



Annual Havasupai Rallye!

By David Cesal

Join the 2025 Havasupai Rallye: A Scenic Journey Through Southern Nevada

Get ready to ignite your passion for driving at the 2025 Havasupai Rallye on Saturday, October 25, 2025. This exhilarating day-long adventure, based at the luxurious JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort at Summerlin, offers a meticulously planned 7-hour journey (8:30 AM to 3:30 PM) through southern Nevada's breathtaking landscapes and historic landmarks. Covering less than 169 miles, the Rallye blends local roads, state highways, and interstates, delivering a dynamic driving experience perfect for showcasing the elegance and performance of your Mercedes. With four captivating stops, each featuring a 30-minute exploration, participants will immerse themselves in the region's natural beauty, rich history, and unique cultural attractions.

To kick off the weekend, join us on Friday, October 24, 2025, at 5:00 PM at the JW Marriott for a pre-rallye meet-and-greet. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks (cash bar) while connecting with fellow Mercedes-Benz enthusiasts in a relaxed, social setting. The Rallye itself is both a competitive and leisurely experience, offering participants the choice to compete in an observation and distance-based challenge or simply enjoy the scenic drive. The day culminates in a signature banquet dinner at the JW Marriott, where the top three competitors with the highest scores will receive exclusive prizes, celebrating their skill and enthusiasm.

Rallyemaster David Cesal has designed the 2025 Havasupai Rallye to be more than a drive—it's a curated adventure through southern Nevada's diverse landscapes and storied past. From the dramatic red sandstone formations to the nostalgic charm of a 1880s Western town, the historic tranquility of a 19th-century ranch, and the intriguing legacy of organized crime in Las Vegas, each stop offers a unique glimpse into the region's heritage. Whether you're navigating the open stretches of state highways or cruising through vibrant local roads, this Rallye is designed to highlight the precision, comfort and safety of your Mercedes-Benz while fostering competitive camaraderie among club members.

Participants can choose to compete for points by completing observation-based challenges (e.g., noting specific landmarks or answering trivia about the stops) or opt for a relaxed excursion to soak in the scenery. Either way, the Rallye promises an unforgettable day of exploration, connection, and celebration of the Mercedes-Benz legacy.

Information about Hotel and event registration will be emailed shortly. Watch for the email and hope to see you at the Rallye.

President's Message

By Debbie Ichiyama

Summer is upon us and I hope everyone is staying cool and hydrated.

For those of you who are sticking it out in the Valley this year, stay cool, get the good sunscreen and keep refreshments nearby. For those of you who are taking off to escape the heat, safe travels. See you in the fall.

Debbie



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Annual Business Meeting

By Debbie Ichiyama

Below are the minutes from the Annual Business Meeting

Minutes Taken by: Katherine Coult

The annual meeting was held May 4th. The venue was The Italiano 9301 E Shea Blvd, #137, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Recap May 2024 to May 2025

Current Membership is 187

Desert Stars Financial Picture is strong with no debt. The checking account has a current balance of \$4,193.13 and the certificate of deposit has a balance of \$21,586.37 for a total of \$25, 778.50.

Activities and Events include 8 total events including 1 Star Night.

Desert Stars Leadership:

Activities and Events	Debbie Ichiyama (Interim)
Advertising	Ron Borino
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Ballots were distributed to vote on the new Board Member Leadership. 30 ballots were obtained in person, and 2 ballots were obtained electronically. The new Board Members are:

President	Debbie Ichiyama
Vice President	Ed Crawford
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Star Nights

Watch for emails with info about upcoming Star Night

July - August 2025

*RACE ON SATURDAY

2025 CALENDAR

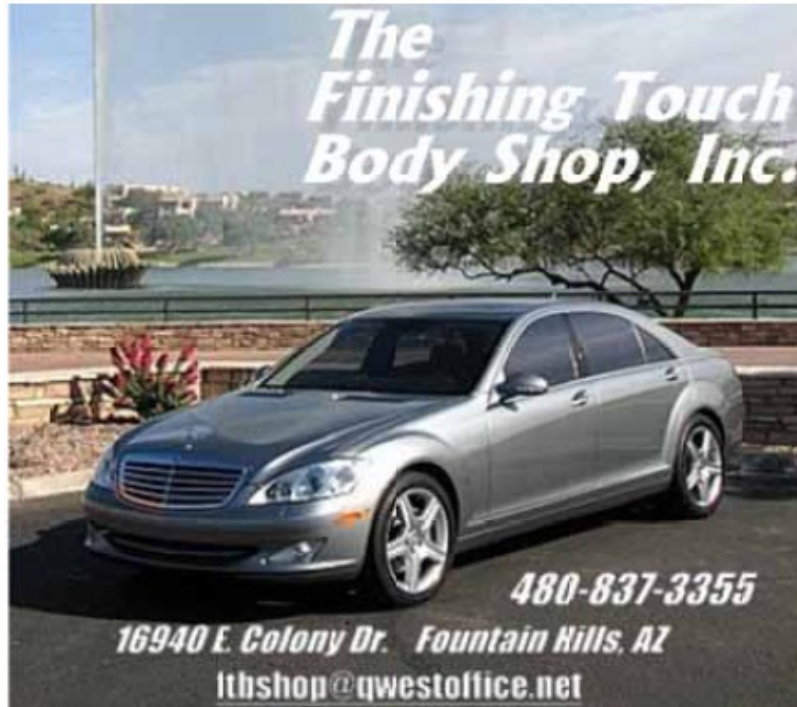
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R21		07-09 NOV BRAZIL SÃO PAULO	
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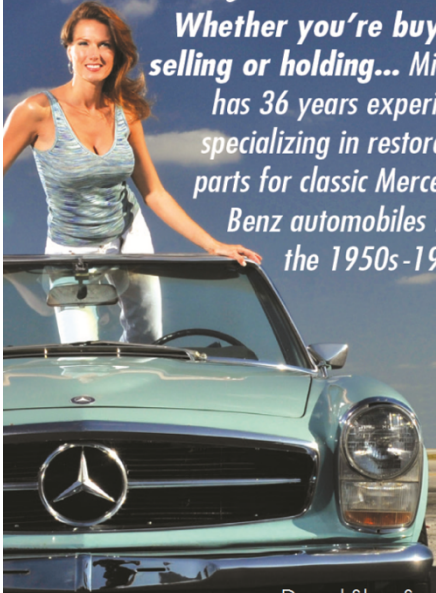
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