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Desert Stars Host National Fall Board Meetings

This past November, the Desert Stars hosted the Fall National Board Meetings of the MBCA.

The committee meetings started on Thursday, November 9th, followed with a dinner for the National Board that evening at the Venice Ristorante in Ahwatukee. We also opened our Hospitality Suite on Thursday with Rich Leamon acting as host.

On Friday, November 10th, the committee meetings continued. That evening we held a reception at Mercedes-Benz of Chandler sponsored by MBUSA. Desert Stars member, Phil Lutfy, provided 3 beauty vehicles from his collection, including his 1953, 300S Cabriolet, Judge's Choice at StarFest'06, to showcase among the brand new model at the dealership. It was a stunning contrast, admired by all. We presented M-B of Chandler's General Manager, Paul Forina, with a plaque in recognition for their past support of the section and for their help, putting on the reception. Our Hospitality Suite remained open under the stewardship of John Hutchison that evening.

On Saturday, November 11th, the National Board Meeting was held. It was very interesting to see the national organization at work. The **STAR** will be covering the meeting in detail and there is a separate article by Steve Ross in this issue, so I won't go into detail. On Saturday evening we had our final banquet with all the national officers and many Desert Stars members in attendance. Joan May welcomed all at the Hospitality Suite on Saturday.

Finally, I like to thank the MBCA's newest Director-At-Large, Chuck Landenberger, for all his efforts in planning and bringing this event about. It was top-notch. I received many compliments from board members and visiting members, and they should have been directed to Chuck. The Desert Stars are fortunate to have a member of such caliber.

Rick Stacio



Chuck Landenberger greets National Officers and Guests at our Lobby Reception Desk.



Rick Stacio makes presentation to Paul Fornia, while Jim O'Sullivan, National President left, and Chuck Landenberger, right, look on.