



# Orange County **STAR**

July 2005

Mercedes-Benz Club of America - Orange County, California

## **The Treasures of King Tut** Los Angeles County Museum of Art **Sunday, July 24** **10:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

From the Cairo Museum is a very special "King Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs." This magnificent exhibit features over 120 priceless artifacts from King Tut's royal tomb. Don't miss this very rare opportunity to see the treasures that last visited America over 25 years ago!

### **Reservations a must!**

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\$57 per person • See details on page 4

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### **Chef Abbas**

**will be on hand with the usual  
charcoal and ice chest wranglers.**

**The burgers and dogs are always the best!**

Make reservations by calling  
Abbas Salahi at (714) 288-0333

See details on page 3

## **Calendar of Events**

### **July**

#### **7 Board Meeting**

Jim & Jocelyn Salisbury  
4244 West Sirius  
Orange, CA  
714-750-8125  
Pizza supplied  
bring potluck salads, desserts  
6:30 P.M.

### **July**

#### **24 L.A. County Art Museum**

Wilshire Blvd.  
*King Tut Exhibition*  
10:30 A.M.  
\$57 per person  
lunch on your own  
See details on page 4.

### **July**

#### **31 New/Old Members Picnic**

Doheny State Beach  
Dana Point Drive  
Dana Point  
10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.  
See details on page 3.

### **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**

Rallymaster George Verbruyck  
Bring your picnic lunch!  
More details in July Newsletter.

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## President's Message

In May the car show season started again and for the past two years I have had the privilege of judging at several major Concours d'Elegance. Each Concours has a list of judges to call upon and this list does not change much from year to year. So if you are not already on this list, about the only way to get on it is to know someone or be a well-recognized car person. Knowing the chief judge always helps.

Judging at these Concours is a very rewarding experience. You get to meet a lot of really nice people with varied and interesting automotive backgrounds. Some

of these people are fellow judges, others are concours entrants and show organizers. Many of the people that judge do so at numerous concours and after a while you feel like you are getting together with a group of old friends.

While judging, one also learns a lot about the various idiosyncrasies and innovative design features of the classics being judged. The more you learn the less there is that is really new in automotive technology. Some things make you wonder if maybe the current auto industry hasn't taken a step backwards.

There were no Club activities scheduled for June but in July we are sponsoring two great events. The first is bus tour to the King Tut exhibition at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The King Tut exhibition has gotten a lot of press lately and is going to be the major cultural event of the summer.

The other activity is our annual New Member Picnic at Doheny State Beach. This is the only Club event that is totally sponsored (except for parking) by your section. Even though it is called the new member picnic, it is for all members. This is a great opportunity for active, inactive and new members to get together for a fun day. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings along with plenty of soda, beer, and wine to drink. Just remember to come early because by 3:00 P.M. the party will be over.

*Lynn Hern, President*

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## 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.

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## Welcome New Members

- Stephen Bradley  
La Quinta
- Ernestine Branch  
Rialto
- Chinnaiyah and Uma Mani  
Irvine
- Hitesh J. Desai  
Buena Park
- Greg Foster  
Anaheim
- Becky S. Henderson  
Corona
- MD George & Angle Reyes  
El Centro
- Jakob and Kathryn Scharot  
Anaheim
- Manmohan & Shehnaz Sharma  
Mission Viejo

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

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And as usual our famous Chef, Abbas Salahi, will be barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs to be served along with all the other traditional picnic food. There will be beer, wine, soft drinks, and maybe even watermelon.

If you are planning to attend, **please call Abbas Salahi at (714) 288-0333.** Your reservations are important so that we know how much food to prepare. So, please call us at your earliest opportunity, but no later than July 15th to give us time to shop for food. Please note that this year we will be meeting at "Spot #2" which is right next to the one where we have been meeting in the past. Just watch for the banner. We look forward to seeing all of you.

## Directions to Doheny State Beach

Coming from the North: Take Interstate 5 South to the Pacific Coast Highway/Camino Las Ramblas off ramp, about 15 miles south of the I-405 and I-5 interchange. As soon as you exit the freeway you will come to a fork in the road, bear right. You are now on Pacific Coast Highway. Go about 1 mile to the 2nd traffic light which is Dana Point Harbor Drive, turn left. You will then turn left at the 1st traffic light which is Doheny State Beach.

Coming from the South: Take Interstate 5 North to the Beach Cities /Las Ramblas off ramp. Once you leave the freeway stay in the left lane. After you pass through the tunnel you will be on Pacific Coast Highway, continue for 1 mile. Turn left at the 2nd traffic light which is Dana Point Harbor Drive. Turn left at the 1st traffic light and you have arrived at Doheny State Beach.

Look for the familiar Mercedes sign and the Mercedes-Benz Banner. Please Note! Doheny State Beach charges a **\$10.00 parking fee** to park all day.

Judy Abrams

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The round-trip bus ride and admission to the Museum is included in the cost. We will depart from the **Good Times Travel Agency, 17132 Magnolia Street, Fountain Valley**, at **10:30 A.M.** The bus will take us to Farmer's Market and The Grove for lunch (on your own), where we will have a little time for browsing. At 1:30 P.M. we'll be off to the Museum to see this special exhibit. The bus will return us to our starting point in Fountain Valley by 6:00 P.M.

**Yes, we have wheelchairs available!**

**Yes, we are serving wine on the bus!**

## **Reservations are a must!**

As a group, the Museum has only reserved 30 tickets for us.

The first 30 people with their checks in will be on the Bus.

**Cost \$57.00 per person.**

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for the King Tut Exhibition  
on July 24, 2005 at \$57 per person.

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

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Great Fun on the Inter-regional Spring Tour of Three National Parks

hosted by the Las Vegas Section

Twelve members from Orange County Section enjoyed a wonderful weekend in Kanab, Utah. The event was organized by Bob and Alice Cottam of the Las Vegas Section. Approximately 50 people and 50 beautiful Mercedes cars came from Arizona, Colorado, California, Kansas, and Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

We headquartered in Kanab and traveled each day to one of the three parks, Zion, Bryce, and the North Rim of Grand Canyon. Each evening the group enjoyed a wonderful dinner with entertainment. The third evening finished with western barbecue with all of us portraying actors in a western movie. Dr. Gno did an outstanding job as a gun-fighter. Wanda Schramm was outfitted as a coyote supplying appropriate howling. Kathy Burke and her sister Susanne Kyles from Lake Arrowhead joined the others as bar girls, Indians, pioneers, and soldiers. We had an Indian attack, soldier rescue, and perfect weather!



Photos by Don Abrams

L to R: Don and Judy Abrams, Eru Moller, Rosemarie Moller, Wanda and Robert Schramm



Dr. Ernest and Jaqueline Ngo, Santa Ana, CA



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JUN/05-1X2

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JUL/05-1X1

**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](mailto:Solex@cox.net) for more info and photos or call 959-509-0188. \$41,500 obo.

JUL/05-1X1

**The MBCA 2005 Raffle** is underway and the (3) prizes await their lucky winners. The Grand Prize is a beautiful 2006 SLK55 AMG! Second prize is a 2006 C55 AMG Sport Sedan and third prize is \$10,000 cash including potential German Mercedes-Benz factory tours!

Each \$50 ticket provides the opportunity to win one of three prizes. Only 8500 tickets will be sold; have you purchased yours? **The purchase deadline of June 30th** is approaching rapidly.

Raffle Entry Forms are available online at [www.mbca.org](http://www.mbca.org) or by calling the National Business Office at 800-637-2360. You may mail entries with appropriate funds to MBCA Raffle, 1907 Lelaray St. Colorado Springs, CO 80909.

## Join Central California Section for DEATH VALLEY TRIP

This year, as last, the annual Central California Section's trip to Death Valley has been approved as a regional event. That means a somewhat lower price than without National's generosity.

We invite you and your Orange County Section members to join us in the fun, beauty, and splendor of **Death Valley in October, 2005.**

If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call.

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