



July/Aug/Sept 2023

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THE CHANNEL ISLANDS STAR

President's Message

Greetings Members,

Happy summer to everyone. I'm sure that a lot of us were happy to see the sun pop out after several months of on-and-off again rain during this Spring, but are feeling a bit less gracious now as temperatures hit 90+☺. Believe me, it's worse elsewhere.

That's not the only that's heating up. We have some great events lined up. As of July 15th we have cars registered for our long-running tradition, the Clean Car Show. Get your car registered early before I need to order the plaques...hint, hint.

I thank the members who have attended our events so far this year. I've noticed an increase in participation and enjoy seeing friendships forming. As always, we extend a warm welcome to our new members. Channel Islands Section rocks!

We are uncertain about an August event as the Sept. Clean Car Show takes a lot of planning and preparation, but stay tuned.

We are looking for someone to host our year-end holiday party in early December. If you are willing, please contact Peter or Steve.

Flag the event dates on your calendars and smart phones and register for each event early.

Peter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MBCA CI Clean Car Show**
Sunday, Sept. 17th @ Ottavio's Italian Restaurant, Camarillo
- Oct. 8th – Cruise for *THE* Cure to End Alzheimer's
- Nov. 12th – Lunch By The Sea, Shoals Restaurant
- Dec. TBD – Club Holiday Party

Who can offer to host this?

Have an idea for an event? Questions?

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or

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Our Most Recent Event: June 25th

The Sacred Space and Summerland Beach Café

After postponing the event from early June's dreary skies and chance of rain, we nailed it with beautiful weather on this drive. After meeting at our familiar Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf starting point in Camarillo, a large group of members and guests drove north to Summerland.

The first stop was The Sacred Space, which is a very special destination that was developed by the former owner and founder over the last several decades. The store and gardens look straight out of Thailand, with beautiful statues, art objects, books and gifts for sale in the store, *but oh, the gardens!* The gardens, plants, bubbling brook and seating huts are extraordinary. It's safe to say that those who were visiting for the first time were impressed with the exotic scenery and tranquil atmosphere.



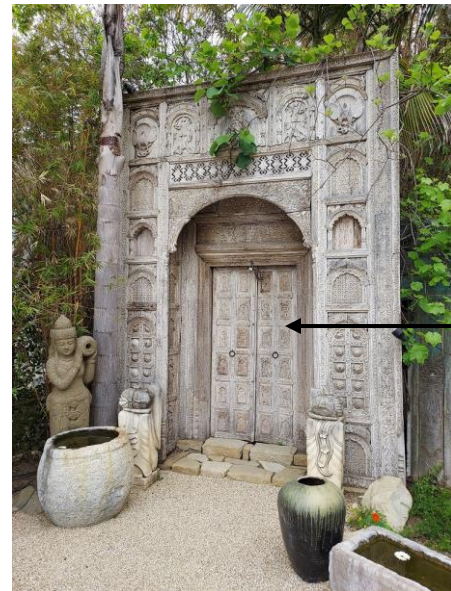


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Don't you expect to see Indiana Jones bursting through this door?



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We then went only a few blocks up the road to the Summerland Beach Café, which is a fully remodeled 1890 Victorian mansion that has been converted into a restaurant with additions built outside around the main structure. The food was priced right, was quite tasty and we were all amazed at the serving sizes. Many of us took advantage of their All Day Breakfast menu.

Well, here is where I (Steve) have to admit that I got caught somewhat red-faced...*literally!* When I brought back my images and took a look, each table was under a large red umbrella with the sun brightly shining down, so naturally, everyone had a really red face like we dined on Venus. I was able to color-adjust some of them so please forgive me if I did not include your table below.





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Remaining images started to get more red than this...not correctable



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The Mercedes-Benz Channel Islands Club invites you to the 42nd Clean Car Show



Sunday, September 17, 2023

at

Ottavio's Italian Restaurant

1620 Ventura Blvd. Camarillo, CA 93010

This is one of MBCA Channel Island's premier and longest running events and we are excited to have found a new location that can accommodate up to 40 spaces.

In years past, members brought their own food and often cooked in the rain struggling with the charcoal and electric BBQ grills. We really want the beauty of the cars to be the paramount focus for this event vs meal preparation. Hence, we believe you'll be thrilled we coordinated a fully catered "all you can eat" lunch included in your registration fee. Relax and enjoy ☺

Paid Pre-Registration required for all participants.

- MBZ Vehicles registered for judging have the opportunity to receive an award arrive at **10:00am**
- General attendees arrive at **11:00am**
- Lunch 11:30-1:30
- Judging begins at 12:00 and ends at 1:30pm
 - **Judging & award plaques are only for MB's**
- Awards ceremony after lunch

***Reminder** – This is a fun social affair, not a Concourse event (e.g., Pebble Beach).



Our last Clean Car Show at Camarillo Museum Airport Hanger. We encourage you to register early and bring friends and family with their Benz's.

The Details:

1. Complete registration and pre-pay by **August 20th** using Venmo MBCACI Peter Samaha
 - **Deadline is August 15th** if sending payment via mail
2. This is a private event. Only pre-paid registrants may attend.
3. **Registration fee includes:**
 - Car being judged, opportunity for a special award plaque, and all you can eat buffet lunch including non-alcoholic beverages. Tax and gratuities are included.
 - No host bar available; \$15 corkage fee.
4. Upon receipt of payment; Registrants receive an email confirmation from Peter.
5. Day of the event; Upon arrival, registrants will receive an instruction packet with tickets for the buffet.
6. Registration cost is \$60 per vehicle to be judged.
 - Buffet lunch included for 1 driver
 - \$35 for each additional guest/All you can eat Buffet lunch

One award/recognition plaque will be awarded per category We currently have 14 categories which **may vary** based on the number of registrations received.

Categories include:

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| • People's Choice | • Best US Model |
| • Ladies Choice | • Best Diesel |
| • Best Survivor | • Best Station Wagon |
| • Best Restored | • Best SL |
| • Best Period Modified | • Best S-Class |
| • Best Restomod | • Best Old Timer |
| • Best European Model | • Best New Timer |



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\$60 Per Registered Car (to be "judged") includes driver; \$35 for each other attendee

REGISTER EARLY! No refunds after August 20th

*We cannot accept late registration for this event after September 8th.

Pre-registration Step:

Required only for those who want to register a MB vehicle for judging.

- 1. Send an e-mail to Peter Samaha (psamaha@msn.com) with registrant/driver's name, cell number and e-mail address.
2. State year/model of car(s) you want to register for judging.
3. Complete Registration ASAP as your slots are only locked-in through payment.

Registration and Payment

Choose One Method Only

- 1. No later than August 20th, e-mail Psamaha@msn.com with the same information requested in the form below. Make payment using Venmo to MBCACI Peter Samaha

OR

- 2. No later than August 15th, mail the completed form and payment:

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MBCA Channel Islands

Mail form and payment to: Peter Samaha, 1600 Hobart Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010

Car Registration for Judging and Driver (\$60)

Name: Cell: E-Mail:

Year/Model: Any Special Car Information/Details?

(Note: If you are not registering a car, complete only the first line above for the primary contact info and do not complete line 2 for Year/Make or Special Car Information/Details. Cost is \$35.)

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All Other Attendees (\$35/each)

Name: Name:

Name: Name:

Total Enclosed: \$

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Cruise for *THE* Cure

The Mercedes-Benz Club of America has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association® to further their goals of finding a cure. Many of us have been impacted knowing and loving someone inflicted with this illness. "Cruise for *THE* Cure" is the Channel Islands driving and social event to bring awareness to the Alzheimer's Association®.

- Members may attend by donating **\$50/per person**, which includes lunch, goodie bag and raffle tickets.
- All donations for this event go to the Alzheimer's Association® and may be tax deductible.

2023 Cruise for *THE* Cure Mystery Drive Sunday October 8, 2023

- **Live in Ventura or Santa Barbara?** Contact Peter or Steve for directions to drive directly to the Alzheimer's facility (Noon arrival).
- **"Locals" - Arrive by 10:35 AM** at the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf, 824 Arneill Rd., Camarillo, CA 93010



- You will receive directions to the Alzheimer's facility
- Depart Coffee Bean @ 10:50 AM for arrival at destination by Noon
- Plan for 3.5 - 4 hours: includes round trip drive, lunch, raffle items and socializing

Upon reaching the final destination, you will enjoy a nice catered lunch in an elegant atmosphere at an amazing Alzheimer's care location.



We will have nice items to raffle-off. Help your MBCA club by purchasing additional raffle tickets. (You never know what Tamara will wrap-up)

Questions? Call or email:

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Send your reservation via e-mail to psamaha@msn.com no later than **Wednesday October 4th**

Primary Attendee Name/Cell No.: _____ Add'l Attendees: _____

Make checks out to "Alzheimer's Association® of America."

Prepare checks in advance in the amount of: _____ **\$50 per person** (for families who did not purchase a 2023 medallion)

Checks will be collected at Coffee Bean and turned over to Alzheimer's at our final stop.

Can't Attend? Your donations are also very welcome. Mail checks to: Peter Samaha, 1600 Hobart Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010



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Shoals Restaurant @ Cliff House Inn

6602 Old Pacific Coast Highway, Ventura, CA 93001

Brunch by the Sea
Sunday, November 12th @ 11:30 AM



We are pleased to once again have the pleasure of inviting you to join your Mercedes friends at The Cliff House Inn's Shoals Restaurant. Our annual **Brunch by The Sea** continues to be an ongoing success with our members for a number of years, and with good reason.

What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than enjoying the tropical garden setting, the sound of the surf, and the flight of various seabirds over the glistening Pacific Ocean?

The Shoals Restaurant has a great standard menu but will likely (as before) offer our group a special menu with a great variety of options for you to select and enjoy. They also have a full bar, including tasty Mimosas and Bloody Mary's, if you care to indulge. Each party will pay their lunch check separately, including tip.

We will be selling tickets at the event to raffle off some nice prizes.

We must provide the restaurant with an idea of the number of guests who will be attending. **Please e-mail or text Peter or Steve with your name, contact information and number attending in your party. We must receive this information NO LATER THAN November 7th.**

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