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THE CHANNEL ISLANDS STAR

President’s Message

Greetings Members,

I’d like to thank each and every one of you who came to the Clean Car Show in September. It was a big success. The selection of cars entered was awesome and we all had a great time.

Our next event is at the Cliff House Inn. We’ve been doing this event and same venue for a long time and everyone enjoys the beautiful sunny weather and dining while listening to the waves pounding the coastline. The food is great and stress just seems to melt away. Hardly seems like winter, but hey, we’re in California. Please be sure to let us know you are coming as soon as possible.

As December is a busy time for many of us, we’ve decided to hold our Club Holiday Party at The Pizza Cookery Italian Restaurant in Thousand Oaks on Sunday, December 10th. Come enjoy good food and each other’s company.

January brings us to our annual Board Meeting. This will be at Mercedes Benz of Oxnard on Sunday, January 14th. We will be discussing the direction the Club will be taking in 2024. We will also be taking nominations and preparing to hold an election for officer positions, including for President and Vice President, as Steve and I are stepping aside after a long run. It’s time for fresh leadership and new ideas. Steve and I will continue to support the club in other positions.

Peter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Brunch By The Sea**
11:30 AM Sunday, Nov. 12th @ the Cliff House Inn, Shoals Restaurant, Ventura
- **Club Holiday Social**
3:30 PM Sunday, Dec. 10th @ The Pizza Cookery Italian Restaurant, Thousand Oaks
- **2024 Board Meeting** (All members invited)
10:30 AM Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 @ Mercedes Benz of Oxnard

Have an idea for an event? Questions?

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Sept. Event Recap

2023 Clean Car Show

What excitement it was to host our first Clean Car Show in a few years, due to the pandemic. Some may not know it, but the Channel Islands Section, Clean Car Show has been held for *decades*. If you weren't there, we missed you. We were fortunate in that several attendees exhibited their magnificent Benz's who are not (yet) members of the Club. Welcome!

Ottavio's Italian Restaurant, Camarillo, hosted our event. We had the place to ourselves as they open to the public mid-afternoon. Their L-shaped parking lot was perfect to park the registered cars with plenty of space for the judge and attendees to walk around each car for a closer inspection. While the judge, Barry Rudin (Sales Manager at MB of Oxnard), was busy assessing the award-potential of each registered car, the rest of us were chowing down on a great selection of tasty Italian food.

← That's the CCS Judge, Barry Rudin (left), seated next to Peter



↑ You can never be too young, or too (ahem) *mature*, to enjoy club events



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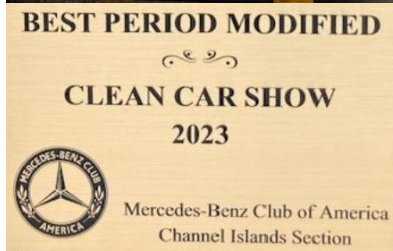
And the Selected Vehicles Are...

We had 22 registered cars in attendance. We thank all of you for your participation. Remember that this was a non-concours (no judging rules) “just for fun” event. If you didn’t take home a plaque, we hope that you enjoyed socializing with everyone and eating some great food.

Steve Koger created each image below using extracts from an image that someone took of the real plaque and a photo hardcopy. That’s why some appear a bit light and some plates may not be quite square. Many thanks to Lonnie Estrella for taking the original car/person images of all registered cars. Please accept my apology if I got any details incorrect. We were definitely multi-tasking.



Juan Sandoval – 1973 280SE



Alex Wijnen – 1984 380SL



Alex Valtchev – 1985 300D



Erik Norden – 1953 170SD



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BEST SL
CLEAN CAR SHOW
2023
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Vincent Gonzaga – 1989 560SL



BEST EUROPEAN MODEL
CLEAN CAR SHOW
2023
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Richard Culbert – 2005 CL55



BEST NEW TIMER
CLEAN CAR SHOW
2023
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Al Gottlieb – 1990 300SL



BEST STATION WAGON
CLEAN CAR SHOW
2023
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Rita Chavez – 2018 E400



BEST US MODEL
CLEAN CAR SHOW
2023
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Amir Rudyan – 2019 S650



BEST RESTORED
CLEAN CAR SHOW
2023
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Vassil Valtchev – 1980 300CD



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**BEST S-CLASS
CLEAN CAR SHOW
2023**



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Leroy Chavez – 2020 S560



**LADIES CHOICE
CLEAN CAR SHOW
2023**



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Elvin Tan – 2018 C300 Cabriolet



**PEOPLE'S CHOICE
CLEAN CAR SHOW
2023**



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Mindy Rudyan – 2017 S650 Maybach



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Richard Ingram – 1985 300SLD



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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 Peter or Steve with the following NO LATER THAN Nov. 8th:**

- State "Brunch By The Sea" in the subject line
- Your name, cell number and e-mail address
- Number of people attending in your party
- If your plans change, please let us know that you will not be attending

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(Images of 2022 event)



**MBCA 2023
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Club Holiday Social

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

at

Pizza Cookery Italian Restaurant

75 West Thousand Oaks Blvd.

Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

We decided to hold a club social event this year at a local restaurant. We've reserved their private meeting/dining room that holds a maximum of 20 people. It's OK if we go beyond that as they can shift us to the patio instead.

Every party pays for their own meals, tax and tip. There is a 15% corkage fee if you bring your own wine. We will send more details about how our large group will coordinate payments to those who register.

Please come join us to celebrate another year of friendship, everything Mercedes Benz, and our successful events. We look forward to seeing you there.



The Original Pizza Cookery serves up delicious pizzas, pastas and salads. You've got to try their garlic rolls and whipped butter...they are memorable. Their goal is to always serve the best tasting pizza in town in the friendliest of environments - and the reviews, awards and long-time customers demonstrate their success.

We need to know who and how many are coming. Please confirm your attendance by [e-mailing](#) the requested information below to either Steve or Peter soon, but no later than December 5th.

- State "Club Holiday Event" in the subject line
- Your name, cell number and e-mail address
- Number of people attending in your party
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Mercedes-Benz Channel Islands Club welcomes you to our 2024 Annual Board Meeting



Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024

at

Mercedes Benz of Oxnard

1511 Auto Center Drive, Oxnard, CA 93036

Board Meeting starts at 10:30 AM

Pot-luck Lunch to follow

We will discuss desired events for the 2024 calendar year and be asking for input to help us understand what our members are happy with and improvements that can be made. This meeting is for all Channel Islands Section members, so please plan to attend.

Of *great* importance, we will be kicking off elections to select our 2024 section board members and club officers. At a minimum, a MBCA section must have a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. There are other positions that are necessary to make the club function smoothly, including Newsletter, Web, and other officers. These positions will be discussed at the meeting and candidate nominations will be solicited. You are encouraged to self-nominate.

Please strongly consider volunteering for one of these positions. None take much time and we urgently need people who will put in the modest amount of time to continue making the club and events successful.

The Details

- The club will provide Costco-like small sandwiches, chips, water and soft drink, as well as plastic utensils, paper plates and napkins.
- After everyone registers, Peter and Steve will ask attendees to bring a small side dish or appetizers.
- No alcohol is allowed at Mercedes Benz of Oxnard

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- State "Board Meeting" in the subject line
- Your name, cell number and e-mail address
- Number of people attending in your party
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