

THE CHANNEL ISLANDS STAR

November - December 2016

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October Fest Sunday, October 16th 2016

Jeanette's Edelweiss Restaurant in Newbury Park CA was the perfect setting to celebrate a bountiful Fall harvest

As we opened the front door to Jeanette's Edelweiss Restaurant, we could see the main dining room which was decorated with just enough Halloween decorations to make you think back to childhood days and the anticipation that you might actually see a ghost. It was not, however, a ghostly apparition drawing us in but rather the wonderful aromas of the food that drifted on the air.

Our host, led our group to our table and the party was underway. There was no lack of food or beer (we had our own keg at the table). Our servers were cheerful and very attentive to our needs.

After a few "Ein Prosi" and clinking of the steins, the party was well underway.

Conversation was lively and many members whom we had not seen for sometime were there to enjoy the evening.

As the evening drew to a close, It was the consensus of the group that this evening was the perfect Halloween treat.

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**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR
OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sunday December 18 2016 Time: 4:30 PM**
At
**The Home of Al and Carol Gottlieb
226 Valley Vista
Camarillo, CA 93010-1650
Contact/Hostess: Carol Gottlieb
Phone (805) 987-3028
ALL FOOD AND BEVERAGES
PROVIDED BY THE CLUB
(See Details on Page 4)**

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings Members

Hard to believe we are already in the last quarter of this year. The year has flown by as usual. What a year is all I can say! At this point I am looking forward to the upcoming Christmas get together at the Gottlieb's house. Thank you, Al and Carol for hosting this year.

The annual gathering at Mussel Shoals was a big hit with a total turnout of 28 people. Kathy, as usual, this was a stellar event. The weather was perfect for patio dining. I'm convinced Kathy has a deal with the weather guys. If you ever plan a party or an event, contact Kathy to order a sunny afternoon.

We are planning our Clean Car Show this year at the Camarillo Airport Museum. We are combining a tour of the museum with our Clean Car Show and potluck. On the museum tour, we will see war era artifacts, old planes and other interesting items. Our cars will be parked on the tarmac alongside some old-timer planes. In the following pages, you will see the event notice and signup form. The Annual New Member/Old Member Recognition lunch will be in mid to late February.

As of this newsletter you should have received an E-mail nomination request for the 2017 year. If you have not received your nomination request, please contact Verna (805) 985-5989 E-mail: greneyes@verizon.net. We will only have one Board Member at the beginning of 2017. Unless nominations are made and a vote is put forth to the members, we will not have a Board. It is imperative that we have the basic 4 people in place and some volunteers for the committees to keep the section going. If we are not successful in getting the 4 basic board members and volunteers for the committees, we will need to explore merging with the LA Section or limit the activities and newsletters to a very minimum that satisfies National. Even if doing so, it is not fair to have just a few people doing all the planning coordinating for the section.

I encourage your participation,, input, ideas and contributions. This is a great section with a lot of great people. I want us to stay intact and independent.

If you have any ideas or suggestions of something you might be interested in hosting or that members would enjoy, please let us hear your ideas.

Peter Samaha

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

12/18 SUNDAY TIME: 4:30 PM

Our Annual Christmas Party
At The Home of Al and Carol Gottlieb
226 Valley Vista, Camarillo, CA
The Club will furnish food and beverages.
Contact/Hostess: Carol Gottlieb
Phone (805) 987-3028

RSVP NLT December 13th

JANUARY 2017

01/29 Sunday TIME:11:30-3:00

Event: Commemorative Camarillo Aircraft
Museum Tour and Clean Car Show
455 Aviation Drive
Camarillo, CA

Cost: \$30.00 per car

RSVP NLT: January 16 2017

Contact/Host: Peter Samaha

Phone: (805)-389-1259

E-Mail: psamaha@msn.com

FEBUARY 2017

Date to be Announced

Event: New Member/Old Member Recognition

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**REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR
UPCOMING EVENTS.**

WHY ARE THESE SNOWMEN DANCING? BECAUSE-- -



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th 2016, 4:30 PM IS CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME!!!

Each year our members look forward to the annual Christmas Party with anticipation as they know this event is always fun and full of surprises. Each party seems to develop its' own personality during the planning process. This years' party will incorporate old traditions as well as add a few new twists.

One of the traditions of past Christmas parties has been the gift exchange. This year in the spirit of giving, to others, please bring canned good(s) for Food Share. There will still be a gift exchange for our members. Rather than the traditional gender specific gifts, each participant should bring an asexual gift. (Liquor, candy, decorations, etcetera). The price of the gift should not exceed \$25 total for both bags. And they do not have to be the same items. There is no color requirement for wrapping of the gift. Gifts and games seem to go together and if our elves are clever and sly, we will have one or two games to play.

Food and beverages will be provided by the club. If you wish to bring an appetizer or dessert, we welcome your additions.

We are looking forward to seeing you at this event,
Al and Carol Gottlieb

DIRECTIONS TO 226 VALLEY VISTA: Take 101 to Los Posas , drive North to Crest View; Turn Right on Valley Vista 226 will be on your Right - (just past "no trucks" sign).

To make your reservations, please call Carol Gottlieb Phone: (805)) 987-3028 or fill out the Reservation Form below and mail to Carol Gottlieb, 226 Valley Vista, Camarillo, CA 93010-1650. Reservations must be made **NLT DECEMBER 13, 2016.** If writing a check, make check payable to **MBCACI.**

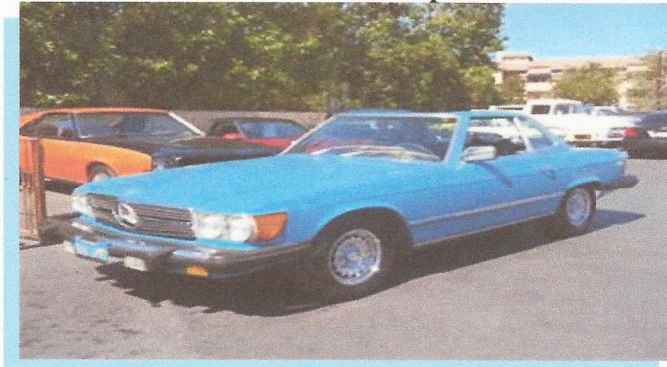
Persons in our party: _____ Name:(s) _____

Name of Guest(s) (Guests are always welcome): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ An Appetizer _____ Tossed Salad _____ Main Dish Salad _____ Cake/Pie/Cookies _____
(Please indicate type)

**2017 MERCEDES BENZ CLEAN CAR SHOW
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 2017
11:30 am TO 3:00 pm**



**AT THE
COMMEMORATIVE CAMARILLO AIRPLANE MUSEUM
455 AVIATION DRIVE
CAMARILLO, CA**

Please join us for our annual Mercedes Benz, Channel Island Section, Clean Car Show on Sunday, January 29. The venue may be new but the favorite parts of this car show remain intact. Rules for competing for the trophies – there are none. Just wash your favorite Mercedes, bring your friends and be prepared to enjoy a fun day with the extra bonus of having a tour of the Commemorative Camarillo Airplane Museum.

Trophies will be awarded for:

People's Choice

Ladies Choice

Oldest Mercedes

Oddest Mercedes

And some additional that don't fit any category

Parking will be on the tarmac next to the Commemorative Camarillo Airport Museum.

Holding with tradition we will have a potluck meal. Bring your favorite appetizer, a salad a side dish or a dessert. The club will provide soft drinks. Members may bring their wine or beer. As in the past, bring your dinner service. We will be dining in the hangar. **Please respond NLT January 16th in order to reserve your seating.**

This day should be a grand event for sure – a chance to visit with good friends and make some new ones, enjoy tasty snacks, maybe win a great trophy and enjoy an interesting and awesome tour of the museum – what more could you ask for on a Sunday afternoon!

Entrance Fee: \$30.00 per vehicle (includes occupants)

Invite additional guests to join us for the event for just \$10.00 per person.

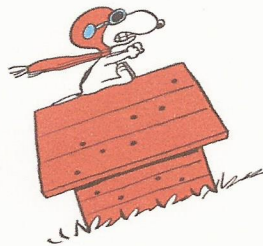
Children and Seniors \$5.00.

**COMMEMORATIVE CAMARILLO AIRPLANE MUSEUM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 2017**

The Commemorative Camarillo Airplane Museum (Southern California Wing CAF) is an all-volunteer Organization with members from all walks of life, dedicated to preserving the history of combat aircraft which were flown by all military services of the United States. founded in order to acquire and restore to an in flying condition a complete collection of combat aircraft which were flown by all military services of the United States, as well as selected aircraft of other nations, for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations of Americans. This collection is more than just a collection of airworthy warplanes from the past. The collection recalls the hard-won victories of Americans and other freedom loving people around the world during the years between 1939 and 1945.

What makes the CAF collection unique from museums with static displays is the fact that the Ghost Squadron of the CAF actually fly! Looking for a unique gift for someone? You can actually purchase a ride for yourself (or a gift card for someone else) in one of several planes: P-51D Mustang Fighter Aircraft, T-6/SNJ Texan Advanced Trainer, PT-19 Cornell Open Cockpit Trainer.

The airport is just off Highway 101 in Camarillo. Take the Las Posas exit and go south to Pleasant Valley Road. Turn right and take a right onto Eubanks Street (2nd light) into the airport. We are on the corner of Eubanks and Airport Drive – you will see the sign on our hangar.



Where are you Red Baron?

So we'll know how many to plan for, make your reservation for seating in the hangar **NLT January 16**. Call Peter Samaha (805) 890-8489 OR E-mail: psamaha@msn.com or complete and mail the sign up sheet below.

-----Cut and Mail-----

Please Reserve _____places for the 2017 Clean Car Show on Sunday, January 29th.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip _____

My check for \$_____ is enclosed (\$ 30.00 per car and driver) If bringing a guest add \$10.00 per person; seniors and children add \$5.00 to the total.

MAIL TO: Peter Samaha, 1600 Hobart St, Camarillo, CA 93010

TECH NOTE E-MAIL FORWARDING

Admittedly not exactly Mercedes-Benz related, this tech note is presented as a service to all our members who may not be aware of how to properly (and safely) **forward an email**.

First let's define the problem. We've all received emails that contain many **previously included email addresses**. This is caused by the sender who unknowingly clicks the 'forward' or 'FWD' button and sends the email on to his or her list thereby including the ones in the original sender's email as well as the ones the sender wants to send in theirs.

This is unsafe and discourteous. Why? Because all of these earlier emails get sent to all of the next addressees in line and before you know it literally hundreds of email addresses are out there in cyberland just ready to be exploited.

How to fix this is the easy part:

1. Once you click the 'FWD' button that email is now **your email** That's right, you are now ready to send an email that is yours and yours alone and **you can change it**.
2. So now change your mail however you want, most importantly by removing all of the earlier emails that you see. Want to change the wording or the subject of the email? Yes, you can. Remember it's **your email** now. Do with it whatever you want.
3. Not sure how to delete?
Simply move your cursor, (the little arrow) to the line you want to delete and go from there.

That's all there is to it folks! Now you can feel comfortable in keeping yourself and your email friends safer and more cyber-secure. Call or email Bob Scudder (805)-479-1815 Lp2riv@aol.com.

BUSINESS OWNERS --

YOUR BUSINESS CARD COULD BE HERE

Do you own a business? You might want to take advantage of the ease of applying for placement of your ad in the Channel Islands Star. For more information contact:

Peter Samaha at (805-890-8489).

Members: As we start the New Year, it would be a good time to look around your garage or check your collection of Mercedes-Benz publications/memorabilia. Remember if you have something you no longer need (or maybe you are looking for a specific item), as members you may place an ad for free. Contact Verna (985) 5989 E-Mail: greneyes@verizon.net

SUNDAY BRUNCH BY THE SEA
The Cliff House Shoal's Restaurant
Sunday, November 6 2016



As we drove along the 101 on our trip to the Cliff House, I couldn't help but think about a TV program, "Car Life On The 101". We weren't in one of their classic sports cars but our scenery was the same – maybe better.

Traffic was light and you could enjoy the panoramic view nature provided with the sunrays sparkling on the crest of the waves and, off in the distance, sailboats gliding across the beautiful blue Pacific.

Reviewing the "historical" published newsletters available to me, I discovered our club's first Sunday Brunch By The Sea at the Cliff House's, Shoal's Restaurant was in November 1998! In 18 years, this event has never failed to please.

With the sound of the surf, the tropical garden setting and the flight of the various seabirds over the glistening Pacific, it exudes a special ambiance that draws us back for an afternoon of relaxing with our Mercedes friends.

The weather was perfect for patio dining. Not too hot or cold; and not too windy – just a gentle breeze.

The menu had a variety of entrees from which we could choose but we knew that whatever we chose would be delightful.

The Shoal's Restaurant is known for their culinary skills. They only use the freshest of ingredients which are enhanced through the unique blending of a variety of spices.

As we were dining, I noticed a lone lady standing just above the beach performing her Tai-Chi exercise routine. This was interesting to watch but it did not make me feel any guilt because I had chosen an entrée that would not be classified as "heart healthy"!

There were 28 people in attendance and all agreed that the day was perfect in every way. Well-made cocktails, excellent food and service by the wait staff but most importantly the companionship of good friends.

Lou Branchev
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Welcome New Members

We are always pleased to welcome new members to our Club Thank you for choosing our club.

Calvin Ehler, Camarillo Jack Perr, Camarillo
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Mahesh Misty, Thousand Oaks
Harlan Degroodt, Santa Barbara

New Members From Santa Barbara
Harlan Degroodt Roger Haupt Ken Nesbit
Marc Winnikoff Scott Zacky

Toby Petty, Ventura Rion Stalwick, Ventura

Welcome Silver Crown Services

We are always pleased when we can introduce a new advertiser to our membership.

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General Section Meeting

On September 17th 2016, our club held a General Section Meeting rather than having a meeting of just our officers and appointed board members.

Barry Rudin, our host for the evening, and one of our Section members who also works at the Mercedes dealership in Oxnard had made arrangements for a tour of the showroom where we could admire the 2017 Mercedes Benz vehicle lineup. There were certainly some beauties on display. .

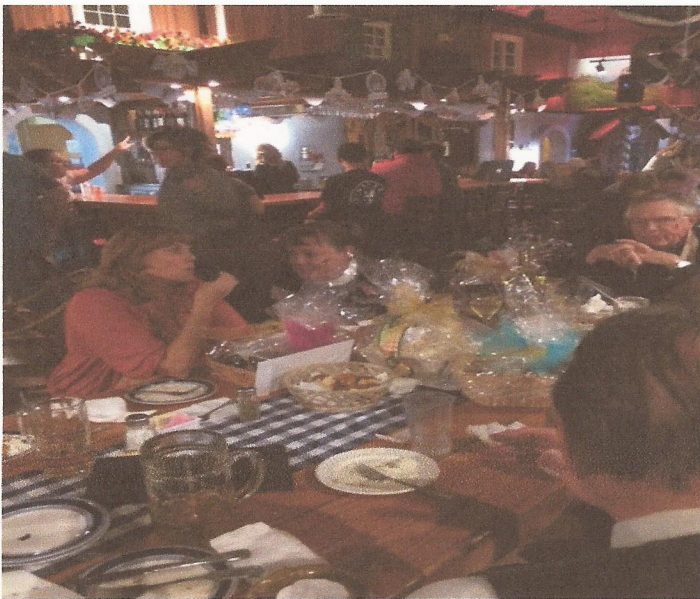
The business issues of the day were presented and discussed. The major focus was discussion of new procedures on how our upcoming election of officers will be changing. Other items discussed dealt with ideas for upcoming events, ways to increase club membership and procuring advertisers.

The meeting provided a relaxed unhurried atmosphere where we met some of our new members and visited with our fellow members.

A special "Thank You" to Barry for arranging *our meeting and to all the club members who attended.*

Peter Samaha, President

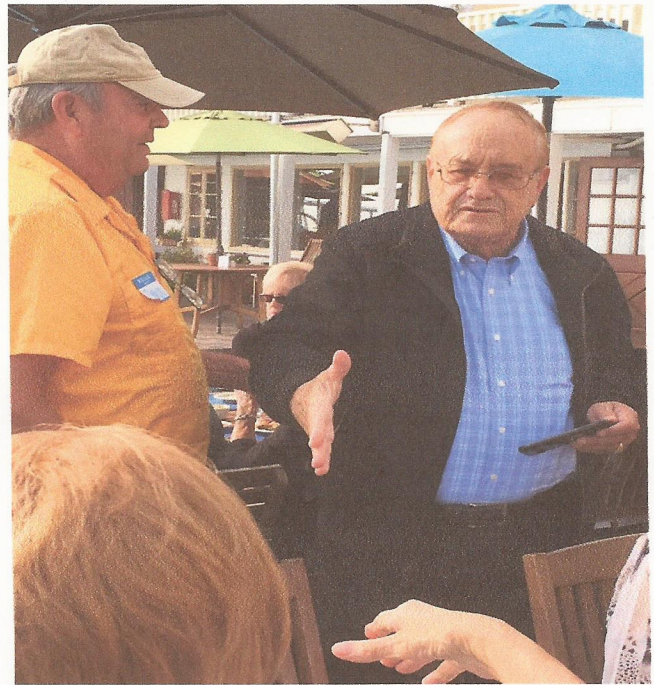
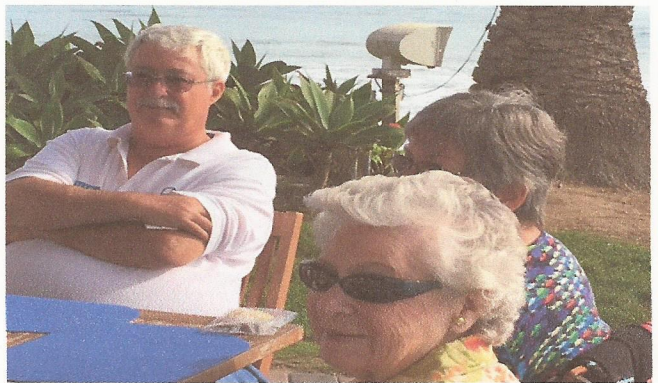
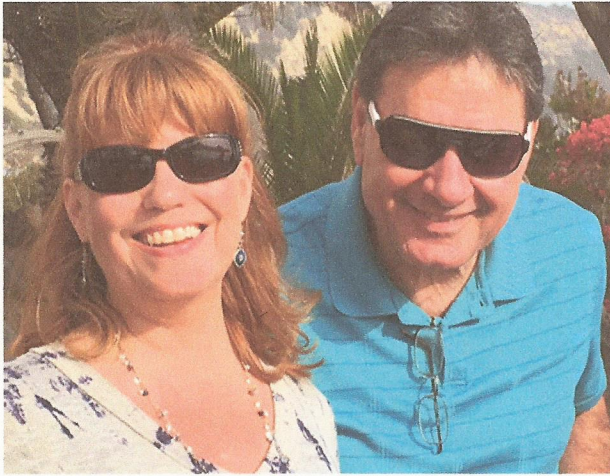
OCTOBER FEST PICTURES



The Apple Strudel Was to Die For!!



SUNDAY BRUNCH BY THE SEA PICTURES



Bring a friend – we are always pleased to meet your friends.

BITS AND PIECES Special Christmas Memories

Being from a small rural town in the Northwood's, there were no department stores or malls where you could "shop till you drop". The most exciting pre-Christmas Day was when we received the Sears and Roebuck Christmas catalog. Oh, what wonders were to be found on those brightly colored pages.! We also knew that the closest we would ever get to most of these items was right there in that catalog.

As Christmas neared, we would walk to the post office to pick up the mail. There were always cards and sometimes there would even be 1 or 2 packages. When we got back home and asked about who would be sending us packages, we got the answer, "Santa's Elves". Within a few minutes those packages would mysteriously disappear into some secret place not to be seen again until Christmas morning.

Christmas Eve morning we bundled up like Eskimos and headed to the woods in search of "the perfect tree". This was a major undertaking and, in some cases, a wet one if you happened to step into a marshy area. Cold water inside your boots is not an enjoyable experience! Getting the tree out of the woods into our home was labor intensive but when the decorations adorned the tree and the angel was sitting serenely atop the tree all the effort was worth it.

My older brother and his family would join us for a hearty beef stew dinner. After dinner, with my brother playing his accordion and his stepson playing guitar, we had a Christmas carol singalong with everyone joining in. When the clock chimed 9:00, it was time to set out the oatmeal cookies and hot cocoa for Santa before we went to bed. I always wondered why the adults didn't have to go to bed also.

Christmas morning as we came downstairs we could see those packages that had been secreted for several weeks or more had appeared under the tree. All the cookies and hot cocoa had disappeared with just a few crumbs left on the plate. Somehow some of those items from the Sears catalog would be found when we opened a package. The biggest mystery would be what would we find in our stockings – we always hoped it wouldn't be just a lump of coal!

Christmas 1963 was memorable for several reasons. It was the first time in over 10 years that every member of the family was home for Christmas. I had the chance to participate in the joys of trying to fly out of MPLS airport when a blizzard closed most eastbound flights. One airport was open and there was a plane on the runway with one available seat. Guess who was in that seat. When we left the snowbanks behind us I vowed never to home for Christmas again – a vow I have kept to this day.

As we celebrate Christmas 2016, we know that it isn't the cards or the gifts that make Christmas special – it is caring for the less fortunate, of sharing the season with our families and friends. All those special memories from the past will still be part of the day.

Everyone has their own Special Christmas Memories.

May this year become a Special Christmas Memory for each of you.

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SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH TIME: 4:30 PM
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226 Valley Vista, Camarillo, CA

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th 2017
Camarillo Aircraft Museum
Camarillo, CA

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