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January-February 2015

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2014-2015 Election of Officers

Our yearly election of officers gave all active members the opportunity to vote for those members they felt would be best suited to perform the duties of their respective positions. The nominations and final votes have been counted.

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Please keep in mind that the new Executive Board will fill other key positions to carry out the work of our Club... If you are interested in participating as a member of a committee, please be sure to contact any of our officers or a committee member.

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Our Next Event

CLEAN CAR SHOW

Sunday, February 22nd 11:30 am
At

Camaron House
Cameron Center
Thousand Oaks Ca

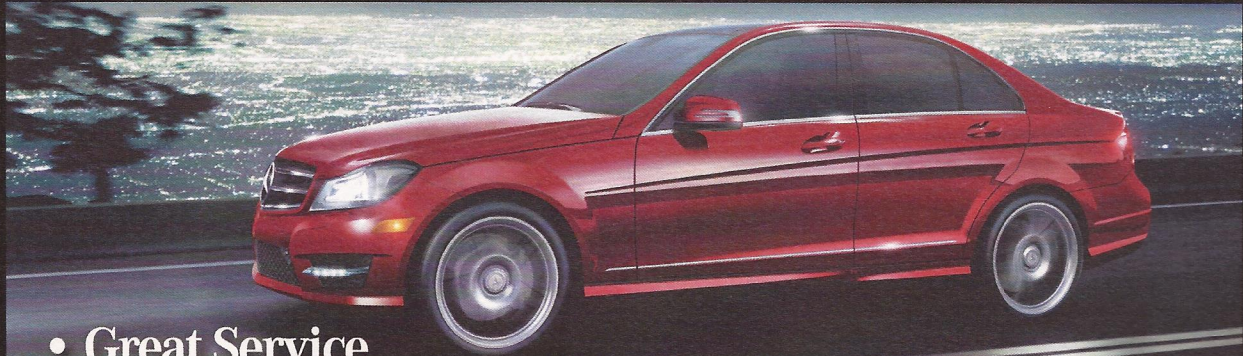
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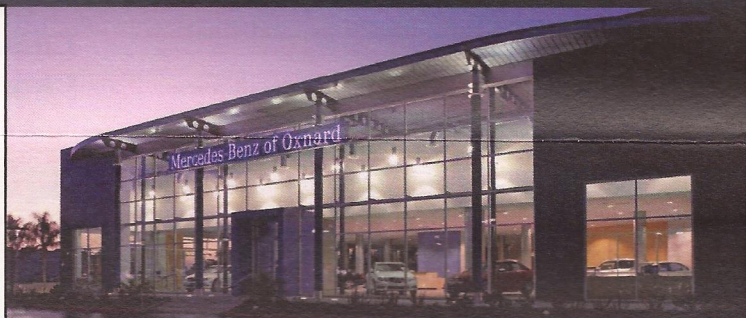
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President's Message

Welcome 2015!

We are off to a new year. My wishes for happiness and success to each of you and your loved ones. Our new year will start with January as a dark month. The ever popular Clean Car Show will be in February and the Welcome New Members/Old Members Luncheon will be in March.

We will again have some mystery lunches and rallies and, I am sure, visit a few museums or similar venues. I would like to encourage any member with an idea or event they would like to suggest or sponsor to come forward by contacting Jim Wiens or myself.

To all the members who attended the Christmas Party I would like to thank you for all the good laughs, great smiles and the holiday spirit you brought with you. To all the board members, especially Kathy Wilber, Tamara, Kathy Christensen, Lonnie and Verna, who really put in a lot of work to make it happen.

Our gift exchange was a fun affair but there seemed to be a bit of confusion about the rules. I am thinking about creating a new position in the club to administer rules for raffles and gift exchanges. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

Happy New Year.
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:

- Jay Han Santa Barbara, CA
- James Sampson Camarillo, CA
- Jed Fawaz 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

Questions regarding membership? Call our Membership Chair, Lonnie Estrella (805)- 907-6600 or contact our National Business Office Phone 1-800-637-2380 M-TH 8:00 -4:30 FRI 8:00 am-4:00 pm MT or go on-line www.mbca.org

Calendar of Events

JANUARY



Happy New Year

FEBRUARY



02/22 SUNDAY TIME: 11:30AM

CLEAN CAR SHOW
Cameron House, Thousand Oaks
Host: Jim Wiens
RSVP must be received NLT February 18th
Phone: (805) 241-0606

MARCH



03/15 SUNDAY TIME: 5:00PM

BOARD MEETING
Bob and Kathy Wilber
4521 Costa De Oro
Oxnard, CA 93035

03/21-03/22 Southwest Regional Event
Return to Tequila Rose, Tilting Resort and Spa
Borrego Springs CA
Contact: Steve Ross 619-508-3925 or
inewsx@sbcglobal.net
Reservations required by **March 5, 2014**

03/29 TIME: 4:00

Social Hour Dinner Honoring Old Timers
Welcoming Our Newcomers
Bellini Restaurant, Westlake Village
Watch for Updated Details

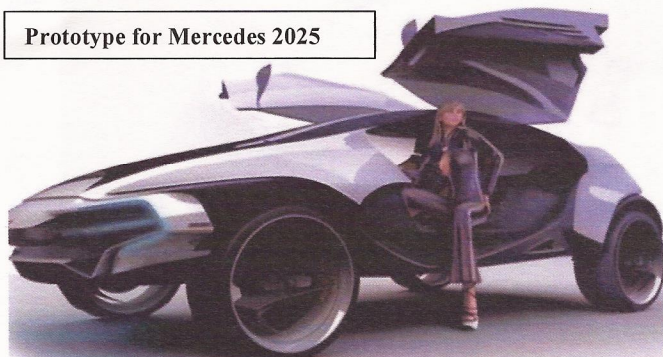
APRIL



04/19 SUNDAY Ronald Reagan Library 11:00

Ultimate Amazing Cars Tour
Members of Long Beach-South Bay Section
will be joining us for this tour
Contact/Host: Kathy Wilber (805) 402-5939
Text Preferred
Watch for Updated Details

Prototype for Mercedes 2025



**President Peter Samaha
Cordially invites all Members and Friends
Of The Channel Islands Section,
Mercedes-Benz Club Of America
To our February Event
2015 Clean Car Show**

Join your MBCA friends as we return for the Channel Islands Section's "Clean Car Show". We are breaking tradition, just a little, and having our "Clean Car Show" on Sunday, (Yes, Sunday), February 22nd.

We pioneered this event in 1978. I can't believe this is our 37th year of celebrating the "Clean Car Show" event.

This year we are having the show at the **same great location, "Cameron House"**. This is an older ranch style home, once owned by the Janss family, and was donated to the City of Thousand Oaks. It is located on the beautiful Los Robles Golf Course.

We have the exclusive use of this facility for our event. In case you've forgotten the rules -- basically there are none --- just climb into the **family Benz, (or other fine automobile) and come on down!** Washing optional!

We will have judging. In the past, we have had judging in the Funky Car, People's Choice and even some Real Concours judging.

While this is an opportunity to show off your new (or old) MB, the main purpose of the event is to have a party, kick some tires, visit with old friends and make some new ones. Please come and enjoy.

When you come, please bring:

- **Main Item for the Barbeque,**
- **Service and Steins**
- **Side Dish** to share with others
(Stove/microwave available in the kitchen).

Again, as in past years, the Club will be furnishing the facility, as well as the BBQ, beer, soft drinks, music and awards.

A charge of \$25.00 per car and driver with \$5.00 for each additional guest will be collected to cover costs.

This fun day will start at **11:30 AM** and lasts all **afternoon.**

Clip and Mail Signup Sheet on Page 11

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT
THE SHOW ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22!**

Jim Wiens

DIRECTIONS TO CAMERON HOUSE

Take the **101 Freeway to Lynn Rd**
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**Christmas Party 2014
Saturday, December 13th**

Prior to the Christmas event, several of Santa's Mercedes elves made a trip to our California RV Service in Moorpark to survey our facility. As Michelle gave them a tour of the meeting rooms and the auto museum there was some concern about how seating arrangements, food service tables and decorating could be done to transform an entrance lobby into a party venue.

Saturday morning, armed with bags and boxes of "transformation tools", the elves arrived and proceeded to perform their magic. Within an unbelievably short time, green Christmas garlands graced the staircase, a long, lace-covered table adorned with greenery, sparkling candles and poinsettias now occupied the center of the lobby. There were bristo tables around the perimeter of the room for pre-dining cocktail conversation. Our boardroom table had magically turned into a festival of culinary delights. There was no doubt that this was the "party place".

Prior to dinner, Tony welcomed everyone and invited them to join him for the museum tour. "Some people collect art, we race it." The tour began as he showed and discussed all of the features of the many American, English, and European classic cars and racing cars. As the tour continued, Tony was delighted to share stories of recent races as well as memories of special races from the past.

After the tour we joined the group to enjoy the rest of the festivities – amazing food, great fun watching (and participating) in the gift exchange. It was obvious, to us, that everyone was having a wonderful time. What more can a host ask for than that!

Lauren and Tony Hart

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Thank You

Lauren and Tony,

You were the most gracious of hosts for our "race car" setting of the 2014 Christmas Party. Thank You for your wonderful hospitality.

Channel Islands Section Mercedes Members.

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**MARCH 29 2015
SOCIAL HOUR/DINNER
Honoring Old Members
Welcoming New Members
Bellini Restaurant, Westlake Village**

We usually have held this event as a luncheon. This year plans are underway to change venue and make this a Social Event cocktails, appetizers, special dinner menu and private area for our dining pleasure.

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**THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EVENT IS ON FOR 2015
TEQUILA ROSE IS BACK!!**

Yes you read that correctly. The San Diego section has voted to host a Regional Event in March 2015. The event has been named return to Tequila Rose which was an historic regional event for the San Diego Section folks for many years. Many of you may recall this fun filled event with epic rallyes, gymkhanas, and fine dining. It is our intention to recapture those great fun-filled times.

When: March 20 – 22, 2015. Where: Tilting Resort and Spa in Borrego Springs.
California Cost: \$335.00 per couple or \$300.00 for a single.

Suitable trophies will awarded befitting the Mercedes-Benz Marque for those who excel in the graded events What do you get: Two nights in a deluxe room, plated dinner and loads of Mercedes-Benz fun!
Schedule of events include. No host cocktail party Friday night, Saturday morning a gymkhana and at high noon a rallye through the Anza Borrego Blooming Desert, where you will see prehistoric life sized dinosaurs and other animals. Saturday evening an awards banquet where exquisite awards will be presented to the winning rallye teams and individuals excelling in the gymkhana. We hope to attract those legends of the track and rallye winners such as "Shoes" Matthews (the drivers driver), Chuck and Ava Stanford (Legendary rallye winners), Rudy Wokoek, (bartender extraordinary) and Bud Cloninger "Mr. Kool" to name but a few. We invite all Regions and Sections in the MBCA to come and show their stuff with the Southwest Region.

- MENU CHOICES: Top sirloin, with sweet onion and mushroom wine sauce, mashed potatoes and veggies du jour
- or
- Cuban Style Roasted Pork with steamed rice, black beans, fried plantations with mojo sauce
- or
- Red Snapper topped with tangy Veracruz Sauce, basmatai rice and veggies du jour

Name(s): _____ . Automobile: _____

Number in party: _____ . Amount enclosed: _____

Menu: Top Sirloin _____ . Cuban Style roasted Pork _____ . Red Snapper Vera Cruz _____

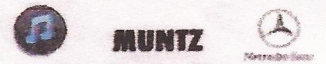
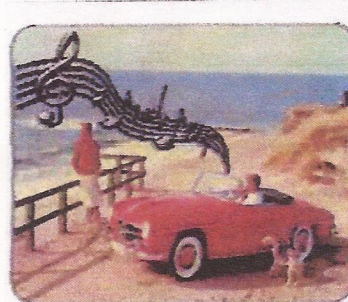
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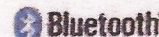


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Diesel

Excise Tax:	11.00 cents
Other State Tax:	29.60 cents
Federal Tax:	24.40 cents
Total Tax	65.00 cents
+ Sales Tax on total sale	

Gasoline:

Excise Tax:	36.00 cents
Other State Tax:	9.39 cents
Federal Tax:	18.40 cents
Total Tax:	63.79 cents
+ Sales Tax on total sale	

Bob Scudder

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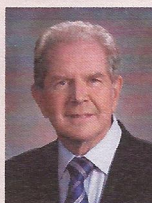
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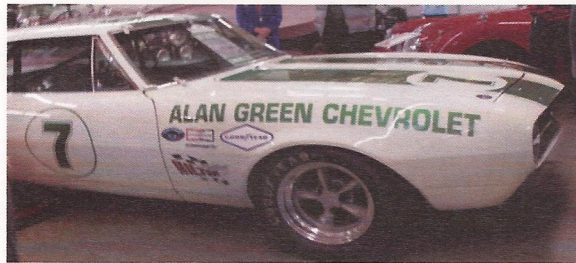
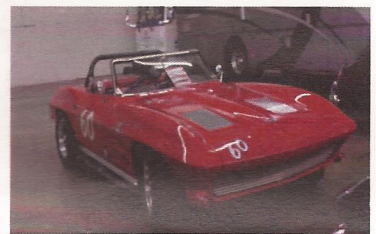
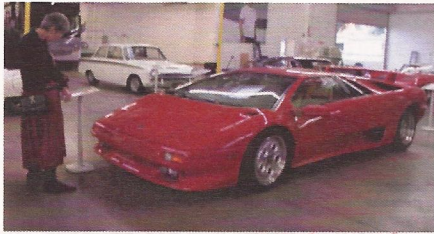
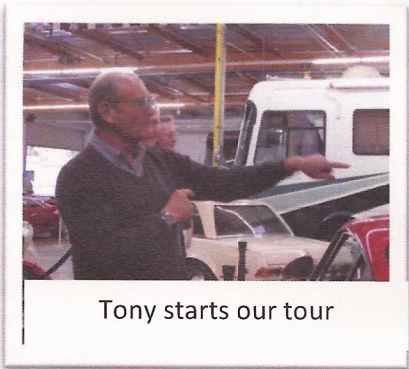
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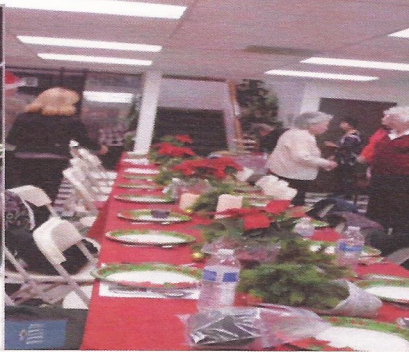
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2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS

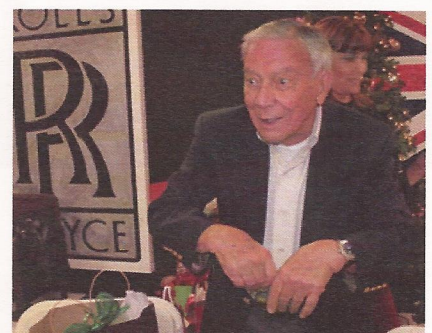
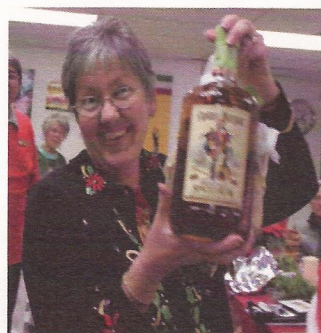
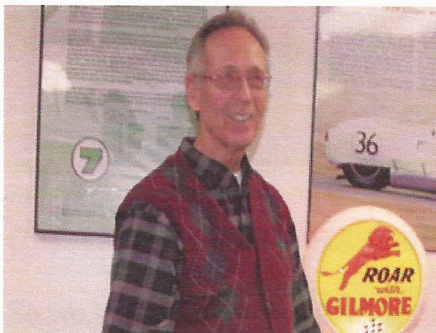
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To Dining Room

Abundant Festive Food

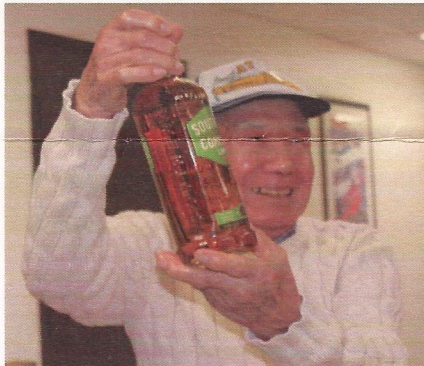
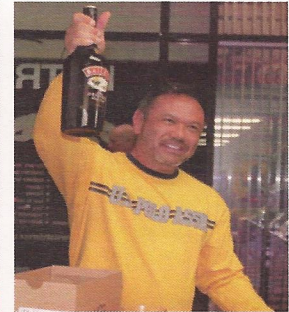
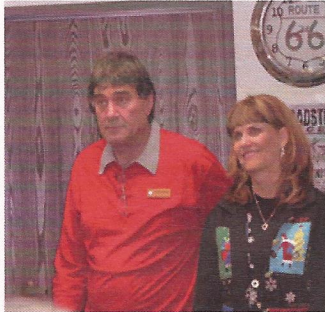
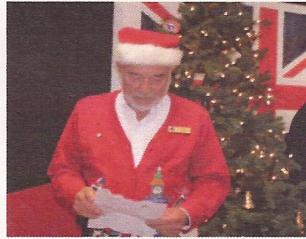
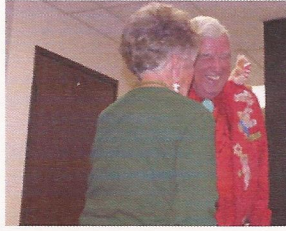


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2015 CHRISTMMAS PARTY PHOTOS – THE GIFT EXCHANGE



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Members enjoy getting together for the special events of the year. Plan on joining us at some or all of the events.

BITS AND PIECES

Member Of The Year



Each year one member of the MBCA Channel Islands Section is selected to receive recognition as the Member of the Year. At the end of the gift exchange, our president, Peter Samaha, announced that I had been selected for this honor. For one of the very few times in my life, I was momentarily speechless.

It would not have been possible for me to receive this award without the help and support many of you have given me throughout the year. Thank you... A very special Thank You goes to my "mail prep" assistants, Bob and Kathy Wilber.

Verna Eason, Editor

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OUR APRIL EVENT**
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