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DESERT STARS ANNUAL MEETING

On Sunday, June 5, we held our Desert Stars Annual Meeting at the Phoenician. We had a great turnout—47 Stars—for this important election of officers and planning session.

Our officers for '05-'06 are as follows: Rick Stacio, President; Bob Yoder, V.P.; Dick Sharp, Treasurer; and Amy Nevins, a newcomer to the Club, graciously accepted the position of Secretary from a retiring Elaine Petrick. A big "thanks" for all the effort, energy and patience you infused into the past three years' meetings, Elaine.

The annual brainstorming session prompted some very good suggestions for activities for the months ahead. This year, in addition to perennial favorite events such as Havasupai, the Holiday party at P.V.C.C. and the Defensive Driving Course, we will be incorporating a Performance Driving School, a Family Picnic and Car Show and a Putting Contest at Desert Highlands Golf Club. There is truly something to spark everyone's interest -- all while showing off and enjoying your favorite car!

We have added some new members to the Board of Directors as well—Chuck Stanford stepped down as vice president and was re-elected a Director. Former director Chuck Landenberger, who just moved back to the valley from Hawaii, was also re-elected. Rich Leaman, John Hutchinson and Bud Cloninger were all elected as Directors for the first time. Bud Cloninger owns MB Motors Service & Repair and will be a valuable asset to our tech events.



Your newly elected Section Officers

The Phoenician served an outstanding Italian buffet. The menu items were diverse and extremely tasty. I, personally, felt the room we were in was one of the most conducive to this affair with large windows overlooking desert flora.

Elaine Petrick and Dick Sharp presented our President, Rick Stacio, with a Mercedes watch. It was a well-deserved gift from the Board in appreciation for the huge commitment he has made to our club through his presidency, the upkeep of our website and publishing the newsletter. We are truly thankful for your leadership and efforts, Rick.

And thanks to all of you who attended our meeting. With your suggestions in hand we will strive to weave together another exciting year.

By Mindy Sharp