

# THE CHANNEL ISLANDS STAR

**January - March 2017**

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## 2016 – 2017 Election of Officers

Our yearly officer election process has been completed. Based on the review of ballots returned, our Executive Officers for the coming year are:

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**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR OUR  
DRIVE AND TOUR OF THE OJAI OLIVE OIL MILL  
AND  
LUNCH AT BOCCALI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT  
SATURDAY, MAY 20 2017 10:00 AM  
PRICE PER CAR \$15.00  
LUNCH: Pay Individually  
RSVP NLT: May 15 2017  
Contact/Host: Gerhard Fehrmann  
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E-mail: [fehmannranch@msn.com](mailto:fehmannranch@msn.com)  
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**? Wonder what’s happening over the next few months? ?**  
Check out our website for info regarding upcoming events and more at [www.mbcachannelislands.org](http://www.mbcachannelislands.org)

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

#### Greetings To All Members

We are off to a great 2017! It looks like the drought has somewhat broken with all the rain we have had. It is always nice when the hills are green and the flowers perk up adding their color to the landscape.

I wish to thank everyone who joined us for this year's Membership Social Event on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Your support of our club through attendance at our various events is deeply appreciated.

We are currently working on additional events for the balance of the year. Do you have a suggestion for an activity that you think other members would find interesting? Let us hear from you. We are always looking for new suggestions.

Peter Samaha  
President



#### Welcome Newcomers

Anthony Beebe Santa Barbara, CA  
Robert Vincent Port Hueneme, CA  
Jacqueline Walk, Santa Barbara, CA

It is always a pleasure to welcome newcomers to our club. We look forward to seeing you at one or more of our events.

Remember to visit our website to see what events are coming up [www.MBCAChannelIslands.org](http://www.MBCAChannelIslands.org)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**PLEASE NOTE UPCOMING SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EVENT SATURDAY, JUNE 02 THRU SUNDAY, JUNE -04, 2017**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE MAY 1, 2017**

**IF YOU PLAN TO STAY AT THE HOST HOTEL EMBASSY SUITES, SANTA ANA, CALL HOTEL DIRECTLY**

**COST:** Special Room Rate of \$117 p/night (approx.\$140 with tax & parking)

**ALL OTHER ATTENDEES CONFIRM YOUR RESERVATION USING FORM ON PAGE 4**

**See Page 4 for details**

#### MAY 2017

**05/20 – SATURDAY TIME: 10:00**

Drive and Tour Ojai Olive Oil Mill  
Lunch At Boccali's Italian Restaurant

Cost: \$ 15.00 per car

(Lunch to be paid individually)

**RSVP NLT: May 15 2017**

Contact/Host: Gerhard Fehrmann

Phone: (909)-599-2811 or

E-mail: [fehmannranch@msn.com](mailto:fehmannranch@msn.com)

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#### JUNE 2017

**06/02 –03- 04 FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY**

**Southwest Regional Event**

Hosted by Orange County Section

Host Hotel: Embassy Suites Hotel

1325 East Dyer Road,

Santa Ana, CA

Cost: \$97 per person or \$194 per couple

Contact: Lynn Hern at 714-998-1684

or [lynn.hern@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynn.hern@sbcglobal.net)

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**Join your MBCA Channel Islands Friends  
For a tour of the  
Ojai Olive Oil Company followed by  
Lunch at Boccali's Italian Restaurant  
Saturday May 20, 2017 10:00 AM**

We will meet at the Oxnard Mercedes Benz of Oxnard  
1511 Auto Center Drive, Oxnard, Ca  
at which time you will receive driving directions and  
maps.

Our drive will take us through picturesque landscapes to the Asquith Ranch, home of the Ojai Olive Oil Company. The grove at the Asquith Ranch, dates back to the 1880s, when Lechin de Sevilla first planted a small grove of olive trees on the property.

In 1996 Ronald H. Asquith bought a parcel of the land and decided to make this original grove the basis of an olive oil company. Not being pleased with the flavor of the oils from the original olives, he added seven more varieties to the grove, including Italian, French, and Spanish. Some of the original trees are over 130 years old and still in production. Blending of the varieties have resulted in many prize-winning oils. The Asquith Ranch is still family owned, uses only organic farming practices and harvests all olives by hand.

The tours take about 25-45 minutes. As you go through the facility, we will see the various equipment and stages that turn olives into prize winning olive oil. Upon completion of the tour we can proceed to the tasting room to sample their oils, as well as discover a variety of olive oil based gift items.

When the tour and tasting has finished, we will proceed to Boccali's Restaurant.

**Boccali's Italian Restaurant**  
3277 Ojai-Santa Paula Road  
Ojai, California 9302

Boccali's recipes are "Original Ojai Italian", inspired by family recipes passed down from DeWayne Boccali's grandfather, who journeyed to Santa Barbara, California in 1898 from Lucca, Italy

Menu items feature robust flavors, and use the freshest herbs and seasonings available. During the growing season these are picked daily from their Upper Ojai farm.

The menu features a wide selection of appetizers and salads, hand-tossed "Pick Your Pizza" entrees, hot and cold sandwiches and many pasta dishes. Vegetarian versions of most entrees are available.

Boccali's is famous for its home-style strawberry shortcake. (Will have to try that for sure!!)

Cost of Tour: \$15.00 payable day of tour.

Lunch is to be paid individually.

Prices range between \$10.00 - \$15.00.

**RSVN DUE NLT: May 15 2017**

Please phone or e-mail to make your reservations.

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Mercedes Benz Club of America  
Southwest Regional Event  
June 2 - 4, 2017

Hosted by the Orange County Section

Join us in Orange County, CA for a fun-filled weekend. Bring your Mercedes and enjoy the wonderful area of Orange County.

Host Hotel: Embassy Suites Hotel Santa Ana,  
1325 East Dyer Road, Santa Ana, CA 92705

**Amenities included are:**

- Gated parking with 24-hour attendant
- In-room internet
- Complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast buffet
- Complimentary managers reception Friday & Saturday

**Highlights include:**

- Welcome reception Friday evening Co hosted by OC Section
- Rally after Saturday breakfast
- Lunch break after Rally
- Awards Banquet at a local restaurant
- Awards for Rally
- Raffle drawing with prizes

**This weekend also has free time to visit the following nearby attractions:**

- Shopping at Fashion Island and South Coast Plaza
- Visit to Rogers Garden
- Crevier Classic Cars
- Sherman Library and Gardens
- Lyon Air Museum
- Newport Beach



To make your reservation with Embassy Suites  
Call 714.241.3800, select 1 for reservations and tell the receptionist  
you want to reserve a room under the MBZ Southwest Region group  
June 2-3 event.

We have a limited number of rooms reserved at a special rate of \$117 per night (approximately \$140 with tax and parking) but **you must make your reservation directly with the Embassy Suites before May 1, 2017**. Reservations made after this date are subject to room availability and prevailing room rates. When you make your room reservation, or if you plan to attend without staying at the Embassy Suites, fill out the entry form below. Sent the completed form along with a check for \$97 per person or \$194 per couple to cover trophies, lunch, Saturday banquet etc. For any questions contact Lynn Hern at [lynn.hern@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynn.hern@sbcglobal.net) or 714-998-1684

Orange County Regional Event June 2-4, 2017

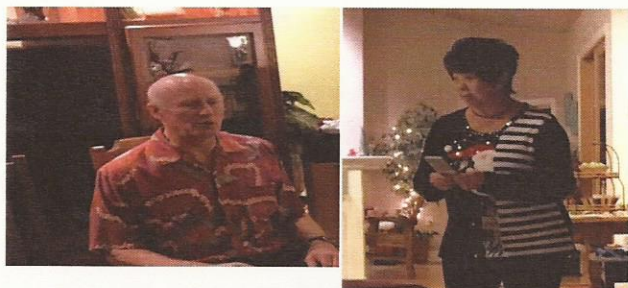
Name(s) registering \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ at \$97 each

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Day/night E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Dinner Entree Choice & No. Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_

**Make your check payable to MBCA-OC section before May 1 and mail to:**  
Jocelyn Salisbury, 4244 Sirius Ave, Orange CA 92868



**Christmas With The Gottliebs  
Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 2016**

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. Every party has developed its' own personality during the planning process. From the minute you saw Santa Claus in his red Mercedes convertible, parked on the steps leading to the entry way, you knew the evening would be special. It is safe to say no one was disappointed. There was a special feeling of closeness to our fellow members as the guests recalled past Christmases.

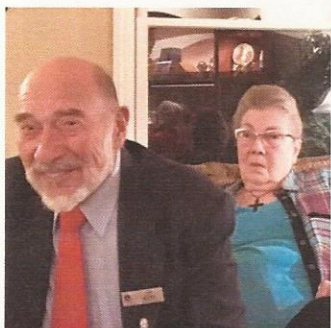
The buffet table was not only delightful to look at but the festive foods were absolutely delicious and enjoyed by all..

Our traditional Christmas gift exchange had two new twists -- in the true spirit of sharing with others, everyone brought a donation of canned goods for Food Share. The second twist was to have each guest bring a gender-neutral gift. We still could claim someone else's gift, but it was a lot of fun to see how many goodies could be found in the packages and stockings. Some of the packages not only held Christmas goodies but were, in and of themselves, a decoration for future Christmases. There was some exchange bartering but everybody seemed to have been pleased with their first choice.

One tradition still remained undone -- the presentation by President Peter to the 2016 Member of the Year.

Amidst holiday hugs and wishes for a wonderful holiday season, it was time to bring the festivities to a close. The consensus was that this had been another successful party enjoyed by everyone!.

Thank you, Al and Carol for a wonderful evening.



Jim and Lee Weins



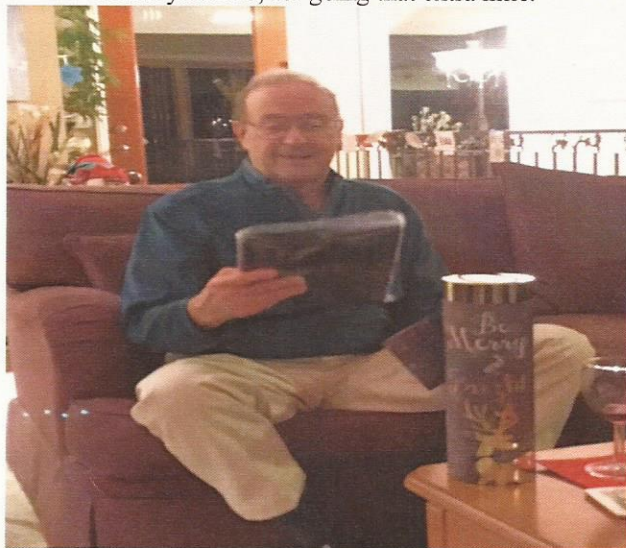
Char Scudder

**Member Of The Year Recognition**

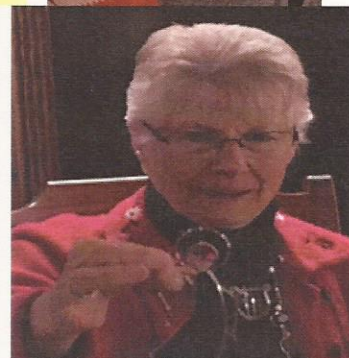
Each year there is a ceremony as traditional as the Christmas party itself. This ceremony recognizes the one Mercedes Benz Club member who has gone the extra mile to help make our club the best it can be. The plaque for the 2016 Member of the Year was awarded to Mr. Bob Scudder.

Throughout the year in addition to maintaining and updating our website, he stepped in when there were health issues for several of our members that prohibited preparation of a newsletter, thereby ensuring members received information about upcoming events.. Due to his efforts, members were able to enjoy several very interesting tours..

Thank you Bob, for going that extra mile.



CONGRATULATIONS, BOB.



Verna Eason and her special guest Lynn

**Clean Car Show And  
Camarillo Airplane Museum  
Sunday, January 29 2017**



The venue for our annual Mercedes Benz, Channel Island Section, Clean Car Show on Sunday, January 29, was new but the favorite parts of this car show remained intact. No special rules to qualify for a trophy.

There were 12 Mercedes all shiny and bright entered in this years' competition as well as a Datsun Roadster.

After mingling with our friends and visitors, it was time to enjoy the variety of dishes from the buffet table. Everything, as usual was delicious. As everyone finished dining, the attendees received their ballots and proceeded to cast their votes for the various categories. mark their ballots on which to enter their selections for Ballots were collected and turned over to the judges to tally the vote count. While the judges determined the trophy winners there was time to wander out to the tarmac to watch plane owners busily working on various maintenance procedures.

The judges returned presenting Jim Wiens with the results. Jim had a few words to say about the history of some of the cars that were displayed and the winners were: n it was time announce the winners

The judges presented Jim Wiens with the results of the voting. Prior to announcing the winners, Jim made a few comments about the tradition of the Clean Car Show and a little history about some of the cars.

**And the Winners were:**

**Ladies Choice**

Allan and Carol Gottlieb  
(1966 Datsun Roadster)

**People's Choice**

Rafael and Heide Francke  
(1971 280 SL)

**Best Mercedes**

Paul and Grace Martinez  
(2003 S430)

(Norb Tackman had actually won this trophy in 2015. He decided to pass the trophy unto the next vehicle in line.) Thanks, Norb.

**Best "Old Timer" Mercedes**

Jim Wiens  
(1985 280SL)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!!**

Quoting one of our members: "What a great event this turned out to be. I have a hint that this day will be a continuation of yet another 30+ years of successful Clean Car Shows."

A winner from Clean Car Show 2009



For more like this, visit our website photo gallery  
[www.MBCAChannelIslands.org](http://www.MBCAChannelIslands.org)

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### NEW COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES

During the past, few months, there have been some problems with the dissemination of information to our members. In an effort to correct this situation, we will try another approach to resolving this situation.

**Event Notices** will be transmitted by **regular mail** to **ALL** members as soon as the events are scheduled and confirmed.

In addition to the **Event Notices**, those members who do not have E-mail will continue receiving their newsletter by regular mail.

Members who have E-mail, will continue to receive E-mail copies of the newsletters. The attachment to the E-mail will be identified in the following format:

Newsletter Month – Month 2017.pdf.

Example: Our next newsletter will be identified as

**Newsletter January-March 2017.pdf.**

CHANGE TO: Newsletter January-February 2017.pdf

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### In Memory Of Kathi Rose Kitzler

**Kathi** was born in Cleveland , Ohio on October 17 , 1939 and passed away January 26, 2017. For those of you who never knew Kathi , you sure missed a great person.

**Kathi** was an ardent sports fan, to the point of decorating one room in flags and banners of her favorite teams. She rode motorcycle with the men and was an accomplished Karate student. As an ardent “Car Enthusiast”, she was very active ,until late, in the “Milestone Car Society”, ( Thousand Oaks ) and a long time member of the “Mercedes Benz Club of America ”, first as a member of the “Los Angeles Section” and more recently, the “Channel Islands Section”.

**Health** problems had kept her from participating during the last few years . However, this did not stop her from restoring her first love, a 1973 450 Sel Sedan and a 1987 420 SEL Mercedes sedan. By the time she had finished, they were both like new.

**Kathi** was a “Giver”. She volunteered her services at various institutions and raised 2 young men as if they were her sons. She leaves her husband Art, who is another “Giver” He has taken care of Kathi in recent years, when she needed him the most. I know he will miss his bride of over 56 years. Art, we will miss her too.

Jim Wiens

### Our Car Show Winners

People’s Choice Awards



Best Mercedes Award



Carol Gottlieb Ladies Choice Award

### Special Guests

Kathy’s Grandson Brandon and friend Ryan



Verna and friend Joe

Friends and visitors are always welcome at our events.

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**REMINDER: RESERVATION DUE BEFORE MAY 1 2017  
FOR SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EVENT  
FRIDAY JUNE 02 thru SUNDAY JUNE 04**

**SAVE THESE DATES:  
SATURDAY, MAY 20  
OJAI OLIVE OIL TOUR AND LUNCH**

**JUNE  
FRIDAY 02 THRU SUNDAY 04  
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EVENT**

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