



Orange County STAR

August 2005

Mercedes-Benz Club of America - Orange County, California

August 28th

Orange County Section - MBCA End of Summer Rally!

Rally master, George Verbruyck

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**Mail reservations by August 25 to: Judy Abrams
1520 Via Los Bonitos, La Habra, CA 90631
See details on page 4.**

Calendar of Events

August

4 Board Meeting
Abbas and Louise Salahi
5825 West View Drive
Orange, CA
714-288-0333
6:30 P.M.

28 Summer Picnic/Rally
Rally master George Verbruyck
Starts at Old World Village
Huntington Beach
See details on page 4.

September

8 Board Meeting
Robert and Wanda Schramm

**15 General Membership
Dinner Meeting**
Election of Officers
Dolce Vita Restaurant
22741 Lambert Street
Lake Forest, CA 92630
949-472-2272

October

6 Board Meeting
Richard and Polly Dix

**20 General Membership
Dinner Meeting**
Installation of Officers
Golden Dragon
2023 Harbor Blvd.
Costa Mesa, CA 92627
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November

3 Board Meeting
Classic Center

17 Beaujolais Nouveau

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President's Message



Our excursion to the King Tut Exhibition on July 24 was a sell out event. It was nice not to worry about driving or parking. It has been quite a while since I have taken a bus trip and I didn't realize just how well modern excursion buses are equipped. While sipping champagne on our way to LA we watched a National Geographic presentation on King Tut over the closed circuit TV system.

After lunch and shopping at the Farmers Market, the bus dropped us off at the King Tut Exhibition. We were able to go into the museum almost immediately after arrival, even though we were 30 minutes early. The exhibition was interesting, educational and crowded. Well worth the effort, but it would have been even better if there weren't so many other visitors.

At 4:30 P.M. we reboarded the bus for our trip home. On the way back we had a selection of wines and snacks to sample while we discussed the days events.

All during our trip Wanda Schramm and Jocelyn Salisbury were outstanding hosts. Wanda was constantly on the move keeping track of everyone and making sure the group kept on schedule. Doing this is like herding cats and Wanda has her own herd of cats at home.

By the time you read this, the Club will have had its annual new member picnic. According to Abbas Salahi, this year's picnic is going to be the best ever, with nearly 100 guests signed up already. I will look forward to seeing lots of new members and enjoying the company of some of the established members.

George Verbryck is planning a summer rally for August 28, 2005. George has planned several rallies for us and all have been a huge success. I expect this one to be every bit as entertaining as the previous ones, so plan to attend.

One final reminder, our web site is up and running at www.mbcaoc.org Currently we have, among other things, an up to date calendar of events, a photo gallery from past activities and copies of the Orange County Star newsletter. Check it out.

Lynn Hern, President

Nominating Committee—2005

Chairman: Chuck Alessi

Committee members: Judy Abrams, M.J.Hessler, Jocelyn Salisbury, Blake Smith

Chuck Alessi is chairing the Nominations Committee for the 2005-2006 term of elected officers and board members. The term runs from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006. We will vote at the September dinner meeting and the new officers will be installed at the October dinner meeting.

Valid nominations from the membership for the following positions will be accepted until August 31, 2005:

President, Vice President-Programs, Vice President-Activities,
Secretary, Treasurer, and four directors.

Refer to the Orange County Section By-laws for procedure and information about the duties and responsibilities of each position. Nominations should be sent to Chuck Alessi, 714-543-4816.

Welcome New Members

- Roger Dickson
Palm Springs
- Deborah Genc
Fullerton
- Mark & Wandy Cantor Hales,
Irvine
- Barnard Lewis
San Clemente
- Ronald & Muriel Porter,
Anaheim
- Michael & Carolyn
Raines, Irvine
- Erik Rivera
Newport Coast
- George & Linda Sarvey
Lake forest
- Herman Schowe, Jr.
La Quinta

We are looking forward to meeting these members at our dinner meetings and special events!

Death Valley Days October 14-17, 2005

The annual Central California Section's trip to Death Valley has been approved as a regional event. We invite you and your members to join us in the fun, beauty and splendor of Death Valley this year in October.



Departure from the Fresno area Friday morning (there will be an unofficial no-host kickoff dinner at an Italian restaurant in Fresno on Thursday evening).

Three Nights at the Furnace Creek Ranch and Resort with its own golf course, horseback riding, naturally heated swimming pool, coyotes, Borax Mining Museum and more! Prizes will be awarded at the Barbeque. We may even have a dance contest! Dancing to a live band at the Awards Under The Stars Barbeque on Sunday night. See the wonders of Zabriskie Point, Badwater (the lowest point in the Western Hemisphere at 282 feet below sea level), Scotty's Castle, Dante's View, Artist's Drive, The Sand Dunes, and so much more!

Friday night is a potluck on the lawn, Saturday there will be the famous Leonard Brent Memorial Hike, Sunday is on your own to drive with friends and see the attractions! Most will caravan back to our homes on Monday morning. For more information about the Death Valley National Park (with 3.3 Million Acres, it is the largest National Park in the U.S.), see www.nps.gov/deva For more information on the Furnace Creek Ranch and Resort, see <http://www.furnacecreekresort.com/>

Three nights at the Furnace Creek Ranch, BBQ and breakfasts (Continental breakfasts included for three days) for just **\$495 per couple!** Since rooms are limited, please send your payment NOW (payable to the Central California Section - MBCA) to:

Pat & Judi Farzaroli, 1002 North Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876

For more information email them at pfarzaroli@comcast.net or call 978.858.3999.

Enclosed is our \$100 deposit (or payment in full of \$495) for Death Valley Days 2005

Names: _____ phone: _____

Street: _____ email: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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We'll meet in the west parking lot at Old World Village in Huntington Beach. Come early before the doughnuts and coffee run out! Drivers' meeting is promptly at 8:45 A.M. First car out will be at 9:00 A.M.

This rally will explore some interesting and historical sites as well as locations where motion pictures and TV programs have been made. It will involve more driving than our previous two "Hollywood" rallies. Come with a full fuel tank!

Prizes will be awarded in several categories: oldest car, best time, closest mileage, highest mileage car, last person in, etc.

Originally we planned to conclude the rally with a picnic lunch, but the weather may still be quite warm in late August, so we will lunch at an air-conditioned restaurant.

Two of our photographers will take pictures of both you and your car. Color prints will be available at lunch in either 4" by 6" or 8" by 10" sizes for a nominal charge to cover material costs.

All inclusive cost is **\$25/couple** and an additional **\$10.50 for third and fourth members in the same party.**

Rallies require both a driver and a navigator to follow the directions and answer the questions. If you don't have a navigator - or just don't want to drive - contact Judy or George--and we'll team you up with another car or person.

Old World Village is located at 7561 Center Avenue across from the Huntington Beach Hotel in--where else --Huntington Beach. From I-405, exit at Beach and go south a short distance to Center Avenue. Make a RT. Old World Village is on the right hand side of the road.

Information? call Judy Abrams: 714.680.5840 or George Verbryck: 562.431.6233.

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Please reserve _____ places for the End of Summer Rally
on August 28 , 2005 at \$25 per couple/\$10.50 per extra passenger(s).

My check, payable to MBCA-Orange County,
in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

Name (s) _____

Phone: _____

**July 24, 1005
MBCA-OC
members visit a
King's treasures
and enjoyed lunch
at The Grove,
at the historic
Farmers Market**



Photos by Meg McAfee



Surf over to MBCAOC.ORG

A few months ago, we introduced our new Web site, located at www.mbcaoc.org. It's available 24-hours a day, and is updated regularly.

Some of the features of the new site can really help your involvement in the Club. For one, click on the "MBCA News" section, located on the home page. This section links you to our news blog, which is updated whenever new activities or changes to events occur. Check this news section before you leave for an event to make sure no changes have happened (especially useful for Board Meetings).

The other main section is the Community section. Press the "community" button on the left navigation bar, and you'll be transported to an area that covers stories on recent events and related photos. Here, you will also find links to the MBCA National Forums, where you can get involved in discussions about Mercedes-Benz automobiles and receive technical tips from members around the country. Visit the forums and enter your opinion. This is a great way to bridge relationships between club chapters!

Other links on our site (located on the left navigation bar) are "*Orange County Star*," where you can download electronic versions of this monthly publication; the "Calendar" section, which gives you a snapshot of events in a given month-click on the day with a bold-numbered date to view the event. "Photo Gallery" shows you all the available photos online, while the "About" section displays contact information for the Club.

We hope you enjoy the Web site and visit often. The main sections of the site are updated monthly, while the "News" section is updated randomly. Look for changes and upgrades to the site as we grow it. Your opinion is valuable; please send feedback with thoughts or suggestions about the site to paulsalzman@mbcaoc.org. Happy surfing!

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1967 250 SL roadster Red with Black interior, auto transmission, AC, hard top, jump seat, runs great, in good original unrestored condition. Garaged & pampered, California car, no rust. \$22,000. Call 714-969-0378. JUL/05-3X2

1969 280 SE cabriolet. California car, Black Beauty plate. Tobacco Brown/bamboo. Older restoration. 82,700 miles showing but true mileage unknown. Automatic, power steering, power brakes, power windows, tinted glass options. No AC, runs very well, everything works. Many new parts (\$6,500). Minor paint flaws due to age, overall exceptional considering age of car. The original factory antifreeze windshield sticker is still there. This car is a superb candidate for a future restoration or fine as is. RARE CAR! E-mail Solex@cox.net for more info and photos or call 959-509-0188. \$41,500 obo. JUL/05-3X2

250S for sale. There are 95,000 miles on the car with 30,000 miles on a factory rebuilt engine. The car had a cosmetic restoration in 1997 including a paint job using German paint. I am the second owner of the car and have full documentation. The price includes a Weber carburetor kit which is in the carton (not installed). I have approximately \$15,000 invested in the car. I am pricing it at \$7,500 or best offer. Julius M. Hulse, Phone 562-431-1139 or E-mail dudley89@earthlink.net AUG/05-3X1

Cleaning out garage! Hardtop for SL (used but in good condition); BBS wheels for SL/SLC; front seats for 126 models; miscellaneous interior wood trim; window switches; 4 door BMW 5 series with stick shift (needs paint); and some other stuff. George Verbruyck IV 562.234.1051 AUG/05-3X1