your Mercedes friends at The Cliff House Inn's Shoals Restaurant, 6602 Old Pacific Coast Highway, Ventura, CA.

With the sounds of the surf, a tropical garden setting, and the flight of the various seabirds over the glistening Pacific, it exudes a special ambience perfect for an afternoon of relaxing with our fabulous Mercedes friends. This event has become an annual tradition.

The Shoals Restaurant will have a special menu from which to make your selection. Only the freshest of ingredients are used in the preparation of the food. The seasonings are flavorful and innovative. The beautiful presentation enhances the flavors and textures of the cuisine.

We will pay individually. The tip will be included in your food check.

Please join us for an event that has never failed to please. Invite your friends to join us for a scenic drive along the Pacific Ocean shoreline and a fun afternoon.

To get some idea of the number of guests, please call: Kathy Wilber  
Phone: 805-402-5539 (text preferred),  
or E-mail [mosaicmomma@live.com](mailto:mosaicmomma@live.com)  
to let me know how many people will be in your party.

**I must receive your information NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 7th 2017.**

## WELCOME NEWCOMERS



Jeff Sasich, Oxnard, CA  
Paul Speaker, Westlake Village, CA

We are always pleased to welcome newcomers. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of our events.

Thank you for choosing our club.  
Peter Samaha

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### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PARTY



You are invited to the annual Mercedes Benz Channel Islands Section Christmas Celebration, the most festive of all our events. Peter and Tamara Samaha are our host/hostess for this year and we will gather on:

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017**

**5:30 PM**

**1600 Hobart Dr.**

**Camarillo, CA 93010**

We will continue with our holiday fun and friendly gift exchange event in a modified "White Elephant" format. Each gift should be gender neutral with a general value between \$15-\$25. No need to wrap your gift in a specific color this year anything festive is fine.

**The main entrée, as well as drink setups and ice, will be provided by the Club.**

**If you wish to contribute a dish consider an appetizer, salad or a dessert.**

Questions/Reservations: Contact: Tamara Samaha via text on her cell phone, Phone: (805) 0844 or Peter Samaha on his cell phone : (805) 890-8489 or E-mail: [psamaha@msn.com](mailto:psamaha@msn.com) or complete and mail the reservation form below **prior to December 10, 2017.**

\*\*\*\*\*CLIP AND MAIL TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION\*\*\*\*\*

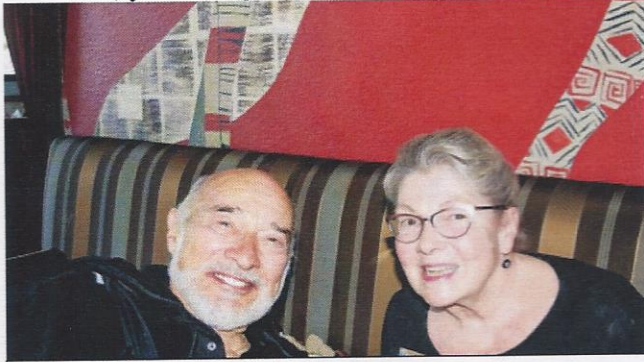
Yes , I/we will be attending the Christmas Holiday Party Event on Sunday December 17, 2017 at 5:30 PM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_



Jim, you brought joy to many over the years



New Member Lunch 2017

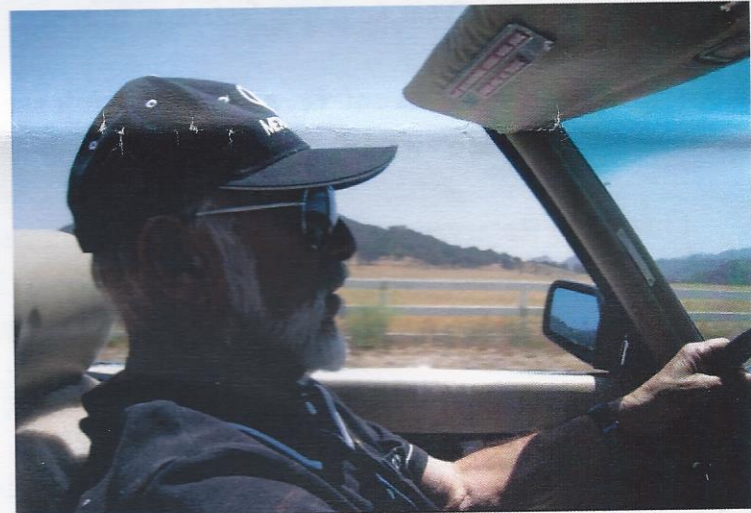
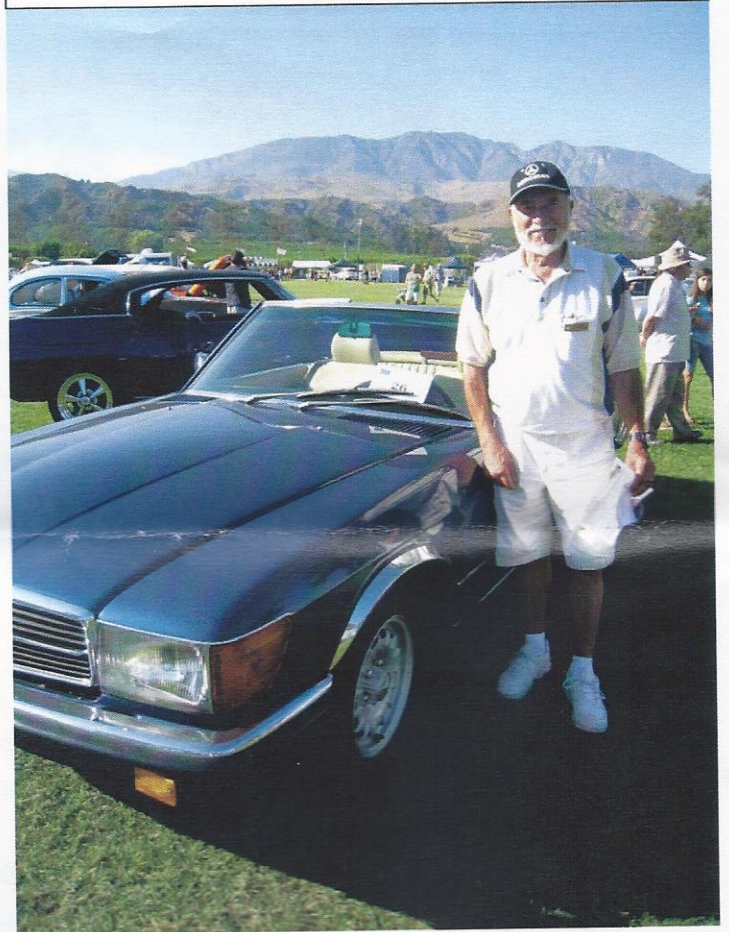


Clean Car Show 2017



Clean Car Show 2014

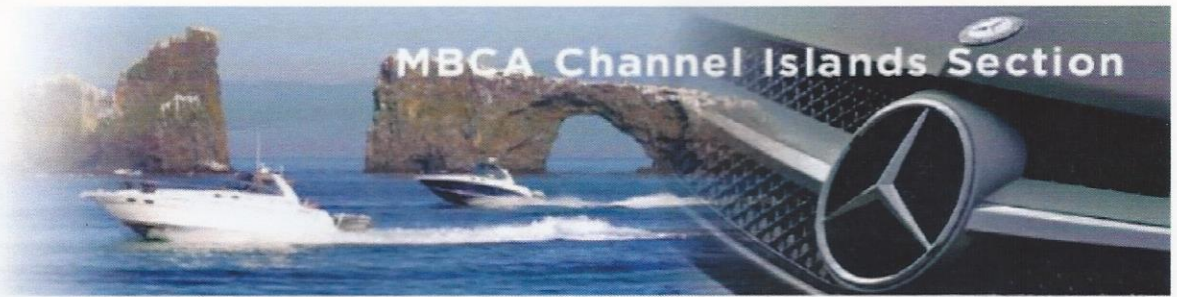
Glow and Show 2014



Mystery Rally 2014

Jim always enjoyed driving and talking about his M-B convertible. We'll miss you and your car stories.





**VOTING SLATE FOR THE 2017-2018 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Nominations for candidates to serve as our Executive Officers have been received and counted. Based on that count, the nominating committee has prepared the Voting Slate for the 2017-2018 year.

**TO MARK YOUR BALLOT**

**Re-elect an Incumbent:** Please mark **Y** - in the Re-Elect column for the appropriate position.

**Write-in nomination,** please enter the name of the nominee and their phone number. Mark the appropriate position with an **X**. Sign and date your ballot. **Remember you can nominate yourself for any executive position.**

Your ballots must be received by the Nominating Committee **no later than November 12, 2017.**

Ballots for the Final Voting Slate will be counted on **November 14, 2017.**

Please return your completed ballot to Verna Eason via: E-Mail: [greneyes@verizon.net](mailto:greneyes@verizon.net) or regular mail to Verna Eason, 32 W Garden Grn, Port Hueneme, CA 93041 or you may phone in your selection (805)-985-5989.

The roster of our newly elected officers will be published in our January-February-March newsletter.

Incumbent	Position	Re-Elect	I Nominate	Phone Number
			Enter Name of Nominee	
Peter Samaha	President			
Gerhard Fehrmann	Vice-President			
Kathy Wilber	Treasurer			
Tamara Samaha	Secretary			
			Your Signature:	
				Date:

As stated in our President's Message, we need a few more Board Members. Please fill out the form below if you are interested in any of our available positions.

**I am interested in serving as a Member of the Board:**

**Position:**  
 (Check position)  Activities Chair  Advertising Chair  
 Membership:  Photographer/Historian:  Ways and Means

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_





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**SAVE THESE DATES:**

**SUNDAY, November 12 Brunch By The Sea**  
**SUNDAY, December 17, Christmas Party**  
**Voting Slate Ballot Due November 12th**

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