



# Orange County STAR

October 2005

Mercedes-Benz Club of America - Orange County, California

## General Membership Dinner Meeting October 20

Enjoy a great variety of fine Mandarin Chinese Cuisine  
at the Golden Dragon  
2023 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa • 949-642-7162  
\$26 per person

No host cocktails 7:00 P.M. Dinner 8:00 P.M.

**Mail reservations ASAP:**

**Steve Marshall, 25971 Cordillera Drive, Mission Viejo,  
CA 92691 • 949-581-6395**

We welcome all members and look forward to seeing you at these dinner meetings.  
New officers will be installed at this meeting.

MBCA-OC now famous

## Beaujolais Nouveau Dinner

**November 17**

at

Sea Cliff County Club

Huntington Beach

Make your reservations

with Abbas Salahi

714-288-0333

See details on page 4

## Sunday, October 23 • New IMAX Show

*“Mankind’s Greatest Achievements” and  
Presidents, Popes, and Potentates: Heads of State.”*

Petersen Automotive Museum Tour

Make reservations by October 15. See details on Page 3

## Calendar of Events

### October

#### 6 Board Meeting

Richard and Polly Dix  
380 Locust Street  
Laguna Beach, CA  
949-497-9051

#### 20 General Membership Dinner Meeting

*Come and support the '06 officers!*  
Installation of Officers  
Golden Dragon  
2023 Harbor Blvd.  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627  
949-642-7162

### November

#### 3 Board Meeting

Classic Center

#### 17 Beaujolais Nouveau

Sea Cliff Country Club  
6501 Palm Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648  
714-536-8866  
Make reservations with  
Abbas Salahi 714-288-0333  
Cost: \$58.00 per person

### December

#### 8 Board Meeting

Jim and Jocelyn Salisbury

#### 9 Holiday Dinner Party

La Brasserie  
202 South Main, Orange, CA  
714-978-6161  
Cocktails 7 P.M., Dinner 8 P.M.  
Cost: \$44.00 per person  
Make reservations with  
Jocelyn Salisbury 714-750-8125

Presented by  
The Benz Group

### 1st Annual Orange County Mercedes- Benz & AMG

Oktoberfest Meet • 11:00 A.M.

#### Saturday, October 15

14988 Sand Canyon Drive  
Irvine, CA

(Tia Juana's Long Bar & Grill)

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## President's Message

On October 20, 2005 the Orange County section will install its newly elected officers. At that time, I will become the immediate past president. During my two years in office I am truly grateful for the support and help I have received from the current officers, board members, and others who have generously given their time. I would also like to express particular gratitude to Blake Smith for his guidance during my terms in office, to Judy Abrams for all the extra help she has provided in organizing and conducting Club events and to Paul Salzman for generating and maintaining our web site.

There are several things that I was not able to accomplish that must be attended to by the new leadership. One item is the cost of our newsletter. The Orange County Star costs us about \$7800 a year to publish and causes the section to go about \$3500 in the red each year. Various methods to remedy this problem have been discussed but no real progress has been made to rectify the situation.

Our web site looks very professional but it needs to be kept up to date and expanded. The Club needs to take advantage of the advertising opportunities the site can offer. We also need to make sure all the information is current and that Club activities are fully publicized. The photo gallery that is part of our web site must also be updated after each club event. This is a great way to remind participants of the good time they had and to encourage others to attend future events.

The Club needs to attract more members to be active and to participate on the board of directors. This section has approximately 480 members (down from over 600) but only about 40 are active. Of these, fewer than 20 do all the work. With a few exceptions, it is the same 20 year after year.

Finally, we need to keep our events cost effective. The rallies are cost effective for the general membership and the New Member Picnic is free. Both of these have a relatively large turn out. The dinner meetings are generally less well attended and also less cost effective. One exception is the traditional Beaujolais dinner. This is a special event that, despite the cost, is highly regarded by many members.

On September 16 and 17, I went on the winery tour at Paso Robles. This is a semi-annual event sponsored by the Channel Islands section. It is a really nice weekend, and once you pay the event fee, the only other significant expenses are the gas to drive there and the wine you buy as the result of the tasting.

As a final comment, I pledge my support to the newly elected board of directors and officers and wish them complete success in all their endeavors.

*Lynn Hern, President*

## Congratulations to the new Offices for 2005-2006

**President** - Wanda Schramm

**Vice President Programs** - Steve Marshall

**Vice President, Activities** - Jocelyn Salisbury

**Secretary** - Meg McAfee

**Treasurer** - Marvin Granger

**Board of Directors:**

*Richard Dix, Paul Salzman, Robert Schramm, Jim Stone, Jerry Willburn*

## Welcome New Members

- Alba Dehli  
Dana Point
- Bruce Englebrecht  
Newport Beach
- Jerry Lyskoski  
Mission Viejo
- Rebekah Jeanelle Ditto  
Costa Mesa
- Joerg & Marina Hubl  
Yorba Linda
- Anthony David Medina  
Ladera Ranch
- Glen C. Drake  
Huntington Beach
- Peter Kirkis  
Palm Desert
- Jose & Margaret Sanchez  
Riverside

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

The Orange County Mercedes-Benz Club presents...

**“Mankind’s Greatest Achievements”**  
**New IMAX Show**  
**Petersen Automotive Museum**  
**Sunday, October 23, 2005**

Join us for two special engagements, each showcasing two of mankind’s greatest achievements. First, see the newest IMAX film, **“Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon 3D.”** Narrated by Tom Hanks, this amazing film allows you to explore humankind’s most incredible journey—walking on the moon! Through the magic of IMAX 3D on the giant 7-story Imax screen, this film transports you to the lunar surface alongside the 12 extraordinary astronauts who have been there to share what they saw, heard, felt, thought, and did. After the film, enjoy **lunch on your own at Canter’s Deli**, a L.A. landmark since 1931.

Next, journey through the evolution of another greatest achievement—the automobile. A docent-guided tour at the Petersen Automotive Museum will showcase the special exhibit **“Presidents, Popes, and Potentates: Cars of Heads of State.”** You’ll see vehicles associated with leaders from around the world—scheduled to be on display: cars used by President Eisenhower, Pope John Paul II, Shah of Iran, King of Morocco, and more. Also, time to explore the Museum’s permanent exhibits including “Classic Hot Rods” and “Hollywood Star Cars.”

**\$42 per person.** Price includes transportation, IMAX show, museum tour, and driver’s tip. Depart from Fountain Valley at 10:00 A.M. Return by 6:00 P.M.

Fountain Valley Good Times Travel office is at the corner of Warner Ave. and Magnolia St., next to the Sav-On. Please park in the rear parking lot adjacent to La Paloma Ave. The motorcoach will pick up in front of the office.

Tour arrangements made by *Good Times Travel Club, Inc.* {C.S.T. 2018390-40}

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for **Man’s Greatest Achievements**

October 23, 2005

\$42 per person.

My check is enclosed, payable to MBCA-Orange County  
(or MBCA-OC)

for the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Make your reservations by October 15.**

Information? call Judy Abrams: 714.680.5840

Mail reservations before October 15th to:

Judy Abrams, 1520 Via Los Bonitos, La Habra, CA 90631

**Orange County  
STAR**

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**DEADLINE** for all material—ads, articles, and photos, is the 15th of the month preceding the month of publication.

# Beaujolais Nouveau Dinner

## Thursday, November 17



The holiday season begins with this dinner celebration of the first wine release of the year.



### Sea Cliff Country Club

6501 Palm Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

714-536-8866

**Social hour, no host bar, 6:30 p.m.**

Butler served Hors d'oeuvres

Smoked Salmon Baguettes with a Crest of Dill Cream Sauce and Caviar.  
Spinach and Wild Mushroom Filo

**Dinner served at 7:30 p.m.**

**Salad:** Sonoma Field Greens, Walnuts, Blue Cheese crumbles, and Bermuda Onions  
tossed with Raspberry Vinaigrette

Your choice of one of these fine entrées...

**A) Grilled Salmon:** grilled and drizzled with a Honey Mustard Citrus Glaze or Creamy Dill Sauce.

**B) Filet Mignon:** grilled and crowned with Gorgonzola Cheese and a Pinot Noir Sauce.

**Dessert: Thunder Cake:** layers of moist Chocolate Cake with Creamy Chocolate Filling & Chocolate Topping.  
Coffee, regular & decaf, Tea

The Beaujolais Nouveau Wine served with dinner  
is sponsored by Fletcher Jones

You must have paid reservations to Abbas Salahi by Monday, November 14.

**Cost is \$58.00 per person**

Live music will be provided for dancing. Parking is ample and free.

**Dress code:** Gentlemen, black tie requested and recommended, suit, sport coat and tie is required.  
Ladies, cocktail dress or similar dress. (dress code is strictly monitored by Sea Cliff Country Club)



If you come a long distance and don't want to drive home late at night, we've made arrangements for rooms at a near-by hotel.

**Hotel Huntington Beach**  
7667 Center Avenue  
Huntington Beach  
CA 92647

714-891-0123

[www.HotelHB.com](http://www.HotelHB.com)

Single room \$79.00

Double room \$89.00

#### CLIP AND MAIL

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places by Monday, November 14  
for the November 17th Beaujolais Nouveau Dinner  
Cost: \$58 per person.

Make check payable to MBCA-Orange County, enclosed amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please supply all names of everyone in your party. Use separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Please mail your reservation to arrive by November 14 to:  
Abbas Salahi, 5825 West View Drive, Orange, CA 92869 • 714-288-0333

# Holiday Dinner December 9

## La Brasserie

202 South Main, Orange, CA 92856  
714-978-6161

7:00 P.M. no-host bar  
8:00 P.M. dinner

**Cost \$44.00 per person**

(includes tip and tax, and no cost for parking)

Say "Bah humbug!" to crowded malls. Choose to join other Orange County Mercedes Benz enthusiasts for a delicious gourmet dinner at a renowned French restaurant. This dining experience can accommodate only 40 guests, so it will be cozy, but conducive to camaraderie and conversation.

The proprietor of *La Brasserie* assisted me in the selection of choices for our menu. They were personally taste-tested by yours truly and several other Board members.

1. **Veal Picatta, Zucchini Dore's, Lemon & Butter**
  2. **Chicken Rosemary, Fruit Glaze with Herbs**
  3. **Trout Almondine sauteed with Almonds**
- All dinners include soup OR salad, vegetables of the day, coffee/tea, and dessert.**

I planned to surprise everyone with the dessert to be made just for our group but I couldn't keep the secret! We will complete our gastronomic event with **Flaming Baked Alaska**...even for those who haven't been "good all year!"

Please get your reservations in early.  
There are only 40 seats available.

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me at the  
*La Brasserie* Holiday Dinner on December 9.  
Cost is \$44 per person. Send check, made payable  
to MBCA-Orange County (or MBCA-OC)  
My check is enclosed for \$\_\_\_\_\_

Jocelyn Salisbury  
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For contact person for Display Ad rates see page 3.

**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/05-3X3

**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/05-3X3

**1986 560 SL** In perfect condition, both tops—soft top black, hard top white. White exterior, burgundy interior. Mileage 220,000. \$16,000 or best offer. Call Stan: 562-438-9130 SEPT/05-3X1

**1987 300 SDL** Silver sedan with blue interior. Has many warranted replacement parts, complete records available, 163,500 miles, in great running condition, good tires. \$9,000 OBO. Call Gary: 562-889-4827 SEPT/05-3X2

**1996 E-320** Loaded, all the extras, premium chrome wheels and CD changer with Bose Premium Sound, 91,000 miles, \$10,800 OBO. Call Dan: 714-349-0784 SEPT/05-3X2

**1985 380 SL** Red, mint condition, 149,000. Runs and drives beautifully. Automatic, air conditioning, rear window defroster, power windows, both tops and hard top stand. Always garaged. Have all service records, second owner. \$14,750 OBO. Call Maureen 949-581-6543 SEPT/05-3X2

**1999 SL 500 Hard Top** black with grey liner, brand new in pristine condition, \$7,000.00, call Jessie Diamond, 760-340-4011 or email: diam760@DC.RR.com OCT/05-3X1

**1994 E320 Coupe.** Rather rare car (approx. 825 imported in '94) Pearl Black, Grey interior. Extremely good shape with no dings or dents, all original body panels. Interior has no rips or tears. Slight wear on left bolster of driver seat but not torn. Dash is perfect and everything works correctly. Mechanically 9, Exterior 9, Interior 8.5. 75K miles, have all records including a Car Fax report so there are no stories or apprehensions about this vehicle. 2nd registered owner of the car. Have digital photos available upon request. Price is \$17,500 obo. Call for any questions or to arrange a viewing. Tim McLean 951.515.6901 cell or e-mail tim@elitemanagement.com. OCT/05-3X1

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Website, located at [www.mbcaoc.org](http://www.mbcaoc.org).  
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