



Orange County STAR

March 2006

Mercedes-Benz Club of America - Orange County, California

Come and enjoy a great Irish dinner at
Monahan's Steakhouse

& Irish Pub

Thursday, March 23

Special guest speaker: Mike Cohen
with his canine partner *Duco*
from the Costa Mesa Police Canine Unit
6:30 P.M. cocktails • dinner 7:30 P.M.

A fine evening for only \$15

See details on page 3.

Dings & Dents Session Sunday, March 26

Auto Recon U.S.A.

7 Oldfield Irvine, CA

9:00 A.M.

In addition to Paintless Dent Removal
there will be a detailing staff on hand.

Which car do you want to bring?

See details on page 5.



Sunday, April 2, 2006

Experience Midway Magic aboard the
nation's newest naval aviation museum.

Located downtown in San Diego at Navy Pier,
Midway provides a dynamic and enriching experience
as guests take a look back at the history of America's
longest serving Aircraft Carrier.

Please call me if you intend to join the MBCA group.

We'll need a head count so we know
who we are looking for, since some of us will drive,
and some will arrive by train.

What is "in stone" is the meeting time and place—

**10:45 A.M. at the Midway ticket office
at Navy Pier**

Purchase your own admission ticket,
cost is:

adult \$15, senior/student \$10, youth \$8

Jocelyn Salisbury: 714-750-8125

See details on page 4.

Calendar of Events

March

2 Board Meeting

Potluck 6:30 P.M., home of
Jocelyn & Jim Salisbury
4244 West Sirius, Orange
714-750-8125

23 Dinner Meeting

Skosh Monahan's
Irish Steak House
2000 Newport Blvd
Costa Mesa 949-548-0099

26 Dents & Dings

Auto Recon, 7 Oldfield, Irvine
949-587-2886

April

2 USS Midway Aircraft Carrier, San Diego

6 Board Meeting

Potluck 6:30 P.M.
MB Classic Center USA
9 Whatney, Irvine, CA

20 Dinner Meeting

Yen-Ching Restaurant
574 South Glassell, Orange
714-997-3300
RSVP: Steve Marshall
949-581-6395 \$25

May

4 Board Meeting

Potluck 6:30 P.M., home of
Judy & Don Abrams
1520 Via Los Bonitos, La Habra
714-680-5840

Mark your calendars
for this 3 day

**Palm Springs
Star Trek**

June 23, 24, 25

featuring driving
events, dinners, and
lots of fun.

Jocelyn & Jim Salisbury
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More details on page 5.

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President's Message

Congratulations to rallymasters Rosemarie and Erv Moller for producing and directing a spectacular Presidents Rally! It was truly a marvelous turn-out. Standing in the parking lot on a beautiful warm Sunday morning, membership director, Rich Dix and I had the pleasure of presenting new members attending for the first time, their Club name badges. A big welcome to John and Patti Berggren and Larry and Cindy Collins. I would like to thank new member Larry Collins, owner of Blue Daisy Cement, who provided buckets, cement, stanchions, and free labor

so our Club banner can stand alone and/or travel with us. We even had a group rally photo taken with it. Well done, Larry. Thanks so much for getting involved

So much of the fun we have at rallies and socials is the chit chat before and after an event. This one was no exception. What fun we had exploring all the gorgeous rally cars, including Gerhard and Rosemarie Schuerer's new McLaren SLR. We got to check it out from stem to stern!

All too soon the rallymasters were giving us our final instructions. We were lined up, ready to go, but not before each of us were given a bottle of donated water courtesy of Caliber Motors of Anaheim Hills. This was a rally course to warm the hearts of any car enthusiasts. We wound our way through Modjeska Canyon to the Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary where we searched out answers to questions on our rally sheets. Did you know Orange County had a famous horse thief, and Father Serra spent the night in what is now O'Neill Park on his way to San Juan Capistrano. We learned all this and a lot more. As we continued on our way, passing San Juan Capistrano Mission and circling on around, what else, Mercedes-Benz of Laguna Niguel on our way to our final destination of Tortilla Flats Cantina overlooking the beautiful Lake Mission Viejo for a fine champaign brunch.

As we got better acquainted and tried to figure out what we missed, or actually got right, we signed a get-well for our Regional Director, Judy Abrams, who was recovering from surgery. Finally, the winners were announced.

If you missed this rally, don't fret, there are plenty of other great events on the way. Don't forget our **St. Patrick's dinner event on March 23rd**. Meet canine 'Duco' along with Officer Mike.

A new dent? Oh NO!. How did that get there? Bring your car to Auto Recon on **March 26** for our Dents and Dings event.

All aboard! On **April 2nd** we travel to San Diego to tour the famous U.S.S. Midway Aircraft Carrier.

So, what's it going to take to get you out for these great, fun events? I'll be looking for you, so until we meet again...

Happy Motoring, Wanda Schramm, president

Welcome New Members

- Lawrence & Cindy Collins, Yorba Linda
- Kristine Holland, Corona
- Ronna Johnson, Sun City
- Florentino & Marilyn Ortiz, San Juan Capistrano
- James V. Perris, Fountain Valley

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

Changing your mailing address? Don't send these changes to the local editor!

Address changes go to:

Mercedes-Benz Club of America, Inc., 1907 Lelaray St., Colorado Springs, CO 80909

You have to enjoy an Irish dinner in March!

Skosh

Monahan's Steakhouse & Irish Pub

2000 Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa

949-548-0099

Thursday, March 23

Skosh Monahan's is a dream brought to reality for Gary Monahan. Raised with two brothers in northern California, it was the Monahan family's annual Saint Patrick's Day Party that served as a blueprint for his restaurant. With the theme of good food, good drink, and good cheer Skosh Monahan's intends to bring a little of Saint Patrick's Day to every day.

Make your choice of one of these traditional Irish specialties:

- 1) **Bangers & Mash**
- 2) **Corned Beef & Cabbage**
over garlic mash & veggies
- 3) **Irish Coddle**
bangers, bacon, mushrooms and onions
- 4) **Fish & Chips**
in Harp beer batter

We also have the good luck to have a guest speaker!

Mike Cohen and his partner "Duco"
from the Costa Mesa Police
Canine Unit

All this for \$15 a head!

Please reserve _____ places for the an Irish dinner on March 23, 2006
at \$15 per person.

My check, payable to MBCA-Orange County.

The amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

My/our dinner choice(s) are _____ Price includes tax and tip.

Name (s) _____

Phone: _____

Please mail your reservations to arrive by March 21, to:
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MBCA members, families, and friends have a chance to visit history.

Sunday April 2, 2006

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Features include:

- Handicapped access from Navy Pier to the hanger deck and up to the flight deck
- Self-guided audio tour with admission
- More than 35 exhibits and displays
- Access to the mess deck, berthing spaces, hanger deck, flight deck, and island superstructure
- Mach Combat F-8 and F4 phantom flight simulators and flight stations
- Flight avionics motion simulators
- Interactive story-telling docents, many of them Midway veterans
- 15 restored aircraft, with more on the way
- The Jet Shop gift shop
- The Fantail Cafe

On-board, our group will be given audio head-sets for the self-guided tour.

Expect this tour to take between 1½ to 2 hours.

If you are driving, parking is available on Navy Pier (along-side the Midway) for a rate of \$5 for one hour,

\$7 for 1-4 hours, \$10 for 4-10 hours, \$12 for 10-24 hours.

Buses will be available to drop off and pick up groups at the ticket office.

(Groups are not allowed to stage on the Navy Pier)

For guest needing assistance, there are elevators available throughout the day from Navy Pier to the Hanger Bay and Flight Deck. Please be advised that some exhibits on-board the ship require stairs and ladder access and that not all areas of the ship are wheelchair accessible.

Wheelchair availability is first come, first serve. Children welcome when accompanied with an adult.

We will meet at the Midway Ticket office at 10:45 A.M.

Our group time slot is from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Cost: **adult \$15, senior \$10** (62 and up), **youth \$8** (6-17)

Most of our group is going to San Diego by Amtrak train #564 which arrives in San Diego at 10:10 A.M.

MBCA members will be boarding #564 all along the way, from L.A. to San Clemente.

Call Amtrak 800-872-7245 for #564 arrival at station nearest to you.

You can also check Amtrak website for all cost & time schedules: **www.amtrak.com**

Average round-trip cost is \$38. There is a 15% discount for those 62 and older.

You can return home on #587 leave 5:20 P.M., #591 6:20 P.M., #595 8:20 P.M., or #597 9:15 P.M.

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special rates for the MBCA weekend:

Couple: \$275 • Single: \$225

The Lodge is pet friendly. \$10 per critter, per night.

Price includes two nights lodging, Saturday Continental breakfast, Saturday evening awards dinner, and Sunday champagne brunch.

Friday – June 23

5 P.M. to 7 P.M. Friday evening hors d'oeuvres will be ready on the patio.

We hope you can get an early start,
and avoid the worst of traffic.

7 P.M. barbecue grill and potluck dinner. Bring what you would like to grill and a vegetable dish or casserole you'd like to share.

Saturday – June 24

8 A.M. continental breakfast

9 A.M. gymkana followed by a scenic rally

Saturday afternoon, free time, lunch on your own

7 P.M. dinner and awards.... choice of Prime Rib, Norwegian Salmon, Chicken Breast with Spicy Peanut Sauce

Sunday – June 25

champagne brunch



Make checks out to MBCA-OC and send reservations to
Jocelyn Salisbury 714-750-8125 or Judy Abrams 714-680-5840

P. O. Box 211, Orange, California 92856-6211

Couple: \$275 • Single: \$225 • \$10 per pet, per night

Please reserve the weekend room and activities for _____ (number of people in party)

Check enclose for _____ Names in party _____

Indicate choice of entree for Saturday night's dinner(s). Prime Rib___ Norwegian Salmon___ Chicken Breast with Spicy Peanut Sauce ___

Presidents Rally, February 12

The Presidents Rally 2006 is history. First indications were that few would attend but in the end, Club members came though and we ended up with forty three persons attending in twenty one cars. The day was our usual California sunny day with the temperature approaching 80 degrees.

Everyone gather in the parking lot of Albertson's Market corner of Chapman & Jamboree, City of Orange, by 9:00 A.M.. Coffee & donuts were served, and promptly at 9:30 A.M., the 1st car left.

The Rally was just under 48 miles long with 85 directions and questions printed on seven Rally sheets. The possible perfect score was 53. Well, actually, after all the gnashing of teeth, the solicitous Rally Masters threw out one question making a perfect score 52. Two of the seven sheets displayed color pictures of various objects along the route and were intended for use only as tie-breaker points. The top five winners were very close and tie-breaker points were needed to determine 3rd and 4th place.

All participants arrive at the Tortilla Flats Restaurant in Mission Viejo which was the final destination. None needed to use the bail-out envelope provided with the Rally Sheets. The Restaurant seated us in a nice room overlooking the lake and served a great Champaign Brunch. We were given the choice of three entres from a menu provided. The food and service was good, at least we believe so, because no complaints were heard. After brunch the Rally Masters awarded the winners their prizes. The winners were:

- 1st Place Trophy - Andreas & Laura Weaver
Perfect score 52/53
- 2nd Place Trophy - Lynn & Shirley Hern
- 3rd Place Trophy - Ben & Rosanne Miller
Tied with 4th place/ won on tie-breaker points
- 4th Place - Wine - Gerald & Barbara Willburn
- 5th Place - Wine - Ed & Anne Kimball

All in all, we hope everyone had a nice time. This was the Club's first driving event in some time and the turn-out was good. Naturally, we would like to see more Club members participating in the events the Club is planning in the future. We would especially like to point out resumption of the Club's historical Star Trek event to be held in Palm Springs in June. Jocelyn & Jim Salisbury are co-chairing that event and they always put on a great show!

*Rosemarie & Erv Moller
Rally Masters, President's Rally - 2006*

*Members assemble with the
new Club banner before the
start of the rally.*



*1st Place Trophy -
Andreas and Laura Weaver, Perfect Score 52/53d*



*2nd Place
Trophy-
Lynn and
Shirley Hern*



*3rd Place
Trophy-
Ben and
Roseanne
Miller*



4th Place
Trophy-
Barbara
and Jerry
Willburn



5th Place
Trophy-
Ed and Anne
Kimball.



Below-
There was
plenty of time
to admire
Gerhard and
Rosemarie
Schuerer's new
McLaren SLR.



Open House Dings & Dents Day

Sunday, March 26

9:00 A.M.

Auto Recon U.S.A.

7 Oldfield, Irvine, CA

Mark your calendar for this special car care session....Rich Price, president of Auto Recon U.S.A. is opening his doors for us at the large new facility directly across the street from his current shop. "Paintless Dent Removal" is a technique that removes minor dents and door dings without the use of paint or body filler. Dings and dents are "hand tooled" back to their original shape while retaining the vehicle's factory or custom finish—keeping your car's value intact.

Anyone needing these services will receive a one-time 20% discount on the repairs made. The shop will provide refreshments for us while we wait for the work to be done. If your auto's body is in perfect shape, Rich's detailing staff will be on hand to detail your pride and joy at a 20% discount. They will also provide free estimates for any exterior and interior repairs you are considering.

**Join the fun, food,
festivities, and door prizes.**

We'll need a head count for the food, etc.

Please RSVP

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